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Bill Analysis

SB 1416 creates the Teaching Honesty, Respect, Integrity, Virtue, and Excellence (THRIVE) Act. Rather than allowing school district boards of education to develop character education, the measure requires the State Department of Education to develop such a program as part of the subject matter standards. It directs the character education to focus on certain traits and values. It requires each school district board of education and the governing body of each public charter school to adopt the education program and adopt a process to issue a public notice of implementation of the program, make curricula and materials available for public inspection, and provide an opt-out for the program.

The measure requires the State Department of Education no later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, and the same time annually thereafter, to publish a report on the number of districts and charter schools that have implemented the program, the number of districts and charter schools that have not, and actions taken to bring districts and charter schools into compliance. The bill also requires each school district board of education and the governing body of each charter school prior to the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year to adopt a policy making school premises available for students to participate in voluntary after-school instruction that may include the philosophical, historical, traditional, or religious justifications for the program.

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