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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1121 (Delegates Hill and Burns)

Ways and Means

Education - Public Schools - Initiation by Students of Spoken Prayer

This bill allows a public school student or a group of students to initiate a spoken prayer during the school's daily mediation period and at a graduation ceremony.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Enabling public school students to initiate a spoken prayer during the school's daily mediation period and at a graduation ceremony would not directly affect local school expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Principals and teachers in each public elementary and secondary school may require all students to be present and participate in daily opening exercises and to meditate silently for approximately one minute. During this period, a student or teacher may read the holy scripture or pray.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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