

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 71****2024 Regular Session****Horton**

SCHOOLS: Requires the display of the Ten Commandments in schools

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes requirement for the display of the Ten Commandments in nonpublic schools and nonpublic postsecondary education institutions.
2. Removes requirement for the display of the Ten Commandments in buildings that are not schools that public school governing authorities use.
3. Requires a context statement to be displayed with the displays of the Ten Commandments in public schools.
4. Authorizes public schools to display the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, and the Northwest Ordinance.
5. Removes authorization to use public funds to purchase displays.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority to display the Ten Commandments in each classroom in each school under its jurisdiction.

Proposed law applies to charter schools and public postsecondary education institutions. Further requires the display of a context statement with the display of the Ten Commandments in K-12 public schools.

Proposed law authorizes the display of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, and the Northwest Ordinance in K-12 public schools.

Proposed law requires governing authorities, management boards, and institutions to either accept donated displays or to spend donated funds 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))