

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Dawn Marks

House Bill 2321 instructs the State Board of Education to adopt curriculum for an elective course or courses of a nonreligious study of the Bible and its influence on literature, art, music culture and politics.

No person shall be assigned to teach the course based on any religious test, profession of faith or lack of faith, prior or present religious affiliation or lack of affiliation or criteria involving particular beliefs or lack of beliefs about the Bible.

The class shall be taught in non-devotional manner with no attempt made to indoctrinate students as to the truth or falsity of biblical materials or texts from other religious or cultural traditions. The course also should not disparage or encourage a commitment to a set of religious beliefs.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Nicole Barnes

HB2321, as introduced, directs the State Board of Education to adopt curricular standards for an educational course in the nonsectarian, nonreligious study of the Bible. The measure also sets forth conditions on teaching methodology and text adoption.

Fiscal Analysis

There are no costs associated with this measure, as the curriculum adoption only requires staff time and research, and the course offering is permissive.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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