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**REVISED NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Stafford  
Sen. Cairns

**Bill Status:** Senate SVMA

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE REQUIRED DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE STATE.

### **Summary of Assessment**

This reengrossed bill directs the chief administrative officer of any public building that is under the authority and control of an institution supported by the state, or of any public school, to display the national motto, "In God We Trust", followed by "The National Motto of the United States of America" on the second line of the display. This requirement would apply to each public building and each public school classroom in Colorado, so long as the display has been donated. The requirement would not apply to any structure that does not contain classrooms or offices that are open for business with the public, or that is designated primarily for maintenance or for vehicle parking. No more than one display per classroom or public building is required. The motto display must be engraved on a plaque made of permanent, nonporous material such as wood, plastic, stone, or metal plate, or framed in a glass-encased picture frame. The bill requires that the display shall be 10 inches by 14 inches and displayed in a manner as to be easily read by the average person from a distance of 20 feet.

The requirement to display the national motto in appropriate locations is assessed as having no fiscal impact on the state, school districts, or other local governments, so long as the display has been donated for that purpose. The bill will become effective September 4, 2003, unless a referendum petition is filed.

### **Departments Contacted**

All Departments