

Submitter:	Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of:	WE THE PEOPLE
Committee:	House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB867

Dear lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to please vote NO on SB-867. While this bill is not all bad, the problem is with item/line 6. Separation of church and state is about the state not interfering with the church and religion. Not the other way around. The first clause in the bill of rights states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The founding fathers modeled the government after the church and wanted there to be a focus on God and wanted religion to be discussed in the schools. God and Christianity was so important to the founding fathers that they talked about him in the the Declaration of Independence, asserting that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. In other words, our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are God-given, not government given. Not only does God also appear in the Declaration of Independence and the bill of rights, but He also appears in the Pledge of Allegiance and on U.S. currency. The founding fathers even wanted our calendar to be modeled after the birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by citing in the constitution that the year 1776 was the year of our Lord. Every school house in the land at the time took part in prayer and discussion about God, His 10 commandments as delivered to man through Moses, and Christian and citizen service. Atheist forces have been attacking this fact for a long time and changing the meaning of this right that is enshrined in our constitution to remove our country away from God and towards the religion of their ideology and humanism. The Lord says in His Word that; "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD," Psalm 33:12, emphasizing that the nations that recognize and worship God are favored and will receive His blessings and cursed are the nation's that turn their backs on him. Let's abandon the continued pursuits of sins and abominations going after the ways of man and get back to the ways of God. Go back to the drawing board and remove the problematic and unconstitutional language in this bill. Please vote NO until it's removed. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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