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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 21 (Delegate Amedori, *et al.*)  
Ways and Means

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**County Boards of Education - Recitation of the American's Creed**

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This joint resolution urges local boards of education to encourage the students and teachers in their schools to stand at least once per week and recite the American's Creed.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Schools that choose to recite the American's Creed could do so without incurring additional costs.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Students and teachers are required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, although a student or teacher may be excused from the requirement. Local boards of education may provide for other patriotic exercises they consider appropriate.

**Background:** The American's Creed was written by William Tyler Page in 1917 using passages and phrases from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, and President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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