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H.B. No. 445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to instruction in positive character traits in public
3 schools.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 29.906(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) The State Board of Education must include the following
8 positive character traits:

9 (1) courage;

10 (2) trustworthiness, including honesty, reliability,
11 punctuality, and loyalty;

12 (3) integrity;

13 (4) respect and courtesy;

14 (5) responsibility, including accountability,
15 diligence, perseverance, and self-control;

16 (6) fairness, including justice, ~~and~~ freedom from
17 prejudice, and the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion;

18 (7) caring, including kindness, empathy, compassion,
19 consideration, patience, generosity, and charity;

20 (8) good citizenship, including patriotism, concern
21 for the common good and the community, and respect for authority and
22 the law;

23 (9) school pride; and

24 (10) gratitude.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
2 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.