Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$3/26/03	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 2388
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5	By: Representatives Medley,	Harris, Fite, Matayo, Anderson, C. Taylor, Ro	oebuck, House, P. Bookout,
6	Biggs, Norton, S. Prater, Dickinson, Hutchinson, L. Evans, Bright, Bennett, Rosenbaum, Key, Jacobs,		
7	Gillespie, Bledsoe, Scroggin, I	Berry	
8	By: Senator Altes		
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11	For An Act To Be Entitled		
12	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF		
13	ALLEGIAN	ICE BY ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS;	AND FOR
14	OTHER PU	RPOSES.	
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16		Subtitle	
17	AN AC	T TO REQUIRE THE RECITATION OF TH	ΙE
18	PLEDG	E OF ALLEGIANCE BY ALL PUBLIC	
19	SCHOO	DL STUDENTS.	
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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24	SECTION 1. <u>(a)</u>	The State Board of Education sha	<u>ll adopt a policy to</u>
25	require that public scl	hool students in grades Kindergar	<u>ten through twelve (K-</u>
26	<u>12) participate in a da</u>	aily recitation of the Pledge of A	Allegiance during the
27	first class of each scl	hool day.	
28	(b) The policy s	shall:	
29	<u>(1) Requir</u>	re that at the time designated for	<u>r the recitation of</u>
30	the Pledge of Allegiand	ce, students shall stand and reci	<u>te the Pledge of</u>
31	Allegiance while facing	g the flag with their right hands	over their hearts or
32	in an appropriate salute if in uniform;		
33	<u>(2)(A)</u> Pro	ovide that no student shall be con	mpelled to recite the
34	Pledge of Allegiance is	f the student or the student's par	rent or legal guardian
35	objects to the student's participating in the exercise on religious,		
36	philosophical, or other	r grounds.	



1	(B) Students who are exempt from reciting the Pledge of		
2	Allegiance under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, shall be required to		
3	remain quietly standing or sitting at their desks while others recite the		
4	<u>Pledge of Allegiance;</u>		
5	(3)(A) Provide that teachers or other school staff who have		
6	religious, philosophical, or other grounds for objecting are exempt from		
7	leading or participating in the exercise.		
8	(B) If a teacher chooses not to lead the Pledge of		
9	Allegiance, the policy shall require that another suitable person shall be		
10	designated either by the teacher or principal to lead the class; and		
11	(4) Require the school to provide appropriate accommodations for		
12	students, teachers, or other staff who are unable to comply with the		
13	procedures described in this section due to disability.		
14	/s/ Medley		
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