

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2039** be amended on page 1, following line 3, by inserting:

"WHEREAS, To cultivate a commitment to civic participation and to become active members of communities, students need regular opportunities to engage in civic learning activities; and

WHEREAS, Opportunities for civic engagement must be part of a systematic approach that includes the school, classrooms, teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, The legislature supports the civic advocacy network established by the state board of education as a way to recognize exemplary schools and school districts that have made civic engagement an integral part of the school culture; and

WHEREAS, The state board of education discontinued the 60-item objective history, government and social studies assessment and implemented a subjective performance task assessment; and

WHEREAS, To assist with future educational policies designed to promote and enhance civics education in schools, some objective measurable results are necessary to assess whether all students are receiving basic civics knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, A free and publicly available civics practice test consisting of 20 multiple choice questions that school districts and educators may use to implement the provisions of this act can be accessed through the United States citizenship and immigration services website at <https://my.uscis.gov/prep/test/civics>.

Now, therefore:";

Also on page 1, in line 11, after "(b)" by inserting "(1)"; in line 14, after the period by inserting "Such course of instruction shall require students to pass a basic civics test, or series of tests, comprising a total of 60 questions selected randomly from the questions of the civics examination administered by the United States citizenship and immigration services. Such test or tests may be administered through the multiple choice civics practice tests provided online by the United States citizenship and immigration services."; by striking all in lines 17 through 30 and inserting:

"(2) Each accredited high school shall submit to the state board of education an annual report that provides aggregate student achievement data for the basic civics testing required pursuant to this subsection. The state board shall compile such reports, prepare a summary report and submit such report to the legislature on or before January 31 of each year. All data submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall comply with the provisions of the student data privacy act in K.S.A. 72-6312 et seq., and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 1, in line 35, by striking all after "subsection"; by striking all in line 36;

On page 2, by striking all in line 1; in line 2, by striking all before the period; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson