

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2052

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1210.229-6, which relates to programs of
9 character education; deleting obsolete language;
10 modifying grades in which character education
11 programs may be offered; providing an effective date;
12 and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.229-6,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1210.229-6 A. The board of education of every school
17 district in this state may develop and implement, ~~at the beginning~~
18 ~~of the 2006-2007 school year,~~ a comprehensive program for character
19 education in any single grade or combination of grades kindergarten,
20 prekindergarten through twelfth. The character education program
21 shall focus on development of character traits in students. The
22 program of character education may include, but shall not be limited
23 to, the voluntary reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
24 of the United States of America.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 consideration of proposals. The proposals for pilot projects shall
2 be considered on a statewide competitive basis. The Board shall
3 promulgate rules for the operation of the projects.

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

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

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