HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1384

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

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

SECTION 1. IC 20-19-2-14.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14.7. (a) Not later than July 1, 2022, the state board shall, in coordination with the department, establish standards for civics education.

(b) The standards established under subsection (a) and in effect on July 2, 2022, may only be changed by the express authorization of the general assembly.

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

Chapter 10. Indiana Civic Education Commission

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana civic education commission established by section 2 of this chapter.

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

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

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

(2) The chief justice of Indiana or the chief justice's designee.
(3) The secretary of state or the secretary of state's designee.
(4) The secretary of education or the secretary's designee.
(5) One (1) legislative member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
(6) One (1) legislative member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
(7) One (1) legislative member appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
(8) One (1) legislative member appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
(9) The following members appointed by the governor:
   (A) One (1) member representing the Indiana Bar Foundation.
   (B) One (1) member representing a nonprofit organization that has expertise working with urban youth.
   (C) One (1) member who is a superintendent of a school corporation.
   (D) Two (2) members who:
      (i) are teachers; and
      (ii) hold a teaching license in social studies, history, or government.
   (E) Two (2) members representing teacher preparation programs.

Sec. 4. (a) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the commission.
   (b) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

Sec. 5. (a) Eight (8) members of the commission constitute a quorum.
   (b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members of the commission is necessary for the commission to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.

Sec. 6. (a) A member of the commission appointed under section 3(5) through 3(9) of this chapter may be removed from the commission by the member's appointing authority for just cause.
   (b) Vacancies in the appointments to the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. A member appointed under this subsection serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 7. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties.
as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

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

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

Sec. 8. The commission shall do the following:

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

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

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

Sec. 9. The department shall staff the commission.

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

SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

HEA 1384 — Concur