

Dr. Marta Perez, Member

**SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY STUDY TO INTRODUCE *THE BIBLE AS HISTORY AND LITERATURE* AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

This item is submitted before the Board to request a feasibility study to introduce *The Bible as History and Literature* as an elective course in secondary schools and high schools. The curriculum will convey the content of the Bible as compared to literature and history. It will be utilized as an education tool not as a religious tool. The objectives of the program will be:

1. To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of important literary forms contained in the Bible as well as people and symbols often referred to in literature, art, and music;
2. To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of important Biblical contributions to history, law, American community life, and culture;
3. To give insight into the world views of America's founding fathers and to understand the Biblical influences on their views of human rights;
4. To provide a greater knowledge of Middle-Eastern history, geography, religion, and politics;
5. To inform the students of the importance of religion in world and national history, without imposing the doctrine of any particular religious sect.

This curriculum is currently being offered in 33 states, 177 school districts, and 64,000 students have participated in this elective course. Additionally, this curriculum does not require any funding to enact, fully complies with the United States Constitution and has been endorsed by the American Center for Law and Justice.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PEREZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, FL direct the Superintendent to conduct a feasibility study to introduce *The Bible as History and Literature* as an elective course in secondary schools and high schools.