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House Bill 5091 (Substitute S-4 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Representative Stephen Ehardt  
House Committee: House Oversight and Operations  
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would create a new act to state, "This state strongly encourages each state agency and unit of local government to exercise their constitutional ability to place the national motto 'In God We Trust' in or on public buildings or land owned or occupied by that state agency or unit of local government."

Under the bill, "state agency" would mean a department, board, commission, office, agency, authority, or other unit of State government, including a State institution of higher education. "Unit of local government" would mean a political subdivision of the State, including a school district, community college district, intermediate school district, public school academy, city, village, township, county, and authority, if the political subdivision had as its primary purpose the provision of local governmental service for citizens in a geographically limited area of the State and had the power to act primarily on behalf of that area.

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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