

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) Local boards shall require each public elementary and secondary school to
5 display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," in a
6 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 (2) As used in this section, "prominent location" means a school entryway, cafeteria, or
10 common area where students are likely to see an item on display.

11 (3) 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.

22 (4) Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, local boards shall require each public
23 school building that contains instructional space for students in grades six (6)
24 through twelve (12) to conspicuously display in a prominent location, in both
25 English and Spanish, a printed abstract of KRS 339.210 to 339.450, a list of the
26 limited or prohibited occupations for minors, and a notice stating the working hours
27 per day for each day of the week permissible for minors to work. The same

1 information or display shall also be posted on a district's or school's website.