

# Missouri House Bill 267 is not the first of its kind

This section of Missouri's proposed house bill is one of several that mirror wording in a report published by the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation. In the report, this national foundation, along with two other organizations, provided drafts of legislation that seek to protect Christianity in the public realm. Missouri Rep. Ben Baker, R-Neosho, who introduced the bill, said he modeled his language after a similar bill in Iowa. The **red font indicates a difference** between these sections of the bill and the guide.

## Missouri House Bill 267

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

- (1) Teach students knowledge of biblical content, characters, poetry, and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory, and public policy; and
- (2) Familiarize students with, as applicable:
  - (a) The contents of the **Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament**;
  - (b) The history of the **Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament**;
  - (c) The literary style and structure of the **Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament**; and
  - (d) The influence of the **Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament** on law, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.

## Bible Literacy Act

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

- a. Teach students knowledge of biblical content, 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:
  - (i) The contents of the **Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) or New Testament**;
  - (ii) The history of the **Old or New Testament**;
  - (iii) The literary style and structure of the **Old or New Testament**; and
  - (iv) The influence of the **Old or New Testament** on law, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.