

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 313

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2019

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Constitution Education  
5 Is Valuable in Community Schools Act of 2019” or  
6 “CIVICS Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

2 Section 2233(b) of the Elementary and Secondary  
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6663(b)) is amended  
4 by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(1) shall—

7 “(A) show potential to improve the quality  
8 of student achievement in, and teaching of,  
9 American history, civics and government, or ge-  
10 ography, in elementary schools and secondary  
11 schools;

12 “(B) demonstrate innovation, scalability,  
13 accountability, and a focus on underserved pop-  
14 ulations; and

15 “(C) include programs that educate stu-  
16 dents about the history and principles of the  
17 Constitution of the United States, including the  
18 Bill of Rights; and

19 “(2) may include hands-on civic engagement ac-  
20 tivities for teachers and students.”.

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