



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB2265

by Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-3.10 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that every public elementary school shall include in its 6th, 7th, or 8th grade curriculum, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, at least one semester of civics education; specifies course content requirements and requires the education to be in accordance with Illinois Learning Standards for social science. Allows school districts to consult with civics education stakeholders, as deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education. Allows school districts to utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering civics education. Effective July 1, 2019.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-3.10 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-3.10 new)

7 Sec. 27-3.10. Elementary school civics course of study. In
8 addition to the instruction required to be provided under
9 Section 27-3 of this Code, every public elementary school shall
10 include in its 6th, 7th, or 8th grade curriculum, beginning
11 with the 2019-2020 school year, at least one semester of civics
12 education, which shall help young people acquire and learn to
13 use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them
14 to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their
15 lives. Civics education course content shall focus on
16 government institutions, the discussion of current and
17 societal issues, service learning, and simulations of the
18 democratic process. Civics education in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
19 shall be in accordance with Illinois Learning Standards for
20 social science. Additionally, school districts may consult
21 with civics education stakeholders, deemed appropriate by the
22 State Board of Education, with regard to civics education
23 curriculum for 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. School districts may

1 utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering
2 civics education.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
4 2019.