

## SENATE BILL No. 381

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to curriculum for social studies;  
2 requiring instruction to provide students with an understanding of  
3 communist and socialist regimes and ideologies; requiring students  
4 pass an American civics examination in order to graduate with a high  
5 school diploma; amending K.S.A. 72-3217 and repealing the existing  
6 section.

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 New Section 1. (a) To provide students with essential knowledge and  
10 skills for the social studies curriculum, the state board of education shall  
11 develop age and developmentally appropriate curriculum, materials and  
12 guidelines to provide students in grades kindergarten through 12 with an  
13 understanding of communist and socialist regimes and ideologies.

14 (b) Each school district shall provide instruction to students in grades  
15 kindergarten through 12 on understanding communist and socialist  
16 regimes and ideologies and may use the curriculum, materials and  
17 guidelines developed by the state board of education.

18 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
19 3217. (a) All accredited schools, *whether* public, private or parochial, shall  
20 provide and give *all students* a complete course of instruction ~~to all pupils~~,  
21 in civil government, ~~and~~ United States history, and in patriotism and the  
22 duties of a citizen, suitable to the elementary grades, ~~in addition thereto~~.

23 (b) All accredited high schools, *whether* public, private or parochial,  
24 shall give a course of instruction concerning the government and  
25 institutions of the United States; and, particularly ~~of~~, the constitution of the  
26 United States; ~~and no~~. Any student who has not taken and satisfactorily  
27 passed such course shall *not* be certified as having completed the course  
28 requirements necessary for graduation from high school.

29 (c) (1) *All students who enroll in grade nine in any accredited public,*  
30 *private or parochial high school on or after July 1, 2026, shall be required*  
31 *to pass an examination on the principles of American civics. Any student*  
32 *who does not satisfactorily pass such examination shall not be certified as*  
33 *having completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from*  
34 *high school.*

35 (2) *Upon request, a student may be administered the examination*  
36 *required by this subsection at any time after such student has enrolled in*

1     *grade seven, and such student may take the examination as often as  
2     necessary to obtain a passing score. At the discretion of the board of  
3     education of the school district or the governing body of any accredited  
4     private or parochial high school, the examination may be administered as  
5     part of the curriculum required under subsection (b).*

6         *(3) The examination required by this subsection shall consist of 100  
7     questions that are substantially similar to the questions administered by  
8     the United States citizenship and immigration services to applicants for  
9     United States citizenship through naturalization.*

10         *(4) The applicability of this subsection and the extent to which  
11     accommodations are provided, if any, to a student with an individualized  
12     education program (IEP) shall be governed by such student's IEP.*

13         *(5) The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations to  
14     implement the provisions of this subsection, including, but not limited to,  
15     providing a model examination for use by any school district or the  
16     governing body of any accredited private or parochial high school and  
17     establishing the passing score for any such model examination.*

18         Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby repealed.

19         Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
20     publication in the statute book.