

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2118

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.

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, at the opening of school upon every school day,
7 conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not more than sixty
8 (60) seconds 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 as an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on
14 the anticipated activities of the day. No teacher, principal,
15 school board, 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 such child shall personally desire, consistent with his or
20 her beliefs.

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

