

# HB0165



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB0165

by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 20/5

Amends the Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act. In a provision allowing students in the public schools to voluntarily engage in individually initiated, non-disruptive prayer, provides that such praying may take place at any time during the school day. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Silent Reflection and Student Prayer Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 20/5)

7 Sec. 5. Student prayer. In order that the right of every  
8 student to the free exercise of religion is guaranteed within  
9 the public schools and that each student has the freedom to not  
10 be subject to pressure from the State either to engage in or to  
11 refrain from religious observation on public school grounds,  
12 students in the public schools may, at any time during the  
13 school day, voluntarily engage in individually initiated,  
14 non-disruptive prayer that, consistent with the Free Exercise  
15 and Establishment Clauses of the United States and Illinois  
16 Constitutions, is not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any  
17 manner by the school or any school employee.

18 (Source: P.A. 92-832, eff. 1-1-03.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.