



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4064

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. With respect to the social studies prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, provides that the civics requirement applies only to pupils entering the 9th grade through the 2020-2021 school year. Provides that for pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter, the social studies prerequisite shall include instruction on citizenship. Provides that as part of this instruction, a pupil shall be required to complete the civics test component of the Naturalization Interview and Test administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Allows school districts to utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering citizenship education. Effective July 1, 2021.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 changing Section
5 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

8 (a) (Blank).

9 (b) (Blank).

10 (c) (Blank).

11 (d) (Blank).

12 (e) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,
13 each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other
14 course requirements, successfully complete all of the
15 following courses:

16 (1) Four years of language arts.

17 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of
18 which must be English and the other of which may be English
19 or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive
20 courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other
21 graduation requirements.

22 (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be
23 Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and

1 one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science
2 course. A mathematics course that includes geometry
3 content may be offered as an integrated, applied,
4 interdisciplinary, or career and technical education
5 course that prepares a student for a career readiness
6 path.

7 (4) Two years of science.

8 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one
9 year must be history of the United States or a combination
10 of history of the United States and American government
11 and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the
12 2016-2017 school year through the 2020-2021 school year
13 ~~and each school year thereafter~~, at least one semester
14 must be civics, which shall help young people acquire and
15 learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that
16 will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens
17 throughout their lives. Civics course content shall focus
18 on government institutions, the discussion of current and
19 controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of
20 the democratic process. For pupils entering the 9th grade
21 in the 2021-2022 school year and each school year
22 thereafter, social studies under this paragraph (5) shall
23 include instruction on citizenship. As part of this
24 instruction, a pupil shall be required to complete the
25 civics test component of the Naturalization Interview and
26 Test administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

1 Services. School districts may utilize private funding
2 available for the purposes of offering civics and
3 citizenship education.

4 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)
5 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include
6 American Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.

7 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform
8 school districts of standards for writing-intensive
9 coursework.

10 (f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement
11 computer science course to high school students, then the
12 school board must designate that course as equivalent to a
13 high school mathematics course and must denote on the
14 student's transcript that the Advanced Placement computer
15 science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative
16 course for students in accordance with subdivision (3) of
17 subsection (e) of this Section.

18 (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils
19 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior
20 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of
21 study is determined by an individualized education program.

22 This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not
23 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school
24 year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities
25 whose course of study is determined by an individualized
26 education program.

1 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
2 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the
3 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.

4 (i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify
5 the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in
6 grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due
7 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
8 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-443, eff. 8-25-17; 101-464, eff. 1-1-20;
10 101-643, eff. 6-18-20.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
12 2021.