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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring display of national motto in school buildings;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124E.03, subdivision 2;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[121A.12] NATIONAL MOTTO.**

1.7 (a) To the extent funds are available, a school board must provide a durable poster or
1.8 framed copy of the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," for display in
1.9 each school building in the district. A school board may accept nonpublic funds or in-kind
1.10 contributions to implement this section.

1.11 (b) In the event the display of the national motto is challenged in court, the Office of
1.12 the Attorney General must defend the display. The school and school board shall be held
1.13 harmless for complying with this section.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124E.03, subdivision 2, is amended
1.15 to read:

1.16 Subd. 2. **Certain federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall
1.17 meet all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

1.18 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing standards
1.19 and assessments in chapter 120B.

1.20 (c) A charter school must comply with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law, sections
1.21 123B.34 to 123B.39.

2.1 (d) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

2.2 (e) A charter school must comply with the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under
2.3 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

2.4 (f) A charter school and charter school board of directors must comply with chapter 181
2.5 governing requirements for employment.

2.6 (g) A charter school must comply with continuing truant notification under section
2.7 260A.03.

2.8 (h) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and peer review
2.9 process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to (13), and place
2.10 students in classrooms in accordance with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (d).
2.11 The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional employment
2.12 rights for teachers.

2.13 (i) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent with
2.14 section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and strive for
2.15 the world's best workforce.

2.16 (j) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act,
2.17 sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

2.18 (k) A charter school must comply with the national motto requirement under section
2.19 121A.12.