

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2028

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION TO
2 BE CONDUCTED DAILY BY TEACHERS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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6 SECTION 1. (1) In each public school classroom, the teacher
7 in charge shall, at the opening of school upon every school day,
8 conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not more than sixty
9 (60) seconds 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 as an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on
15 the anticipated activities of the day. No teacher, principal,
16 school board, 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 such child shall personally desire, consistent with his or
21 her beliefs.

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