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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education; modifying social studies requirements; requiring school

1.3districts to offer a course in government and citizenship; amending Minnesota

1.4Statutes 2020, section 120B.024, subdivision 1.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7Subdivision 1. **Graduation requirements.** (a) Students beginning 9th grade in the

1.82011-2012 school year and later must successfully complete the following high school level

1.9credits for graduation:

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

1.11English language arts;

1.12(2) three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient

1.13to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;

1.14(3) an algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade

1.15standards in mathematics;

1.16(4) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry

1.17or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause

1.18must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics

1.19and (ii) all other academic standards in science;

1.20(5) three and one-half credits of social studies, including credit for a course in government

1.21and citizenship in either 11th or 12th grade for students beginning 9th grade in the 2023-2024

1.22school year and later or an advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or other rigorous

2.1 course on government and citizenship under section 120B.021, subdivision 1a, and a
2.2 combination of other credits encompassing at least United States history, geography,
2.3 government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient to satisfy all of the
2.4 academic standards in social studies;

2.5 (6) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards
2.6 in the arts; and

2.7 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.

2.8 (b) A school district is encouraged to offer a course for credit in government and
2.9 citizenship to 11th or 12th grade students who begin 9th grade in the 2020-2021 school year
2.10 and later, that satisfies the government and citizenship requirement in paragraph (a), clause
2.11 (5). A school district must offer the course starting in the 2023-2024 school year.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.