

SB 513 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds a half-credit of civics to statutory list of required credits to graduate high school beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Senate chamber: Passed. Ayes, 25; Nays, 3--Boquist, Heard, Linthicum; Excused, 2--Johnson, Thatcher.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued (indeterminate)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of Civics Education
- Need for students to understand their rights
- Content standards

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law requires high school students to earn twenty four total credits to graduate, including three credits of mathematics and four credits of English, with the remaining requirements enacted in administrative rule.

Senate Bill 513 A adds a half-credit of civics to the statutory coursework requirements for a student to graduate high school beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.