

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 172,  
2 Page 26, Section 169.715, Line 33, by inserting immediately after all of said line and section the  
3 following:  
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5 "170.011. 1. Regular courses of instruction in the Constitution of the United States and of  
6 the state of Missouri and in American history and institutions shall be given in all public and private  
7 schools in the state of Missouri, except privately operated trade schools, and shall begin not later  
8 than the seventh grade and continue in high school to an extent determined by the state commissioner  
9 of education, and shall continue in college and university courses to an extent determined by the state  
10 commissioner of higher education. In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, local school  
11 districts maintaining high schools shall comply with the provisions of this section by offering in  
12 grade nine, ten, eleven, or twelve a course of instruction in the institutions, branches and functions of  
13 the government of the state of Missouri, including local governments, and of the government of the  
14 United States, and in the electoral process. A local school district maintaining such a high school  
15 shall require that prior to the completion of the twelfth grade each pupil who receives a high school  
16 diploma or certificate of graduation on or after January 1, 1994, shall satisfactorily complete such a  
17 course of study. Such course shall be of at least one semester in length and may be two semesters in  
18 length. The department of elementary and secondary education may provide assistance in  
19 developing such a course if the district requests assistance. A school district may elect to waive the  
20 requirements of this subsection for any student who transfers from outside the state to a Missouri  
21 high school if the student can furnish documentation deemed acceptable by the school district of the  
22 student's successful completion in any year from the ninth through the twelfth grade of a course of  
23 instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of state government, including local  
24 governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process.

25 2. A student of a college or university, who, after having earned a passing grade in a course  
26 of instruction prescribed in this section, transfers to another college or university, is not required to  
27 earn a passing grade in another such course as a condition precedent to his or her graduation from the  
28 college or university.

29 3. American history courses at the elementary and secondary levels shall include in their  
30 proper time-line sequence specific referrals to the details and events of the racial equality movement  
31 that have caused major changes in United States and Missouri laws and attitudes.

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[3.] 4. [No pupil shall receive a certificate of graduation from any public or private school other than private trade schools unless he has satisfactorily passed an examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri, and in American history and American institutions. A school district may elect to waive the requirements of this subsection for any student who transfers from outside the state to a Missouri high school if the student can furnish documentation deemed acceptable by the school district of the student's successful completion in any year from the ninth through the twelfth grade of a course of instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of state government, including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process. A student of a college or university, who, after having completed a course of instruction prescribed in this section and successfully passed an examination on the United States Constitution, and in American history and American institutions required hereby, transfers to another college or university, is not required to complete another such course or pass another such examination as a condition precedent to his graduation from the college or university.] To receive a certificate of graduation, public or private schools other than private trade schools may require a passing score on an examination of the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Missouri, or both the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri.

[4.] 5. In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, each school district maintaining a high school may annually nominate to the state board of education a student who has demonstrated knowledge of the principles of government and citizenship through academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and service to the community. Annually, the state board of education shall select fifteen students from those nominated by the local school districts and shall recognize and award them for their academic achievement, participation and service.

[5.] 6. The provisions of this section shall not apply to students from foreign countries who are enrolled in public or private high schools in Missouri, if such students are foreign exchange students sponsored by a national organization recognized by the department of elementary and secondary education.

170.345. 1. This section shall be known as the "Missouri Civics Education Initiative".

2. Any student entering ninth grade after July 1, 2016, who is attending any public, charter, or private school except private trade schools, or a student seeking to complete a high school equivalency certificate shall, as a condition of high school graduation or its equivalent, take and receive a passing grade on a basic civics test similar to the civics portion of the United States Naturalization test, produced by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

3. The test required under subsection 2 of this section shall consist of questions used by the USCIS that are administered to applicants for United States citizenship. In order to receive a passing score on the test, a student shall answer at least sixty percent of the questions correctly.

4. Any student may take the test as many times as necessary for passage but shall receive a passing score prior to receiving a high school diploma, a certificate of high school graduation, or a high school equivalency certificate.

5. Every public school, charter school, private school except private trade schools, and the department of elementary and secondary education shall certify that a student has taken and received

1 a passing grade on the test.

2 6. Each school district shall adopt a policy to permit the waiver of the requirements of this  
3 section for any student with a disability if recommended by the student's IEP committee. For  
4 purposes of this subsection, "IEP" means individualized education program."; and

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6 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
7 accordingly.