



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 442

HOUSE BILL NO. 1016

By Representatives Weaver, Coley, Van Huss, Kumar, Cepicky, Lafferty, Hall, Ragan, Sanderson, Holt, Doggett, Baum, Helton, Carter, Eldridge, Reedy, Rudd, Rudder, Wright, Smith, Williams, Lynn, Cochran, Marsh, Timothy Hill, Terry, Powers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1243

By Senators Gresham, Hensley, Pody, Bowling, Reeves, Bailey, Dickerson, Kelsey, Swann, White, Jackson, Haile, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to civics education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

An LEA shall prepare a test for its students composed of at least fifty (50) questions from those questions described in subsection (a). The test must be composed of at least twenty-nine (29) questions on American government, at least sixteen (16) questions on American history, and at least seven (7) questions on integrated civics. The LEA may prepare multiple versions of the test for use in different schools and at different times.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408(c), is amended by deleting the second sentence.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

A student must correctly answer at least seventy percent (70%) of the questions to receive a passing score on the test.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

The department shall recognize a school on the department's website as a United States civics all-star school for any school year in which all of the school's seniors receiving a regular diploma make a passing grade of eighty-five percent (85%) or more on the United States civics test required under subsection (a).


SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding § 49-6-6001(a), a student must take and pass the civics test required by this section in order to meet the social studies course credit requirements to earn a full diploma upon graduation from high school. A passing score on the civics test must be noted on a student's transcript.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 1, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR