

House Bill 2632

Sponsored by Representatives BARKER, FLORES, NELSON; Representatives BOQUIST, BRUUN, CAMERON, ESQUIVEL, KRIEGER, MINNIS, RICHARDSON, SCHAUFLE, P SMITH, WHISNANT, Senators ATKINSON, AVAKIAN, DEVLIN, FERRIOLI, G GEORGE, KRUSE, STARR (at the request of Mac MacDonald, United Veterans Groups of Oregon)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires school districts to give students opportunity to salute United States flag each school day by reciting pledge of allegiance.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to pledge of allegiance; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.875; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.875 is amended to read:

6 339.875. (1) Each district school board shall:

7 (a) Procure a United States flag and an Oregon State flag of suitable sizes and shall cause such
8 flags to be displayed upon or near each public school building during school hours, except in un-
9 suitable weather, and at such other times as the board deems proper.

10 (b) Provide students with the opportunity to salute the United States flag at least once each
11 *[week of the]* school *[year]* **day** by reciting: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
12 America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
13 and justice for all."

14 (2) Students who do not participate in the salute provided for by this section must maintain a
15 respectful silence during the salute.

16 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 339.875 by section 1 of this 2007 Act first apply to
17 the 2007-2008 school year.

18 **SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
20 July 1, 2007.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.