

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1761

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY FISCHER, HASKELL, R. W. WILT AND M. E. MILLER,  
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AN ACT

1 Permitting the voluntary recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the  
2 pledge of allegiance in public elementary schools at the  
3 option of the school district.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. As a continuation of the policy of teaching the  
7 history of our country and as an affirmation of the freedom of  
8 religion in this country, a school district may authorize the  
9 recitation of the traditional Lord's Prayer and the pledge of  
10 allegiance to the flag in public elementary schools. Pupil  
11 participation in the recitation of the prayer and pledge of  
12 allegiance shall be voluntary. Pupils shall be reminded that  
13 this Lord's Prayer is the prayer our pilgrim fathers recited  
14 when they came to this country in their search for freedom.  
15 Pupils shall be informed that these exercises are not meant to  
16 influence an individual's personal religious beliefs in any  
17 manner. The exercises shall be conducted so that pupils shall  
18 learn of our great freedoms, which freedoms include the freedom

1 of religion and are symbolized by the recitation of the Lord's  
2 Prayer.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.