

SENATE BILL No. 93

January 26, 2005, Introduced by Senators GARCIA and HARDIMAN 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 1163.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1163. (1) FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR AND SUCCEEDING
2 SCHOOL YEARS AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
3 DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL
4 ACADEMIES 1 OR MORE MODEL PROGRAMS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
5 SUBSECTION (2) THAT MAY BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR THE PURPOSES
6 OF SUBSECTION (2).

7 (2) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR LOCAL ACT SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS
9 ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1 FOR PUPILS IN EACH GRADE LEVEL IT OPERATES. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
2 APPLY TO THIS CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

3 (A) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE SIMILAR TO THE
4 MICHIGAN MODEL FOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION CHARACTER
5 EDUCATION CURRICULUM, THE CHARACTER COUNTS PROGRAM, THE CHARACTER
6 FIRST! EDUCATION SERIES, OR THE CHARACTER UNLIMITED PROGRAM.

7 (B) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE SECULAR AND
8 RESEARCH-BASED AND SHALL HAVE DOCUMENTED EFFECTIVENESS.

9 (C) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE BASED ON THE
10 PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE CHARACTER EDUCATION PUBLISHED BY THE
11 NATIONAL CHARACTER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

12 (D) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHALL TEACH CORE ETHICAL
13 VALUES AND CHARACTER QUALITIES SUCH AS HONESTY, FAIRNESS, KINDNESS,
14 COURTESY, COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT FOR SELF
15 AND OTHERS, RESPECT FOR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS, AND SERVICE TO
16 OTHERS AND TO THE COMMUNITY.

17 (E) THE CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO
18 ENCOURAGE EACH PUPIL TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE, CONTRIBUTING MEMBER
19 OF SOCIETY.

20 (F) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE INCORPORATED,
21 AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, INTO EACH SCHOOL'S REGULAR CURRICULUM AND
22 CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

23 (G) THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE INTEGRATED
24 INTO EACH SCHOOL'S PROCEDURES AND ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL
25 CLIMATE THAT PROMOTES POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS.

26 (3) THE DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATION UNDER THIS SECTION IS LIMITED
27 TO THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THE DEPARTMENT HAS AVAILABLE TO FULFILL ITS

1 **DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October
3 1, 2007.