



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 343

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1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 118.06 (1); *to amend* 118.06 (title) and 118.06
2 (2); and *to create* 118.06 (1) (b) and 118.06 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
3 display of the U.S. flag and offering of the pledge of allegiance or the national
4 anthem in public and private schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, every school board and the governing body of every private school must display the U.S. flag in the schoolroom or on a flagstaff located on school grounds. Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, this bill requires, instead, that the flag be displayed in every public and private school classroom.

Currently, every public and private school must offer the pledge of allegiance in grades one to eight at the beginning of school at least one day per week. However, no pupil may be compelled to recite the pledge. This bill requires that the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem be offered in grades one to 12 each school day. No pupil may be compelled to recite the pledge or sing the anthem.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 118.06 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 343**SECTION 1**

1 **118.06 (title) Flag and, pledge of allegiance, and national anthem.**

2 **SECTION 2.** 118.06 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 118.06 (1) (a) and amended
3 to read:

4 118.06 (1) (a) Every school board and the governing body of every private school
5 shall cause the U.S. flag to be displayed in the schoolroom or from a flagstaff on each
6 school ground during the school hours of each school day. This paragraph does not
7 apply beginning in the 2005-06 school year.

8 **SECTION 3.** 118.06 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 118.06 (1) (b) Beginning in the 2005-06 school year, every school board and the
10 governing body of every private school shall cause the U.S. flag to be displayed in
11 every classroom during the school hours of each school day.

12 **SECTION 4.** 118.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.06 (2) Every public and private school shall offer the pledge of allegiance
14 or the national anthem in grades one to 8 ~~at the beginning of 12 each~~ school at least
15 ~~one day per week~~. No pupil may be compelled, against the pupil's objections or those
16 of the pupil's parents or guardian, to recite the pledge or to sing the anthem.

17 **SECTION 5.** 118.06 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

18 118.06 (3) The requirements under subs. (1) and (2) do not apply to a private
19 school if the governing body of that private school determines that those
20 requirements conflict with the school's religious doctrines.

21 (END)