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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public K-12 educational instruction;
amending s. 1003.45, F.S.; directing each district school
superintendent to provide for the display of the motto "IN
GOD WE TRUST" in a prominent location in public schools;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.45, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

1003.45 Permitting study of the Bible and religion;
permitting brief meditation period; requiring display of
motto.--

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

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

(3) Each district school superintendent shall provide for
the display in a prominent location in each school under his or
her supervision of the motto of the United States of America,
"IN GOD WE TRUST," on an appropriately framed background with
minimum dimensions of 11 inches by 14 inches.

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