



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 640

SENATE BILL NO. 2661

By Bailey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2368

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the National Motto in the Classroom Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

49-6-8401. This part shall be known and may be cited as the "National Motto in the Classroom Act."

49-6-8402.

(a) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, an LEA shall require all schools within the LEA to display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in each school.

(b) The display required in subsection (a) may take the form of, but is not limited to, a mounted plaque or student artwork.

(c) For purposes of this section, "prominent location" means a school entry way, cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see the national motto display.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter.

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PASSED: March 19, 2018


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR