

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1048

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An Act relating to schools; authorizing certain historical documents to be posted; allowing religious materials in such documents; prohibiting certain censorship; authorizing the posting of the national motto "In God We Trust"; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-106.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any teacher, administrator, or local school board in any public school district in this state may post in a public school building, classroom or at any school event material from any historical document or writing relating to the founding of the United States of America or this state, or both, notwithstanding the fact that such materials may include religious quotations, references, or illustrations. There shall be no content-based censorship of American or Oklahoma history, heritage, or culture based on any religious references contained in such documents, writings, or records.

B. Principals and teachers in each public elementary and secondary school of each school district in this state may display in each classroom, school auditorium, and school cafeteria under their supervision the following motto of the United States of America: "IN GOD WE TRUST". For purposes of this section,

"classroom" means any room of a public school where instruction takes place.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

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