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Senate Bill 144 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require the board of a school district, local act school district, or intermediate school district, or the board of directors of a public school academy, to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was offered each school day to students in the public schools the board operated.

The bill also would permit a school board or board of directors, at its discretion, to provide that the Pledge of Allegiance and/or the National Anthem, as determined by the board, was offered at after-school events, including interscholastic athletic events, in at least grades nine to 12.

The bill specifies that a pupil could not be compelled, against his or her objections or those of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proposed MCL 380.1304

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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