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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 155**

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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 Bureau of  
3 Citizenship and Immigration Services be available to every student in a  
4 Nebraska high school in order that the students demonstrate a knowledge  
5 and understanding of the fundamentals of United States history and the  
6 principles of United States government.

7           Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section, civics test means a  
8 written test using all of the one hundred potential questions listed for  
9 the civics portion of the naturalization test by the United States Bureau  
10 of Citizenship and Immigration Services as of January 1, 2017.

11           (2) For any student who graduates from high school during or after  
12 the 2018-19 school year, such high school student shall correctly answer  
13 at least seventy percent of the questions on the civics test as a  
14 prerequisite to graduation.

15           (3) Each school district, private, denominational, and parochial  
16 school, and school that elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet  
17 accreditation or approval requirements may determine the method and  
18 manner in which to administer the civics test to each student. A student  
19 may take the civics test, in whole or in part, at any time after  
20 enrolling in grade nine and may repeat the civics test, or any portion  
21 thereof, as often as necessary to achieve the score required under  
22 subsection (2) of this section. A child with a disability as defined in  
23 section 79-1117 may be exempted from the requirement of this section by  
24 the provisions of his or her individualized education plan.

25           (4) No fees or charges may be imposed on or collected from any  
26 student in connection with this section.