

*Hon. Mr. Menzies.*

## BIBLE-READING IN SCHOOLS.

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### ANALYSIS.

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Bible may be read in schools.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable School Committees to cause the Bible to be read in Schools. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give to School Committees the option of causing the Bible to be read in schools, if they shall see fit:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Bible-reading in Schools Act, 1886.” Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the School Committee of any district constituted under the provisions of “The Education Act, 1877,” if it shall see fit, anything in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding, to direct that a portion of the Holy Scriptures shall be read aloud by the scholars of one or other of the senior classes every morning at the opening of the school. Such reading shall not exceed twenty minutes, and no child shall be compelled to attend such reading if the parent or guardian of such child shall, in writing, inform the Committee or teacher that he objects to such attendance.

Bible may be read in schools.