

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **HB 128**

Starting on page 1, line 5 and continuing through page 2, line 3, delete all new language and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) Pursuant to KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish the courses of study for the different grades. The administrative regulation that sets forth the required and elective courses for the schools shall include an elective social studies course on the various religious texts of the many religions practiced in the Commonwealth.

(2) The purpose of a course under this section is to:

(a) Teach students knowledge of the religious texts' contents, characters, poetry, and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory, and public policy; and

(b) Familiarize students with, as applicable:

1. The contents of the religious texts;

2. The histories of the religious texts;

3. The literary style and structure of the religious texts; and

4. The influence of the religious texts on law, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.

(3) A student shall not be required to use a specific translation as the sole text of a religious

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Rep. Rep. Reginald Meeks

Committee Amendment _____

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text and may use as the basic textbook a different translation from that chosen by the school council."; and

Starting on page 2, line 18 and continuing through page 3, line 14, delete all new language and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) A school-based decision making council under administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education may offer students in grade nine (9) or above an elective social studies course on the religions practiced in the Commonwealth.

(2) The purpose of a course under this section is to:

(a) Teach students knowledge of the religious texts' contents, characters, poetry, and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory, and public policy; and

(b) Familiarize students with, as applicable:

1. The contents of the religious texts;

2. The histories of the religious texts;

3. The literary style and structure of the religious texts; and

4. The influence of the religious texts on law, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.

(3) A student shall not be required to use a specific translation as the sole text of a religious text and may use as the basic textbook a different translation from that chosen by the school council.".