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A BILL

To amend section 3313.602 of the Revised Code to	1
enact the Transparency in Pledge of Allegiance	2
"T.I.P.A." Act to require each school district	3
to post its Pledge of Allegiance policy.	4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3313.602 of the Revised Code be	5
amended to read as follows:	6
Sec. 3313.602. (A) The board of education of each city,	7
local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district	8
shall adopt a policy specifying whether or not oral recitation	9
of the pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be a part of the	10
school's program and, if so, establishing a time and manner for	11
the recitation. However, no board of education shall prohibit a	12
classroom teacher from providing in the teacher's classroom	13
reasonable periods of time for the oral recitation of the pledge	14
of allegiance to the flag. The policy adopted under this	15
division, and a teacher who includes recitation of the pledge in	16
the classroom, shall not require any student to participate in	17
the recitation and shall prohibit the intimidation of any	18

participation. 20 Each district board shall make its policy adopted under 21 this division publicly available. Each district board shall post 22 its policy on its publicly accessible web site, if it has one. 23 No board of education or employee of a city, local, 24 exempted village, or joint vocational school district shall 25 alter the words used in the oral recitation of the pledge of 26 allegiance to the flag from the words set forth in 4 U.S.C. 4. 27 (B) In the development of its graded course of study, the 28 board of education of each city and exempted village school 29 district and the governing board of each educational service 30 center shall ensure that the principles of democracy and ethics 31 are emphasized and discussed wherever appropriate in all parts 32 of the curriculum for grades kindergarten through twelve. 33 (C) Each city, local, exempted village, and joint 34 vocational school board shall adopt policies that encourage all 35 certificated and noncertificated employees to be cognizant of 36 their roles in instilling ethical principles and democratic 37 ideals in all district pupils. 38 (D) The board of education of each city, local, joint 39 vocational, chartered community, and exempted village school 40 district, and the Cleveland scholarship and tutoring program, 41 shall require each district school to devote time on or about 42 Veterans' day to an observance that conveys the meaning and 43 significance of that day. The amount of time each school devotes 44 to this observance shall be at least one hour or, in schools 45 that schedule class periods of less than one hour, at least one 46

standard class period. The board shall determine the specific

student by other students or staff aimed at coercing

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activities to constitute the observance in each school in the	48
district after consultation with the school's administrators.	49
Section 2. That existing section 3313.602 of the Revised	50
Code is hereby repealed.	51
Section 3. This act shall be known as the Transparency in	52
Pledge of Allegiance or "T.I.P.A." Act.	53