

By: Representative Calhoun

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 783

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO AUTHORIZE A MOMENT OF QUIET
3 REFLECTION AT THE START OF EACH SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-13-8. (1) In each public school classroom, the local
9 school governing board * * * shall authorize a brief period of
10 quiet reflection for not more than sixty (60) seconds at the
11 opening of school upon every school day.

12 (2) The moment of quiet reflection authorized by subsection
13 (1) of this section is not intended to be and shall not be
14 conducted as a religious service or exercise but is considered an
15 opportunity for a moment of silent reflection.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2018.

