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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
02/02/2016	.	
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Clemens) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (s) of subsection (2) of section
1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.42 Required instruction.—

(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and



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11 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
12 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy,
13 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
14 approved methods of instruction, the following:

15 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
16 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
17 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
18 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
19 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
20 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
21 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
22 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
23 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
24 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
25 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
26 and cooperation. The character-development program in grades 9
27 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
28 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
29 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and
30 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
31 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
32 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

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34 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
35 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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38 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

39 And the title is amended as follows:



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40 Delete everything before the enacting clause
41 and insert:

42 A bill to be entitled
43 An act relating to character-development instruction;
44 amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring character
45 education programs to provide certain instruction to
46 students in grades 9-12; providing an effective date.