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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 659

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.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. (1) In each public school classroom, the teacher
6 in charge shall conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not
7 more than sixty (60) seconds at the opening of school upon every
8 school day, with the participation of all the pupils therein
9 assembled.

10 (2) The moment of quiet reflection authorized by subsection
11 (1) of this section is not intended to be and may not be conducted
12 as a religious service or exercise but is considered an
13 opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on the anticipated
14 activities of the day.

15 (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section may not be
16 deemed to prohibit student initiated voluntary prayers that are
17 nonsectarian or nonproselytizing in nature at school or school
18 related events.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2000.