

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

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to patriotic displays at public  
3           schools; amending s. 1003.44, F.S.; requiring, subject  
4           to legislative appropriation, each district school  
5           board to adopt rules to require the display of  
6           portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln at  
7           each public school in the district; requiring the  
8           Department of Education to select the portraits and  
9           make them available to each school district; providing  
10          an effective date.

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

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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.