

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1071, As Amended

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO COURSES OF INSTRUCTION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1602, IDAHO CODE, TO
3 PROVIDE THAT SECONDARY PUPILS MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A CIVICS TEST
4 TO SHOW THAT THE STUDENT HAS MET CERTAIN STANDARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR DOC-
5 UMENTATION, TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADMINISTER THE CIVICS TEST, TO
6 ALLOW PUPILS TO RETAKE THE CIVICS TEST AND TO DEFINE A TERM.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 33-1602, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 33-1602. UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION -- NATIONAL FLAG AND COLORS -- NA-
11 TIONAL ANTHEM -- "AMERICA" -- CITIZENSHIP -- CIVICS TEST. (1) Instruction in
12 the Constitution of the United States shall be given in all elementary and
13 secondary schools. The state board of education shall adopt such materi-
14 als as may be deemed necessary for said purpose, and shall also determine the
15 grades in which such instruction shall be given.

16 (2) Instruction in the proper use, display and history of and respect
17 for the American flag and the national colors shall be given in all elemen-
18 tary and secondary schools. Such instruction shall include the pledge of
19 allegiance to the flag, the words and music of the national anthem, and of
20 "America."

21 (3) Every school board of trustees shall cause the United States flag to
22 be displayed in every classroom during the school hours of each school day.

23 (4) Every public school shall offer the pledge of allegiance or the na-
24 tional anthem in grades one (1) through twelve (12) at the beginning of each
25 school day.

26 (5) No pupil shall be compelled, against the pupil's objections or
27 those of the pupil's parent or guardian, to recite the pledge of allegiance
28 or to sing the national anthem.

29 (6) Instruction in citizenship shall be given in all elementary and
30 secondary schools. Citizenship instruction shall include lessons on the
31 role of a citizen in a constitutional republic, how laws are made, how of-
32 ficials are elected, and the importance of voting and of participating in
33 government. Such instruction shall also include the importance of respect-
34 ing and obeying statutes which are validly and lawfully enacted by the Idaho
35 legislature and the congress of the United States.

36 (7) Starting with the 2016-2017 school year, all secondary pupils must
37 show they have met the state civics and government standards for such in-
38 struction through the successful completion of the civics test or alternate
39 path established by the local school district or charter school that shows
40 the student has met the standards. Assessment of standards shall be included
41 as part of the course at the secondary level. A school district or public
42 charter school shall document on the pupil's transcript that the pupil has

1 passed the civics test pursuant to this subsection. The school district or
2 governing body of the charter school may determine the method and manner in
3 which to administer the civics test. A pupil may take the civics test, in
4 whole or in part, at any time after enrolling in grade 7 and may repeat the
5 test as often as necessary to pass the test. For the purposes of this subsec-
6 tion, "civics test" means the one hundred (100) questions used by officers
7 of the United States citizenship and immigration services as a basis for se-
8 lecting the questions posed to applicants for naturalization, in order that
9 the applicants can demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the funda-
10 mentals of United States history and the principles and form of United States
11 government, as required by 8 U.S.C. section 1423. The state board of educa-
12 tion may promulgate rules implementing the provisions of this subsection.