

1-1 By: Hope, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 219  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2003;  
1-3 April 28, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the display of the United States national motto in  
1-9 public elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher  
1-10 education.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Education Code, is amended by adding  
1-13 Section 1.004 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 1.004. DISPLAY OF NATIONAL MOTTO. A public elementary  
1-15 or secondary school or an institution of higher education as  
1-16 defined by Section 61.003 may display the United States national  
1-17 motto, "In God We Trust," in each classroom, auditorium, and  
1-18 cafeteria.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 1.004, Education Code, as added by this  
1-20 Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

1-21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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