2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1105

**AMENDMENT 1105B
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1   **An Act to require the display of the state <u>seal or</u> motto in public school classrooms.**

2   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3   **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-24:**

4   <u>The administrator of a public school shall display the state seal or the motto of this</u>

5   <u>state, as established in S.D. Const., Art. XXI, § 1, in a prominent location in each</u>

6   <u>classroom in the school. The display of the state seal or motto may take the form of a</u>

7   <u>mounted plaque, student artwork, or any other form deemed appropriate by the</u>

8   <u>administrator</u>, ~~provided that the text of~~.

9   <u>If the administrator displays</u> <u>the motto</u> ~~is~~ <u>of this state, the text of the motto must</u>

10   <u>be</u> easily readable and the ~~motto is~~ <u>display must be</u> at least twelve inches wide by eight

11   inches high. <u>If the administrator displays the state seal, the display must be at least twelve</u>

12   <u>inches wide by twelve inches high.</u>

13   **Section 2. That § 13-24-24 be AMENDED:**

14   **13-24-24.** For any lawsuit brought or any complaint filed against a school district,

15   an employee of a school district, the board of a school district, or a member thereof<u>,</u> as a

16   result of a school district displaying the national motto of the United States in accordance

17   with § 13-24-23 <u>or the state seal or motto of this state in accordance with section 1 of</u>

18   <u>this Act</u>, the attorney general ~~shall~~ <u>must</u> provide legal representation<u>,</u> at no cost to the

19   school district, employee, school board, or member of the school board.

20   In addition to the expenses of representation, the state shall assume financial

21   responsibility for any other <u>expenses</u> related ~~expense~~ <u>to the lawsuit or complaint</u> incurred

22   by the school district, an employee, the board, or member thereof, including any award

23   for monetary damages, attorney's fees, and costs for which the school district, an

24   employee, the board, or a member thereof<u>,</u> would be otherwise responsible.