

By: Representatives Nelson, James-Jones

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

1 AN ACT TO ENACT THE "PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION ACT"; TO
2 AMEND SECTION 37-13-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT
3 IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM, THE LOCAL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD
4 SHALL REQUIRE A BRIEF PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION FOR NOT MORE THAN
5 60 SECONDS AT THE OPENING OF EVERY SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 "Period of Quiet Reflection Act."

10 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-13-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 37-13-8. (1) In each public school classroom, the local
13 school governing board * * * shall require a brief period of quiet
14 reflection for not more than sixty (60) seconds at the opening of
15 school upon every school day.

16 (2) The moment of quiet reflection * * * required by
17 subsection (1) of this section is not intended to be and shall not
18 be conducted as a religious service or exercise but is considered
19 an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection.



20 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2024.

