

## **SB 745: American government and civics: curriculum guide: State Seal of Civic Engagement.**

The bill requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to lead the creation of a curriculum guide outlining a one-year course in American government and civics. Currently, California only requires a one-semester course for graduation, so this bill would raise that requirement to one year. The bill would cost \$300,000 to initially contract relevant parties to develop the curriculum and \$355,000 annually for staffing and operating expenses.

YCIC should support this bill since it provides a way for California K-12 students to gain a more robust knowledge base in civics than they are currently receiving. Increased exposure and knowledge of civics will contribute to them being more politically active and civically engaged later on, and once that habit forms, it becomes much more established.

The bill was co-authored by Senator Benjamin Allen (D) and Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R), along with Assemblywoman Dawn Addis (D) and has passed the Senate. It is currently awaiting action in the Assembly.

Reference Link: [https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills/ca\\_202520260sb745](https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills/ca_202520260sb745)