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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 196

DIGEST OF SB 196 (Updated March 17, 2021 10:54 am - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 20-30.

Synopsis: Education matters. Requires the state board of education (state board) to adopt administrative rules to allow an organization to provide credit under a Core 40 curriculum model for alternative programs in which students obtain credit counting toward the student's graduation requirements from nonschool educational experience that applies or incorporates content area knowledge in lieu of a required or elective course in the Core 40 curriculum model.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

Raatz, Kruse

(HOUSE SPONSORS — COOK, DEVON)

January 5, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

February 18, 2021, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 22, 2021, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 23, 2021, read third time, passed. Yeas 39, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

March 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

March 18, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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 20-30-10-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the state board, in
4 consultation with the commission for higher education, shall adopt
5 rules under IC 4-22-2 to allow an organization to provide credit
6 under a Core 40 curriculum model adopted by the state board for
7 alternative programs in which students obtain credit counting
8 toward their graduation requirements from nonschool educational
9 experience that applies or incorporates content area knowledge in
10 lieu of a required or elective course in the Core 40 curriculum
11 model.**

12 **(b) The state board's rules adopted under subsection (a) must
13 include the following requirements:**

14 **(1) Applicants wishing to offer Core 40 credit counting
15 toward a student's graduation requirements must submit an
16 application, in a manner prescribed by the state board, that
17 contains at a minimum the following:**

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- 1 (A) A description of the qualifications necessary to
2 participate in the applicant's proposed program.
3 (B) An outline of the applicant's proposed program,
4 including the Core 40 course to which the proposed
5 program's credit would apply.
6 (C) A description of competencies and student outcomes
7 that a student is expected to obtain in the applicant's
8 proposed program.
9 (D) A description of assessments used to measure a
10 student's success at meeting the competency and student
11 outcome requirements described in clause (C).
12 (E) A description of the proposed program's admission
13 requirements.
- 14 (2) Applications described in subdivision (1) must receive an
15 initial review and may receive an initial approval by a team
16 that includes at least the following:
- 17 (A) A representative from the department with relevant
18 content and competency expertise necessary to evaluate the
19 application effectively.
20 (B) At least one (1) educator licensed in the content area
21 necessary to evaluate the application effectively.
22 (C) A representative of postsecondary education.
- 23 (3) An application initially approved under subdivision (2)
24 must be reviewed by the state board, which may approve,
25 deny, or conditionally approve an application.
- 26 (4) An approval or conditional approval by the state board
27 under subdivision (3) may not exceed one (1) year. However,
28 the state board may subsequently renew applications for
29 periods not to exceed five (5) years.
- 30 (5) Provisions stating that the state board may withdraw
31 approval of an application previously approved by the state
32 board if the applicant does not comply with the rules
33 established by the state board or program requirements
34 specified by the state board.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 196, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 20-30-10-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the state board, in consultation with the commission for higher education, shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to allow an organization to provide credit under a Core 40 curriculum model adopted by the state board for alternative programs in which students obtain credit counting toward their graduation requirements from nonschool educational experience that applies or incorporates content area knowledge in lieu of a required or elective course in the Core 40 curriculum model.**

(b) The state board's rules adopted under subsection (a) must include the following requirements:

(1) Applicants wishing to offer Core 40 credit counting toward a student's graduation requirements must submit an application, in a manner prescribed by the state board, that contains at a minimum the following:

(A) A description of the qualifications necessary to participate in the applicant's proposed program.

(B) An outline of the applicant's proposed program, including the Core 40 course to which the proposed program's credit would apply.

(C) A description of competencies and student outcomes that a student is expected to obtain in the applicant's proposed program.

(D) A description of assessments used to measure a student's success at meeting the competency and student outcome requirements described in clause (C).

(E) A description of the proposed program's admission requirements.

(2) Applications described in subdivision (1) must receive an initial review and may receive an initial approval by a team that includes at least the following:

(A) A representative from the department with relevant content and competency expertise necessary to evaluate the



application effectively.

(B) At least one (1) educator licensed in the content area necessary to evaluate the application effectively.

(C) A representative of postsecondary education.

(3) An application initially approved under subdivision (2) must be reviewed by the state board, which may approve, deny, or conditionally approve an application.

(4) An approval or conditional approval by the state board under subdivision (3) may not exceed one (1) year. However, the state board may subsequently renew applications for periods not to exceed five (5) years.

(5) Provisions stating that the state board may withdraw approval of an application previously approved by the state board if the applicant does not comply with the rules established by the state board or program requirements specified by the state board.

SECTION 2. IC 20-30-16-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2017, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~; **(c)**, an eligible student may enroll in course access program courses offered by a course provider that is authorized by the department under this chapter.

(b) If an eligible student requests to enroll in a course access program course, the school corporation shall, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date the eligible student submits the request to the school corporation, notify the student's parent or emancipated eligible student of the following:

(1) Whether the school corporation approves or denies the request.

(2) If the school corporation denies the request, information explaining that the parent or student may appeal the school corporation's decision to the department.

If the school corporation fails to notify an eligible student's parent or emancipated eligible student within the time period established under this subsection, the eligible student is automatically approved for enrollment in the course access program course.

~~(b)~~ **(c) A school corporation may disapprove deny an eligible student's enrollment in a course access program only for the following reasons:**

(1) The course provided by the course provider is not in furtherance of the eligible student's graduation or certificate requirements:



~~(2) (1)~~ The eligible student's enrollment in the course access program course would exceed the requirements for a normal full course load at the school corporation **and the parent of the eligible student or the emancipated eligible student agrees to the denial.**

~~(3) (2)~~ The course access program course is logistically infeasible.
The cost of the course access program course is unreasonable.

However, a school corporation may not deny enrollment of an eligible student under subdivision ~~(3) (2)~~ if the eligible student agrees to pay the cost of tuition for the applicable course access program course.

~~(e) (d)~~ If a school corporation denies a student's enrollment in a course access program course under subsection ~~(b)~~, the school corporation shall notify the student's parent or emancipated eligible student of the parent's or student's right to appeal the school corporation's decision to the department. The parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may appeal the decision of the school corporation to the department in a manner prescribed by the department.

(e) The department shall:

- (1) review the school corporation's denial under subsection ~~(b) (c)~~; and
- (2) provide a final enrollment decision;

within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the appeal."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 29.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 196 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 4.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 196, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 35 through 42.

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Delete pages 3 through 5.
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 196 as printed February 19, 2021.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

