

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 673 (SB 512)**

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Prior law (R.S. 17:2115.3) provided that no law, rule, or policy may deny any student attending a public elementary or secondary school the right to participate in voluntary, student-initiated, student-led prayer.

Prior law (R.S. 17:2115.11) provided conditions for student-initiated prayer and allowed school employees to volunteer to supervise student-initiated prayer. Also provided that any school employee may participate in the gathering if it occurs before the employee's work day begins or after the employee's work day ends.

New law provides that if a school employee present to supervise the gathering chooses, he may quietly bow his head during a student-led, student-initiated prayer in deference and respect to students' religious beliefs and practices.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 1, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 17:2115.11(A))