



RELEASED TIME POLICY UPDATES

Summary of Recent Changes by State

Ohio HB 96 | 2025-07-01

A school district board of education shall adopt a policy that authorizes a student to be excused from school to attend a released time course in religious instruction.

Full language available at: [OH HB96 | 2025-2026 | 136th General Assembly | LegiScan](#)
(See pages 1013-1014)

Texas SB 1049 | 2025-06-20

A school district shall adopt a policy to excuse a student to attend a religious released time course.

Full language available at: [TX SB1049 | 2025-2026 | 89th Legislature | LegiScan](#)

Iowa HF 870 | 2025-06-06

School districts shall excuse a student from attendance so that the student can attend a course in religious instruction if all outlined requirements are satisfied.

Full language available at: [IA HF870 | 2025-2026 | 91st General Assembly | LegiScan](#)

Montana HB 343 | 2025-05-15

An act requiring school districts to provide a religious instruction released time program and authorizes the district to adopt a policy awarding credit for a religious instruction released time course.

Full language available at: [MT HB343 | 2025 | Regular Session | LegiScan](#)

Indiana SB 255 | 2025-05-06

Requires districts to permit students to receive religious instruction and allows schools to award academic credit for such instruction.

Full language available at: [IN SB0255 | 2025 | Regular Session | LegiScan](#)

Kentucky SB 19 | 2025-03-27

Amends KRS 158.200 to detail the process by which local boards of education are authorized to permit pupils to attend moral instruction.

Full language available at: [KY SB19 | 2025 | Regular Session | LegiScan](#)

Oklahoma HB 1425 | 2024-05-30

A school district shall adopt a policy to excuse a student to attend a religious released time course.

Full language available at: [OK HB1425 | 2024 | Regular Session | LegiScan](#)