

House Bill 1617

By: Representatives Smith of the 169th, Mosley of the 171st, Boggs of the 168th, Byrd of the 170th, Tillman of the 173rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-3-4.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 school superintendents and administrative officials authorized to display copies of national
3 motto and American and Georgia flags in certain places, so as to require the prominent
4 display of the national motto in all governmental buildings and public schools, colleges, and
5 universities in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 50-3-4.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school
10 superintendents and administrative officials authorized to display copies of national motto
11 and American and Georgia flags in certain places, is amended by striking the Code section
12 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 50-3-4.1 to read as follows:
13 "50-3-4.1.

14 (a) The national motto of the United States, 'In God We Trust,' shall be prominently
15 displayed in all public elementary and secondary schools in this state, in all public colleges
16 and universities in this state, and in each governmental building or facility in this state.

17 ~~(a)~~(b) Local school superintendents of the public schools in this state and the appropriate
18 administrative officials of the various institutions and agencies of this state, provided that
19 sufficient funds or the items themselves are available as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~(c) of
20 this Code section, are authorized to place a durable poster or framed copy representing the
21 following which may be displayed in each public elementary and secondary school library
22 and classroom in this state and in each public building or facility in this state which is
23 maintained or operated by state funds:

24 (1) Our national motto, 'In God We Trust';

25 (2) A true and correct representation of the American flag, which shall be centered under
26 the national motto; and

1 (3) A true and correct representation of the Georgia state flag.
2 ~~(b)~~(c) The copies or posters authorized by this Code section shall either be donated or shall
3 be purchased solely with funds made available through voluntary contributions to the local
4 school boards in the case of displays in public schools or to the Georgia Building Authority
5 in the case of displays in state buildings and facilities."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.