**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on HB 1646**

Thanks to [House Bill 1646](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1646&year=2016&code=R), the Missouri Civics Education Initiative is coming.

Senator Jeanie Riddle of Callaway County says the test itself is similar to the citizenship test given those who become Americans…

**Riddle 1 / Runs :12 / OC: about changing standards.**

*“It’s the one that has the students take 100 questions on the* [*U.S. Citizenship test*](https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/teachers/educational-products/100-civics-questions-and-answers-mp3-audio-english-version)*. And — just as a reminder — as a retire teacher, I understand the concerns regarding teachers and administrators about changing standards.”*

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton was able to add language that will require public schools to screen each student for dyslexia and related disorders…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :13 / OC: omnibus education bill.**

*“That, to me, would seem to fit within the title of civics education pretty clearly. I think to do anything else, sure, you’d have to change the title. I guess I would be a little concerned at this point that if we were do anything to change the title to allow certain amendments on it, that could open this up into an omnibus education bill.”*

The provisions of House Bill 1646 will become part of school rules after July 1 of *next* year.

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