- 1 HB258
- 2 188434-1
- 3 By Representative Hurst
- 4 RFD: Education Policy
- 5 First Read: 18-JAN-18

188434-1:n:10/16/2017:AHP/tgw LSA2017-3138

2.0

2.2

8 SYNOPSIS:

This bill would enable public school teachers who teach kindergarten through 12th grade to include, as a portion of instruction regarding the scientific origins of man and the Earth, instruction regarding the Biblical theory of creation, so long as evolution is also taught. This bill would further allow any teacher who desires to instruct students regarding the Biblical theory of creation to read passages from the Bible in class which he or she deems necessary to propel the instruction forward.

This bill would allow a student receiving instruction on both the Biblical theory of creation and evolution to make a determination as to which theory to accept. A student would be permitted credit on course exams if he or she chooses to adhere to the Biblical theory of creation instead of evolution and then answers exam questions according to that system of belief.

1	A BILL
2	TO BE ENTITLED
3	AN ACT
4	
5	Relating to education; to permit the teaching of the
6	Biblical theory of creation in public K-12 schools under
7	certain conditions.
8	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
9	Section 1. (a) In any public K-12 school instruction
10	concerning the theories of the creation of man and the Earth,
11	and which involves the theory commonly known as evolution, any
12	teacher may include as a portion of instruction the theory of
13	creation as presented in the Bible, and may read passages in
14	the Bible as deemed necessary for instruction on the theory of
15	creation, thereby affording students a choice as to which
16	theory to accept.
17	(b) For those students receiving instruction as
18	described in subsection (a), and who accept the Bible theory
19	of creation, credit shall be permitted on any examination in
20	which the student provides a response in adherence to the
21	theory, provided the response is correct according to the
22	instruction received.
23	(c) A teacher in a public K-12 school may not stress
24	any particular denominational religious belief.
25	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
26	first day of the third month following its passage and
27	approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.