



HOUSE BILL No. 5748

May 9, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Neumann, Lockwood, Rivet, Spade and Pestka 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC
3 SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT ITS CURRICULUM AT EACH GRADE
4 LEVEL INCLUDES AGE-APPROPRIATE CHARACTER TRAINING FOCUSING ON
5 RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, AND CARING FOR OTHERS. THIS
6 TRAINING SHALL BE SECULAR IN NATURE AND SHALL BE INTEGRATED INTO
7 THE CURRICULUM AS A WHOLE RATHER THAN PRESENTED AS A SEPARATE
8 CLASS OR SUBJECT.

9 (2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC
10 SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ADDRESS CHARACTER TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN ITS
11 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF.

1 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE TO SCHOOL
2 DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES
3 FOR THE CHARACTER TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.