

HOUSE BILL No. 1296

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-32-4-11; IC 22-4.1-18-2.5.

Synopsis: Civics test as graduation requirement. Provides that, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, an individual must obtain a satisfactory score on the United States Civics Test, administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to each applicant for United States citizenship, before graduating high school or obtaining a high school equivalency certificate.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-32-4-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 11. (a) This section applies to an individual who is a**
4 **student in grade 8 through grade 12 in a public school, including**
5 **a charter school.**
6 **(b) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, in addition to**
7 **completing the graduation requirements set forth in this article, an**
8 **individual must successfully complete the United States Civics Test**
9 **administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration**
10 **Services to each applicant for United States citizenship to be**
11 **eligible to graduate.**
12 **(c) An individual must receive a score of not less than sixty**
13 **percent (60%) on the one hundred (100) question United States**
14 **Civics Test to complete the requirement. An individual may take**
15 **the test:**



1 **(1) at any time beginning in grade 8; and**

2 **(2) as many times as is necessary to complete the requirement.**

3 **(d) The school shall certify to the department that the individual**
4 **has successfully completed the testing requirement in this section**
5 **before the individual may graduate.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 22-4.1-18-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) Beginning with the**
9 **2016-2017 school year, in addition to completing the high school**
10 **equivalency test, an individual must successfully complete the**
11 **United States Civics Test administered by the United States**
12 **Citizenship and Immigration Services to each applicant for United**
13 **States citizenship before receiving a high school equivalency**
14 **certificate.**

15 **(b) An individual must receive a score of not less than sixty**
16 **percent (60%) on the one hundred (100) question United States**
17 **Civics Test to complete the requirement. An individual may take**
18 **the test as many times as is necessary to complete the requirement.**

19 **(c) For an individual who is seeking a high school equivalency**
20 **certificate, the testing authority that administers the high school**
21 **equivalency test shall:**

22 **(1) administer the United States Civics Test; and**

23 **(2) certify to the department that the individual has**
24 **successfully completed the testing requirement in this section**
25 **before the individual may receive the high school equivalency**
26 **certificate.**

