

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB3286

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-4.5 new

Amends the School Code. Requires every public elementary school that maintains grade 6 to include in its 6th grade curriculum a one-semester civics education course that includes the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and the meaning and significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
- 5 27-4.5 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/27-4.5 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 27-4.5. Civics education course. In addition to the</u>
- 8 instruction required to be provided under Section 27-3 of this
- 9 Code, every public elementary school that maintains grade 6
- shall include in its 6th grade curriculum, beginning with the
- 11 2016-2017 school year, a one-semester civics education course
- that includes the ro<u>les and responsibilities of federal, state</u>,
- and local governments; the structures and functions of the
- legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government;
- and the meaning and significance of historic documents, such as
- 16 the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of
- 17 <u>Independence</u>, and the Constitution of the United States.