



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 20/0.01	from Ch. 122, par. 770
105 ILCS 20/1	from Ch. 122, par. 771
105 ILCS 20/5 rep.	

Amends the Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act. Changes the short title of the Act to the Silent Reflection and Meditation Act. Provides that the brief period of silence at the opening of every school day must not exceed one minute and shall be an opportunity for silent reflection (instead of prayer) or for silent meditation (instead of relection) on the anticipated activities of the day. Repeals a Section concerning student prayer. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 0.01 and 1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 20/0.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 770)

7 Sec. 0.01. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Silent
8 Reflection and Meditation ~~Student Prayer~~ Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-832, eff. 1-1-03.)

10 (105 ILCS 20/1) (from Ch. 122, par. 771)

11 Sec. 1. In each public school classroom the teacher in
12 charge shall observe a brief period of silence, not to exceed
13 one minute, with the participation of all the pupils therein
14 assembled at the opening of every school day. This period shall
15 not be conducted as a religious exercise but shall be an
16 opportunity for silent reflection ~~prayer~~ or for silent
17 meditation ~~reflection~~ on the anticipated activities of the day.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-680, eff. 10-11-07.)

19 (105 ILCS 20/5 rep.)

20 Section 10. The Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act is
21 amended by repealing Section 5.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.