

HOUSE BILL No. 4136

February 3, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Lucido, Barrett, Theis, Glenn, Hooker, Webber, Forlini, Geiss, Runestad, Poleski, Tedder and Chatfield and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1166 (MCL 380.1166).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1166. (1) In all public and nonpublic schools in this
2 state regular courses of instruction shall be given in the
3 constitution of the United States, in the constitution of Michigan,
4 and in the history and present form of government of the United
5 States, Michigan, and its political subdivisions. Instruction shall
6 begin not later than the opening of the eighth grade, or its
7 equivalent, except in schools maintaining a junior high school, in
8 which case it may begin in the ninth grade.

9 (2) A high school in this state ~~which offers 12 grades~~ shall

1 require a 1-semester course of study of 5 periods per week in
2 civics. ~~which~~ **THE COURSE** shall include the form and functions of
3 the federal, state, and local governments and shall stress the
4 rights and responsibilities of citizens. A diploma shall not be
5 issued by a high school to a pupil who has not successfully
6 completed this course, **INCLUDING MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
7 **SUBSECTION (3)**. This **COURSE** requirement ~~shall not be applicable as~~
8 **IS NOT** a graduation requirement for a high school pupil who has
9 enlisted or been inducted into military service.

10 (3) BEGINNING IN THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, A PUPIL SHALL NOT
11 BE AWARDED CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE COURSE UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (2) UNLESS THE PUPIL EARNS A PASSING SCORE ON A TEST
13 THAT CONSISTS SOLELY OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE IDENTICAL TO SOME OR ALL
14 OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST
15 USED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. IF
16 A PUPIL MEETS THIS REQUIREMENT, THE PUPIL'S HIGH SCHOOL SHALL
17 DOCUMENT ON THE PUPIL'S TRANSCRIPT THAT THE PUPIL HAS PASSED A TEST
18 THAT CONSISTS SOLELY OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE IDENTICAL TO SOME OR ALL
19 OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST
20 USED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES AS
21 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. THE GOVERNING BOARD THAT OPERATES THE
22 HIGH SCHOOL MAY DETERMINE THE METHOD AND MANNER IN WHICH TO
23 ADMINISTER THE TEST AND HOW MANY OF THE QUESTIONS, AND WHICH
24 QUESTIONS, FROM THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST USED
25 BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES ARE
26 INCLUDED ON THE TEST. THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ALLOW A PUPIL WHO
27 DOES NOT EARN A PASSING SCORE ON THAT TEST TO RETAKE THE TEST UNTIL

1 THE PUPIL EARNS A PASSING SCORE. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION,
2 "PASSING SCORE" MEANS CORRECTLY ANSWERING AT LEAST 60% OF THE
3 QUESTIONS INCLUDED ON THE TEST.