

# Support HB 2541

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## Re-Entering Citizens Civics Education Act

#HB2541

#UnlockCivics

#CivicsInPrison

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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 6 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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