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SENATE BILL No. 337

DIGEST OF SB 337 (Updated February 8, 2017 4:25 pm - DI 110)

Citations Affected: IC 20-30.

Synopsis: Study of ethnic and racial groups course. Requires each: (1) school corporation; (2) charter school; and (3) accredited nonpublic school; to offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year. Provides that, if fewer than 15 students of a public school, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school enroll in a study of ethnic and racial groups course, the public school, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may offer the course as an independent study course.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
February 9, 2017, amended, 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:**
8 **(1) school corporation;**
9 **(2) charter school; and**
10 **(3) accredited nonpublic school;**
11 **shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1)**
12 **semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once**
13 **every school year. Except as provided under subsection (c), a**
14 **course described in this subsection may not be offered as an**
15 **independent study course.**
- 16 **(c) If fewer than fifteen (15) students of a public school, a**
17 **charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school enroll in a course**
18 **described in subsection (a), the public school, charter school, or**
19 **accredited nonpublic school may offer the course as an**
20 **independent study course.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 337, 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 3, after "7." insert "**(a)**".

Page 1, line 17, delete "and the study of ethnic and racial groups,".

Page 2, after line 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) Each:

(1) school corporation;

(2) charter school; and

(3) accredited nonpublic school;

shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year. Except as provided under subsection (c), a course described in this subsection may not be offered as an independent study course.

(c) If fewer than fifteen (15) students of a public school, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school enroll in a course described in subsection (a), the public school, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may offer the course as an independent study course."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 337 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

