

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 676 (HB 71)

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K-12 Classrooms

New law requires each public school governing authority to display the Ten Commandments in each classroom in each school under its jurisdiction no later than Jan. 1, 2025. Includes charter schools. Further requires the display of a context statement titled "The History of the Ten Commandments in American Public Education" with such displays.

New law authorizes the display of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, and the Northwest Ordinance with such displays.

New law requires governing authorities to either accept donated displays or to spend donated funds to purchase displays. Requires the state Dept. of Education to identify resources to comply with new law and list such resources on its website.

New law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of new law.

Postsecondary Education Classrooms

New law requires each public postsecondary education management board to require the display of the Ten Commandments in each classroom in each institution under its jurisdiction no later than Jan. 1, 2025.

New law authorizes management boards and institutions to either accept donated displays or to spend donated funds to purchase displays.

All Classrooms

New law requires that displays of the Ten Commandments:

- (1) Be displayed on a poster or framed document that is at least 11 inches by 14 inches.
- (2) Be the central focus of the poster or framed document.
- (3) Be printed in a large, easily readable font.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 19, 2024).

(Adds R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82))