

SENATE BILL No. 251

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-30-5-4.6.

Synopsis: School prayer. Allows the governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority of a charter school to provide for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each school day.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Second Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2012)

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 2011 Regular Session of the 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 20-30-5-4.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2012]: **Sec. 4.6. (a) In order that each student recognize the**
- 4 **importance of spiritual development in establishing character and**
- 5 **becoming a good citizen, the governing body of a school**
- 6 **corporation or the equivalent authority of a charter school may**
- 7 **require the recitation of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each**
- 8 **school day. The prayer may be recited by a teacher, a student, or**
- 9 **the class of students.**
- 10 (b) **If the governing body or equivalent authority requires the**
- 11 **recitation of the Lord's Prayer under subsection (a), the governing**
- 12 **body or equivalent authority shall determine the version of the**
- 13 **Lord's Prayer that will be recited in the school corporation or**
- 14 **charter school.**
- 15 (c) **A student is exempt from participation in the prayer if:**
- 16 **(1) the student chooses not to participate; or**
- 17 **(2) the student's parent chooses to have the student not**



1 **participate.**

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