

SENATE BILL No. 35

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-30.

Synopsis: School curriculum. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic elementary school to include print handwriting, cursive handwriting, and spelling in its curriculum.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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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~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular 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 20-30-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
- 2 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall include in the
- 4 school corporation's curriculum the following studies:
- 5 (1) Language arts, including:
- 6 (A) English;
- 7 (B) grammar;
- 8 (C) composition;
- 9 (D) speech; ~~and~~
- 10 (E) second languages;
- 11 **(F) for an elementary school:**
- 12 **(i) print handwriting; and**
- 13 **(ii) cursive handwriting; and**
- 14 **(G) for kindergarten through grade 6, spelling.**
- 15 (2) Mathematics.
- 16 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
- 17 (A) constitutions;



- 1 (B) governmental systems; and
 2 (C) histories;
 3 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of
 4 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
 5 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the
 6 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40
 7 with technical honors designation, each high school shall
 8 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United
 9 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
 10 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.
 11 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.
 12 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of
 13 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.
 14 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
 15 to revision by the state board.
 16 (b) Each:
 17 (1) school corporation;
 18 (2) charter school; and
 19 (3) state accredited nonpublic school;
 20 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester
 21 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school
 22 year.
 23 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the
 24 school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school
 25 through a course access program administered by the department.
 26 (d) Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November
 27 1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to the general
 28 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the following:
 29 (1) The number of students who took the naturalization
 30 examination described in subsection (a)(3).
 31 (2) The number of students who passed the naturalization
 32 examination described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less
 33 than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt.
 34 (3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the
 35 students who passed as described in subdivision (2).
 36 (e) Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports to the
 37 general assembly the information under subsection (d), the department
 38 shall post the pass rate under subsection (d)(3) on the department's
 39 ~~Internet web site: website.~~
 40 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 41 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 42 1, 2025]: **Sec. 7.2. A charter school and a state accredited nonpublic**



1 elementary school shall include in the charter school's and state
2 accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum the following
3 language arts studies:
4 (1) For an elementary school:
5 (A) print handwriting; and
6 (B) cursive handwriting.
7 (2) For kindergarten through grade 6, spelling.
8 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
9 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 2:~~ Each school corporation may include cursive writing
10 in the school corporation's curriculum.

