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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-506, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-506, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-506. Flag, Constitution and Bill of Rights display;
5 recitation of pledge of allegiance; quiet
6 reflection; exemption
7 A. School districts and charter schools shall:
8 1. Acquire United States flags that are manufactured in the United
9 States and that are at least two feet by three feet and hardware to
10 appropriately display the United States flags.
11 2. For grades seven through twelve, acquire a legible copy of the
12 Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights that is
13 manufactured in the United States.
14 3. Display the flags in accordance with title 4 of the United
15 States Code in each classroom and on or near the outside of the school
16 building during school hours and at such other times as the school
17 authorities direct.
18 4. For grades seven through twelve, place a legible copy of the
19 Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights adjacent to each
20 classroom flag.
21 5. FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH SIX, set aside
22 a specific time each day for ~~those~~ students ~~who wish~~ to recite the pledge
23 of allegiance to the United States flag. STUDENTS SHALL RECITE THE PLEDGE
24 OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG DURING THIS TIME. AT THE REQUEST
25 OF A PARENT, THE PARENT'S STUDENT SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF
26 THIS PARAGRAPH.
27 6. FOR GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE, SET ASIDE A SPECIFIC TIME EACH
28 DAY FOR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN QUIET REFLECTION AND MORAL REASONING FOR AT
29 LEAST ONE MINUTE. STUDENTS SHALL ENGAGE IN QUIET REFLECTION AND MORAL
30 REASONING DURING THIS TIME. AT THE REQUEST OF A PARENT, THE PARENT'S
31 STUDENT SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH.
32 B. Private schools, parochial schools and homeschools are exempt
33 from this section.