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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- School districts may incur minimal administrative costs to adopt policies regarding released time courses in religious instruction.

Detailed Analysis

This bill requires, instead of permits as under current law, school districts to adopt a policy allowing a student to be excused from school to attend a released time course in religious instruction conducted by a private entity off school property. Some school districts may already have a policy in place allowing released time courses in religious instruction. Those that do not may incur minimal administrative costs to develop and adopt such a policy. Continuing law prohibits public funds from being expended or public school personnel from being involved in providing the religious instruction. In addition, continuing law requires the private entity, the student's parents or guardians, or the student to provide transportation to and from the place of instruction and the private entity to assume liability for the student and maintain attendance records.