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# COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	13
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**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1137, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1           Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2 paragraph and insert:
- 3           "SECTION 1. IC 20-19-3-32 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 4 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
- 5 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 32. (a) As used in this section, "civics based**
- 6 **reading instruction materials" means reading instruction materials**
- 7 **for kindergarten through grade 3 that concern educational**
- 8 **concepts of United States history and civics.**
- 9           **(b) The department shall develop methods to provide parents,**
- 10 **students, educators, and schools with affordable civics based**
- 11 **reading instruction materials."**
- 12           Page 1, line 4, delete "notice," and insert "**notice and the student**
- 13 **meets the requirements of subsection (b),"**
- 14           Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 15           **"(b) In order to be released for a purpose described in**

- 1 subsection (a), a student enrolled in a public school must:
- 2 (1) not be habitually truant; and
- 3 (2) be in academic good standing."
- 4 Page 1, line 9, strike "(b)" and insert "(c)".
- 5 Page 1, line 10, after "(a)," insert "if the student meets the
- 6 requirements described in subsection (b),".
- 7 Page 1, line 17, strike "(c)" and insert "(d)".
- 8 Page 2, line 5, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".
- 9 Page 2, line 9, strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".
- 10 Page 2, line 37, strike "(b)." and insert "(c)".
- 11 Page 2, after line 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 12 "SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
- 13 SECTION, "civics based reading instruction materials" has the
- 14 meaning set forth in IC 20-19-3-32(a), as added by this act.
- 15 (b) As used in this SECTION, "department" refers to the
- 16 department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.
- 17 (c) Not later than September 1, 2024, the department shall, in
- 18 consultation with the Indiana civic education commission
- 19 established by IC 20-19-10-2 and the Indiana Bar Foundation, do
- 20 the following:
- 21 (1) Identify:
- 22 (A) affordable civics based reading instruction materials
- 23 for use by parents, students, educators, and schools;
- 24 (B) methods to encourage the further development of civics
- 25 based reading instruction materials for use as curricular
- 26 materials; and
- 27 (C) incentives, including grants and tax credits, for the
- 28 adoption and use of civics based reading instruction
- 29 materials in public schools and charter schools.
- 30 (2) Establish recommendations for the general assembly
- 31 related to the creation of a state civic seal program to
- 32 recognize excellence in civic education among students,
- 33 educators, and schools, including the following:
- 34 (A) Awarding of civic seals, including public recognition
- 35 and financial awards.
- 36 (B) Potential sources for funding of financial awards
- 37 described in clause (A), including charitable contributions
- 38 that are eligible for partial tax credits.

1           **(3) Report to the general assembly, in an electronic format**  
2           **under IC 5-14-6, the:**  
3                 **(A) information identified under subdivision (1); and**  
4                 **(B) recommendations established under subdivision (2).**  
5           **(d) This SECTION expires October 1, 2024.**  
6           **SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act."**  
7           Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
              (Reference is to HB 1137 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

**Representative Behning**