

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JARRELL, TEXAS**

**Date:** January 21, 2026

**Reported by:** Bob Mabry

**Subject:** Senate Bill II Requirements presented by Bob Mabry

**Discussion/Action**

**Background Information:**

Texas Education Code section 25.0823 was added by Senate Bill 11 (SB 11) in the 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature in 2025. The statute allows a school board to adopt, by record vote on a prescribed resolution, a policy requiring every campus of the district or school to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text ("Daily Prayer Period") on each school day in accordance with the law. A school board does not have to adopt a Daily Prayer Period, but a board does have to vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a resolution on the matter.

Students already have the right to pray or read religious texts individually, voluntarily, and without disruption under current law.

**Item Addressed:**

If the Board of Trustees votes to adopt the resolution, a policy must be adopted requiring every campus to provide a period of prayer and reading of religious text as provided by Section 25.0823 of the Education Code.

Policy requires the following:

- consent from parents and employees to participate in a Daily Prayer Period
- Ensure only consenting participants hear the prayers or readings
- Schedule the period for non-instructional time
- Schedule the period for appropriate locations

If the Board of Trustees votes not to adopt the resolution, students will continue to have the right to pray or read religious text individually, voluntarily, and without disruption.

**Recommended Action:**

No action is required at this time.