

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 582

October 18, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, MUSSER, JESKEWITZ, FREESE, WALKER, GUNDERSON, AINSWORTH, SUDER, URBAN, GUNDRUM and KRAWCZYK, cosponsored by Senators ZIEN, WELCH and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.06 (2); and *to create* 121.006 (3) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the requirement to offer the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem in
3 school.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires every public and private school to offer the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem in grades one to 12 each school day. This bill provides that, if a school offers the national anthem, it must offer both the music and the words. The bill also directs the state superintendent of public instruction to withhold state aid from any school district that violates these requirements.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.06 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is
5 amended to read:

6 118.06 **(2)** Every public school shall offer the pledge of allegiance or the national
7 anthem in grades one to 12 each school day. Every private school shall offer the
8 pledge of allegiance or the national anthem in grades one to 12 each school day unless

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1 the governing body of the private school determines that the requirement conflicts
2 with the school's religious doctrines. If a school offers the national anthem, it shall
3 offer both the music and the words. No pupil may be compelled, against the pupil's
4 objections or those of the pupil's parents or guardian, to recite the pledge or to sing
5 the anthem.

6 **SECTION 2.** 121.006 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

7 121.006 **(3)** The state superintendent shall withhold state aid under this
8 chapter from any school district that violates the requirement under s. 118.06 (2).

9 **(END)**