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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Abrams

Members of the Senate Committee on Education

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: January 26, 2016

Subject: SB 324 – Winter celebration curriculum.

Senate Bill No. 324 allows school district to include as a part of their history curriculum the history of traditional winter celebrations. Such curriculum may include traditional greetings by students and staff that are associated with such winter celebrations. The curriculum may also include displays of scenes or symbols associated with such winter celebrations, provided such displays do not included any message encourage adherence to any particular religion. Also, if a display is religious in nature, then scenes or symbols from other religions and at least one secular scene or symbol must also be displayed.

If enacted the provisions of SB 324 would become effective on July 1, 2016.