AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION TO
BE CONDUCTED DAILY BY TEACHERS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM;
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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