

1-1 By: Bohac, Allison (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 1026  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2019;  
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education; May 15, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Fallon	X			
1-13 Hall	X			
1-14 Hughes	X			
1-15 Paxton	X			
1-16 Powell	X			
1-17 Watson	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1026 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to instruction in positive character traits in public  
 1-24 schools.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 29.906, Education Code,  
 1-27 is amended to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 29.906. CHARACTER TRAITS INSTRUCTION [~~EDUCATION~~  
 1-29 ~~PROGRAM~~].

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 29.906, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-31 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsection (g) to  
 1-32 read as follows:

1-33 (a) The State Board of Education shall integrate positive  
 1-34 character traits into the essential knowledge and skills adopted  
 1-35 for kindergarten through grade 12, as appropriate [~~A school~~  
 1-36 ~~district may provide a character education program~~].

1-37 (b) The State Board of Education must include the following  
 1-38 [A character education program under this section must:

1-39 (1) ~~stress~~ positive character traits [~~, such as~~]:

1-40 (1) [~~(A)~~] courage;

1-41 (2) [~~(B)~~] trustworthiness, including honesty,  
 1-42 reliability, punctuality, and loyalty;

1-43 (3) [~~(C)~~] integrity;

1-44 (4) [~~(D)~~] respect and courtesy;

1-45 (5) [~~(E)~~] responsibility, including accountability,  
 1-46 diligence, perseverance, and self-control;

1-47 (6) [~~(F)~~] fairness, including justice and freedom  
 1-48 from prejudice;

1-49 (7) [~~(G)~~] caring, including kindness, empathy,  
 1-50 compassion, consideration, patience, generosity, and charity;

1-51 (8) [~~(H)~~] good citizenship, including patriotism,  
 1-52 concern for the common good and the community, and respect for  
 1-53 authority and the law; [~~and~~]

1-54 (9) [~~(I)~~] school pride; and

1-55 (10) gratitude [~~, and~~

1-56 (2) use integrated teaching strategies, and

1-57 (3) be age appropriate].

1-58 (c) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school  
 1-59 must adopt a character education program that includes the positive  
 1-60 character traits listed in Subsection (b). In developing or

2-1 selecting a character education program under this section, a  
2-2 school district shall consult with a committee selected by the  
2-3 district that consists of:

- 2-4 (1) parents of district students;
- 2-5 (2) educators; and
- 2-6 (3) other members of the community, including  
2-7 community leaders.

2-8 (g) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as  
2-9 necessary to implement this section.

2-10 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
2-11 school year.

2-12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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