

By: Representatives Young, Bailey, Cummings, To: Education  
Henderson (9th)

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A BRIEF PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION TO BE  
2 CONDUCTED DAILY BY TEACHERS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:  
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6 SECTION 1. (1) In each public school classroom, the teacher  
7 in charge shall conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not  
8 more than sixty (60) seconds at the opening of school upon every  
9 school day, with the participation of all the pupils therein  
10 assembled.

11 (2) The moment of quiet reflection authorized by subsection  
12 (1) of this section is not intended to be and shall not be  
13 conducted as a religious service or exercise but shall be  
14 considered an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on the  
15 anticipated activities of the day. No teacher, principal, school  
16 board member, or any other person may require or prescribe any  
17 particular method or manner in which a child shall participate in  
18 any period of silent prayer or meditation, but each child shall be  
19 absolutely free to participate therein or not, in such manner or  
20 way as the child personally desires, consistent with his or her  
21 beliefs.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 1999.