

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0204

Patriotism in the classroom.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gay

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public schools; requiring a flag to be
2 displayed in each classroom as specified; requiring the
3 pledge of allegiance to be recited as specified; providing
4 for enforcement by a mandamus action; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (xxx) is amended to read:

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12 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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14 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
15 shall:

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1 (xxx) Ensure that the United States flag is
2 displayed in each classroom within the district. The size
3 of the flag in each classroom shall be at least three (3)
4 feet by five (5) feet. The board shall ensure that no
5 other flag or banner is displayed higher in a classroom
6 than the United States flag. The board of trustees shall
7 require the pledge of allegiance of the United States to be
8 recited during the first class or period of the day in each
9 classroom in the district. The district shall establish a
10 policy which provides for students that do not wish to
11 recite the pledge of allegiance to exit the classroom
12 during the time that the pledge is being recited. Any
13 school district resident may by writ of mandamus or other
14 suit require or compel the school district board to comply
15 with the requirements of this paragraph, and in such event
16 the district shall pay all costs and legal expenses of a
17 petitioner successful in obtaining such writ.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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21 (END)