
DIGEST

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HB No. 876

Abstract: Provides relative to recognition and celebration of traditional celebrations in winter in public schools.

Proposed law authorizes a school board to educate students about the history of traditional celebrations in winter and to allow students and district staff to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations, including Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy holidays, and Happy Kwanzaa.

Authorizes a school board to display on school property scenes or symbols associated with traditional celebrations in winter, including a menorah or a Christmas image such as a nativity scene or Christmas tree, if the display includes a scene or symbol of more than one religion or one religion and at least one secular scene or symbol.

Prohibits a display relating to a traditional celebration from including a message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

(Adds R.S. 17:2118)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds "Happy Kwanzaa" to the list of greetings proposed law authorizes students and staff to offer regarding winter celebrations.