

House Bill 347

In The House

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Introduced and referred
to Committee on Education.

February 6, 1981

Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 347
2 INTRODUCED BY James Turnage

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE NUMBER OF
5 HOURS OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION RELEASED TIME A SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT MAY ALLOW; AMENDING SECTION 20-1-308, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 20-1-308, MCA, is amended to read:
10 "20-1-308. Religious instruction released time
11 program. (1) The trustees of an elementary or high school
12 district may provide for a religious instruction released
13 time program under which a pupil may be released from
14 regular school attendance ~~for a period not to exceed 2 hours~~
15 ~~per week~~ for the purpose of receiving religious instruction
16 upon written request, renewed at least annually, of the
17 pupil's parent or guardian. Religious instruction released
18 time may not exceed 2 hours in any week for pupils of an
19 elementary district and 5 hours in any week for pupils of a
20 high school district.

21 (2) No religious instruction released time program may
22 be established or administered in such a way that public
23 school property is utilized for the purpose of religious
24 instruction.

25 (3) No public moneys may be used, directly or

1 indirectly, for such religious instruction.
2 (4) Any period for which a pupil is released under a
3 religious instruction released time program is part of the
4 school day and week for purposes of 20-1-301, 20-1-302,
5 20-5-103, 20-9-311, and all other provisions of Title 20,
6 and such release may not adversely affect the pupil's
7 attendance record."

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