

Senate Bill 518

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Hawkins of the 49th,
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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require a study of the
pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Georgia flag as a part of the
required studies regarding American institutions and ideals; to provide for related matters;
to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of
subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses, as follows:

"(a)(1) All elementary and secondary schools which receive in any manner funds from
the state shall provide the following course offerings in the manner and at the grade level
prescribed by the State Board of Education in its quality core curriculum:

(A) A course of study in the background, history, and development of the federal and
state governments and a study of Georgia county and municipal governments; and

(B) A course of study in the history of the United States and in the history of Georgia
and in the essentials of the United States and Georgia Constitutions, including the study
of American institutions and ideals which shall include a study of the Pledge of
Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Georgia flag in addition to other
institutions and ideals."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.