

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to patriotic displays in classrooms;
3 amending s. 1003.44, F.S.; requiring each district
4 school board to adopt rules to require the display of
5 portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in
6 certain classrooms; requiring the Department of
7 Education to select the portraits and make them
8 available to each school district; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1003.44, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.—

16 (4) Each district school board shall adopt rules to
17 require, in all of the schools of the district and in each
18 building used by the district school board:7

19 (a) The display of the state motto, "In God We Trust,"
20 designated under s. 15.0301, in a conspicuous place.

21 (b) The display of portraits of George Washington and
22 Abraham Lincoln in a conspicuous place in each classroom that is
23 primarily used for social studies instruction, and in each
24 kindergarten through grade 5 classroom. The department shall
25 select the portraits and make them available to each school
26 district.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.