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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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H.B. 214 of the 135th General Assembly

Senate Education

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Policy on professional duties – character education program

Specifies that the bill does not affect a school district, community school, or STEM school's authority to offer an established character education program.

Policy to accommodate students' sincerely held religious beliefs

Requires each school district, community school, STEM school, and college-preparatory boarding school to adopt a policy that reasonably accommodates the sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of students, which includes three excused absences for religious expression days and entitles this portion of the bill the "Religious Expression Days" or "R.E.D." Act.