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Senator Evers moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (620160) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 3499 and 3500  
5 insert:

6           Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 1003.44, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8           1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.—

9           (1) Each district school board may adopt rules to require,  
10 in all of the schools of the district, programs of a patriotic  
11 nature to encourage greater respect for the government of the



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12 United States and its national anthem and flag, subject always  
13 to other existing pertinent laws of the United States or of the  
14 state. When the national anthem is played, students and all  
15 civilians shall stand at attention, men removing the headdress,  
16 except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes. The  
17 pledge of allegiance to the flag, "I pledge allegiance to the  
18 flag of the United States of America and to the republic for  
19 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty  
20 and justice for all," shall be rendered by students standing  
21 with the right hand over the heart. The pledge of allegiance to  
22 the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each  
23 public elementary, middle, and high school in the state. Each  
24 student shall be informed by a written notice published in the  
25 student handbook or a similar publication pursuant to s.  
26 1006.07(2) ~~posting a notice in a conspicuous place~~ that the  
27 student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge.  
28 Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be  
29 excused from reciting the pledge. When the pledge is given,  
30 civilians must show full respect to the flag by standing at  
31 attention, men removing the headdress, except when such  
32 headdress is worn for religious purposes, as provided by Pub. L.  
33 ch. 77-435, s. 7, approved June 22, 1942, 56 Stat. 377, as  
34 amended by Pub. L. ch. 77-806, 56 Stat. 1074, approved December  
35 22, 1942.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39       Between lines 3805 and 3806

40 insert:



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41 amending s. 1003.44, F.S.; requiring a written notice  
42 of a student's right not to participate in the pledge  
43 of allegiance to be included in a specific  
44 publication;