

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 469 (SB 283)

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Prior law, as a prerequisite to high school graduation, required students to complete two semesters of instruction in Civics, including a section on Free Enterprise, equal to one unit of credit.

Prior law provided that for students who enter the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014, Government, AP US Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP US Government and Politics: United States may be substituted for Civics and shall satisfy the Civics and Free Enterprise instruction required by prior law.

New law retains prior law and additionally provides for the Louisiana Civics Education Initiative as follows:

- (1) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year:
 - (a) The curriculum for Civics, and courses permitted to substitute for Civics, must contain a unit of study that includes civics-related subject matter of which naturalized citizens are required to demonstrate a knowledge.
 - (b) As a means to inform civics-related curricula and instruction, each student enrolled in Civics, or a course permitted to substitute for Civics, shall be administered a test based upon the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to survey his knowledge of the fundamentals of the history, principles, and form of the United States government.
- (2) Requires BESE to promulgate rules and regulations to implement new law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (July 1, 2015).

(Adds R.S. 17:274.1(D))