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## SENATE BILL No. 267

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DIGEST OF SB 267 (Updated January 28, 2015 2:09 pm - DI 116)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30.

**Synopsis:** Biliteracy. Creates the state certificate of biliteracy. Requires that the appropriate designation appear on the student's transcript. Requires the state board of education to adopt rules and to direct the department of education to administer the state biliteracy program. Provides that a school corporation or charter school is not required to participate in the biliteracy program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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### Kruse, Lanane, Rogers, Stoops

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January 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.  
January 29, 2015, amended, reported favorably — 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 20-30-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]:  
4 **Chapter 14.5. State Certificate of Biliteracy**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "foreign language" refers to any**  
6 **language other than English, including:**  
7 (1) modern languages;  
8 (2) Latin;  
9 (3) American Sign Language;  
10 (4) Native American languages; and  
11 (5) native languages.  
12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "certificate" refers to the state**  
13 **certificate of biliteracy created under section 3 of this chapter.**  
14 **Sec. 3. (a) The state certificate of biliteracy is created to:**  
15 (1) encourage students to study languages;  
16 (2) certify the attainment of biliteracy;

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1 (3) provide employers with a method of identifying  
2 individuals with language and biliteracy skills;

3 (4) provide postsecondary educational institutions with an  
4 additional method to recognize applicants for admission;

5 (5) prepare students with twenty-first century skills;

6 (6) recognize the value of foreign language and native  
7 language instruction in public schools; and

8 (7) strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of  
9 diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a  
10 community.

11 (b) The receipt of the certificate demonstrates the attainment of  
12 a high level of proficiency by a public high school graduate,  
13 sufficient for meaningful use in college and a career, in one (1) or  
14 more languages in addition to English.

15 (c) A school corporation or charter school is not required to  
16 participate in the certificate program.

17 Sec. 4. The state board shall:

18 (1) establish the criteria for earning a certificate, including:

19 (A) the number of credits a student must earn in English  
20 and language arts and in a language other than English;  
21 and

22 (B) assessments of foreign language proficiency the state  
23 board considers necessary;

24 (2) direct the department to prepare and deliver to  
25 participating school corporations and charter schools an  
26 appropriate mechanism for awarding the certificate and  
27 designating the certificate on a student's transcript indicating  
28 the student has been awarded a certificate; and

29 (3) direct the department to provide any other information  
30 the state board considers necessary for school corporations  
31 and charter schools to successfully participate in the  
32 certificate program.

33 Sec. 5. A participating school corporation or charter school  
34 shall:

35 (1) maintain appropriate records to identify students who  
36 have earned a certificate; and

37 (2) make the appropriate designation on the transcript of each  
38 student who earns a certificate.

39 Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a student may  
40 not be charged a fee to receive a certificate under this chapter.

41 (b) If necessary, a student may be required to pay a fee to  
42 demonstrate proficiency in a language, including the cost of a



1       **standardized test to determine proficiency.**  
2       **Sec. 7. The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
3       **carry out this chapter.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 267, 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, line 4, delete "Seal" and insert "**Certificate**".
- Page 1, line 12, delete ""seal"" and insert ""**certificate**"".
- Page 1, line 12, after "state" delete "seal" and insert "**certificate**".
- Page 1, line 14, delete "seal" and insert "**certificate**".
- Page 2, line 11, delete "seal certifies" and insert "**receipt of the certificate demonstrates**".
- Page 2, line 16, delete "seal" and insert "**certificate**".
- Page 2, line 18, delete "seal," and insert "**certificate,**".
- Page 2, line 26, after "for" insert "**awarding the certificate and**".
- Page 2, line 26, delete "seal" and insert "**certificate**".
- Page 2, line 27, delete "diploma and".
- Page 2, line 28, delete "seal;" and insert "**certificate;**".
- Page 2, line 31, delete "seal" and insert "**certificate**".
- Page 2, line 36, delete "seal;" and insert "**certificate;**".
- Page 2, line 37, delete "diploma and".
- Page 2, line 38, delete "seal." and insert "**certificate.**".
- Page 2, line 40, delete "seal" and insert "**certificate**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 267 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

