

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 333

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SHUMAKE (Sponsor), BURLISON, REDMON, FUNDERBURK,  
KOENIG, LARGENT, KELLEY (126), ROWLAND, DENISON AND WALLINGFORD (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the use of religious books in public schools.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 170.340, to read as follows:

2 **170.340. Books of a religious nature may be used in the classroom as part of**  
2 **instruction in elective courses in literature and history, so long as such books are not used**  
3 **in a manner so as to violate the establishment clause of the United States Constitution.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.