
Action - Resolution Regarding a Period of Prayer and Reading Religious Text During the School Day

BELTON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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Purpose



Provide an overview of the requirements of Senate Bill 11 and make a recommendation for regarding a period of prayer and reading of religious text during the school day.

Senate Bill 11

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 policy regarding a period of prayer and reading of religious text during the school day in accordance with Texas Education Code § 25.0823.

Current State in **BISD**

- See You at the Pole
- Good News Clubs
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Young Life
- Reading the Bible during lunch and/or non-instructional time

Requirements

- **Requires a signed consent form from parents and staff**
- **Must occur outside of instructional time**
- **Prayer and religious reading must not be done in the physical presence or hearing of someone who has not given consent**

Administrative Recommendation

Approve the resolution declining to adopt a policy under Texas Education Code Section 25.0823 relating to a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text.

Discussion

