

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1995
4 By: Senator Walker

A Bill

SENATE BILL

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOMENTS OF *SILENCE* IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
9 CLASSROOMS AT THE OPENING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "TO REQUIRE MOMENTS OF *SILENCE* IN PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL CLASSROOMS."

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The General Assembly hereby finds
19 that in today_s hectic society, few citizens are able to experience even a
20 moment of *silence* before beginning the day_s activities. The young people of
21 Arkansas are particularly affected by this absence of an opportunity for a
22 moment of *silence*. The General Assembly further finds that our young people,
23 and society as a whole, would be well served if students were afforded a
24 moment of *silence* at the beginning of each day in the public schools.

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26 SECTION 2. (a) *Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, each school*
27 *district in the state shall provide for a daily observance by pupils of a*
28 *brief period of silence. The moment of silence shall be for a period of not*
29 *more than five (5) minutes each morning with the participation of all*
30 *pupils.*

31 (b) *Before the beginning of the 1995-96 school year, each school*
32 *district in the state shall adopt procedures for implementing the moment of*
33 *silence and shall file a copy with the Director of the Department of*
34 *Education.*

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1 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
2 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
3 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
12 hereby repealed.

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