

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-3.10 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-3.10 new)

7 Sec. 27-3.10. Elementary school civics course of study. In
8 addition to the instruction required to be provided under
9 Section 27-3 of this Code, every public elementary school shall
10 include in its 6th, 7th, or 8th grade curriculum, beginning
11 with the 2018-2019 school year, at least one semester of civics
12 education, which shall help young people acquire and learn to
13 use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them
14 to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their
15 lives. Civics education course content shall focus on
16 government institutions, the discussion of current and
17 societal issues, service learning, and simulations of the
18 democratic process. Civics education in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
19 shall be in accordance with Illinois Learning Standards for
20 social science. Additionally, school districts may consult
21 with civics education stakeholders, deemed appropriate by the
22 State Board of Education, with regards to civics education
23 curriculum for 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. School districts may

1 utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering
2 civics education.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
4 2018.