

***Killeen Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Information Sheet***

Date: February 10, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Discussion Regarding Senate Bill 11 - Daily Prayer Time and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text

Purpose of Agenda Item: Information only

Administrative Recommendation: None; for discussion.

Background Information: The 89th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 11, which requires that each school board in Texas take a record vote within six months of the effective date of the act, on whether to adopt a resolution regarding a period of prayer and reading of religious text during the school day in accordance with Texas Education Code § 25.0823. If a school board decides to adopt such a resolution, the period of prayer and religious reading must follow the provisions set out in Section 25.083, which includes the following restrictions:

- The District policy must prohibit a student or employee of the District from participating in a daily prayer period unless the employee or a student's parents submits a signed consent form acknowledging participation is by choice, the participant has no objection, and the participant expressly waives her/his right to bring a legal claim under state or federal law, including a claim on a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;
- The District policy must ensure the prayer and religious reading is not provided in the physical presence of or within the hearing of a person for whom a signed consent was not submitted.
- The District policy must specify that a daily prayer period may not be a substitute for instructional time; and
- The prayer and religious reading may only be observed in areas where consenting parties are separated from non-consenting parties; before the school day; or by methods recommended by the Texas Attorney General or the district's legal counsel.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Regulatory Requirement: Senate Bill 11 of the 89th Texas Legislative Session, codified in Texas Government Code § 25.0823

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Attachments: 1) Resolution on Prayer and Religious Reading – Statutory Model Resolution

Signature Requested: No