

HOUSE BILL No. 2039

By Representative Huebert

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to civics instruction; requiring
2 students to pass a civics examination for high school graduation;
3 amending K.S.A. 72-3217 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
7 3217. (a) All accredited schools, public, private or parochial, shall provide
8 and give a complete course of instruction to all ~~pupils~~ *students*, in civil
9 government; and United States history, and in patriotism and the duties of
10 a citizen, suitable to the elementary grades; ~~in addition thereto.~~

11 (b) All accredited high schools, public, private or parochial, shall give
12 a course of instruction concerning the government and institutions of the
13 United States, and particularly of the constitution of the United States; ~~and~~
14 ~~no~~. Any student who has not taken and satisfactorily passed such course
15 shall *not* be certified as having completed the course requirements
16 necessary for graduation from high school.

17 (c) (1) *All students who enroll in grade nine in any accredited public,*
18 *private or parochial high school on or after July 1, 2021, shall be required*
19 *to pass an examination on the principles of American civics. The*
20 *examination shall consist of 100 questions that are substantially similar to*
21 *the questions administered by the United States citizenship and*
22 *immigration services to applicants for United States citizenship through*
23 *naturalization. Any student who does not satisfactorily pass such*
24 *examination shall not be certified as having completed the course*
25 *requirements necessary for graduation from high school.*

26 (2) *Upon request, a student may be administered the examination at*
27 *any time after such student has enrolled in grade seven, and may take the*
28 *examination as often as necessary to obtain a passing score. The*
29 *examination may be administered as part of the instruction required under*
30 *subsection (b).*

31 (3) *The applicability of this subsection and the extent to which*
32 *accommodations are provided, if any, to a student with an individualized*
33 *education program (IEP) shall be governed by such student's IEP.*

34 (4) *The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations to*
35 *implement the provisions of this subsection, including, but not limited to,*
36 *providing a model examination for use by any school district or the*

1 *governing body of any accredited private or parochial high school and*
2 *establishing the passing score for any such model examination.*

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby repealed.

4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
5 publication in the statute book.