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Offered By

1 AMEND House Amendment No. _____ to House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1750,
2 Page 1, Line 16, by deleting said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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4 "authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

5 170.341. 1. Any school district may offer students:

6 (1) An elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament of the
7 Bible;

8 (2) An elective social studies course on the New Testament of the Bible; or

9 (3) An elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament of
10 the Bible.

11 2. The purpose of a course offered under this section is to:

12 (1) Teach students knowledge of biblical content, characters, poetry, and narratives that are
13 prerequisites to understanding American history and culture, including literature, art, music, mores,
14 oratory, and public policy; and

15 (2) Familiarize students with, as applicable:

16 (a) The contents of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament;

17 (b) The history of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament;

18 (c) The literary styles and structures of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament; and

19 (d) The influence of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament on law, history, government,
20 literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.

21 3. A student in a course offered under this section shall not be required to use a specific
22 translation as the sole text of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament and may use as the basic
23 textbook a different translation of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament from that chosen by the
24 school district.

25 4. A course offered under this section shall follow applicable law and all federal and state
26 guidelines in maintaining religious neutrality and accommodating the diverse religious views,
27 traditions, and perspectives of students in the school. A course offered under this section shall not
28 endorse, favor, or promote, or disfavor or show hostility toward, any particular religion or

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1 nonreligious faith or religious perspective.

2 5. School districts, in complying with this section, shall not violate any provision of the
3 Constitution of the United States or federal law, the Constitution of Missouri or any state law, or any
4 administrative regulations of the department of elementary and secondary education or the United
5 States Department of Education."; and"; and

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7 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
8 accordingly.

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10 THIS AMENDMENT AMENDS 3297H03.10H.