

SENATE BILL 10

By Norris

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 on January 1, 2016, to graduate from a public high school with a regular diploma, a student shall pass a civics test composed of 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) The department of education shall prepare a test comprised of the questions described in subsection (a) and shall disseminate the test to all LEAs.

(c) A public high school shall provide each student with the opportunity to take the test as many times as necessary for the student to pass the test. A student shall not receive a regular high school diploma until the student passes the test.

(d) A student shall pass the test if the student correctly answers at least sixty percent (60%) of the questions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.