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April 10, 2017

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2277

By: O'Donnell, Cleveland,  
Ritze, Newton and Roberts  
(Sean) of the House

and

Quinn of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-106, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 225, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 24-106), which relates to the United States Flag; requiring pupils to recite pledge of allegiance daily; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-106, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 225, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 24-106), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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