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AN ACT relating to education; authorizing a public high school to require each pupil, with certain exceptions, to take an examination in civics; requiring, at a later date, each public high school to require each pupil, with certain exceptions, to take such an examination as a requirement for graduation from high school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Under existing law, a pupil is generally not entitled to graduate from a public high school without passing a course in American government. (NRS 389.054, 389.077) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a public high school to require, with certain exceptions, that every pupil in the public high school take an examination containing a number of questions, determined by the public high school, which are identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test adopted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security. **Section 3** of this bill requires each public high school to administer such an examination and requires, with certain exceptions, a pupil to take such an examination to receive a certificate or diploma of graduation.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A public high school may administer an examination containing a number of questions, determined by the public high school, which are identical to the questions contained in the civics portion of the naturalization test adopted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security to each pupil enrolled in the public high school.*

*2. A public high school which administers the examination described in subsection 1 shall:*

*(a) Determine the course in which the examination will be administered;*

*(b) Establish the number of questions which will be included on the examination, which must not be less than 50;*

*(c) Determine the desired score on the examination and the manner in which the results of the examination administered to a*



*pupil will affect the grade of the pupil in the course in which the examination is administered; and*

*(d) Not later than August 31 of each year, aggregate the results of the examination for all pupils at the public high school and report the aggregated results to the board of trustees of the school district in which the public high school is located.*

*3. A pupil may receive a waiver from the examination administered pursuant to subsection 1 if:*

*(a) The pupil is a pupil with a disability and the waiver is in accordance with his or her individualized education program;*

*(b) The pupil is identified as an English learner and the public high school is unable to offer the examination in the language which would be most likely to provide accurate results for the pupil; or*

*(c) The principal or administrator of the public high school determines that the pupil has completed all other academic requirements to receive a certificate or diploma of graduation and has shown good cause for a waiver. The principal or administrator of a public high school shall not grant a waiver pursuant to this paragraph to more than 10 percent of each graduating class of the public high school.*

*4. As used in this section, "public high school" includes, without limitation, any charter school that operates as a high school.*

**Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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1. A public high school ~~may~~ **shall** administer an examination containing a number of questions, determined by the public high school, which are identical to the questions contained in the civics portion of the naturalization test adopted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security to each pupil enrolled in the public high school.

2. A public high school ~~which administers the examination described in subsection 1~~ shall:

(a) Determine the course in which the examination will be administered;

(b) Establish the number of questions which will be included on the examination, which must not be less than 50;

(c) Determine the desired score on the examination and the manner in which the results of the examination



administered to a pupil will affect the grade of the pupil in the course in which the examination is administered; and

(d) Not later than August 31 of each year, aggregate the results of the examination for all pupils at the public high school and report the aggregated results to the board of trustees of the school district in which the public high school is located.

3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, no pupil in any public high school may receive a certificate or diploma of graduation without having taken the examination described in subsection 1.*

4. A pupil may receive a waiver from the examination administered pursuant to subsection 1 if:

(a) The pupil is a pupil with a disability and the waiver is in accordance with his or her individualized education program;

(b) The pupil is identified as an English learner and the public high school is unable to offer the examination in the language which would be most likely to provide accurate results for the pupil; or

(c) The principal or administrator of the public high school determines that the pupil has completed all other academic requirements to receive a certificate or diploma of graduation and has shown good cause for a waiver. The principal or administrator of a public high school shall not grant a waiver pursuant to this paragraph to more than 10 percent of each graduating class of the public high school.

~~4.~~ 5. As used in this section, "public high school" includes, without limitation, any charter school that operates as a high school.

**Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective on July 1, 2018.

2. Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

