



HOUSE BILL No. 5352

February 15, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Garcia, Bishop, Martinez, Mans, Vander Roest and Gosselin and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1165.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1165. (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR, THE
2 BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD
3 OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY'S CURRICULUM FOR
5 GRADES K TO 12 INCLUDES A PROGRAM IN CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. THE
6 PROGRAM SHALL BE THE SAME AS OR SIMILAR TO THE CHARACTER COUNTS
7 PROGRAM OR THE CHARACTER FIRST! EDUCATION SERIES, SHALL BE SECU-
8 LAR IN NATURE, AND SHALL STRESS SUCH CHARACTER QUALITIES AS
9 ATTENTIVENESS, PATIENCE, AND INITIATIVE.

10 (2) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2000, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
11 DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ACT SCHOOL

1 DISTRICT, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY 1 OR MORE MODEL PROGRAMS
2 MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) THAT MAY BE ADOPTED
3 AND IMPLEMENTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.