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SENATE BILL No. 117

DIGEST OF SB 117 (Updated January 25, 2017 1:38 pm - DI 84)

Citations Affected: IC 20-30.

Synopsis: United States history courses. Requires that each high school United States history course must include the study of the structure of state and federal governments. Moves existing language concerning the study of the Holocaust. Requires that all students enrolled in a high school United States history course must take the United States Civics Test prepared by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Allows school corporations to determine whether a passing score on the test is required to receive credit for the course.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

Kruse, Raatz

January 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

January 26, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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~~.

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 2016 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.86-2007,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]: 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 (2) Mathematics.
12 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
13 (A) constitutions;
14 (B) governmental systems; and
15 (C) histories;
16 of Indiana and the United States. ~~including a study of the~~
17 ~~Holocaust in each high school United States history course.~~

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1 (4) Sciences.

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

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

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

7 **(b) Each high school United States history course must include**
8 **a study of:**

9 **(1) the Holocaust; and**

10 **(2) the structure of state and federal governments, including**
11 **the role of separation of powers, the freedoms guaranteed by**
12 **the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution, and the**
13 **Federalist Papers.**

14 **(c) The United States Civics Test prepared by the United States**
15 **Citizenship and Immigration Services must be administered to all**
16 **students enrolled in the course described in subsection (b).**
17 **However, a school corporation may determine whether a passing**
18 **score on the test is required to receive credit for the course.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 117, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 117 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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