

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 144

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  
8 district, or intermediate school district or board of directors  
9 of a public school academy may, at its discretion, provide that  
10 the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States or the  
11 national anthem, or both, as determined by the board or board of

1 directors, is offered at after-school events, including, but not  
2 limited to, interscholastic athletic events, in at least grades 9  
3 to 12.

4 (3) A pupil shall not be compelled, against the pupil's  
5 objections or those of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, to  
6 recite the pledge of allegiance.