

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6683**  
**BILL NUMBER: HB 1160**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 19, 2025  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Naturalization Examination.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Commons  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, this bill requires administration of the naturalization examination provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in grade 8. Beginning in the 2030-2031 school year, the bill also requires administration of the exam in high school, and requires a student to complete the exam with a score of not less than 70% in order to graduate high school. The bill allows a student to retake the exam. It allows certain students to obtain an academic waiver for the exam. It makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Beginning with the 2031 graduation cohort, the bill requires students to receive a score of 70% or better on the US Citizenship exam to graduate. Certain students with an IEP may be exempted from this requirement. The Department of Education will experience a workload increase to review academic waiver applications for students eligible for an exemption. The bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Public schools will experience a workload increase to administer the US Citizenship exam to eighth grade students, and retests of the exam to high school students. The additional workload should be accomplished within existing resources.

**Additional Information:** Current law already requires public high schools to administer the US Citizenship exam to students. The exam consists of 20 randomly selected questions from a question bank of 128 questions. The questions and answers are available for free on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' website.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Public schools.

**Information Sources:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services,  
<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/naturalization-test-and-study-resources/2025-civics-test>

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