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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, instruction in civics  
9 is not required in the public school curriculum.

10 This bill would require the State Board of  
11 Education to implement instructional programs in  
12 civics in grades seven to 12, inclusive.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to public education; to require the State  
19 Board of Education to implement instructional programs in  
20 civics for grades seven to 12, inclusive.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) Each local board of education, in  
23 accordance with rules of the State Board of Education, shall  
24 require students in grades seven to 12, inclusive, to receive  
25 instruction in civics. The content of the instructional  
26 program shall be determined by the State Board of Education.

1                   (b) The minimum instruction in civics shall include  
2 information on the formation and governing documents of the  
3 United States of America, the system of government employed by  
4 the United States of America, the formation and governing  
5 documents of the State of Alabama, and the system of  
6 government employed by the State of Alabama. The minimum  
7 instruction shall further include information on the  
8 interaction of federal and state governments and the roles  
9 played in our society by each as well as the obligations of  
10 citizenship and public participation in government.

11                   (c) This section does not establish new required  
12 courses. The instructional programs required by this section  
13 shall be included in existing required courses as determined  
14 by the State Board of Education.

15                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
16 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.