

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 637

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1347 (MCL 380.1347).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1347. (1) ~~The~~ **FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING IT**  
2 **OPERATES, THE** board of each ~~A~~ school district shall purchase **OR**  
3 **POSSESS** a United States flag of a size of not less than 4 feet 2  
4 inches by 8 feet, flag staff, and the necessary appliances  
5 ~~therefor,~~ **FOR DISPLAYING THE FLAG UPON THE FLAG STAFF; SHALL ERECT**  
6 **THE FLAG STAFF ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING OR ON A CONSPICUOUS**  
7 **PLACE UPON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS;** and shall display the flag upon the  
8 **FLAG** staff ~~which shall be erected on each public school building or~~

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1 ~~on a conspicuous place upon the school grounds~~ at all times during  
2 school hours, inclement weather excepted, in which case the flag  
3 shall be prominently displayed within the school building.

4 (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), THE BOARD  
5 OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF  
6 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH PUPIL  
7 IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IT OPERATES IS REQUIRED TO RECITE THE PLEDGE  
8 OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES EACH SCHOOL DAY. IN  
9 ADDITION TO THE DISPLAY OF THE FLAG AT THE SCHOOL REQUIRED UNDER  
10 SUBSECTION (1), THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ENSURE THAT A  
11 UNITED STATES FLAG IS DISPLAYED IN EACH CLASSROOM OR OTHER  
12 INSTRUCTIONAL SITE IN WHICH PUPILS RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
13 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

14 (3) A PUPIL SHALL NOT BE COMPELLED, AGAINST THE PUPIL'S  
15 OBJECTIONS OR THOSE OF THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, TO  
16 RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

<<(4) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY, AND  
THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE OF A SCHOOL BUILDING, SHALL  
ENSURE THAT A PUPIL IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY PENALTY OR BULLYING AT  
SCHOOL AS A RESULT OF NOT RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.>>