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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of the national motto in public school and  
institution of higher education classrooms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1.004, Education Code, is amended by  
adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A classroom teacher at a public elementary or secondary  
school or a teacher or professor at an institution of higher  
education as defined by Section 61.003 may not be prohibited from  
displaying in a classroom a poster or framed copy of the national  
motto that meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2023.