

**By** the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and  
Senators Burgess, Yarborough, and Gaetz

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

14           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1003.44, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.-

17 (4) Each district school board shall adopt rules to  
18 require, in all of the schools of the district and in each  
19 building used by the district school board:

20       (a) The display of the state motto, "In God We Trust,"  
21 designated under s. 15.0301, in a conspicuous place at each  
22 public school in the district and in each building used by the  
23 district school board.

24       (b) Subject to legislative appropriation, the display of  
25 portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in a  
26 conspicuous place at each public school in the district. The  
27 Department of Education shall select the portraits and make them  
28 available to each school district.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.