

HOUSE BILL 1156

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By: **Delegate Hill**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Schools - Moment of Silence**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring public elementary and secondary schools to require all
4 students to meditate silently for a certain period of time each day; and generally
5 relating to a moment of silence in public schools in the State.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 7-104
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 7-104.

15 (a) [Principals and teachers in each public] PUBLIC elementary and
16 secondary [school] SCHOOLS in this State [may] SHALL require all students to be
17 present and participate in opening exercises on each morning of a school day and to
18 meditate silently for approximately 1 minute.

19 (b) During this period, a student or teacher may read the holy scripture or
20 pray.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2001.