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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 499**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 171.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to reciting the pledge of allegiance in schools.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 171.021, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 171.021, to read as follows:

171.021. 1. Every school in this state which is supported in whole or in part by public moneys, during the hours while school is in session, shall display in some prominent place either upon the outside of the school building or upon a pole erected in the school yard the flag of the United States of America.

2. Every school in this state which is supported in whole or in part by public moneys shall ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America is recited **in the English language** in at least one scheduled class of every pupil enrolled in that school no less often than once per [week] **school day**. **Flags of the United States of America for display in individual classrooms may be provided by voluntary donation by any person**. No student shall be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.