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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1654

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## 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

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE  
UNITED STATES, "IN GOD WE TRUST".

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-4-133 is amended 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, local building administrators, or chief administrators of the public schools in this state, or institutions of higher education, or their respective designees, and the administrative officials of state agencies, or their respective designees, shall prominently display in a conspicuous place in a location described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section a durable poster or framed copy containing:

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

(ii) The national motto shall:

(a) Be easily readable on a poster or framed copy of at least eleven inches by fourteen inches (11" x 14");

(b) Be the central focus of the poster or



framed copy; and

(c) Be displayed in a large font size;

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

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

(2) The durable posters or framed copies donated or purchased under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be displayed in each:

(A) Public institution of higher education and 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~~ taxpayer 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, local building governing entity, or the Building Authority Division.

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