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By Representatives Ahern, Bush, Boldt, Mielke, Mulliken, Pearson, Casada, Holmquist, Schindler and Morell

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1 AN ACT Relating to a minute of silence in the classroom; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 In order that the right of every pupil to the free exercise of  
7 religion be guaranteed within the schools and that the freedom of each  
8 individual pupil be subject to the least possible pressure from the  
9 state either to engage in, or to refrain from, religious observance on  
10 school grounds, the school board of each school district shall  
11 establish the daily observance of one minute of silence in each  
12 classroom of the district.

13 During such one-minute period of silence, the teacher responsible  
14 for each classroom shall take care that all pupils remain seated and  
15 silent and make no distracting display to the end that each pupil may,  
16 in the exercise of his or her individual choice, meditate, pray, or  
17 engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with,

1 distract, or impede other pupils in the like exercise of individual  
2 choice.

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