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A bill for an act

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relating to education; requiring the display of the Ten Commandments in school

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classrooms; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

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Section 1. [121A.12] DISPLAY OF TEN COMMANDMENTS.

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(a) A public elementary or secondary school shall display in a conspicuous place in each

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classroom of the school a durable poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments that

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meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

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(b) A poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments must:

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(1) include the text of the Ten Commandments as provided by paragraph (c) in a size

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and typeface that is legible to a person with average vision from anywhere in the classroom

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in which the poster or framed copy is displayed; and

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(2) be at least 16 inches wide and 20 inches tall.

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(c) The text of the poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments must read as follows:

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"The Ten Commandments

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I AM the LORD thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.

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Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

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Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

2.1 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the
2.2 Lord thy God giveth thee.

2.3 Thou shalt not kill.

2.4 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

2.5 Thou shalt not steal.

2.6 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

2.7 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor
2.8 his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

2.9 (d) A public elementary or secondary school in which each classroom does not include
2.10 a poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments must:

2.11 (1) accept any offer of a privately donated poster or framed copy of the Ten
2.12 Commandments provided that the poster or copy meets the requirements of paragraph (b)
2.13 and does not contain any additional content; and

2.14 (2) display the poster or framed copy as required under paragraph (a).

2.15 (e) A public elementary or secondary school displaying a poster or framed copy of the
2.16 Ten Commandments in any classroom that does not meet the requirements of paragraph
2.17 (b) may replace the poster or copy with one that meets the requirements of paragraph (b)
2.18 using public funds or by accepting a private donation.

2.19 (f) A public elementary or secondary school must offer a poster or framed copy of the
2.20 Ten Commandments in the school's possession that is not needed for display in a classroom
2.21 as a donation to another public elementary or secondary school.