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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 358

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying social studies requirements; requiring school
1.3 districts to offer a course in government and citizenship; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2022, section 120B.024, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Graduation requirements. (a) Students beginning 9th grade in the
1.8 2011-2012 school year and later must successfully complete the following high school level
1.9 credits for graduation:

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

1.12 (2) three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient
1.13 to 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
1.15 standards in mathematics;

1.16 (4) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry
1.17 or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause
1.18 must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics
1.19 and (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
1.21 and citizenship in either 11th or 12th grade for students beginning 9th grade in the 2024-2025
1.22 school 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 2024-2025 school year.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.