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School districts, community schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) schools may incur minimal costs to adopt a policy that establishes the time and manner for the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Many districts and schools may already set aside time for the daily recitation of the Pledge. Those that do not may incur minimal costs to modify their policy; make it publicly available, including posting the policy to its website; and, if necessary, adjust school schedules to allow time for the recitation of the Pledge. Current law already requires the display of the American flag at all public and private school buildings.¹ Some districts or schools may choose to purchase additional physical flags, but this is not required by the bill. The bill also encourages, but does not require, the development and incorporation of lessons on the Pledge and the American flag. Districts and schools choosing to do so may incur permissive costs associated with purchasing, printing, or distributing instructional materials.

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¹ R.C. 3313.80.