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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. J. Miller and Richardson

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### SUMMARY

- Designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the symbol of Ohio's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all fallen service members and their families.
- Requires the flag to be displayed on Memorial Day at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Honor and Remember Flag; designation and display

The bill designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the symbol of Ohio's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering United States armed forces service members who have lost their lives while serving or as a result of service, and to honoring and remembering the families of fallen service members. The bill requires the flag be displayed at the Statehouse in Columbus on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May. Compliance may be achieved by starting the flag's display during normal business hours on a workday before Memorial Day, and ending the display during normal business hours on a workday following that day.<sup>1</sup>

The bill also acknowledges the General Assembly's encouragement of the display of the flag during normal business hours at any public building in Ohio and at any location during a military memorial service.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 9.51(A), (C), and (D).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 9.51(B).

## Design elements of the flag

The Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom; the flag's white field and border recognizes the purity of that sacrifice; the flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I; the flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the life given; the flag's folded flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen service member and a family's sacrifice; and the flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed.<sup>3</sup>

## Display protocol

When displayed from the same halyard or staff, the Honor and Remember Flag should fly below, and be not larger than, the United States flag. When displayed from adjacent staffs, the United States flag should always be placed to the right of other flags. When three or more flags are displayed from the same halyard or staff, the Honor and Remember Flag should always be positioned below all others.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

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Introduced	11-12-19
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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 9.51(A).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 9.51(E).