

Legislative Analysis



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. FLAG

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House Bill 4934

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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4934 AS INTRODUCED 9-13-11

House Bill 4934 would amend the Revised School Code to require that every school board of a public school district and every board of directors of a charter school ensure that an opportunity to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States is offered each school day to all students in each public school it operates.

The bill specifies that a student would not be compelled to recite the pledge of allegiance against the student's objections, or against the objections of the student's parent or legal guardian.

The bill would also require that a U.S. flag be displayed in each classroom or other instructional site where the pledge of allegiance is offered to students. Currently, a school district is required under the law to display a U.S. flag (measuring at least 4 feet 2 inches by 8 feet in size) on a flag staff in a prominent and conspicuous place on each public school building or on a conspicuous place on the school grounds.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would impose additional costs on districts, intermediate districts, and public school academies to the extent that they would be required to acquire additional U.S. flags in order to have a flag available in each room where the pledge is to be recited.

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