

1 AN ACT relating to the display of the national motto in public schools.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.195 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1) (a) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, local boards shall require each**
5 **public elementary and secondary school to display the national motto of the**
6 **United States, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in the school.**
7 **(b) The display required in paragraph (a) of this subsection may take the form**
8 **of, but is not limited to, a mounted plaque or student artwork.**
9 **(c) For purposes of this section, "prominent location" means a school**
10 **entryway cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see the**
11 **national motto.**

12 **(2)** Local boards may allow any teacher or administrator in a public school district of
13 the Commonwealth to read or post in a public school building, classroom, or event
14 any excerpts or portions of: the national motto; the national anthem; the pledge of
15 allegiance; the preamble to the Kentucky Constitution; the Declaration of
16 Independence; the Mayflower Compact; the writings, speeches, documents, and
17 proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of the United States; United
18 States Supreme Court decisions; and acts of the United States Congress including
19 the published text of the Congressional Record. There shall be no content-based
20 censorship of American history or heritage in the Commonwealth based on religious
21 references in these writings, documents, and records.