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## Re-Entering Citizens Civics Education Act

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### Every year, 30,000 citizens re-enter society from Illinois correctional institutions.

- Many citizens believe their past criminal record prohibits them from voting - but that's not true in Illinois.
- HB 2541 aims to:
  - promote the successful integration of re-entering citizens
  - strengthen democracy
  - reduce rates of recidivism within Illinois

## HB 2541 will provide re-entering citizens with a non-partisan civics peer education program.

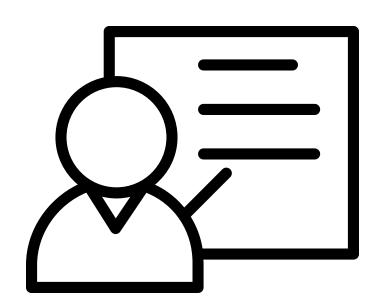
The program consists of 3 sessions of 90 minutes each:



voting process government current affairs



To be provided within 12 months of a citizen's scheduled discharge



Taught by incarcerated citizens who are specially trained by established non-partisan civic organizations.

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