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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 14**

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to state intent; and to provide
- 2 for successful completion of a civics test as a prerequisite to high
- 3 school graduation as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the civics  
2 portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship  
3 and Immigration Services be taken by every Nebraska high school student  
4 to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of United  
5 States history and the principles of the government of the United States.

6           Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section, civics test means the one  
7 hundred questions listed on a test that is identical to the civics  
8 portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship  
9 and Immigration Services, as required by 8 U.S.C. 1423, as such section  
10 existed on January 1, 2017.

11           (2) Beginning in school year 2018-19, as provided in subsection (3)  
12 of this section, each high school student shall correctly answer at least  
13 seventy percent of the questions on the civics test as a prerequisite to  
14 graduation.

15           (3) Each school district may determine the method and manner in  
16 which to administer the civics test to each student. A student may take  
17 the test, in whole or in part, at any time after enrolling in grade nine  
18 and may repeat the test, or any portion thereof, as often as necessary to  
19 achieve the score required under subsection (2) of this section. A  
20 student may be exempted from the requirement of this section by the  
21 student's individualized education plan.

22           (4) A school district may not impose or collect any fees or charges  
23 in connection with this section.

24           (5) This section is applicable to any student who graduates from  
25 high school during or after the 2018-19 school year.