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HOUSE BILL **69**

AN ACT relative to the authority of schools to display the national and state mottos.

SPONSORS: Rep. True, Rock. 4; Rep. Abramson, Rock. 37; Rep. Greene, Hills. 37; Rep. Piemonte, Rock. 4; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 35; Rep. Folsom, Graf. 11

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the state of New Hampshire or any political subdivision from restricting a school from displaying the national or state motto.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 161:1 New Section; State and National Mottos. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 17-a
2 the following new section:

3 189:17-b Authority of Schools to Display the National and State Mottos. Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law to the contrary, no power or authority of the state of New Hampshire, or any
5 political subdivision thereof, shall in any way restrict, or be construed to restrict, the authority of
6 any school or school district to display the national motto, "In God We Trust," or the state motto,
7 "Live Free or Die," in any school building.

 161:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 30, 2021

Effective Date: September 28, 2021