

SENATE BILL No. 72

January 25, 2005, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, GARCIA, ALLEN and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1304.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1304. (1) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ACT
2 SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF
3 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PLEDGE
4 OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES IS OFFERED EACH
5 SCHOOL DAY TO PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IT
6 OPERATES.

7 (2) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
8 OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC
9 SCHOOL ACADEMY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, PROVIDE THAT THE PLEDGE OF

1 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM,
2 OR BOTH, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IS
3 OFFERED AT AFTER-SCHOOL EVENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
4 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENTS, IN AT LEAST GRADES 9 TO 12.

5 (3) A PUPIL SHALL NOT BE COMPELLED, AGAINST THE PUPIL'S
6 OBJECTIONS OR THOSE OF THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, TO
7 RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.