

1 SB258
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3 By Senator Livingston
4 RFD: Education Policy
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to public K-12 education; to amend Section
12 16-43-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to require that the pledge of
13 allegiance to the United States flag be conducted at the
14 beginning of each school day.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. Section 16-43-5 of the Code of Alabama
17 1975, is amended to read as follows:

18 "§16-43-5.

19 "The State Board of Education shall afford pledge of
20 allegiance to the United States flag shall be conducted at the
21 beginning of each school day and all students attending public
22 kindergarten, primary, and secondary schools shall be given
23 the opportunity each school day to voluntarily recite the
24 pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

25 A student who refuses to recite the pledge of
26 allegiance may not be punished or penalized for that refusal.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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Yeas 33
Nays 0

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Secretary.