

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1765

By: Newport, Deutschendorf and
Easley of the House

and

Crutchfield and Williams of
the Senate

An Act relating to schools; authorizing the local school boards to develop and make available character education programs; making available certain assistance; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.229-6 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The local school boards of the school districts of this state may develop and implement, at the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year, a comprehensive program for character education in grades kindergarten through sixth. This program of character education shall focus on students' development of character traits, the kind and manner found in available curriculum. The program of character education may include, but shall not be limited to, the voluntary reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The State Board of Education shall be available to all school districts with necessary technical assistance.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 5th day of April, 1999.

President of the Senate