

1 AN ACT relating to the Ten Commandments in public schools.

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

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

- 4 (1) (a) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, local boards shall require each
5 public elementary and secondary school to display the national motto of the
6 United States, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in the school.
- 7 (b) The display required in paragraph (a) of this subsection may take the form of
8 but is not limited to a mounted plaque or student artwork.
- 9 (c) For purposes of this section, "prominent location" means a school entryway,
10 cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see the national motto.
- 11 (2) Local boards may allow any teacher or administrator in a public school district of
12 the Commonwealth to read or post in a public school building, classroom, or event
13 any excerpts or portions of: the national motto; the national anthem; the pledge of
14 allegiance; the preamble to the Kentucky Constitution; the Declaration of
15 Independence; the Mayflower Compact; ***the Ten Commandments***; the writings,
16 speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of
17 the United States; United States Supreme Court decisions; and acts of the United
18 States Congress including the published text of the Congressional Record. There
19 shall be no content-based censorship of American history or heritage in the
20 Commonwealth based on religious references in these writings, documents, and
21 records.