

William B. Winter

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 William B. Winter and I am from Medina County.

I am writing to express my support of House Bill 445, parents having the right to choose whether or not their child may attend release time for the purpose of religious instruction. I believe that release time for the purpose of religious instruction adds value to the school district, more importantly the students and their families. Facts support the need for religious instruction because it has a positive impact for the students, educators, and parents. When students are enrolled in a Bible based, released time education program, attendance improves, discipline is reduced, and academic performance improves!

There are numerous testimonies from educators, parents, and students around the country whose public school districts allow release time for religious instruction.

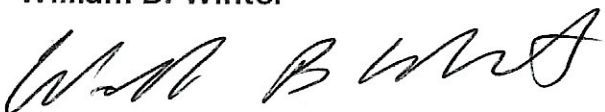
Please consider giving parents the right to choose whether or not their child attends release time for the purpose of religious instruction by supporting House Bill 445

Please do not give the school board power to veto release time for the purpose of religious instruction. Please honor the parents rights in making that decision by not supporting House Bill 445.

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

Sincerely,

William B. Winter



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