

HOUSE BILL NO. 4672

May 25, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Fox, Maddock, Smit, DeSana, Rigas, Johnsen, DeBoer, Friske, Meerman and Schriver 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), as amended by 2016 PA 391,
and by adding section 1166c.

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~~**must** be given in the
3 ~~constitution~~**Constitution** of the United States, in ~~the~~**this state's**
4 constitution, ~~of Michigan,~~ and in the history and present form of
5 government of the United States, ~~Michigan,~~**this state,** and its

1 political subdivisions. Instruction ~~shall~~**must** begin ~~not~~**no** later
2 than the opening of ~~the eighth~~ grade **8**, or its equivalent, except
3 in schools maintaining a junior high school, in which case it may
4 begin in ~~the ninth~~ grade **9**.

5 (2) A high school in this state shall require a 1-semester
6 course of study of 5 periods per week in civics. ~~The~~**Subject to**
7 **section 1166c, this** course ~~shall~~**must** include the form and
8 functions of the federal, state, and local governments and ~~shall~~
9 **must** stress the rights and responsibilities of citizens. A diploma
10 ~~shall~~**must** not be issued by a high school to a pupil who has not
11 successfully completed this course. This course requirement is not
12 a graduation requirement for a high school pupil who has enlisted
13 or been inducted into military service.

14 (3) By not later than May 1, 2018 or the next update of the
15 state curriculum content standards after ~~the effective date of this~~
16 ~~subsection,~~ **March 29, 2017**, whichever occurs first, the state board
17 shall revise the state curriculum content standards for high school
18 social studies to ensure that those content standards cover the
19 same content as covered by the 100 questions on the civics portion
20 of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship
21 and Immigration Services as of December 1, 2016.

22 (4) Beginning with the first state high school social studies
23 assessment administered after the state academic curriculum content
24 standards are revised as required under subsection (3), the
25 superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the high
26 school social studies assessment includes questions related to the
27 learning objectives in the state curriculum **content** standards for
28 high school social studies as revised under subsection (3).

29 (5) As used in this section, "state curriculum content

1 standards" means the state board recommended model **core academic**
2 curriculum content standards developed and periodically updated
3 under section 1278.

4 **Sec. 1166c. The board of a school district or intermediate**
5 **school district or board of directors of a public school academy**
6 **shall ensure that, in each United States history and civics course**
7 **offered to pupils enrolled in the school district, intermediate**
8 **school district, or public school academy, the Christian**
9 **foundations of the United States are taught. This teaching must**
10 **include, but is not limited to, information concerning how the**
11 **pilgrims emigrated because of persecution and how that influenced**
12 **the ideals and fundamentals behind early communities, and how, as**
13 **these communities were formed, the communities cultivated**
14 **democratic forms of government and Christian ethics simultaneously**
15 **for the prosperity and safety of the commonwealth.**