

SENATE BILL 631

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to graduation requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Every student shall be required to have at least one (1) year of instruction in American government and one (1) year of instruction in Tennessee history in order to receive a regular high school diploma.

(b) A student must complete the courses required by subsection (a) between the student's seventh grade year and prior to graduation from high school.

(c) A student taking an American history and government course pursuant to § 49-6-1202 shall be deemed to have fulfilled the American government course requirement for purposes of this section.

(d) A student completing an early high school graduation program pursuant to § 49-6-8303 or a student with a disability for whom these courses are not appropriate, as determined on the student's IEP, shall not be subject to the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.