

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, during the school day,
13 voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated,
14 non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings, including
15 without limitation prayer groups, B I B L E (Basic Instruction
16 Before Leaving Earth) clubs, or "meet at the flagpole for
17 prayer" days, that, consistent with the Free Exercise and
18 Establishment Clauses of the United States and Illinois
19 Constitutions, are ~~is~~ not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in
20 any manner by the school or any school employee.

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

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.