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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1654

5 By: Representatives Dotson, Penzo
6 By: Senator B. Ballinger
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DISPLAY
10 OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES, "IN GOD
11 WE TRUST"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
16 DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE
17 UNITED STATES, "IN GOD WE TRUST".
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-4-133 is amended to read as follows:

23 1-4-133. Display of national motto.

24 (a)(1) If funds under subsection (b) of this section are available,
25 local school superintendents, local building administrators, or chief
26 administrators of the public schools in this state, or institutions of higher
27 education, or their respective designees, and the administrative officials of
28 state agencies, or their respective designees, shall prominently display in a
29 conspicuous place in a location described in subdivision (a)(2) of this
30 section a durable poster or framed copy containing:

31 (A)(i) The national motto of the United States, "In God We
32 Trust".

33 (ii) The national motto shall:

34 (a) Be easily readable on a poster or framed
35 copy of at least eleven inches by fourteen inches (11" x 14");

36 (b) Be the central focus of the poster or



1 framed copy; and

2 (c) Be displayed in a large font size;

3 (B) An accurate representation of the United States flag,
4 which shall be under the national motto; and

5 (C) An accurate representation of the Arkansas state flag
6 or flags.

7 (2) The durable posters or framed copies donated or purchased
8 under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be displayed in each:

9 (A) Public institution of higher education and elementary
10 and secondary school library and classroom in this state; and

11 (B) Public building or facility in this state that is
12 maintained or operated by ~~state~~ taxpayer funds.

13 (b) The copies or posters authorized under this section shall either
14 be donated or shall be purchased solely with funds made available through
15 voluntary contributions to the local school boards, local building governing
16 entity, or the Building Authority Division.

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