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SENATE BILL No. 8

DIGEST OF SB 8 (Updated January 10, 2018 3:23 pm - DI 84)

Citations Affected: IC 20-30.

Synopsis: School curriculum. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum.

Effective: July 1, 2018.

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
January 11, 2018, 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 2017 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.231-2017,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2018]: 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; **and**
11 **(F) for an elementary school, cursive writing.**
12 (2) Mathematics.
13 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
14 (A) constitutions;
15 (B) governmental systems; and
16 (C) histories;
17 of Indiana and the United States, including a study of the

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- 1 Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
 2 (4) Sciences.
 3 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.
 4 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of
 5 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.
 6 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
 7 to revision by the state board.
 8 (b) Each:
 9 (1) school corporation;
 10 (2) charter school; and
 11 (3) accredited nonpublic school;
 12 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester
 13 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school
 14 year.
 15 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the
 16 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school
 17 through a course access program administered by the department.
 18 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 19 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY
 20 1, 2018]: **Sec. 7.2. A charter school and an accredited nonpublic**
 21 **elementary school shall include in the charter school's and**
 22 **accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum language arts**
 23 **studies in cursive writing.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 8, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 08 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

