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SENATE BILL No. 29

DIGEST OF SB 29 (Updated April 3, 2017 12:21 pm - DI 129)

Citations Affected: IC 20-30; IC 20-32; IC 20-33.

Synopsis: Elective course on Indiana studies. Requires each: (1) school corporation; (2) charter school; and (3) eligible school; to offer Indiana studies 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. Makes changes to a provision regarding a functional workplace Spanish designation. Provides that a school corporation may designate a full-time employee of the school corporation to represent the school corporation in a small claims court action to collect unpaid required fees if the claim does not exceed $1,500.

Effective: July 1, 2017; July 1, 2018.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — COOK, KLINKER, CLERE)

January 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
January 12, 2017, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 17, 2017, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 23, 2017, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 3.
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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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 20-30-5-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2　AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3　1, 2018]: **Sec. 22. (a) Each:**
4　　　**(1) school corporation;**
5　　　**(2) charter school; and**
6　　　**(3) eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7);**
7　**shall offer Indiana studies as a one (1) semester elective course in**
8　**its high school curriculum at least once every school year.**
9　　**(b) The course described in subsection (a) may be offered by the**
10　**school corporation, charter school, or eligible school (as defined in**
11　**IC 20-51-1-4.7) through a course access program administered by**
12　**the department.**
13　　SECTION 2. IC 20-32-4-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.160-2016,
14　SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15　JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. (a) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,
16　a student who successfully completes Spanish language courses that
17　include the elements set forth in subsection (b) is eligible to receive a

1   functional ~~and practicable~~ workplace Spanish designation on the
2   student's transcript for ~~each~~ **the** course described in subsection (b).
3   (b) The department shall develop **a** Spanish language ~~courses~~
4   **course description and corresponding academic standards** under
5   this section that include:
6   ~~(1) one (1) year of basic grammar and vocabulary, with a focus on~~
7   ~~the present tense and appropriate greetings; and~~
8   ~~(2) one (1) year of additional vocabulary and conversation, with~~
9   ~~a focus on vocabulary that is necessary for various types of work~~
10   ~~environments.~~
11   **(1) appropriate salutations, structures, vocabulary, and**
12   **conversation, with a focus on vocabulary that is necessary for**
13   **various work environments;**
14   **(2) culturally appropriate communications for a variety of**
15   **work related interactions; and**
16   **(3) skills related to all language domains, including:**
17   **(A) speaking;**
18   **(B) listening;**
19   **(C) reading; and**
20   **(D) writing.**
21   (c) A school corporation may ~~use the courses~~ **implement a**
22   **curriculum based upon the course standards** developed by the
23   department ~~or any other courses that include the elements set forth in~~
24   ~~subsection (b)~~ to allow a student to receive a functional ~~and practicable~~
25   workplace Spanish designation on the student's transcript **upon the**
26   **successful completion of the course of study.**
27   SECTION 3. IC 20-33-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
28   SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
29   [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 11. (a) A school corporation may
30   not:
31   (1) withhold curricular materials and supplies;
32   (2) require any special services from a child; or
33   (3) deny the child any benefit or privilege;
34   because the parent fails to pay required fees.
35   (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school corporation may take
36   any action authorized by law to collect unpaid fees from parents who
37   are determined to be ineligible for assistance, including recovery of
38   reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in addition to a judgment
39   award against those parents.
40   **(c) A school corporation may designate a full-time employee of**
41   **the school corporation to represent the school corporation in a**
42   **small claims court action under subsection (b) if the claim does not**

1   **exceed one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500). The employee**
2   **designated under this subsection is not required to be an attorney.**

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 29, 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 2, delete "[EFFECTIVE JULY" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]:".

Page 1, line 3, delete "1, 2017]:".

Page 1, line 3, after "22." insert "**(a)**".

Page 1, line 8, after "year." insert "**Except as provided under subsection (b), a course described in this subsection may not be offered as an independent study course.**

(b) 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 29 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 29, 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 1, line 6, delete "accredited nonpublic school;" and insert "**eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7);**".

Page 1, line 8, delete "Except".

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"**(b) The course described in subsection (a) 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.**

SECTION 2. IC 20-32-4-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.160-2016,

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SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 12. (a) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student who successfully completes Spanish language courses that include the elements set forth in subsection (b) is eligible to receive a functional ~~and practicable~~ workplace Spanish designation on the student's transcript for ~~each~~ **the** course described in subsection (b).

(b) The department shall develop **a** Spanish language ~~courses~~ **course description and corresponding academic standards** under this section that include:

~~(1) one (1) year of basic grammar and vocabulary, with a focus on the present tense and appropriate greetings; and~~

~~(2) one (1) year of additional vocabulary and conversation, with a focus on vocabulary that is necessary for various types of work environments.~~

(1) appropriate salutations, structures, vocabulary, and conversation, with a focus on vocabulary that is necessary for various work environments;

(2) culturally appropriate communications for a variety of work related interactions; and

(3) skills related to all language domains, including:

(A) speaking;

(B) listening;

(C) reading; and

(D) writing.

(c) A school corporation may ~~use the courses~~ **implement a curriculum based upon the course standards** developed by the department ~~or any other courses that include the elements set forth in subsection (b)~~ to allow a student to receive a functional ~~and practicable~~ workplace Spanish designation on the student's transcript **upon the successful completion of the course of study.**

SECTION 3. IC 20-33-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013, SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 11. (a) A school corporation may not:

(1) withhold curricular materials and supplies;

(2) require any special services from a child; or

(3) deny the child any benefit or privilege;

because the parent fails to pay required fees.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school corporation may take any action authorized by law to collect unpaid fees from parents who are determined to be ineligible for assistance, including recovery of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in addition to a judgment

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award against those parents.

(c) A school corporation may designate a full-time employee of the school corporation to represent the school corporation in a small claims court action under subsection (b) if the claim does not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500). The employee designated under this subsection is not required to be an attorney.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 29 as printed January 13, 2017.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 0.