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HB 71 Reengrossed

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Horton

Abstract: Requires display of the Ten Commandments in every elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education classroom

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each school governing authority to display the Ten Commandments in each building it uses and in each classroom in each school under its jurisdiction.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires such display in every classroom in public schools, including charter schools; nonpublic schools that receive state funds; and on public and nonpublic postsecondary education institution campuses.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes governing authorities, management boards, and institutions to accept donated displays and to spend funds, including donated funds, to purchase displays. Public funds are not required to be used to purchase displays.

Proposed law requires that 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 or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require the display of the Ten Commandments in every classroom in nonpublic schools that receive state funds and in every classroom in nonpublic postsecondary education institutions.