

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6819
BILL NUMBER: HB 1231

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2024
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Display of the Ten Commandments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Prescott
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires each school corporation to place a durable poster or framed picture representing the text of the Ten Commandments in each school library and classroom.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary* – School districts will need to purchase or create displays meeting the requirements of this bill. Costs for procuring these items could range from \$20 to \$60 per classroom and library for laminated posters or more for framed pictures.

Additional Information – The bill specifies that implementation of the display of the Ten Commandments as directed by the bill is subject to IC 36-1-16-2, which stipulates that such a display shall be “along with other documents of historical significance that have formed and influenced the United States legal or governmental system.” Such displays would likely include documents such as the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, or the preamble to the US Constitution. Some of those documents or similar documents of historical significance would need to be presented in a fashion similar to the displayed Ten Commandments. Costs for such displays would vary according to their size and construction and could be defrayed if materials are donated.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Public schools.

Information Sources: <https://nccs.net/products/us-constitution-poster;>

<https://youngandrefined.com/products/american-founding-documents-laminated-3-pack-us-constitution-declaration-of-independence-and-bill-of-rights>.

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