

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 201

To prohibit the provision of Federal funds to any State or local educational agency that denies or prevents participation in constitutionally protected prayer in schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. ROUZER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voluntary School Pray-
5 er Protection Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING CONTINGENT ON RESPECT FOR CON-**
2 **STITUTIONALLY PROTECTED SCHOOL PRAY-**
3 **ER.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, no funds made available through the Depart-
6 ment of Education shall be provided to any State or local
7 educational agency that has a policy of denying, or that
8 effectively prevents participation in, constitutionally pro-
9 tected prayer in public schools by individuals on a vol-
10 untary basis.

11 (b) **LIMITATION.**—No person shall be required to par-
12 ticipate in prayer or influence the form or content of any
13 constitutionally protected prayer in public schools.

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