

HB 319 - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL

319

AN ACT

requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Lang, Belk. 4; Rep. Rouillard, Hills. 6; Rep. Shaw, Hills. 16; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 35; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2

COMMITTEE:

Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires university system and community college system students, as a requirement for graduation, to pass the 2020 version of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization test.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; University System of New Hampshire; Civics Graduation Requirement. Amend RSA
2 187-A by inserting after section 16-b the following new section:

3 187-A:16-c Civics Graduation Requirement. Every student admitted or transferring to an institution in
4 the university system of New Hampshire on or after January 1, 2023 shall, as a requirement for graduation
5 and in addition to any other baccalaureate degree graduation requirements, show proof of having passed
6 the 128-question 2020 version of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization
7 test with a score of 70 or better, or shall be required take and pass such test with a score of 70 or greater.
8 University system of New Hampshire institutions shall establish procedures to administer, certify, and
9 record results of this assessment for students needing to satisfy this requirement. Exchange students and
10 foreign nationals shall be exempt from this section.

11 2 New Section; Community College System of New Hampshire; Civics Graduation Requirement.
12 Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

13 188-F:6-a Every student admitted or transferring to an institution in the community college system of
14 New Hampshire on or after January 1, 2023 shall, as a requirement for graduation and in addition to any
15 other degree graduation requirements, show proof of having passed the 128-question 2020 version of the
16 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization test with a score of 70 or better, or shall
17 be required take and pass such test with a score of 70 or greater. Community college system of New
18 Hampshire institutions shall establish procedures to administer, certify, and record results of this
19 assessment for students needing to satisfy this requirement. Exchange students and foreign nationals
20 shall be exempt from this section.

21 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

22 Vetoed February 23, 2022

23 SUSTAINED September 15, 2022