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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to instruction in positive character traits in public schools.

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

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

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

(1)  courage;

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

(3)  integrity;

(4)  respect and courtesy;

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

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

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

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

(9)  school pride; and

(10)  gratitude.

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

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