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<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 17:2115.3) provides that no law, rule, or policy may deny any student attending a public elementary or secondary school the right to participate in voluntary, student-initiated, student-led prayer.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 17:2115.11) provides conditions for student-initiated prayer and allows school employees to volunteer to supervise student-initiated prayer. Also provides that any school employee may participate in the gathering if it occurs before the employee's work day begins or after the employee's work day ends.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows a school employee, upon request of a student or students, to participate in a gathering where there is student-initiated prayer during the employee's work day, provided that such participation does not interfere with the employee's assigned work duties. Further provides that if the employee is a faculty member, such participation shall not interfere with the employee's instructional duties.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:2115.11(B))