

# SENATE BILL No. 129

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**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, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special 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.132-2018,  
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: 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



- 1 Holocaust in each high school United States history course.  
 2 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.  
 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, 2019]: **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.**  
 24 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 25 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 2: Each school corporation may include cursive writing  
 26 in the school corporation's curriculum.~~

