

1 **As Amended by House Committee**

2 *Session of 2001*

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4 **HOUSE BILL No. 2411**

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6 By Representatives Cook, Dahl, Howell, Huebert, Huy, Kauffman, Light-
7 ner, P. Long, Mason, Mayans, McClure, McCreary, McLeland, Mer-
8 rick, Miller, Judy Morrison, Myers, Novascone, Osborne, Ostmeyer,
9 Palmer, Patterson, Pauls, T. Powell, Thimesch, Vickrey, Weber and
10 D. Williams

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14 AN ACT concerning public schools; relating to programs of patriotic ex-
15 ercises; amending K.S.A. 72-5308 and repealing the existing section.

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17 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

18 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-5308 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
19 5308. ~~It shall be the duty of~~ The state board of education ~~to~~ shall prepare
20 for the use of the public schools **and accredited nonpublic schools** a
21 program providing for patriotic exercises as may be deemed by ~~it~~ the state
22 board to be ~~expedient~~ appropriate, under such instructions as may best
23 meet the varied requirements of the different grades in such schools. The
24 program of patriotic observation ~~of every school district~~ shall include a
25 daily recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States
26 of America *and a daily recitation of the following excerpt from the Dec-*
27 *laration of Independence:*

28 *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,*
29 *that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,*
30 *that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to*
31 *secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their*
32 *just powers from the consent of the governed..."*

33 ~~It~~ The state board of education also shall ~~also~~ make provision for the
34 observance in public schools of Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday,
35 Memorial day, and Flag day, and such other legal holidays of like char-
36 acter as may be designated by law.

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-5308 is hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
39 publication in the statute book.

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