

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 2189

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2189 - By: MOORE, KERN AND MCDANIEL (JEANNIE) of the House and RUSSELL of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-106, which relates to the United States Flag; providing that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America be recited once daily in a classroom during each school day; providing definition of classroom; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-106, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Section 24-106. A. The board of education of every school district in this state shall
4 be required to own and display, either inside or outside each classroom building in the
5 district, a United States Flag.

6 B. Instruction in the history and etiquette relating to the United States Flag shall
7 be given in ~~one or more grades~~ each grade annually in the schools in every school district
8 in this state.

9 C. ~~Students are authorized to recite, at the beginning of each school day, the~~ The
10 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America as enumerated at 36
11 U.S.C., Section 172, shall be recited once daily in a classroom during each school day.

1 Each student shall be informed by posting a notice in a conspicuous place that students
2 not wishing to participate in the pledge shall not be required to do so.

3 For purposes of this section, "classroom" means any room of a public school where
4 instruction takes place.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-26-09
7 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.