

Amend **HB 3859** (senate committee printing) on page 2, between lines 62 and 63, by inserting the following:

Sec. 45.0041. CHILD'S RIGHTS PROTECTED; EDUCATION. (a) A child who is in the conservatorship of the department may object to a child welfare services provider's decision to provide the child with a religious education or to enroll the child in a private or parochial school if the child is 12 years of age or older and the religious education or private or parochial school education conflicts with the child's sincerely held religious beliefs.

(b) If the child objects to the religious education or private or parochial school education as authorized by Subsection (a), the child is not required to participate in the religious education or to attend a private or parochial school.

(c) The child welfare services provider shall inform the child of the child's rights under this section.