

# SENATE BILL No. 484

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1-7-11.

**Synopsis:** Moment of silence in public schools. Requires a teacher in charge of a public school classroom to conduct a period of silent prayer or meditation at the opening of each school day. (Under current law, a teacher may, or if directed to do so by the governing body must, conduct a period of silent prayer or meditation at the opening of the school day.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 111th General Assembly (2000)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-7-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 11. ~~Voluntary~~  
3 ~~Religious Observance - Silent Period~~. In each public school classroom,  
4 at the opening of each school day the teacher in charge ~~may or, if~~  
5 ~~directed by his governing body~~, shall conduct a brief period of silent  
6 prayer or meditation with the participation of all students assembled.  
7 This silent prayer or meditation is not a religious service or exercise  
8 and may not be conducted as one, but is an opportunity for silent prayer  
9 or meditation on a religious theme for those so inclined or a moment of  
10 silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.



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