

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1030

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION  
9 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP  
10 MATERIALS FOR TEACHING A CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP  
11 COMPONENT TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL COURSES IN THE PUBLIC  
12 SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE (K-12)  
13 CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

16 "TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALS  
17 FOR TEACHING A CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP  
18 COMPONENT IN ALL COURSES IN THE PUBLIC  
19 SCHOOL (K-12) CURRICULUM."

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The General Assembly finds and  
24 acknowledges that, while character and citizenship education is primarily a  
25 parental responsibility, it must not remain isolated there. The General  
26 Assembly further finds that the removal of character and citizenship  
27 components from traditional education has left a void as yet unfilled, with  
28 many young people experiencing frustration at having to deal with the social  
29 order of today.

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31 SECTION 2. (a) The Director of the General Education Division of the  
32 Department of Education shall develop materials for teaching character and  
33 citizenship for inclusion in the curriculum for all kindergarten through grade  
34 twelve (K-12) students in the public schools of the state of Arkansas.

35 (b) The director shall ensure that these materials are reproduced and  
36 sent to all school districts in the state by no later than August 1, 1998, and

1 are updated after each regular session of the General Assembly.

2 (c) During each interim of the biennium, the director shall provide a  
3 progress report on the implementation and effectiveness of this act to the  
4 members of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education.

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6 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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