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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the core curriculum in
9 Alabama for students in grades K-12 includes
10 instruction in social studies.

11 This bill would, beginning with the
12 2018-2019 school year, require students to
13 successfully pass a civics test as a requirement
14 for completion of the government course required in
15 the high school course of study.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 Relating to K-12 education; beginning with the
22 2018-2019 school year, to require students to successfully
23 pass a civics test as a requirement for completion of the
24 government course required in the high school course of study.
25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school
27 year, in order to complete the government course required in

1 the high school course of study, a student shall correctly
2 answer at least 60 of the 100 questions listed on a civics
3 test, which shall be made available in multiple choice format.
4 For the purposes of this section, civics test means the 100
5 questions that, as of February 1, 2017, officers of the United
6 States Citizenship and Immigration Services use as the basis
7 for selecting the questions posed to applications for
8 naturalization. The civics test shall be completed as part of
9 a required course in government. Credit may not be earned for
10 the government class without the successful completion of the
11 civics test as provided in this subsection. The school shall
12 document on the transcript of the student that he or she has
13 successfully completed the civics test as required by this
14 subsection.

15 (b) The local board of education may determine the
16 method and manner in which to administer the civics test to
17 students. A student who does not obtain a passing score on the
18 civics test may retake the test until he or she obtains a
19 passing score.

20 (c) A special education student who is at least 18
21 years of age is not required to achieve a passing score on the
22 civics test in order to graduate from high school unless he or
23 she is learning at a level appropriate for his or her grade
24 level in a specific academic area and unless a passing score
25 on the civics test is specifically required in a specific
26 academic area by the individualized education program of the
27 student.

1 (d) The enforcement of this section shall comply
2 with Section 16-1-11.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.