

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1817

Introduced by Assembly Member Leslie

January 17, 2002

An act to add Section 52730 to, and to amend the heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 52720) of Chapter 11 of Part 28 of, the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1817, as introduced, Leslie. Schools: minute of silence.

Existing law requires that public schools conduct certain daily exercises.

This bill would, in addition, permit in every public school in the first regularly scheduled class or activity period, the teacher in charge to conduct a minute of silence, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The heading of Article 2 (commencing with
2 Section 52720) of Chapter 11 of Part 28 of the Education Code is
3 amended to read:

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5 Article 2. ~~Patriotic~~ *Daily Exercises*

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7 SEC. 2. Section 52730 is added to the Education Code, to
8 read:

1 52730. (a) In each public elementary and secondary school
2 each day during the school year at the beginning of the first
3 regularly scheduled class or activity period at which the majority
4 of the pupils of the school normally begin the schoolday, the
5 teacher in charge may conduct a minute of silence with the
6 participation of all the pupils then assembled.

7 (b) Each pupil may, in the exercise of his or her individual
8 choice, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that
9 does not interfere with, distract, or impede other pupils in the same
10 exercise of individual choice. The minute of silence is not intended
11 to be and shall not be conducted as a religious service or exercise.

