

HOUSE BILL No. 1075

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-54.3; IC 20-30.

Synopsis: Curriculum reform. Establishes the high school curriculum reform committee. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-54.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2024]:
- 4 **Chapter 54.3. High School Curriculum Reform Committee**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**
- 6 **committee established under section 2 of this chapter.**
- 7 **Sec. 2. The high school curriculum reform committee is**
- 8 **established. The committee shall study high school curriculum**
- 9 **reform. The committee serves the general assembly.**
- 10 **Sec. 3. The committee operates under the policies governing**
- 11 **study committees adopted by the legislative council. The legislative**
- 12 **services agency staffs the committee.**
- 13 **Sec. 4. The speaker shall appoint a member of the house to serve**
- 14 **as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson serves a two (2)**
- 15 **year term and serves at the pleasure of the chairperson's**
- 16 **appointing authority.**
- 17 **Sec. 5. (a) The committee consists of the following nine (9)**



- 1 **members:**
- 2 (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of
- 3 whom may be affiliated with the same political party,
- 4 appointed by the president pro tem.
- 5 (2) Four (4) members of the house, not more than two (2) of
- 6 whom may be affiliated with the same political party,
- 7 appointed by the speaker.
- 8 (3) One (1) member of the house appointed under section 4 of
- 9 this chapter.
- 10 (b) The initial appointments to the committee must be made not
- 11 later than July 1, 2024.
- 12 (c) A member of the committee serves for a term of two (2)
- 13 years. A member's term ends on June 30.
- 14 (d) If a legislative member of the committee ceases being a
- 15 member of the body from which the member was appointed, the
- 16 member's position on the committee is vacant. In addition, a
- 17 committee member may be removed at any time by the member's
- 18 appointing authority. A vacancy on the committee must be filled by
- 19 the original appointing authority not more than thirty (30) days
- 20 after the vacancy begins.
- 21 (e) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive per
- 22 diem, mileage, and travel allowances. Per diem, mileage, and travel
- 23 allowances paid under this chapter shall be paid from
- 24 appropriations to the legislative council or the legislative services
- 25 agency.
- 26 **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the chairperson shall call**
- 27 **three (3) committee meetings per calendar year.**
- 28 (b) The following requirements apply to the three (3) required
- 29 committee meetings:
- 30 (1) One (1) meeting must be held in each of the following
- 31 regions of the state:
- 32 (A) Northern.
- 33 (B) Central.
- 34 (C) Southern.
- 35 (2) One (1) meeting must take place in each of the following
- 36 months:
- 37 (A) March.
- 38 (B) July.
- 39 (C) November.
- 40 (3) A committee meeting must not take place in the same
- 41 physical location more than once.
- 42 (4) The following individuals must be invited to each meeting:



- 1 **(A) Administrators from each school district.**
 2 **(B) Teachers from each school.**
 3 **Sec. 7. Committee meetings are open to the public under**
 4 **IC 5-14-1.5. However, the chairperson may restrict testimony to**
 5 **administrators and teachers.**
 6 **Sec. 8. The committee shall submit a final report in an electronic**
 7 **format under IC 5-14-6 to the legislative council when requested by**
 8 **the legislative council.**
 9 **Sec. 9. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members**
 10 **appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take**
 11 **action on any measure, including final reports.**
 12 **Sec. 10. This chapter expires December 31, 2034.**
 13 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
 14 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall include in the
 16 school corporation's curriculum the following studies:
 17 (1) Language arts, including:
 18 (A) English;
 19 (B) grammar;
 20 (C) composition;
 21 (D) speech; ~~and~~
 22 (E) second languages; **and**
 23 **(F) for an elementary school, cursive writing.**
 24 (2) Mathematics.
 25 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
 26 (A) constitutions;
 27 (B) governmental systems; and
 28 (C) histories;
 29 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of
 30 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
 31 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the
 32 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40
 33 with technical honors designation, each high school shall
 34 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United
 35 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
 36 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.
 37 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.
 38 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of
 39 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.
 40 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
 41 to revision by the state board.
 42 (b) Each:



1 (1) school corporation;
 2 (2) charter school; and
 3 (3) state accredited nonpublic school;
 4 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester
 5 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school
 6 year.

7 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the
 8 school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school
 9 through a course access program administered by the department.

10 (d) Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November
 11 1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to the general
 12 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the following:

13 (1) The number of students who took the naturalization
 14 examination described in subsection (a)(3).

15 (2) The number of students who passed the naturalization
 16 examination described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less
 17 than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt.

18 (3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the
 19 students who passed as described in subdivision (2).

20 (e) Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports to the
 21 general assembly the information under subsection (d), the department
 22 shall post the pass rate under subsection (d)(3) on the department's
 23 ~~Internet web site.~~ **website.**

24 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 25 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2024]: **Sec. 7.2. A charter school and a state accredited nonpublic
 27 elementary school shall include in the charter school's and state
 28 accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum language arts
 29 studies in cursive writing.**

30 SECTION 4. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 31 1, 2024]. ~~Sec. 2: Each school corporation may include cursive writing
 32 in the school corporation's curriculum.~~

