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Brief Description: Encouraging locally developed and implemented character education programs.

HB 2577 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that when character education is integrated into a school's curriculum there is a decline of incidences involving violence, bullying, and harassment.

Declares an intent to encourage school districts to integrate character education into each school's curriculum.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to collect and make available on its web site programs and instructional materials that will help school districts, in consultation with parents and local community members, to teach students how to demonstrate in a school setting the desired character traits.

Appropriates the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.