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SYNOPSIS

Requires public bodies under Open Public Meetings Act to display U.S. flag and recite Pledge of Allegiance at beginning of meeting.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on May 23, 2016, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the
2 meetings of certain public bodies and supplementing P.L.1975,
3 c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. A United States flag shall be displayed in the room in which
9 a public body covered by the provisions of the "Senator Byron M.
10 Baer Open Public Meetings Act," P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et
11 seq.), meets. At the commencement of every meeting of a public
12 body, the person presiding ¹, or a person designated by the person
13 presiding,¹ shall lead those persons present in a recitation of the
14 following pledge of allegiance to the flag: "I pledge allegiance to
15 the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for
16 which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and
17 justice for all."
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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted May 23, 2016.