

HB 445 Proponent Testimony  
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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 445. My name is Kenneth Wurm and I am from Madison County.

I want to voice my support for House Bill 445. I heartily support a parent's right to allow their children to receive religious instruction. Decades of research have shown the positive impact of religious instruction on student behavior, academics, and mental health.

Parents know what is best for their children. They should get to decide whether to include religious education in their student's schedule. Many parents are not in a position to utilize religious private school or homeschool options. Release time makes religious education available to those who don't have access.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 445.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Wurm