

HOUSE BILL No. 2476

By Representatives Capps, Bergquist, Blex, Collins, Donohoe, Dove, Garber, Helmer, Houser, Howard, Rhiley, Seiwert and Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning the national motto; relating to the display thereof in
2 public buildings.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) If sufficient funds are available pursuant to subsection
6 (c), each school district superintendent, chief administrative officer of a
7 public postsecondary educational institution and chief administrative
8 officer of a state or municipal building, or the respective designee of each
9 such officer, shall prominently display in a conspicuous place a durable
10 poster or framed image of the national motto in accordance with
11 subsection (b). Such displays shall be located in each:

- 12 (1) Public elementary and secondary school library and classroom;
13 (2) public postsecondary educational institution; and
14 (3) state or municipal building.

15 (b) (1) The display required under subsection (a) shall contain:

- 16 (A) The national motto of the United States: "In God We Trust";
17 (B) an accurate representation of the flag of the United States; and
18 (C) an accurate representation of the flag of the state of Kansas.

19 (2) The national motto shall be displayed in a large font size on an
20 easily readable poster or framed image that is at least 11 inches wide by 14
21 inches high, and shall be the central focus of such display.

22 (c) Displays required by this section shall be donated or shall be
23 purchased by the respective state or municipal agency solely with funds
24 made available through voluntary contributions to such state or municipal
25 agency or to the department of administration.

26 (d) As used in this section:

27 (1) The terms "municipality" and "municipal" are interchangeable
28 and mean the same as the term "municipality" is defined in K.S.A. 75-
29 6102, and amendments thereto, but do not include school districts or
30 postsecondary educational institutions;

31 (2) "postsecondary educational institution" means the same as that
32 term is defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto;

33 (3) "school district" means a unified school district organized and
34 operated under the laws of this state;

35 (4) "state" means the same as that term is defined in K.S.A. 75-6102,

1 and amendments thereto; and

2 (5) "state or municipal building" means a building owned or leased
3 by the state or a municipality. It does not include a building owned by the
4 state or a municipality that is leased by a private entity, whether for profit
5 or not-for-profit, or a building held in title by the state or a municipality
6 solely for reasons of revenue bond financing.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.