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This bill requires school districts to offer a government and citizenship course for credit in either 11th or 12th grade for students beginning 9th grade in the 2020-2021 school year and later. The commissioner of education must include in a school performance report the percentage of students who graduated in the previous school year and correctly answered at least 30 of 50 civics test questions. Students are currently required to answer at least 30 of 50 questions (out of the 100 questions the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services selects to pose to applicants for naturalization), though a district must not prevent a student from graduating or deny a student a high school diploma if the student fails to answer at least 30 questions correctly.