HOUSE FILE 415
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 155)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 16, 2021)

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A BILL FOR

An Act requiring school districts and certain accredited nonpublic schools to [administer] the pledge of allegiance and to display the United States flag in the classroom during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

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

Section 1. Section 280.5, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

280.5 Display of United States flag and Iowa state flag — pledge of allegiance.

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

2. The board of directors of each public school district shall [administer] the pledge of allegiance in grades one through twelve each school day. Every accredited nonpublic school shall [administer] the pledge of allegiance in grades one through twelve unless the authorities in charge of the school determine that the requirement conflicts with the school's religious doctrines. Each classroom in which the pledge of allegiance is recited pursuant to this subsection shall display the United States flag during the recitation. A student shall not be compelled against the student's objections or those of the student's parent or guardian to recite the pledge.