

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 373**

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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; requiring a civics class for high school graduation; amending
- 1.3 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 one credit in civics in either
- 1.20 11th or 12th grade and a combination of other credits encompassing at least United States
- 1.21 history, geography, ~~government and citizenship~~, world history, and economics sufficient
- 1.22 to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;

- 2.1 (6) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards
- 2.2 in the arts; and
- 2.3 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.