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Hon. Mr. Thomson.

EDUCATION AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Education Act, 1914.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Education Amendment Act, 1928, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Education Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), and it shall come into operation on the *first* day of *January*, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

Short Title and commencement.

2. Section fifty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "secular" in subsection four, the words "in the sense of non-sectarian"; and by inserting, after subsection four, the following subsections:—

Section 56 of principal Act amended.

"4A. With the view of affording facilities for giving religious instruction by qualified persons approved by the Minister, half an hour on one or two school days in each week may be set apart in the morning or afternoon as the case may be.

"4B. During the time so set apart in any school no secular instruction shall be given to children not attending classes for religious instruction.

"4C. No child shall be required to attend for religious instruction unless his parent or guardian has signified in writing his willingness to allow his child to receive such instruction.

"4D. No State school-teacher shall be required to give religious instruction during the time set apart for this, but he will see that order and discipline are preserved in the class-rooms and school-grounds.

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington.—1928.