

# SENATE BILL No. 144

February 4, 2003, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, GARCIA, SANBORN, JELINEK, BROWN, ALLEN, CROSEY, GOSCHKA and McMANUS and referred to the Committee on Education.

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 all of the  
4 following in the public schools it operates:

5           (a) That the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United  
6 States is offered each school day in at least grades 1 to 8.

7           (b) That the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United  
8 States is offered at all after-school events, including, but not  
9 limited to, all interscholastic athletic events, in at least  
10 grades 9 to 12.

11       (2) A pupil shall not be compelled, against the pupil's

- 1 objections or those of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, to
- 2 recite the pledge of allegiance.