**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑1-443, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE FOR A MINUTE OF MANDATORY SILENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY, SO AS TO GIVE SCHOOLS THE DISCRETION WHETHER TO PROVIDE FOR THAT TIME AND TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO USE THAT TIME TO REFLECT ON THEIR FAITH OR OTHER MATTERS OF PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59‑1‑443 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59-1-443. ~~All schools shall~~ A school may provide for a minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day for students to reflect on their faith or other matters of personal significance.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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