An Act concerning education; relating to curriculum for civics; requiring
students to pass a civics examination for high school graduation;
amending K.S.A. 72-3217 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
3217. (a) All accredited schools, public, private or parochial, shall provide
and give a complete course of instruction to all pupils students, in civil
government and United States history, and in patriotism and the duties of
a citizen, suitable to the elementary grades, in addition thereto.

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

(c) (1) All students who enroll in grade nine in any accredited public,
private or parochial high school on or after July 1, 2020, shall be required
to pass an examination on the principles of American civics. Any student
who does not satisfactorily pass such examination shall not be certified as
having completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from
high school.

(2) Upon request, a student may be administered the examination
required by this subsection at any time after such student has enrolled in
grade seven, and may take the examination as often as necessary to obtain
a passing score. At the discretion of the board of education of the school
district, or the governing body of any accredited private or parochial high
school, the examination may be administered as part of the curriculum
required under subsection (b).

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

(4) The applicability of this subsection and the extent to which
accommodations are provided, if any, to a student with an individualized
education program (IEP) shall be governed by such student's IEP.
(5) The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection, including, but not limited to, providing a model examination for use by any school district or the governing body of any accredited private or parochial high school and establishing the passing score for any such model examination.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3217 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.