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HOUSE BILL 1690

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A PERIOD OF SILENCE AT THE
BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-115 is amended to read as follows:
6-10-115. Period of silence.

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

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

(1) Reflect;

(2) Pray; or

(3) Engage in a silent activity.

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



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