



## State of Tennessee

### PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 499

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 10

**By Representatives McCormick, Parkinson, Lollar, Reedy, Kumar, Rogers, Kevin Brooks, Weaver, Pody, Hardaway, Marsh, Hazlewood, Powers, Mark White, Camper, Carter, Littleton, Lynn, McManus, Butt, Akbari, Favors, Sparks, Kane, Miller, Johnson, Daniel**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 10**

**By Senators Norris, Kelsey, Stevens**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to civics education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2017, except as provided in subsection (c), a student, during the student's high school career, shall be given a United States civics test composed of questions from the one hundred (100) questions that are set forth within the civics test administered by the United States citizenship and immigration services to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens.

(b) An LEA shall prepare a test for its students composed of at least twenty-five (25) questions and no more than fifty (50) questions from those questions described in subsection (a). The LEA may prepare multiple versions of the test for use in different schools and at different times.

(c) A public high school may provide each student with the opportunity to take the test as many times as necessary for the student to pass the test. A student who has an individualized education program (IEP) under which the civics test is determined to be an inappropriate requirement for the student shall not be required to take and pass the civics test.

(d) A student shall pass the test if the student correctly answers at least seventy percent (70%) of the questions.

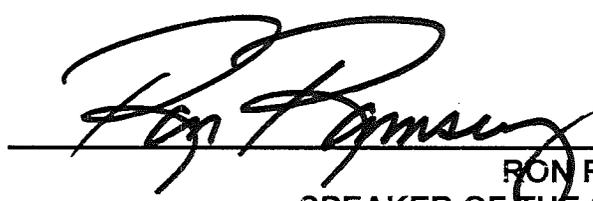
(e) A school all of whose seniors receiving a regular diploma, except for those exempted from taking the test under subsection (c), make a passing grade on the United States civics test required under subsection (a) shall be recognized on the department's web site as a United States civics all-star school for that school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

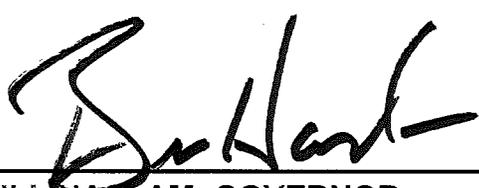
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PASSED: April 21, 2015

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR