

SENATE BILL 1243

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to civics education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

An LEA shall prepare a test for its students composed of all one hundred (100) questions from those questions described in subsection (a). The LEA may prepare multiple versions of the test for use in different schools and at different times.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

A student must correctly answer at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the questions to receive a passing score on the test.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding § 49-6-6001(a), a student must pass the civics test required by this section in order to receive a full diploma upon graduation from high school. A passing score must be notated on a student's transcript. This requirement does not apply to a student who has an IEP under which the civics test is determined to be an inappropriate requirement.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.