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House Bill 5091 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Stephen Ehardt  
House Committee: House Oversight and Operations  
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would create a new act to allow a State agency or unit of local government to place the national motto "In God We Trust" in a public building owned or occupied by that agency or unit.

Under the bill, "state agency" would mean a department, board, commission, office, agency, authority, or other unit of State government, including a State institution of higher education. "Unit of local government" would mean a political subdivision of the State, including school districts, community college districts, intermediate school districts, public school academies, cities, villages, townships, counties, and authorities, if the political subdivision had as its primary purpose the provision of local governmental service for citizens in a geographically limited area of the State and had the power to act primarily on behalf of that area.

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: J. Runnels

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