

Original sponsor: Bradley

Offered: 4/26/77
Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 255

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to voluntary religious and civic

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activities in the public schools of the state."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 14.03.090 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.03.090. PARTISAN, SECTARIAN, CULT, OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINA-

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TIONAL DOCTRINES PROHIBITED. (a) No partisan, sectarian, cult, or

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religious denominational doctrines may be advocated in a public school

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during the hours the school is in session. No teacher or school board

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violating this section may receive public money. Nothing in this sec-

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tion prohibits the allocation of a reasonable period of time at the

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beginning of school on every school day for voluntary, silent prayer or

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meditation or for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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of the United States of America in the public schools at the option of

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the governing body of the school district.

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(b) No governing body of a school district and no principal,

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teacher, or any other person may require or prescribe a particular

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method or manner in which a pupil shall participate in a period of

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silent prayer or meditation, but each pupil shall be absolutely free to

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participate or not, in such manner as the pupil may personally desire

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consistent with his or her beliefs.

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