

**Discuss and consider a Resolution regarding adoption of a policy providing a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text pursuant to Texas Education Code §25.0823
February 23, 2026**

1. Board Goals :

DOMAIN 1: High Quality Curriculum and Effective Instruction

Background:

Senate Bill 11 amended the Texas Education Code to allow a school district's board of trustees to adopt a policy requiring every campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts during each school day. Adoption of such a policy is optional, but the statute requires each school district board to take a record vote on whether to adopt the resolution within the prescribed timeline.

If a board chooses to adopt the policy, the resolution must follow the language specified in TEC §25.0823, and the district must implement procedures consistent with the statute, including consent requirements for participating students and employees and assurances that the period does not replace instructional time.

2. Process:

If the Board would like to adopt a policy requiring every campus to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts in addition to the opportunities already provided during each school day, they will need to adopt the Resolution.

3. Fiscal Impact:

None

4. Recommendation:

Administration recommends the Board NOT take action to approve a Resolution to adopt a policy providing a specific period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text, in addition to what the district and campuses already provide.

5. Required:

Board action

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