



February 22, 2019

SENATE BILL No. 547

DIGEST OF SB 547 (Updated February 20, 2019 3:11 pm - DI 110)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Study of education matters. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topics of: (1) improving science education; (2) improving mathematics, geography, and personal finance education in kindergarten through grade 12; and (3) including entrepreneurship curriculum in kindergarten through grade 12.

Effective: Upon passage.

Spartz, Raatz

January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
February 21, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The legislative**
2 **council is urged to assign to an appropriate interim study**
3 **committee during the 2019 interim the following topics:**
4 **(1) Improving science education in kindergarten through**
5 **grade 12, including the following issues:**
6 **(A) Whether scientific disciplines, such as chemistry,**
7 **physics, and biology, should be taught on a stand alone**
8 **basis.**
9 **(B) Whether science instruction could be organized at all**
10 **grade levels such that fundamental concepts in each**
11 **scientific discipline are taught in proper sequential order**
12 **to enhance a deeper understanding of subject matters.**
13 **(C) Any other issue the committee considers relevant to the**
14 **subject of improving science education.**
15 **(2) Improving mathematics, geography, and personal finance**
16 **education in kindergarten through grade 12.**
17 **(3) Including entrepreneurship curriculum in kindergarten**
18 **through grade 12.**

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1 **(b) The committee to which the legislative council assigns the**
2 **topics described in subsection (a) shall consult and collaborate with**
3 **the department of education in studying the topics and developing**
4 **recommendations.**

5 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.**
6 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 547, 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:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete pages 2 through 5.

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 6, line 7, delete "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

Page 6, line 9, delete "the topic of improving science" and insert "the following topics:

(1) Improving science education in kindergarten through grade 12, including the following issues:

(A) Whether scientific disciplines, such as chemistry, physics, and biology, should be taught on a stand alone basis.

(B) Whether science instruction could be organized at all grade levels such that fundamental concepts in each scientific discipline are taught in proper sequential order to enhance a deeper understanding of subject matters.

(C) Any other issue the committee considers relevant to the subject of improving science education.

(2) Improving mathematics, geography, and personal finance education in kindergarten through grade 12.

(3) Including entrepreneurship curriculum in kindergarten through grade 12."

Page 6, delete lines 10 through 19.

Page 6, line 21, delete "topic" and insert "topics".

Page 6, line 22, delete "topic" and insert "topics".



Page 6, after line 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 2. **An emergency is declared for this act.**".

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 547 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

