

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1143

By: Boggs, Standridge and
Shortey of the Senate

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4 Echols, O'Donnell and
5 Bennett of the House

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7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 24-106, which relates to the United States
9 flag; requiring that the pledge of allegiance to the
10 United States flag be recited once every Monday in
11 public schools; providing an effective date; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

23 C. Students in all public schools are authorized to recite, at
24 the beginning of each school day, the pledge of allegiance to the
flag of the United States of America as enumerated at 36 U.S.C.,

1 Section 172; however, they shall recite the pledge of allegiance to
2 the flag of the United States of America once every week. Each
3 student shall be informed by posting a notice in a conspicuous place
4 that students not wishing to participate in the pledge shall not be
5 required to do so.

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

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

11 Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2014.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate

15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
16 2014.

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