

1-1 By: King, et al. S.B. No. 10  
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 1-3 February 11, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education K-16; March 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1, one present not voting; March 5, 2025, sent  
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public school  
 1-23 classrooms.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Education Code, is amended by adding  
 1-26 Section 1.0041 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 1.0041. DISPLAY OF TEN COMMANDMENTS. (a) Subject to  
 1-28 Subsection (e), a public elementary or secondary school shall  
 1-29 display in a conspicuous place in each classroom of the school a  
 1-30 durable poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments that meets the  
 1-31 requirements of Subsection (b).

1-32 (b) A poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments  
 1-33 described by Subsection (a) must:

1-34 (1) include only the text of the Ten Commandments as  
 1-35 provided by Subsection (c) in a size and typeface that is legible to  
 1-36 a person with average vision from anywhere in the classroom in which  
 1-37 the poster or framed copy is displayed; and

1-38 (2) be at least 16 inches wide and 20 inches tall.

1-39 (c) The text of the poster or framed copy of the Ten  
 1-40 Commandments described by Subsection (a) must read as follows:

1-41 "The Ten Commandments

1-42 I AM the LORD thy God.

1-43 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

1-44 Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.

1-45 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

1-46 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

1-47 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the  
 1-48 land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

1-49 Thou shalt not kill.

1-50 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

1-51 Thou shalt not steal.

1-52 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

1-53 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

1-54 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor  
 1-55 his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy  
 1-56 neighbor's."

1-57 (d) A public elementary or secondary school in which each  
 1-58 classroom does not include a poster or framed copy of the Ten  
 1-59 Commandments as required by Subsection (a) must:

1-60 (1) accept any offer of a privately donated poster or  
 1-61 framed copy of the Ten Commandments provided that the poster or

2-1 copy:  
 2-2 (A) meets the requirements of Subsection (b); and  
 2-3 (B) does not contain any additional content; and  
 2-4 (2) display the poster or framed copy as specified in  
 2-5 Subsection (a).  
 2-6 (e) A public elementary or secondary school in which each  
 2-7 classroom does not include a poster or framed copy of the Ten  
 2-8 Commandments as required by Subsection (a) may, but is not required  
 2-9 to, purchase posters or copies that meet the requirements of  
 2-10 Subsection (b) using district funds.  
 2-11 (f) Notwithstanding any other law, a public elementary or  
 2-12 secondary school is not exempt from this section.  
 2-13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
 2-14 school year.  
 2-15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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