

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 637
HOUSE BILL 1410

AN ACT TO PERMIT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO AUTHORIZE THE
OBSERVANCE OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE EACH DAY IN SCHOOL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(28) To authorize the observance of a moment of silence.

Local boards of education may adopt policies to authorize the observance of a moment of silence at the commencement of the first class of each day in all grades in the public schools. Such a policy shall provide that the teacher in charge of the room in which each class is held may announce that a period of silence not to exceed one minute in duration shall be observed and that during that period silence shall be maintained and no one may engage in any other activities. Such period of silence shall be totally and completely unstructured and free of guidance or influence of any kind from any sources."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to all school years beginning with the 1985-86 school year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of July, 1985.