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JUNE 21, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 21, 1999

AN ACT

1 Requiring the Department of Education to request all school
2 districts to begin each school day with prayer or a short
3 period of meditation.

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

6 Section 1. Daily opening exercises in public schools.

7 The Secretary of Education shall request that school
8 districts begin each school day with prayer or readings from
9 spiritual documents such as the Bible, the Torah and the Koran
10 or a short period of meditation. School districts may invite
11 community religious leaders to assist in daily opening
12 exercises.

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect immediately.