



April 3, 2017

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**ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL No. 337**

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DIGEST OF SB 337 (Updated April 3, 2017 11:57 am - DI 129)

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

**Synopsis:** Study of ethnic and racial groups course. Requires each: (1) school corporation; (2) charter school; and (3) eligible 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 the course may be offered through a course access program administered by the department of education.

**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.

February 13, 2017, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

February 14, 2017, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 35, nays 15.

HOUSE ACTION

February 28, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

April 3, 2017, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

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) eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7);**  
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.**
- 14 **(c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the**  
15 **school corporation, charter school, or eligible school (as defined in**  
16 **IC 20-51-1-4.7) through a course access program administered by**  
17 **the department.**



## 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.

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 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 337 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 18, delete "(a)," and insert "**(b)**".

(Reference is to SB 337 as printed February 10, 2017.)

TAYLOR G



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 337, 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, line 10, delete "accredited nonpublic school;" and insert "**eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7);**";

Page 2, line 13, delete "Except as provided under subsection (c), a".

Page 2, delete lines 14 through 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the school corporation, charter school, or eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) through a course access program administered by the department."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 337 as reprinted February 14, 2017.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 6, nays 1.

