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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 954  
Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Prince George's County - Public Schools - Moment of Silence  
PG 419-02

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This bill requires all public elementary and secondary school students in Prince George's County to observe one minute of silence each morning of a school day.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Providing one minute of silence each school morning would not affect Prince George's County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Principals and teachers in public elementary and secondary schools may require all students to be present and participate in daily opening exercises and to meditate silently for approximately one minute.

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Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill that applied to all local school systems was introduced last year as HB 1156. The bill received an unfavorable report from the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

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