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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring a government and citizenship course for graduation;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.024, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Graduation requirements. Students beginning 9th grade in the 2011-2012
1.7 school year and later must successfully complete the following high school level credits for
1.8 graduation:

1.9 (1) four credits of language arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in
1.10 English language arts;

1.11 (2) three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient
1.12 to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;

1.13 (3) an algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade
1.14 standards in mathematics;

1.15 (4) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry
1.16 or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause
1.17 must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics
1.18 and (ii) all other academic standards in science;

1.19 (5) three and one-half credits of social studies, including credit for a specific course in
1.20 government and citizenship in either 11th or 12th grade for students beginning 9th grade
1.21 in the 2020-2021 school year and later, and a combination of other credits encompassing

- 2.1 at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and
- 2.2 economics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;
- 2.3 (6) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards
- 2.4 in the arts; and
- 2.5 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.