

1973 Assembly Bill 178

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AN ACT to create 118.155 of the statutes, relating to released time for religious education.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

118.155 of the statutes is created to read:

118.155 Released time for religious instruction. (1) Any school board shall, without approval of the state superintendent, permit pupils with written permission of a parent or guardian to be absent from school at least 60 minutes but not more than 180 minutes per week to obtain religious instruction outside the school during the required school period. The supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly, to the principal of the school regularly attended, the names of the pupils who attended such weekly religious instruction. The school board may deny the privilege of released time to pupils who absent themselves from such religious instruction after requesting the privilege. The time period, or periods, allotted for the pupil to be absent from school for the purpose of religious instruction shall be determined by the school board.

(2) Any transportation to religious instruction or from religious instruction to the public school shall be the responsibility of the parents or of the organization sponsoring the religious instruction.

(3) The school district shall be released from all liability for a pupil who is absent from school in accordance with sub. (1).
