

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1143

By: Boggs, Standridge and  
Shortey of the Senate

and

Bennett, O'Donnell, Echols,  
Sanders and Turner of the  
House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-106, which relates to the United States Flag; requiring certain pledges to be recited in the public schools once every school week; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Pledge of allegiance to flags

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-106, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-106. A. The board of education of every school district in this state shall be required to own and display, either inside or outside each classroom building in the district, a United States Flag.

B. Instruction in the history and etiquette relating to the United States Flag shall be given in one or more grades in the schools in every school district in this state.

C. Students in all public schools are authorized to recite, at the beginning of each school day, the pledge of allegiance to the

flag of the United States of America as enumerated at 36 U.S.C., Section 172; however, they shall recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America once every school week. Each student shall be informed by posting a notice in a conspicuous place that students not wishing to participate in the pledge shall not be required to do so.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 29th day of April, 2014.

Anthony Jones  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2014.

Mike Fisher  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 30<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 20 14, at 4:42 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 6<sup>th</sup>

day of May, 20 14, at 2:10 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 6<sup>th</sup>

day of May, 20 14, at 2:46 o'clock P M.

By: Chit Benge