

SENATE BILL NO. 224

BY SENATORS BARROW, MILKOVICH AND PEACOCK

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:262(A), relative to public schools; to require instruction on
3 the patriotic customs of the United States, including the national motto; to require
4 each public school governing authority to display the national motto in each building
5 it uses and in each school under its jurisdiction; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:262(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §262. Flag **and patriotic customs** of the United States; required instruction

9 A. ~~(1) Not later than the 2000-2001 school year, a~~ A program of instruction
10 on the flag of the United States of America shall be provided to students by the fifth
11 grade as part of the social studies curriculum in the public elementary schools of this
12 state. Such instruction, at a minimum, shall include the history of the American flag,
13 etiquette, customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag, and such other
14 patriotic ~~exercises~~ **customs** as provided by and in accordance with the provisions of
15 36 U.S.C. 170 et seq. on patriotic customs.

16 **(2) Not later than the 2019-2020 school year, the program of instruction**
17 **on patriotic customs required by this Section shall include instruction on the**
18 **national motto, "In God We Trust", and each public school governing authority**
19 **shall display the national motto in each building it uses and in each school under**
20 **its jurisdiction. The nature of the display shall be determined by each governing**
21 **authority with a minimum requirement of a paper sign.**

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23 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
24 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____