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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Martin) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 23 - 43

and insert:

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) "Governmental entity" means a governmental agency, a local government, or another unit of local government and includes public schools, public colleges, and public universities.

(b) "Veteran" means a person who is an active or former



11 member of the United States Armed Forces or Coast Guard,
12 including reserve components.

13 (2) (a) A governmental entity may not erect or display a
14 flag that represents a political viewpoint, including, but not
15 limited to, a politically partisan, racial, sexual orientation
16 and gender, or political ideology viewpoint. The governmental
17 entity must remain neutral when representing political
18 viewpoints in displaying or erecting a flag.

19 (b) This subsection does not limit the ability of:

20 1. A private individual to express private speech or
21 viewpoints or exercise rights protected by the First Amendment
22 to the United States Constitution.

23 2. A governmental entity to display or erect a flag
24 required or authorized by general law.

25 (3) A governmental entity that displays the United States
26 flag must display the United States flag in a prominent position
27 that is superior to any other flag that is also displayed.

28 (4) A veteran may, at any time, use reasonable force to
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31 And the title is amended as follows:

32 Delete lines 4 - 11

33 and insert:

34 defining terms; prohibiting certain governmental
35 entities from erecting or displaying certain flags;
36 requiring governmental entities to remain neutral in
37 certain circumstances; providing applicability;
38 requiring certain governmental entities to display the
39 United States flag in a certain position; authorizing



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