

By the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Senators Fasano, Webster and Cowin

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to display of flags in the public school system; amending s. 1000.06, F.S.; requiring that the flag of the United States be displayed in each classroom; providing for the purchase or donation of such flags; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1000.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1000.06 Display of flags.--

(1) Every public K-20 educational institution that is provided or authorized by the Constitution and laws of Florida shall display daily the flag of the United States and the official flag of Florida when the weather permits upon one building or on a suitable flagstaff upon the grounds of each public postsecondary educational institution and upon every district school board building or grounds except when the institution or school is closed for vacation, provided that, if two or more buildings are located on the same or on adjacent sites, one flag may be displayed for the entire group of buildings.

(2) Every public K-20 educational institution and every educational institution providing postgraduate or professional programs which is provided or authorized by the Constitution and laws of this state shall display daily in each classroom the flag of the United States. The flag must be made of cloth, be at least 2 feet by 3 feet, and be properly displayed in a suitable location in the classroom. Every

1 community college, state university, and educational
2 institution that provides postgraduate or professional
3 programs shall purchase, using student activity and service
4 fees, a sufficient number of flags and necessary display
5 hardware to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Labor to
6 install such flags shall be the responsibility of each
7 educational institution and shall be paid for using funds,
8 other than student activity and service fees, from that
9 institution. All other educational institutions shall
10 purchase, using funds from that institution, the necessary
11 number of flags to carry out the purpose of this subsection,
12 after seeking donations of such flags from local veterans'
13 associations. Each institution shall comply with the
14 requirements for this subsection prior to July 1, 2005.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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17 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
19 Senate Bill 612

20 The committee substitute clarifies that the flag must be made
21 of cloth rather than a display of a picture of a flag or some
22 other rendition. Student activity and service fees are to be
23 used for the purchase of the flags and the necessary display
24 hardware. The actual installation of the flags would be the
25 responsibility of the educational institution. A time period
26 is added to the bill to mandate that the provisions of the
27 bill be satisfied prior to July 1, 2005.
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