

# HOUSE BILL No. 1280

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30-10-5.

**Synopsis:** Core 40. Provides that a high school may replace certain high school courses on the high school transcript with alternative courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in order to satisfy an Indiana diploma with a Core 40 with academic honors designation or another designation requirement.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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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 20-30-10-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2019,  
2 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a high  
4 school may:  
5 (1) replace high school courses on the high school transcript with  
6 dual credit courses (as defined in IC 21-43-1-2.5), Cambridge  
7 International courses, international baccalaureate courses, or  
8 advanced placement courses on the same subject matter with  
9 equal or greater rigor to the required high school course; and  
10 (2) count:  
11 (A) a course described in subdivision (1);  
12 (B) a work based learning course, program, or experience that  
13 is approved under subsection (c); **or**  
14 (C) a career and technical education course, program, or  
15 experience that is approved under subsection (c); **or**  
16 **(D) a course in any combination of:**  
17 **(i) science;**



- 1                   (ii) technology;  
 2                   (iii) engineering; or  
 3                   (iv) mathematics;  
 4                   as satisfying an Indiana diploma with a Core 40 with academic  
 5                   honors designation or another designation requirement.
- 6                   (b) A course, program, or experience described in subsection  
 7                   (a)(2)(B), ~~or~~ (a)(2)(C), **or (a)(2)(D)**;  
 8                   (1) with:  
 9                   (A) subject matter that is similar to; and  
 10                   (B) rigor that is equal to or greater than;  
 11                   the subject matter and rigor of the required course; but  
 12                   (2) that does not fully align with the required course standards;  
 13                   must be augmented with instruction to include the remaining standards  
 14                   of the required course.
- 15                   (c) If a course, program, or experience provider requests that the  
 16                   state board, a state educational institution (as defined in  
 17                   IC 21-7-13-32), or any other entity designated by the state board  
 18                   approve a course, program, or experience described in subsection  
 19                   (a)(2)(B), ~~or~~ (a)(2)(C), **or (a)(2)(D)**, the state board, state educational  
 20                   institution, or other entity shall approve the course, program, or  
 21                   experience if the provider provides the following:  
 22                   (1) A description of the extent to which the course, program, or  
 23                   experience aligns with the required course that the provider is  
 24                   replacing.  
 25                   (2) An explanation regarding how the remaining standards of the  
 26                   required course, program, or experience will be augmented.
- 27                   (d) If the state board, a state educational institution, or another entity  
 28                   designated by the state board approves a course, program, or  
 29                   experience under subsection (c), the state board, state educational  
 30                   institution, or other entity:  
 31                   (1) ~~shall~~ **may** periodically review the approved course, program,  
 32                   or experience to ensure the course, program, or experience  
 33                   complies with the requirements under ~~subsection (b)~~; **this**  
 34                   **section**; and  
 35                   (2) may revoke approval of the course, program, or experience if,  
 36                   at any time more than one (1) year after the course, program, or  
 37                   experience is offered, the state board, state educational institution,  
 38                   or other entity determines that the course, program, or experience  
 39                   does not comply with the requirements under ~~subsection (b)~~; **this**  
 40                   **section**.  
 41                   (e) A dual credit course described in subsection (a)(1) must be  
 42                   authorized by an eligible institution (as described in IC 21-43-4-3.5)



1 that is a member of a national dual credit accreditation organization, or  
2 the eligible institution must make assurances that the final assessment  
3 for the course given for dual credit under this section is substantially  
4 equivalent to the final assessment given in the college course in that  
5 subject.

