

The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion. This Amendment gives parents the right to pass on their beliefs and morals to their children. Contrary to popular opinion, there is no neutrality of belief in public schools. The state also has a belief system which differs from our tenets regarding faith and morals. Atheism is recognized as a religion by the Supreme Court. For the state to oversee private schools in the manner this bill proposes brings with it the danger of turning private schools into mere extensions of public education. There would then be no reason for the parents to pay double tuition for both private and public schools. Moreover, an even greater danger is that with a monopoly on what constitutes learning, the state could mold the minds of all children to accept a great delusion to their own hurt, as has happened in various dictatorial regimes throughout history.