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3 By Senator Orr
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to K-12 education; beginning with the
6 2018-2019 school year, to require students to successfully
7 pass a civics test as a required component for completing the
8 government course required in the high school course of study.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school
11 year, as a required component for completing the government
12 course required in the high school course of study, a student
13 shall correctly answer at least 60 of the 100 questions listed
14 on a civics test, which shall be made available in multiple
15 choice format. For the purposes of this section, civics test
16 means the 100 questions that, as of February 1, 2017, officers
17 of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services use
18 as the basis for selecting the questions posed to applications
19 for naturalization. The civics test shall be completed as part
20 of a required course in government. The school shall document
21 on the transcript of the student that he or she has
22 successfully completed the civics test as required by this
23 subsection.

24 (b) The local board of education may determine the
25 method and manner in which to administer the civics test to

1 students. A student who does not obtain a passing score on the
2 civics test may retake the test until he or she obtains a
3 passing score.

4 (c) A special education student who is at least 18
5 years of age is not required to achieve a passing score on the
6 civics test in order to graduate from high school unless he or
7 she is learning at a level appropriate for his or her grade
8 level in a specific academic area and unless a passing score
9 on the civics test is specifically required in a specific
10 academic area by the individualized education program of the
11 student.

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

14 (e) The requirements of this section may be waived
15 by the chief school administrator for good cause for any
16 student in the graduating class. Having taken and failed the
17 civics test two times and otherwise having a passing grade in
18 the course in government shall be considered good cause.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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