

1 to, the voluntary reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
2 of the United States of America.

3 B. The State Board of Education shall develop and make
4 available to all school districts through an Internet web site, the
5 following:

6 1. Technical assistance upon request of a school district;

7 2. A list of character education programs, curricula, and
8 materials which may be used by school districts;

9 3. A character education honor roll that will recognize school
10 districts that have successfully implemented a comprehensive school-
11 district-wide program of character education and will highlight the
12 positive impacts the program has had on each school or school
13 district; and

14 4. A character education reading list of books that may
15 include, but is not limited to, books that illustrate models of good
16 character and books that relate to the development of good character
17 traits that may be used by schools in a character education program.

18 C. Subject to the availability of funding, the State Board of
19 Education may award grants to ten school districts for the
20 establishment of pilot projects which will implement a comprehensive
21 character education program in the school district. The amount of
22 each grant shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The projects
23 shall be innovative programs that will serve as models for other
24 school districts. Funding may cover the cost of purchasing

1 curriculum, materials, or training teachers. The Board shall
2 determine pilot project criteria and establish a process for the
3 consideration of proposals. The proposals for pilot projects shall
4 be considered on a statewide competitive basis. The Board shall
5 promulgate rules for the operation of the projects.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

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

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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/12/2013
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