

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2317

By: Cleveland, Walker, Condit,
Ritze, Kern, Bennett,
Roberts (Dustin), Turner,
Blackwell, Fisher, Nollan,
Hulbert and Russ of the
House

5 and

6 Boggs and Dahm of the
7 Senate

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10 An Act relating to schools; authorizing a school
11 district to educate about traditional winter
12 celebrations; allowing staff and students to offer
13 traditional greetings; providing certain examples;
14 authorizing a school district to make certain
15 displays; listing certain requirements; prohibiting
16 inclusion of certain messages; providing for
17 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-156 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. A school district may educate students about the history of
23 traditional winter celebrations, and allow students and district
24 staff to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations,
including:

1. Merry Christmas;

2. Happy Hanukkah; and

3. Happy holidays.

B. Except as provided by subsection C of this section, a school district may display on school property scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations, including a menorah or a Christmas image such as a nativity scene or Christmas tree, if the display includes a scene or symbol of:

1. More than one religion; or

2. One religion and at least one secular scene or symbol.

C. A display relating to a traditional winter celebration shall not include a message that endorses, favors, disfavors or encourages adherence to a particular religious or nonreligious faith, belief or perspective.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2014.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the day of , 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate