

By Senator Wise

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public schools; amending s.  
3           233.062, F.S.; directing the superintendent of  
4           schools to provide for the display of the motto  
5           "IN GOD WE TRUST" in classrooms and other areas  
6           in public schools; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Section 233.062, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12           233.062 Permitting study of the Bible and religion;  
13 permitting brief meditation period; display of motto.--

14           (1) The school board may install in the public schools  
15 in the district a secular program of education including, but  
16 not limited to, an objective study of the Bible and of  
17 religion.

18           (2) The school board may provide that a brief period,  
19 not to exceed 2 minutes, for the purpose of silent prayer or  
20 meditation be set aside at the start of each school day or  
21 each school week in the public schools in the district.

22           (3) The superintendent of schools in each school  
23 district shall provide for the display in each classroom,  
24 school auditorium, and school cafeteria under his or her  
25 supervision, the motto of the United States of America: "IN  
26 GOD WE TRUST" on an appropriately framed background with  
27 minimum dimensions of 11 inches by 14 inches. As used in this  
28 paragraph, the term "classroom" means any room in a public  
29 school where instruction takes place.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
31 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Directs the superintendent of schools in each school district to provide for the display of the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" in classrooms and other areas in public school buildings.