

# SENATE BILL No. 52

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## 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 cursive writing in its curriculum.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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.92-2020,
- 2 SECTION 56, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2020, SECTION 6, IS
- 3 CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall
- 5 include in the school corporation's curriculum the following studies:
- 6 (1) Language arts, including:
- 7 (A) English;
- 8 (B) grammar;
- 9 (C) composition;
- 10 (D) speech; ~~and~~
- 11 (E) second languages; **and**
- 12 **(F) for an elementary school, cursive writing.**
- 13 (2) Mathematics.
- 14 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
- 15 (A) constitutions;
- 16 (B) governmental systems; and
- 17 (C) histories;



1 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of  
 2 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.  
 3 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the  
 4 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40  
 5 with technical honors designation, each high school shall  
 6 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United  
 7 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

8 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.

9 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.

10 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of  
 11 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.

12 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject  
 13 to revision by the state board.

14 (b) Each:

15 (1) school corporation;

16 (2) charter school; and

17 (3) *state* accredited nonpublic school;

18 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester  
 19 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school  
 20 year.

21 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the  
 22 school corporation, charter school, or *state* accredited nonpublic school  
 23 through a course access program administered by the department.

24 (d) *Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November*  
 25 *1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to the general*  
 26 *assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the following:*

27 (1) *The number of students who took the naturalization*  
 28 *examination described in subsection (a)(3).*

29 (2) *The number of students who passed the naturalization*  
 30 *examination described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less*  
 31 *than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt.*

32 (3) *The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the*  
 33 *students who passed as described in subdivision (2).*

34 (e) *Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports to*  
 35 *the general assembly the information under subsection (d), the*  
 36 *department shall post the pass rate under subsection (d)(3) on the*  
 37 *department's Internet web site.*

38 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 39 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 40 1, 2021]: **Sec. 7.2. A charter school and a state accredited nonpublic**  
 41 **elementary school shall include in the charter school's and state**  
 42 **accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum language arts**



1 **studies in cursive writing.**  
2 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2021]. ~~Sec. 2: Each school corporation may include cursive writing~~  
4 ~~in the school corporation's curriculum.~~

