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Draft law in Greece retains curtailed religious lessons instruction



Debate begins on Monday in a relevant Greek Parliament committee over a draft bill regarding changes in the east Mediterranean's public education sector, which among others, retains the low number of hours for weekly instruction in religious studies, while excluding this lesson from end-of-the-year exit exams. At the same time the draft bill foresees the inclusion of new thematic lessons, such as sex education and what the ministry refers to a "respect of diversity ".

The issue of how the lesson of sex education will be taught was discussed by members of the Holy Synod of the Autocephalous Church of Greece during its session last month. During the meeting, hierarchs expressed concerns over the suitability of such educational novelties, as far as Greek society is concerned, as well as in terms of the balanced education of pupils.