



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1111

schools; flags; display; civil penalty

Purpose

Imposes a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation on a school district or charter school that violates the requirements to display the U.S. flag, U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights and set aside time for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Background

Statute requires a school district or charter school to: 1) display a U.S. flag in each classroom and on or near the outside of a school building during school hours and any other time as directed by school authorities; 2) place a legible copy of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights adjacent to each 7th through 12th grade classroom's U.S. flag; 3) set aside a specific time each day for students who wish to recite the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag; and 4) set aside between one and two minutes at the beginning of each school day for a moment of silence. A displayed U.S. flag must be at least two feet by three feet and manufactured in the United States. Private schools, parochial schools and homeschools are exempt from these requirements ([A.R.S. § 15-506](#)).

Federal law prescribes requirements for the size, design and display of the U.S. flag, including time, occasion and position for display ([4 U.S.C. §§ 1-10](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Subjects, to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation, a school district or charter school that violates the statutory requirements to:
 - a) display a U.S. flag, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and
 - b) set aside time each day for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence as specified.
2. Requires the Attorney General to impose and collect the civil penalties.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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