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Bill Analysis

SB 1470 creates the Students' Religious Belief Protection Act. The measure prohibits any public school from employing or contracting with person that promotes positions in the classroom or at any function of the public school that is in opposition to closely held religious beliefs of students. Parents and guardians may bring action against a school for occurrences when a public school promotes positions in opposition to closely held religious beliefs of the student. Relief may be granted by the court providing for an injunction which immediately enjoins the school from promoting such positions. If the school does not comply, the measure provides that petitioners may refile for relief naming the individuals who continue to violate the provisions of this measure. Named persons shall be liable for \$10,000.00 in damages and may not receive any assistance from individuals or groups to make such payments. Persons found to have received aid shall be terminated from their position and may not be reemployed by a public school for a period of 5 years. Persons continuing to violate the provisions of this measure after the 2nd filing may be named in another filing and, if the court makes a finding in the petitioner's favor, be permanently barred from working or in any way being affiliated with a public school.

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