

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider Section 25.0823 of the Texas Education Code.

Senate Bill 11, passed last year, allows the board of trustees of a school district to adopt a policy requiring every campus of the district to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day. Districts are required to vote on whether to implement this policy within six months of the law's effective date, which is March 1, 2026.

Regardless of whether the board of trustees of a school district adopts a policy under Subsection (a) of TEC 25.0823, students or employees of the district are not prohibited from participating in prayer or reading the Bible or other religious texts during a period of the school day that is not designated as a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text and does not interfere with instruction.

RECOMMENDATION: District administration recommends not approving TEC 25.0823(a) from Senate Bill 11 passed during the 89th Legislature.


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