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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires rather than authorizes all public schools to provide students with the opportunity to recite the pledge of allegiance as a group.

Present law, relative to the recitation of the pledge of allegiance in public schools, allows individual schools to decide whether to permit group recitation. If group recitation is authorized, present law requires that it occur at the commencement of the first class of each day.

Proposed law requires, rather than authorizes, that students be given an opportunity for group recitation of the pledge. Requires that the opportunity be provided at the beginning of each school day and requires that students be encouraged to exhibit respectful behavior toward others during the recitation.

Proposed law changes reference to the pledge from the pledge of allegiance to the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

(Amends R.S. 17:2115 and 2117(A)(7); Adds R.S. 17:2117.1)