

SENATE BILL No. 613

July 11, 2001, Introduced by Senators GARCIA, SHUGARS, GOSCHKA, BENNETT and SIKKEMA 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) NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2001, THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
3 AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES 1 OR MORE MODEL PROGRAMS MEETING THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2) THAT MAY BE ADOPTED AND IMPLE-
5 MENTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (2).

6 (2) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DIS-
7 TRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS ENCOUR-
8 AGED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR
9 PUPILS IN EACH GRADE LEVEL IT OPERATES. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
10 APPLY TO THIS CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

1 (A) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE SECULAR IN
2 NATURE.

3 (B) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHALL TEACH CORE ETHI-
4 CAL VALUES AND CHARACTER QUALITIES SUCH AS HONESTY, FAIRNESS,
5 KINDNESS, COURTESY, COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY,
6 RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS, RESPECT FOR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS,
7 AND SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO THE COMMUNITY.

8 (C) THE CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO
9 ENCOURAGE EACH PUPIL TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE, CONTRIBUTING MEMBER
10 OF SOCIETY.

11 (D) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE INCORPORAT-
12 ED, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, INTO EACH SCHOOL'S REGULAR CURRICULUM
13 AND CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

14 (E) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE INTEGRATED
15 INTO EACH SCHOOL'S PROCEDURES AND ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL
16 CLIMATE THAT PROMOTES POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS.