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## ALLOW DISPLAY OF NATIONAL MOTTO

House Bill 5091

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Ehardt

Committee: House Oversight and  
Operations

Complete to 9-28-01

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5091 AS INTRODUCED 9-25-01

The bill would create a new act to allow a state agency or a unit of local government to place the national motto “In God We Trust” in a public building owned or occupied by that agency or unit.

Under the bill, “state agency” is defined to mean a department, board, commission, office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government, and also would include a state institution of higher education. “Unit of local government” would mean a political subdivision of the state, if the political subdivision has as its primary purpose the providing of local government service for citizens in a geographically limited area of the state, and has the power to act primarily on behalf of that area. A unit of local government would specifically include a school district, community college district, intermediate school district, public school academy, city, village, township, county, and authority.

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