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LLS NO. 03-1216.01 Stephen Miller

HOUSE BILL 03-1368

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT OF A DAILY RECITATION OF THE**
102 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires every classroom in each public elementary, middle, junior high, and high school in the state of Colorado to begin each school day with the teacher and students reciting aloud the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Clarifies that the requirement should not be construed to require a recitation of the pledge either by a teacher or student who objects on religious grounds, or by a foreign student attending school in Colorado.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.

Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-1-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **22-1-106. Information as to honor and use of flag.** (1) The
5 commissioner of education shall provide the necessary instruction and
6 information so that all teachers in the grade and high schools in the state
7 of Colorado may teach the pupils therein the proper respect of the flag of
8 the United States, to honor and properly salute the flag when passing in
9 parade, and to properly use the flag in decorating and displaying.

10 (2) (a) THE TEACHER AND STUDENTS IN EACH CLASSROOM IN EACH
11 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, AND HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
12 STATE OF COLORADO SHALL BEGIN EACH SCHOOL DAY BY RECITING ALOUD
13 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
14 AMERICA.

15 (b) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
16 REQUIRE A TEACHER OR A STUDENT TO RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
17 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) IF THE TEACHER OR
18 STUDENT OBJECTS TO THE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE ON RELIGIOUS
19 GROUNDS.

20 (c) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
21 REQUIRE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND ARE
22 ATTENDING SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF COLORADO TO RECITE THE PLEDGE
23 OF ALLEGIANCE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).

24 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
25 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
26 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting

1 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
2 constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act
3 or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,
4 item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the
5 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
6 governor.