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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 165

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 165 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act is

5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 20/5)

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Sec. 5. Student prayer. In order that the right of every student to the free exercise of religion is guaranteed within the public schools and that each student has the freedom to not be subject to pressure from the State either to engage in or to refrain from religious observation on public school grounds, students in the public schools may, during the school day, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings, including without limitation prayer groups, B I B L E (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth) clubs, or "meet at the flagpole for

- prayer" days, that, consistent with the Free Exercise and 1
- 2 Establishment Clauses of the United States and Illinois
- 3 Constitutions, <u>are</u> is not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in
- 4 any manner by the school or any school employee.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 92-832, eff. 1-1-03.)
- 6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 7 becoming law.".