

SENATE BILL 1483

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, relative
to civics education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1028, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b)

(1) Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year and for each year thereafter, the course of instruction in all public schools shall include:

(A) A course and content in civics designed to educate children in local government in sixth grade;

(B) A course and content in civics designed to educate children in Tennessee state government in seventh grade; and

(C) A course and content in civics designed to educate children in federal government in eighth grade.

(2) The goal of the curriculum shall include the three (3) branches of government, the fundamental documents that underpin our form of government, an understanding of how laws are enacted, and ways citizens shape and influence government and governmental actions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.