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ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION RELEASED TIME PROGRAM: 7 SECTION 75-7403. R.C.H. 1947."

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Section 1. Section 75-7403, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 2. There is a new R.C.M. section that reads as follows: 2

Religious instruction released time program. (1) The trustees of an elementary or high school district may provide for a religious instruction released time program under which a pupil may be released from regular school attendance for a period not to exceed 2 hours per week for the purpose of receiving religious instruction upon written request, renewed at least annually, of the pupil's parent or quardian.

- 11 (2) No religious instruction released time program may be established or administered in such a way that public 12 school property is utilized for the purpose of religious instruction.
- 15 (3) No public moneys may be used, directly or 16 indirectly, for such religious instruction.
- 17 (4) Any period for which a pupil is released under a religious instruction released time program is part of the 18 school day and week for purposes of 75-6304, 75-6902. 19 20 75-7402, 75-7403, and all other provisions of Title 75, and such release may not adversely affect the pupil's attendance 21 22 record.

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Approved by Committee on Education

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2 INTRODUCED BY Day Jungs. Teacher O'Canadh Souther

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AFACT TO ALLOW TRUSTEES OF

5 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE FOF A

6 RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION RELEASED TIME PROGRAM; AMENDING

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SECOND READING

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3	CONROY: KENNY, RYAN, DAY, BENGTSON, MENAHAN
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