

1 HB114  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would enable public school  
9 teachers who teach kindergarten through 12th grade  
10 to use the Bible or other scripture to instruct  
11 students as part of a course on religious history,  
12 comparative religions, literature, the role of  
13 religion in world history, art, music, or social  
14 studies. This bill would also enable a teacher to  
15 instruct students regarding religious holidays and  
16 religious and secular aspects of religious  
17 holidays.

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19 A BILL  
20 TO BE ENTITLED  
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to education; to permit the use of the  
24 Bible and other scripture as educational material in public  
25 K-12 schools.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. A teacher in a K-12 public school may do  
2 either of the following:

3                   (1) Teach about religion with the use of the Bible  
4 or other scripture, but without providing religious  
5 instruction, for the secular study of the following:

6                   a. The history of religion.

7                   b. Comparative religions.

8                   c. The Bible as literature.

9                   d. The role of religion in the history of the United  
10 States and other countries.

11                   e. Religious influences on art, music, literature,  
12 and social studies.

13                   (2) Teach about religious holidays, including  
14 religious aspects of the holidays, and celebrate the secular  
15 aspects of holidays.

16                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
17 first day of the third month following its passage and  
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.