

By: Representative Young

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 772

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEACHERS TO DAILY CONDUCT A BRIEF PERIOD OF  
2 QUIET REFLECTION IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after July 1, 2001.

