

**Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB215 E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Tata

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Elective course in comparative religion.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Amends the statute authorizing comparative religion electives in grades nine through 12. Currently, the law states that local school boards must authorize such electives. The bill states that the Board of Education, rather than local school boards, must provide authorization for comparative religion classes and thereby gives discretion to local school boards to determine whether such elective courses will be offered in their school divisions.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill has no fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This legislation is similar to SB 62.

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