

SENATE BILL No. 547

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-24-8-5; IC 20-24.2-4; IC 20-30-5.

Synopsis: School curriculum. Requires each school corporation to include: (1) geography; (2) biology; (3) chemistry; and (4) physics; in its curriculum. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and accredited nonpublic school to include entrepreneurship in its curriculum for grades 1 through 12. Makes conforming amendments. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of improving science education.

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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 20-24-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017,
2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. The following statutes and rules and guidelines
4 adopted under the following statutes apply to a charter school:
5 (1) IC 5-11-1-9 (required audits by the state board of accounts).
6 (2) IC 20-39-1-1 (unified accounting system).
7 (3) IC 20-35 (special education).
8 (4) IC 20-26-5-10 (criminal history).
9 (5) IC 20-26-5-6 (subject to laws requiring regulation by state
10 agencies).
11 (6) IC 20-28-10-12 (nondiscrimination for teacher marital status).
12 (7) IC 20-28-10-14 (teacher freedom of association).
13 (8) IC 20-28-10-17 (school counselor immunity).
14 (9) For conversion charter schools only if the conversion charter
15 school elects to collectively bargain under IC 20-24-6-3(b),
16 IC 20-28-6, IC 20-28-7.5, IC 20-28-8, IC 20-28-9, and
17 IC 20-28-10.



- 1 (10) IC 20-33-2 (compulsory school attendance).
 2 (11) IC 20-33-3 (limitations on employment of children).
 3 (12) IC 20-33-8-19, IC 20-33-8-21, and IC 20-33-8-22 (student
 4 due process and judicial review).
 5 (13) IC 20-33-8-16 (firearms and deadly weapons).
 6 (14) IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
 7 (15) IC 20-33-9 (reporting of student violations of law).
 8 (16) IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
 9 observances).
 10 (17) IC 20-31-3, IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5 (for a school year ending
 11 before July 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (for a school year beginning
 12 after June 30, 2018), IC 20-32-8, and IC 20-32-8.5, as provided
 13 in IC 20-32-8.5-2(b) (academic standards, accreditation,
 14 assessment, and remediation).
 15 (18) IC 20-33-7 (parental access to education records).
 16 (19) IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
 17 improvement).
 18 (20) IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility **and**
 19 **entrepreneurship** instruction).
 20 (21) IC 20-26-5-37.3, before its expiration (career and technical
 21 education reporting).
 22 SECTION 2. IC 20-24.2-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017,
 23 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as specifically provided in this
 25 article and section 4 of this chapter, the following provisions of this
 26 title and a rule or guideline adopted by the state board under one (1) of
 27 the following provisions of this title do not apply to a qualified district
 28 or qualified high school:
 29 (1) Provisions that do not apply to school corporations in general.
 30 (2) IC 20-20 (programs administered by the state), except for
 31 IC 20-20-1 (educational service centers) and IC 20-20-8 (school
 32 corporation annual performance report).
 33 (3) IC 20-28 (school teachers), except for IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher
 34 continuing education), IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to
 35 teaching participants; restrictions), IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to
 36 teaching participants; school corporation or subject area;
 37 transition to teaching permit), IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain
 38 felonies; notice and hearing; permanent revocation of license;
 39 data base of school employees who have been reported),
 40 IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts), IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of
 41 teacher contracts), IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school
 42 administrators), IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments),



- 1 IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment), and IC 20-28-11.5 (staff
2 performance evaluations).
- 3 (4) IC 20-30 (curriculum), except for IC 20-30-3-2 and
4 IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative observances),
5 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements), and
6 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility **and**
7 **entrepreneurship** instruction).
- 8 (5) IC 20-32 (student standards, assessments, and performance),
9 except for IC 20-32-4 (graduation requirements), IC 20-32-5
10 (Indiana statewide testing for educational progress for a school
11 year ending before July 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (statewide
12 assessment program for a school year beginning after June 30,
13 2018), and IC 20-32-8 (remediation).
- 14 (6) IC 20-37 (career and technical education).
- 15 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a school corporation may not
16 receive a decrease in state funding based upon the school corporation's
17 status as a qualified district or the status of a high school within the
18 school corporation as a qualified high school, or because of the
19 implementation of a waiver of a statute or rule that is allowed to be
20 waived by a qualified district or qualified high school.
- 21 SECTION 3. IC 20-24.2-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2018,
22 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. The following provisions of this title and rules
24 and guidelines adopted under the following provisions of this title
25 apply to a qualified district or qualified high school:
- 26 IC 20-20-1 (educational service centers).
27 IC 20-20-8 (school corporation annual performance report).
28 IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).
29 IC 20-26 (school corporation general administrative provisions).
30 IC 20-27 (school transportation).
31 IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher continuing education).
32 IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to teaching participants;
33 restrictions).
34 IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to teaching participants; school
35 corporation or subject area; transition to teaching permit).
36 IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies; notice and hearing;
37 permanent revocation of license; data base of school employees
38 who have been reported).
39 IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts).
40 IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of teacher contracts).
41 IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school administrators).
42 IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments).



- 1 IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment).
 2 IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).
 3 IC 20-29 (collective bargaining for teachers).
 4 IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
 5 observances).
 6 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements).
 7 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility **and**
 8 **entrepreneurship** instruction).
 9 IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
 10 improvement).
 11 IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5 (for a school year beginning before July
 12 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (for a school year ending after June 30,
 13 2018), and IC 20-32-8 (accreditation, assessment, and
 14 remediation), or any other statute, rule, or guideline related to
 15 standardized assessments.
 16 IC 20-33 (students: general provisions).
 17 IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
 18 IC 20-35 (special education).
 19 IC 20-36 (high ability students).
 20 IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).
 21 IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
 22 IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
 23 IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction and
 24 learning).
 25 IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
 26 IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
 27 IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 28 IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease agreements).
 29 IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 30 IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
 31 advances and loans).
 32 IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 33 SECTION 4. IC 20-30-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.132-2018,
 34 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall include in the
 36 school corporation's curriculum the following studies:
 37 (1) Language arts, including:
 38 (A) English;
 39 (B) grammar;
 40 (C) composition;
 41 (D) speech; and
 42 (E) second languages.



- 1 (2) Mathematics.
- 2 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including:
- 3 (A) the:
- 4 ~~(A)~~ (i) constitutions;
- 5 ~~(B)~~ (ii) governmental systems; and
- 6 ~~(C)~~ (iii) histories;
- 7 of Indiana and the United States, including a study of the
- 8 Holocaust in each high school United States history course;
- 9 **and**
- 10 **(B) geography.**
- 11 (4) Sciences, including:
- 12 **(A) biology;**
- 13 **(B) chemistry;**
- 14 **(C) physics; and**
- 15 **(D)** after June 30, 2021, computer science.
- 16 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.
- 17 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of
- 18 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.
- 19 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
- 20 to revision by the state board.
- 21 (b) Each:
- 22 (1) school corporation;
- 23 (2) charter school; and
- 24 (3) accredited nonpublic school;
- 25 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester
- 26 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school
- 27 year.
- 28 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the
- 29 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school
- 30 through a course access program administered by the department.
- 31 SECTION 5. IC 20-30-5-19, AS ADDED BY P.L.154-2009,
- 32 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 33 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19. (a) Each school corporation, charter school,
- 34 and accredited nonpublic school shall include in its curriculum for all
- 35 students in grades ~~6~~ **1** through 12 instruction concerning personal
- 36 financial responsibility **and entrepreneurship.**
- 37 (b) A school corporation, a charter school, and an accredited
- 38 nonpublic school may meet the requirements of subsection (a) by:
- 39 (1) integrating, within its curriculum, instruction; or
- 40 (2) conducting a seminar;
- 41 that is designed to foster overall personal financial responsibility **and**
- 42 **entrepreneurship.**



1 (c) The state board shall adopt a curriculum that ensures personal
2 financial responsibility ~~is~~ **and entrepreneurship are** taught:

3 (1) in a manner appropriate for each grade level; and

4 (2) as a separate subject or as units incorporated into appropriate
5 subjects;

6 as determined by the state board.

7 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] **(a) The legislative**
8 **council is urged to assign to an appropriate interim study**
9 **committee during the 2019 interim the topic of improving science**
10 **education in kindergarten through grade 12, including the**
11 **following issues:**

12 **(1) Whether scientific disciplines, such as chemistry, physics,**
13 **and biology, should be taught separately at all grade levels.**

14 **(2) Whether science instruction could be organized at all**
15 **grade levels such that fundamental concepts in each scientific**
16 **discipline are taught in a manner that informs later**
17 **instruction in both that discipline and other disciplines.**

18 **(3) Any other issue the committee considers relevant to the**
19 **subject of improving science education.**

20 **(b) The committee to which the legislative council assigns the**
21 **topic described in subsection (a) shall consult and collaborate with**
22 **the department of education in studying the topic and developing**
23 **recommendations.**

24 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.**

