

# SENATE BILL NO. 545

June 16, 2021, Introduced by Senator THEIS and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Veterans.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1166 (MCL 380.1166), as amended by 2016 PA 391, and by adding section 1166b.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 1166. (1) In all public and nonpublic schools in this  
2 state regular courses of instruction ~~shall~~**must** be given in the  
3 ~~constitution~~**Constitution** of the United States, in ~~the~~**this state's**  
4 constitution, ~~of Michigan,~~ and in the history and present form of

1 government of the United States, ~~Michigan, this state,~~ and its  
2 political subdivisions. Instruction ~~shall~~ **must** begin not later than  
3 the opening of ~~the eighth grade, grade 8,~~ or its equivalent, except  
4 in schools maintaining a junior high school, in which case it may  
5 begin in ~~the ninth grade.~~ **grade 9.**

6 (2) ~~A Subject to section 1166b,~~ a high school in this state  
7 shall require a 1-semester course of study of 5 periods per week in  
8 civics. ~~The Subject to section 1166b, this~~ course ~~shall~~ **must**  
9 include the form and functions of the federal, state, and local  
10 governments and ~~shall~~ **must** stress the rights and responsibilities  
11 of citizens. A diploma ~~shall~~ **must** not be issued by a high school to  
12 a pupil who has not successfully completed this course. This course  
13 requirement is not a graduation requirement for a high school pupil  
14 who has enlisted or been inducted into military service.

15 (3) By not later than May 1, 2018 or the next update of the  
16 state curriculum content standards after ~~the effective date of this~~  
17 ~~subsection,~~ **March 29, 2017,** whichever occurs first, the state board  
18 shall revise the state curriculum content standards for high school  
19 social studies to ensure that those content standards cover the  
20 same content as covered by the 100 questions on the civics portion  
21 of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship  
22 and Immigration Services as of December 1, 2016.

23 (4) Beginning with the first state high school social studies  
24 assessment administered after the state academic curriculum content  
25 standards are revised as required under subsection (3), the  
26 superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the high  
27 school social studies assessment includes questions related to the  
28 learning objectives in the state curriculum **content** standards for  
29 high school social studies as revised under subsection (3).

1           (5) As used in this section, "state curriculum content  
2 standards" means the state board recommended model **core academic**  
3 curriculum content standards developed and periodically updated  
4 under section 1278.

5           **Sec. 1166b. Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory**  
6 **act that added this section, the board of a school district or**  
7 **intermediate school district, board of directors of a public school**  
8 **academy, or governing body of a nonpublic school that operates a**  
9 **high school in this state shall ensure that the course required**  
10 **under section 1166(2) that is provided to pupils enrolled in the**  
11 **high school includes coverage of, at a minimum, all of the**  
12 **following:**

13           (a) Information concerning the process by which a pupil may  
14 obtain an official state personal identification card issued by the  
15 secretary of state under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

16           (b) Information that includes a breakdown of how a pupil can  
17 access 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300, on the internet,  
18 including, but not limited to, providing the pupil with a link  
19 through which the pupil can access 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to  
20 28.300.

21           (c) The contact information for both of the following:

22           (i) The office of the secretary of state.

23           (ii) The branch offices of the secretary of state located in  
24 the intermediate school district in which the pupils reside.