

**CHAPTER 82****( HB 46 )**

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

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

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

- (1)
  - (a) *Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, local boards shall require each public elementary and secondary school to display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in the school.*
  - (b) *The display required in paragraph (a) of this subsection 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 entryway, cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see the national motto.*
- (2) Local boards may allow any teacher or administrator in a public school district of the Commonwealth to read or post in a public school building, classroom, or event any excerpts or portions of: the national motto; the national anthem; the pledge of allegiance; the preamble to the Kentucky Constitution; the Declaration of Independence; the Mayflower Compact; the writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of the United States; United States Supreme Court decisions; and acts of the United States Congress including the published text of the Congressional Record. There shall be no content-based censorship of American history or heritage in the Commonwealth based on religious references in these writings, documents, and records.

**Signed by Governor March 25, 2019.**