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HF 172

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that public schools and nonpublic schools cause
2 the pledge of allegiance to be recited at the beginning of
3 each school day.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 280.5, Code 2003, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 280.5 DISPLAY OF UNITED STATES FLAG AND IOWA STATE FLAG --
4 RECITATION OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

5 1. The board of directors of each public school district
6 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall
7 provide and maintain a suitable flagstaff on each school site
8 under its control, and the United States flag and the Iowa
9 state flag shall be raised on all school days when weather
10 conditions are suitable.

11 2. The board of directors of each public school and the
12 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall cause the
13 pledge of allegiance to be recited at the beginning of each
14 school day unless the authorities in charge of a nonpublic
15 school determine that this requirement conflicts with the
16 school's religious doctrines. Persons reciting the pledge of
17 allegiance shall stand holding their right hand over their
18 heart. A student shall not be compelled, against the
19 student's objections or those of the student's parent or
20 guardian, to recite the pledge of allegiance, but shall be
21 required to maintain a respectful silence.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill requires the board of directors of each public
24 school and the authorities in charge of each accredited
25 nonpublic school to cause the pledge of allegiance to be
26 recited at the beginning of each school day, unless the
27 requirement conflicts with the nonpublic school's religious
28 doctrines. Persons reciting the pledge of allegiance must
29 stand holding their right hand over their heart. A student
30 shall not be compelled against the student's objections, or
31 those of the student's parent or guardian, to recite the
32 pledge, but shall be required to maintain a respectful
33 silence.

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Description

Senate File 172 removes language from SF 348 (2002 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1124) that makes establishment of a Charter School Pilot Program conditional upon receipt of federal funding for the Program. The Bill directs the Department of Education to apply for a federal grant and initiate the Pilot Program testing the effectiveness of charter schools. The Bill is effective upon enactment.

Assumptions

1. The Department of Education did not receive federal funding for this Pilot Project in FY 2003 because implementation of the Program was contingent upon receipt of federal funding. This Bill corrects that issue.
2. This Program will not cause public school enrollments to change.
3. Ten districts will apply to establish charter schools.
4. The U.S. Department of Education will approve \$50,000 per school in planning grants and \$25,000 in technical support for the Department in FY 2004 and \$150,000 per school in implementation grants and \$75,000 in technical support for the Department in FY 2005.
5. The Department of Education will provide staffing to develop the grant application and to assist local school districts from available resources.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of SF 172 on the Department of Education is as follows:

	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Federal Funds	\$ 525,000	\$ 1,575,000
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Dept. of Education	\$ 25,000	\$ 75,000
Grants	500,000	1,500,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 525,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,575,000</u>
Net Impact	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Source

Department of Education

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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