

By Representative Stafford

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school curricula;
3 amending s. 233.0612, F.S.; requiring school
4 boards to install a program in character
5 development in the elementary schools;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 233.0612, Florida
11 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

12 233.0612 Authorized instruction.--Each school district
13 may provide students with programs and instruction at the
14 appropriate grade levels in areas including, but not limited
15 to, the following:

16 (1) Character development and law education. Each
17 school board shall ~~be encouraged to~~ install in the elementary
18 schools of the district a program in character development
19 which is the same as or similar to the Character Counts or
20 Character First! Education Series. The programs must be
21 secular in nature and stress such character qualities as
22 attentiveness, patience, and initiative.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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26 SENATE SUMMARY

27 Requires that school boards implement programs in
28 character development which are the same as or similar to
29 the Character Counts or Character First! Education
30 Series.