

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 34

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CURRICULA. Requires passage of a test identical to the civics portion of the U.S. Naturalization Test to earn high school credit in Civics. (6/30/15)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:274.1(D), relative to required courses of study; to require passage of a certain proficiency test to earn credit in certain Civics courses required for high school graduation; to provide relative to administration of the test; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:274.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§274.1. Civics and Free Enterprise; required; **proficiency test**; exceptions

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D.(1) The legislature, in recognition of the national Civics Education Initiative's efforts to ensure that every citizen can, at a minimum, demonstrate the same knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of the history, principles, and form of the United States government required of naturalized citizens, hereby provides for the Louisiana Civics Education Initiative.

(2) For students who enter the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2015, high school credit shall not be awarded for successfully completing the course work for Civics, or subjects permitted to substitute for Civics, as provided in

- (4) Passage of the test shall be noted on the student's transcript.
- (5) Students who are exempted by their individualized education program under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act shall not be required to take and pass the test.

Effective June 30, 2015.

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