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3 ORR FLOOR SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR SB32  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the core curriculum in  
9 Alabama for students in grades K-12 includes  
10 instruction in social studies.

11 This bill would, beginning with the  
12 2018-2019 school year, require students to  
13 successfully pass a civics test as a required  
14 component for completing the government course  
15 required in the high school course of study.  
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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 Relating to K-12 education; beginning with the  
22 2018-2019 school year, to require students to successfully  
23 pass a civics test as a required component for completing the  
24 government course required in the high school course of study.  
25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school  
27 year, as a required component for completing the government

1 course required in the high school course of study, a student  
2 shall correctly answer at least 60 of the 100 questions listed  
3 on a civics test, which shall be made available in multiple  
4 choice format. For the purposes of this section, civics test  
5 means the 100 questions that, as of February 1, 2017, officers  
6 of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services use  
7 as the basis for selecting the questions posed to applications  
8 for naturalization. The civics test shall be completed as part  
9 of a required course in government. Twenty-five percent of the  
10 total grade earned in the government class shall be based on  
11 the successful completion of the civics test as provided in  
12 this subsection. The school shall document on the transcript  
13 of the student that he or she has successfully completed the  
14 civics test as required by this subsection.

15 (b) The local board of education may determine the  
16 method and manner in which to administer the civics test to  
17 students. A student who does not obtain a passing score on the  
18 civics test may retake the test until he or she obtains a  
19 passing score.

20 (c) A special education student who is at least 18  
21 years of age is not required to achieve a passing score on the  
22 civics test in order to graduate from high school unless he or  
23 she is learning at a level appropriate for his or her grade  
24 level in a specific academic area and unless a passing score  
25 on the civics test is specifically required in a specific  
26 academic area by the individualized education program of the  
27 student.

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

3                   (e) The requirements of this section may be waived  
4 by the chief school administrator for good cause for any  
5 student in the graduating class. The chief school  
6 administrator may not grant waivers for more than 10 percent  
7 of the student population of the graduating class for any  
8 given year.

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