

SB3146



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB3146

Introduced 2/19/2016, by Sen. Wm. Sam McCann

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 20/5

Amends the Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act. Provides that students may participate in certain activities that are not discouraged in any manner by the school or any school employee.

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A BILL FOR

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 Section 5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 20/5)

7 Sec. 5. Student prayer. For purpose of this Section,
8 "noninstructional time" means time set aside by a school before
9 actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom
10 instruction ends. In order that the right of every student to
11 the free exercise of religion is guaranteed within the public
12 schools and that each student has the freedom to not be subject
13 to pressure from the State either to engage in or to refrain
14 from religious observation on public school grounds, students
15 in the public schools may, during the school day, during
16 noninstructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or
17 collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or
18 religious-based meetings, including without limitation prayer
19 groups, B I B L E (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth)
20 clubs, or "meet at the flagpole for prayer" days, that,
21 consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of
22 the United States and Illinois Constitutions, are not
23 sponsored, promoted, ~~or~~ endorsed, or discouraged in any manner

1 by the school or any school employee.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-410, eff. 8-20-15.)