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H.B. No. 219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the display of the United States national motto in
3 public elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Education Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 1.004 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1.004. DISPLAY OF NATIONAL MOTTO. A public elementary
9 or secondary school or an institution of higher education as
10 defined by Section 61.003 may display the United States national
11 motto, "In God We Trust," on an appropriately framed background of
12 at least 11 inches by 14 inches in each classroom, auditorium, and
13 cafeteria.

14 SECTION 2. Section 1.004, Education Code, as added by this
15 Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.