

Government managed religion or separation of church and state: Which way America?

For nearly 200 years various religious groups have attempted to tap into tax funds to advance their own set of religious beliefs. In Ohio, the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government honored the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution until the so-called Fair Bus Bill was signed by Governor Rhodes in the mid-1960's. This bill required school districts to provide student transportation to students enrolled in private schools, most of which are faith-based. This opened the door for an assortment of tax-supported direct and indirect perks for the private school industry—auxiliary services, non-public administrative cost reimbursement, tuition tax credits, education savings accounts (ESA's) and tax-supported vouchers.

This church/state alliance will eventually give rise to governmental regulations on religious schools.

On down the road civil government will regulate religion and the dominant religious group, in concert with civil government, will wreak havoc on minority religious groups.