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HOUSE BILL 1980

By: Representative Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DISPLAY
OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES, "IN GOD
WE TRUST"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*THE NATIONAL MOTTO, "IN GOD WE TRUST",
DISPLAY ACT.*

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:*

"1-4-133. Display of national motto.

*(a)(1) If funds under subsection (b) of this section are available,
local school superintendents of the public schools in this state and the
administrative officials of state agencies shall place a durable poster or
framed copy representing:*

*(A) The national motto of the United States, "In God We
Trust";*

*(B) An accurate representation of the United States flag,
which shall be centered under the national motto; and*

(C) An accurate representation of the Arkansas state flag.

*(2) The materials in subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be
displayed in each:*

*(A) Public elementary and secondary school library and
classroom in this state; and*

(B) Public building or facility in this state that is



maintained or operated by state funds.

(b) The copies or posters authorized under this section shall either be donated or shall be purchased solely with funds made available through voluntary contributions to the local school boards or the Building Authority Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

/s/Dotson

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