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SENATE BILL NO. 608

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Rerras)

Senate Amendments in [] — February 12, 2002

A BILL to require the posting of certain statement in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *Posting of certain statement in the public schools.*

All school boards in Virginia shall prominently post the statement "In God We [Trust", the national motto, enacted by Congress in 1956, Trust, the National Motto, enacted by Congress in 1956",] in a conspicuous place in each of their schools for all students to read.

The Office of the Attorney General shall intervene on behalf of local school boards and shall provide legal defense of the provisions of this section.

2. That school boards, at their discretion, may accept contributions in cash or in-kind from any person, as defined in § 1-13.19, to defray the costs of implementing this provision.

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