

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1143

By: Boggs, Standridge and  
Shortey of the Senate

and

Bennett, Echols and  
O'Donnell of the House

11                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12                   An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
13                   Section 24-106, which relates to the United States  
14                   flag; requiring certain pledges to be recited in the  
15                   public schools once every school week; providing an  
16                   effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18                   SECTION 1.            AMENDATORY           70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-106, is  
19                   amended to read as follows:

20                   Section 24-106. A. The board of education of every school  
21                   district in this state shall be required to own and display, either  
22                   inside or outside each classroom building in the district, a United  
23                   States Flag and an Oklahoma State Flag.

1 B. Instruction in the history and etiquette relating to the  
2 United States Flag shall be given in one or more grades in the  
3 schools in every school district in this state.

4 C. Students in all public schools are authorized to recite, at  
5 the beginning of each school day, the pledge of allegiance to the  
6 flag of the United States of America as enumerated at 36 U.S.C.,  
7 Section 172.—~~Each~~ and to the flag of the State of Oklahoma;  
8 however, they shall recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of  
9 the United States of America and to the flag of the State of  
10 Oklahoma once every school week, except that each student shall be  
11 informed by posting a notice in a conspicuous place that students  
12 not wishing to participate in the pledge shall not be required to do  
13 so.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/02/2014  
21 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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