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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Backlund, Johnson, Lambert, Carrell, Sherstad, D. Schmidt, Thompson, Boldt and Pennington)

Brief Title: Protecting students' religious rights.

HB 1230-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, while the legislature upholds the rights of students to freely express their religious beliefs and right of free speech, it also holds firmly that it is not the role of education to solicit student responses that force students to reveal, analyze, or critique their religious beliefs.

Declares that school personnel may not grade the class work, homework, evaluation, or test on the religious expression but may grade the student's performance on scholastic content such as spelling, sentence structure, and grammar, and the degree to which the student's performance reflects the instruction and objectives established by the school personnel.

Provides that no officer, employee, agent, or contractor of a school district may impose his or her religious beliefs on any student in class work, homework, evaluations or tests, extracurricular activities, or other activities under the auspices of the school district.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to distribute to the school districts information about laws governing students' rights of religious expression in school.