

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 17, 2014

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1143

By: Standridge and Boggs of the
Senate

4 and

5 Echols and ODonnell of the
6 House

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9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
10 Section 24-106, which relates to the United States
11 flag; requiring that the pledge of allegiance to the
12 United States flag be recited once daily in certain
13 schools; allowing the pledge of allegiance to the
14 United States flag to be recited in certain schools;
15 providing an effective date; and declaring an
16 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.

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

1 C. ~~Students are authorized to recite, at the beginning of each~~
2 ~~school day, the~~ The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United
3 States of America as enumerated at 36 U.S.C., Section 172 shall be
4 recited once daily in public elementary schools during each school
5 day and may be recited once daily in other public schools during
6 each school day. Each student shall be informed by posting a notice
7 in a conspicuous place that students not wishing to participate in
8 the pledge shall not be required to do so.

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

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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