

**HOUSE BILL No. 2573**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum for civics; 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, 2020, shall be required*  
19 *to pass an examination on the principles of American civics. Any student*  
20 *who does not satisfactorily pass such examination shall not be certified as*  
21 *having completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from*  
22 *high school.*

23 (2) *Upon request, a student may be administered the examination*  
24 *required by this subsection at any time after such student has enrolled in*  
25 *grade seven, and may take the examination as often as necessary to obtain*  
26 *a passing score. At the discretion of the board of education of the school*  
27 *district, or the governing body of any accredited private or parochial high*  
28 *school, the examination may be administered as part of the curriculum*  
29 *required under subsection (b).*

30 (3) *The examination required by this subsection shall consist of 100*  
31 *questions that are substantially similar to the questions administered by*  
32 *the United States citizenship and immigration services to applicants for*  
33 *United States citizenship through naturalization.*

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

1       (5) *The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations to*  
2 *implement the provisions of this subsection, including, but not limited to,*  
3 *providing a model examination for use by any school district or the*  
4 *governing body of any accredited private or parochial high school and*  
5 *establishing the passing score for any such model examination.*

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 K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby repealed.

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