

God Back in Schools? Lawmakers Fight to Display Ten Commandments Nationwide!

Republican legislators in more than a dozen states have introduced bills calling for the display of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms. The movement gained momentum after Louisiana became the first state in the modern era to mandate such displays.

Adam Althouse, a Texas parent, believes his 16-year-old son Dylan and other students would benefit from seeing the Ten Commandments daily in their classrooms.

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"They can look at it," Althouse said. "They could go home and ask their parents, 'What does this mean? Should I covet the neighbor's wife?' It puts a thought in their mind."

Texas is among at least 14 states where legislators aim to reintroduce Christian principles in public schools. Jonathan Saenz, an attorney with Texas Values who helped draft the Texas bill, said the display would help students understand historical and cultural foundations.

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"Posting the Ten Commandments in our public school classrooms allows students to have an understanding and an appreciation for our heritage, for systems of law and the connection of the Ten Commandments to Western civilization," Saenz said.

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Saenz added that recent election results show voters support such measures.

“We’re confident this is what voters want,” he said. “They want to make sure we preserve our values, teach about these things in our public schools and get back to basics.”

Lawmakers pushing these bills are encouraged by recent political shifts and Supreme Court rulings that have opened the door to more religious expression in schools.

“God is mentioned in the Declaration of Independence. It’s on our money, in songs like ‘God Bless America,’ in our literature, and in our pledge to the flag,” said Montana State Sen. Keith Regier. “Why would we not mention God in our schools? The courts need to understand that by removing God, they are replacing it with nothing.”

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