HOUSE BILL No. 2152

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning education; requiring the display of the national motto in public schools, colleges and universities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) If sufficient funds are available pursuant to subsection (c), each school district superintendent and chief administrative officer of a public postsecondary educational institution shall prominently display in a conspicuous place a durable poster or framed image of the national motto in accordance with subsection (b). Such displays shall be located in each:

- (1) Public elementary and secondary school building; and
- (2) public postsecondary educational institution building.
- (b) (1) The display required under subsection (a) shall contain:
- (A) The national motto of the United States: "In God We Trust";
- (B) an accurate representation of the flag of the United States; and
- (C) an accurate representation of the flag of the state of Kansas.
- (2) The national motto shall be displayed in a large font size on an easily readable poster or framed image that is at least 11 inches wide by 14 inches high and shall be the central focus of such display.
- (c) Displays required by this section shall be donated or shall be purchased by the respective school district or postsecondary educational institution solely with funds made available through voluntary contributions to such school district or postsecondary educational institution.
 - (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "Postecondary educational institution" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) "school district" means a unified school district organized and operated under the laws of this state.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.