

Senate Bill 523

By: Senators Beatty of the 47th, Johnson of the 1st, Lamutt of the 21st, Balfour of the 9th, Stephens of the 51st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-310 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 student directory information, registering to vote and registering with selective service, and  
3 the pledge of allegiance, so as to require the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the  
4 national flag in schools each morning; to provide that local boards of education may establish  
5 additional times for reciting such pledge; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-310 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student  
9 directory information, registering to vote and registering with selective service, and the  
10 pledge of allegiance, is amended by striking in its entirety paragraph (1) of subsection (c) and  
11 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(1) Each student in the public schools of this state shall be afforded the opportunity to  
13 recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during each  
14 school day. ~~It shall be the duty of each local board of education to establish a policy setting~~  
15 ~~the time and manner for~~ In each public school classroom, the teacher in charge of each  
16 class or grouping of students shall, at the opening of school upon every school day, lead  
17 or designate a student or other person to lead, all students who wish to participate in the  
18 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Such Each local board of education may establish  
19 additional times for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and such policy shall be  
20 established in writing and shall be distributed to each teacher within the school."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.