

HOUSE BILL No. 1384

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-19; IC 20-30-5-7.3.

Synopsis: Civics education. Requires, not later than July 1, 2022, the state board of education, in coordination with the department of education, to establish standards for civics education. Establishes the: (1) Indiana civic education commission; and (2) duties of the commission. Provides that each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school shall require each student to successfully complete in grade 6, 7, or 8 one semester of a civics education course.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (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 20-19-2-14.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14.7. Not later than July 1,**
4 **2022, the state board shall, in coordination with the department,**
5 **establish standards for civics education.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 20-19-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2021]:

9 **Chapter 10. Indiana Civic Education Commission**
10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
11 **Indiana civic education commission established by section 2 of this**
12 **chapter.**

13 **Sec. 2. The Indiana civic education commission is established.**

14 **Sec. 3. The commission consists of the following fifteen (15)**
15 **members:**

16 **(1) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's**
17 **designee.**



- 1 **(2) The chief justice of Indiana or the chief justice's designee.**
 2 **(3) The secretary of state or the secretary of state's designee.**
 3 **(4) The secretary of education or the secretary's designee.**
 4 **(5) One (1) legislative member appointed by the speaker of the**
 5 **house of representatives.**
 6 **(6) One (1) legislative member appointed by the minority**
 7 **leader of the house of representatives.**
 8 **(7) One (1) legislative member appointed by the president pro**
 9 **tempore of the senate.**
 10 **(8) One (1) legislative member appointed by the minority**
 11 **leader of the senate.**
 12 **(9) The following members appointed by the governor:**
 13 **(A) One (1) member representing the Indiana Bar**
 14 **Foundation.**
 15 **(B) One (1) member representing a nonprofit organization**
 16 **that has expertise working with urban youth.**
 17 **(C) One (1) member who is a superintendent of a school**
 18 **corporation.**
 19 **(D) One (1) member who is a teacher.**
 20 **(E) One (1) member representing business.**
 21 **(F) Two (2) members representing teacher preparation**
 22 **programs.**
 23 **Sec. 4. (a) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's**
 24 **designee shall serve as the chairperson of the commission.**
 25 **(b) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson.**
 26 **Sec. 5. (a) Eight (8) members of the commission constitute a**
 27 **quorum.**
 28 **(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at**
 29 **a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the**
 30 **commission to take official action other than to meet and take**
 31 **testimony.**
 32 **Sec. 6. (a) A member of the commission appointed under section**
 33 **3(5) through 3(9) of this chapter may be removed from the**
 34 **commission by the member's appointing authority for just cause.**
 35 **(b) Vacancies in the appointments to the commission shall be**
 36 **filled by the appointing authority. A member appointed under this**
 37 **subsection serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.**
 38 **Sec. 7. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state**
 39 **employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by**
 40 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement**
 41 **for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other**
 42 **expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties**



1 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
 2 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
 3 agency.

4 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is
 5 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 6 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
 7 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
 8 procedures established by the Indiana department of
 9 administration and approved by the budget agency.

10 (c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
 11 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
 12 and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly
 13 serving on interim study committees created by the legislative
 14 council.

15 **Sec. 8. The commission shall do the following:**

16 (1) Discuss and review the most up to date information
 17 regarding best practices, pedagogy, and policy for civics
 18 education.

19 (2) Make recommendations and provide guidance for
 20 statewide implementation of the recommendations established
 21 by the 2020 Indiana civic education task force and any other
 22 recommendations established by the commission.

23 (3) Make, as applicable, recommendations to the general
 24 assembly, the state board, and the department regarding
 25 civics education.

26 **Sec. 9. The department shall staff the commission.**

27 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-5-7.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 28 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 29 1, 2021]: **Sec. 7.3. Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the
 30 2023-2024 school year, each school corporation, charter school,
 31 and state accredited nonpublic school shall require each student of
 32 the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited
 33 nonpublic school to successfully complete in grade 6, 7, or 8 one (1)
 34 semester of a civics education course.**

35 SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

