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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1690

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9 By: Senators J. Woods, J. Hendren, Bledsoe, Hester, B. King, G. Stubblefield

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERIOD OF SILENCE AT THE
12 BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE A PERIOD OF SILENCE AT THE
17 BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-115 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-10-115. Period of silence.

25 (a) A public school in this state shall observe a one (1) minute
26 period of silence at the beginning of school each school day.

27 (b) During the period of silence a student may, without interfering
28 with or distracting another student:

29 (1) Reflect;

30 (2) Pray; or

31 (3) Engage in a silent activity.

32 (c) The A teacher or school employee in charge of each a public school
33 classroom may, or if so directed by the board of directors of the school
34 district in which the teacher is employed, shall, at the opening of school on
35 each school day, conduct a brief period of silence with the participation of
36 all students in the classroom who desire to participate ensure that all



1 students remain silent and do not interfere with or distract another student
2 during the period of silence.

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