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AN ACT

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

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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; moment of
6 silence; exemptions
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 TWELVE, set
22 aside a specific time each day for students who wish to recite the pledge
23 of allegiance to the United States flag. EACH STUDENT SHALL RECITE THE
24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG DURING THIS TIME. AT THE
25 REQUEST OF A STUDENT'S PARENT OR OF A STUDENT WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN
26 YEARS OF AGE, THE STUDENT SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS
27 PARAGRAPH.
28 6. For kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve, set
29 aside at least one minute but not more than two minutes at the beginning
30 of each school day for students to engage in a moment of silence during
31 which students may not interfere with other students' participation. A
32 teacher or other school employee may not suggest the nature of any
33 reflection in which a student may engage during the moment of silence.
34 Each teacher of a class in which a moment of silence occurs pursuant to
35 this paragraph shall encourage parents of students in the class to discuss
36 with their children how to best use the moment of silence required by this
37 paragraph.
38 B. Private schools, parochial schools and homeschools are exempt
39 from this section.