

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1437

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to religious and secular speech in schools; and to repeal section 15.1-19-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to periods of silence during a schoolday.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Recitation of prayer - Period of silence - Pledge of allegiance.

1. A student may voluntarily pray aloud or participate in religious speech at any time before, during, or after the school day to the same extent a student may voluntarily speak or participate in secular speech.
2. A school board, school administrator, or teacher may not impose any restriction on the time, place, manner, or location of any student-initiated religious speech or prayer which exceeds the restriction imposed on students' secular speech.
3. A school board may, by resolution, allow a classroom teacher to impose up to one minute of silence for meditation, reflection, or prayer at the beginning of each school day.
4. A school board may authorize the voluntary recitation of the pledge of allegiance by a teacher or one or more students at the beginning of each school day. A student may not be required to recite the pledge of allegiance, stand during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance, or salute the American flag.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 15.1-19-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed."

Renumber accordingly