



**Venus Independent School District  
Board of Trustees**

**Date of Meeting:** March 02, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Consider and Take Action on SB11 Resolution from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

**Agenda Section:** Discuss / Action

**Administrator Responsible:** Howard Gatewood  
Superintendent

**Summary/Background Information:**

SB11 from the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session requires a Board to vote by March 1<sup>st</sup> for or against a resolution to create a local policy designating a room and time to read the Bible (or alternate religious material) each day at school

**Administrative Recommendations:**

Currently VISD has LEGAL policy, FNA, which addresses Student Responsibilities: Student Expression. Specifically, under Student Expression of Religious Viewpoints policy states: “ The district shall treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the district treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject and may not discriminate against the student based on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject.”

Should the Board decide to create a local policy, the policy will require the district to create a separate space, time and staff member to oversee the designated time for reading or praying, possibly multiple spaces based upon varying religions.