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Bill Analysis

SB 1170 creates the Religious Freedom Scholarship Program Act to provide scholarships to attend a private school of choice for students who have concerns related to their free exercise of religion. Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, the scholarship can be awarded to a student if his or her parent or legal guardian objects to instruction or curriculum that he or she believes is in opposition to his or her closely held religious beliefs or if the parent or legal guardian objects to instruction or curriculum that he or she believes promotes anti-religious sentiment and is in opposition to his or her closely held religious beliefs. The bill provides for calculation of the scholarship amount and establishes eligibility criteria for private schools to participate.

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