

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2012 was passed by the House on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2012 was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor