I raised 6 children and used my local church programs to enhance their Bible education through Sunday school and youth group participation.

Navigating the public school system and all the many different cultures and religions to learn about the world, as well as the social influences and behaviors they were exposed to was an education in itself. They needed grounding in who they were and character development of kindness toward others and respect of all persons no matter their place.

The Bible gave my children sound, moral, non judgemental affirmation on how to stay positive, hopeful and successful in all public situations and conversations.

I believe Bible education should be made available to any student who would like to learn what it has to say and teach. I also believe if a parent wants their child exposed to this education they should be afforded the right to do so and not prevented from having the opportunity.

It's historical credentials alone make the Bible an incredible piece of literature that benefits those who learn of its content.

Clauson, 343 U.S. 306 (1952), was a release time case in which the Supreme Court of the United States held that a school district allowing students to leave a public school for part of the day to receive off-site religious instruction did not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/343/306/

From the judges:

"For it then respects the religious nature of our people and accommodates the public service to their spiritual needs. To hold that it may not would be to find in the Constitution a requirement that the government show a callous indifference to religious groups. That would be preferring those who believe in no religion over those who do believe."

"But we find no constitutional requirement which makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against efforts to widen the effective scope of religious influence."

Please Support bill 293 and avoid limiting parents rights to choose supplemental educational experiences for their children.

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