

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1095

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1095.

Under current State Board of Education regulations, high school students are required to complete at least 15 credits in social studies, including satisfaction of a two-year course in United States history in accordance with N.J.S.18A:35-1 and 2; five credits in world history; and the integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings. This bill directs the State board to require at least one course specifically in civics or United States government as part of the social studies credit requirement for high school graduation. The requirement would begin with the 2020-2021 grade nine class.

The bill also amends current law to require, rather than permit, school districts to use the Department of Education's curriculum guidelines for civics in fulfilling the requirements established by N.J.S.18A:35-1 and 2 for a two-year course of study in United States history.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.