

HB 696 -- TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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This bill states it will allow school districts to educate students about the history of traditional winter and spring celebrations and allow students and district staff to offer traditional greetings regarding the celebrations.

A school district may display on school property scenes and symbols associated with traditional winter and spring celebrations, including a menorah or a Christmas image such as a nativity scene or Christmas tree, if the display includes a scene or symbol of more than one religion or one religion and at least one secular scene or symbol.

Any scene or symbol relating to a traditional winter or spring celebration must be displayed in a manner so as not to violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.