



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB4025

by Rep. Deborah Conroy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-4.5 new

Amends the School Code. Subject to funds being made available from the State Board of Education from appropriations for this purpose, requires every public high school to include in its curriculum a separate civics course of study with the goal of helping young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. Sets forth the focuses of the course content.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 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 Sec. 27-4.5. Civics course of study. Subject to funds being
8 made available from the State Board of Education from
9 appropriations for this purpose and in addition to the
10 instruction required to be provided under Section 27-3 of this
11 Code, every public high school shall include in its curriculum,
12 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a separate civics
13 course of study with the goal of helping young people acquire
14 and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will
15 prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens
16 throughout their lives. Course content shall focus on
17 government institutions, the discussion of current and
18 controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the
19 democratic process.