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H.B. No. 1811

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring public school teachers to recite pledges of
3 allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 25.082(b) and (c), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The board of trustees of each school district shall
8 require students and teachers, once during each school day at each
9 school in the district, to recite:

10 (1) the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag
11 in accordance with 4 U.S.C. Section 4, and its subsequent
12 amendments; and

13 (2) the pledge of allegiance to the state flag in
14 accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 3100, Government Code.

15 (c) A [~~On written request from a student's parent or~~
16 ~~guardian, a~~] school district shall excuse [~~the student~~] from
17 reciting a pledge of allegiance under Subsection (b):

18 (1) a student if the student's parent or guardian
19 provides a written request; or

20 (2) a teacher if the teacher provides a written
21 request.

22 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
23 school year.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.