

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to religious and patriotic expression
3 in the public school system; amending s. 1002.205,
4 F.S.; requiring specified information to be provided
5 to certain persons relating to religious expression
6 and liberties in public schools; amending s. 1003.44,
7 F.S.; revising requirements for the display of the
8 state motto, "In God We Trust," in certain schools and
9 buildings; providing an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1. Section 1002.205, Florida Statutes, is amended**
14 **to read:**

15 1002.205 Guidelines on religious expression;
16 distribution.—The Department of Education shall each year
17 distribute for informational purposes to all district school
18 board members, district school superintendents, school
19 principals, and teachers the entire "Guidance guidelines on
20 Constitutionally Protected Prayer and "Religious Expression in
21 Public Elementary and Secondary Schools" published by the United
22 States Department of Education, as updated from time to time,
23 and the model policy required by the Florida Student and School
24 Personnel Religious Liberties Act in s. 1002.206(6).

25 **Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 1003.44, Florida**

26 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

27 1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.—

28 (4) Each district school board shall adopt rules to
29 require, in all of the schools of the district and in each
30 building used by the district school board, the display of the
31 state motto, "In God We Trust," designated under s. 15.0301, in
32 a clearly visible location and public area of the school which
33 is readily accessible to and widely used by students and in a
34 clearly visible location and public area of each building used
35 by the district school board ~~conspicuous place.~~

36 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.