

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1756 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Scott Martin \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1756

By: Martin (Scott)

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 4,  
9 Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
10 24-106.1), which relates to classroom displays of the  
11 United States of America motto; allowing principals  
12 and teachers to utilize certain documents and  
13 material in public schools and at events; listing  
14 certain documents and material; prohibiting school  
15 districts from limiting certain instruction because  
16 of religious references; limiting use of materials to  
17 educational purposes; providing an effective date;  
18 and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 197, O.S.L.  
21 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 24-106.1), is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 Section 24-106.1 A. Principals and teachers in each public  
24 ~~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

1 States of America: "E PLURIBUS UNUM (Out of Many One)" and "IN GOD  
2 WE TRUST". For purposes of this ~~section~~ subsection, "classroom"  
3 means any room of a public school where instruction takes place.

4 B. Each school district in the state shall permit a principal  
5 or teacher to utilize in a public school building, classroom, or at  
6 any public school event any excerpts or portions of the documents,  
7 writings, speeches, proclamations, or records relating to the  
8 history, heritage, or foundation of the United States or the State  
9 of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, the:

- 10 1. Mayflower Compact;
- 11 2. Declaration of Independence;
- 12 3. Constitutions of the United States and the State of  
13 Oklahoma;
- 14 4. Federalist Papers;
- 15 5. Pledge of Allegiance;
- 16 6. National anthem;
- 17 7. Presidential records and speeches;
- 18 8. Acts and published records of Congress; and
- 19 9. United States Supreme Court decisions and records.

20 C. School districts shall not limit or restrain instruction in  
21 American or Oklahoma state history or heritage based on religious  
22 references in documents, writings, speeches, proclamations, or the  
23 materials described in subsection B of this section. These and any  
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1 other materials shall be used for educational purposes only and not  
2 to establish or promote any religion.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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