

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 512

2018 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to school employee participation in student-initiated prayer. (g0v sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Authorizes a school employee present to supervise a gathering to quietly bow his head during a student-led, student-initiated prayer in deference and respect.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law (R.S. 17:2115.3) provides 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.

Present law (R.S. 17:2115.11) provides conditions for student-initiated prayer and allows school employees to volunteer to supervise student-initiated prayer. Also provides 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.

Proposed 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 or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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

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