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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/14/2023	.	
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Collins) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 256.045, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

256.045 Improper display of flag; governmental agencies,
local governments, or other units of local government.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "governmental
entity" means this state or a political subdivision thereof,



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11 including, but not limited to, a county, a district or special
12 district, or a municipality, including, but not limited to, an
13 agency, an authority, a bureau, a commission, a department, or a
14 division, a district or a region thereof, whether executive,
15 judicial, or legislative, or a public school, the Board of
16 Governors, a Florida College System institution, a state
17 university, or an associated board.

18 (2) A governmental entity and its officers and employees
19 may expose to public view only the following flags in and on the
20 grounds of public buildings and other public properties:

21 (a) The flag of the United States.

22 (b) The state flag.

23 (c) The flag of the United Nations.

24 (d) The POW-MIA flag.

25 (e) The flags of foreign nations.

26 (f) The flags that represent the branches of the United
27 States Armed Forces and the Florida National Guard.

28 (g) The flags of Florida's counties.

29 (h) The flags of Florida's municipalities.

30 (i) The flags of Florida's public universities and
31 colleges.

32 (j) The flag of the Confederate States.

33 (k) Flags indicating beach warnings.

34 (l) The flag of the Olympics.

35 (3) The restrictions in subsection (2) may not be construed
36 to restrict a citizen's right to display a flag in a traditional
37 public forum.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Delete everything before the enacting clause

43 and insert:

44 A bill to be entitled

45 An act relating to flags; creating s. 256.045, F.S.;

46 defining the term "governmental entity"; specifying

47 that a governmental entity may expose only certain

48 flags to public view in and on the grounds of public

49 buildings and properties; providing construction;

50 providing an effective date.