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HB 1035 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires local school boards to require students in grades four through six to recite a specified passage from the Declaration of Independence at the commencement of the first class of each day.

<u>Present law</u> requires local school boards to permit school authorities to allow an opportunity, at the start of each school day, for students and teachers desiring to do so to observe a brief time in prayer or meditation. Also requires local school boards to permit school authorities to allow an opportunity at the commencement of the first class of each day in all grades and in all public schools for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires local school boards to require students in grades four through six to recite a specified passage from the Declaration of Independence at the commencement of the first class of each day.

(Adds R.S. 17:2115(C))