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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Koehler

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### SUMMARY

- Permits high school students to take a civics assessment in lieu of the American government end-of-course exam.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the bill permits a high school student to take a civics assessment instead of the American government end-of-course exam.<sup>1</sup> If the student opts to take the civics assessment, that assessment must be identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Agency for a person to become a naturalized citizen of the United States. The bill specifies that, in order to pass the civics assessment, a student must answer at least 60% of the questions correctly. Students may retake the assessment until they attain a passing score. Each public school must determine the method and manner in which to administer the assessment.<sup>2</sup>

Current law requires schools to administer five end-of-course exams to high school students. These end-of-course exams consist of:

1. English language arts II;
2. Science;
3. Algebra I;
4. American history; and
5. American government.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3301.0712(B)(2) and (4).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3301.0712(B)(4)(a)(iii).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3301.0712(B)(2).

If a student is enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course in science, American history, or American government, that student must take the corresponding AP or IB exam in lieu of the end-of-course exam. If a student is enrolled in a course under any other advanced standing program (such as a college course under the College Credit Plus program) in science, American history, or American government, that student is not required to take the end-of-course exam in that subject area. Instead, that student's final grade in the course must be used.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3301.0712(B)(4)(a).