

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 211

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

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

SECTION 1. IC 20-19-3-32.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 32.5. (a) The department, in collaboration with the commission for higher education, and subject to the approval of the state board, shall establish an excellence in civic engagement designation that may be earned by a high school student and recognized on the transcript of a student in a cohort that is expected to graduate in 2029 or after.**

(b) In establishing criteria for the excellence in civic engagement designation, the department may consider the following:

- (1) A student's documented volunteer hours.**
- (2) A student's documented participation in project based learning opportunities that demonstrate engagement in the student's local community or a statewide initiative.**
- (3) A student's successful completion of course work that emphasizes the student's understanding of civil society, constitutional government, and the democratic process.**
- (4) Any other criteria the department determines demonstrates excellent civic participation.**

(c) Not later than December 1, 2024, the department shall develop recommendations for an excellence in civics education designation for schools that do the following:

- (1) Demonstrate rigorous commitment to developing student**

SEA 211 — CC 1



understanding of civil society, constitutional government, and the democratic process.

(2) Have a significant number of students who earn the excellence in civic engagement designation on students' transcripts.

SECTION 2. IC 20-29-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2023, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. (a) School employers and school employees shall:

(1) have the obligation and the right to bargain collectively the items set forth in section 4 of this chapter; and

(2) enter into a contract embodying any of the matters listed in section 4 of this chapter on which they have bargained collectively.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, before a school employer and school employees may privately negotiate the matters described in subsection (a)(1) during the time period for formal collective bargaining established in section 12 of this chapter, the parties must hold at least one (1) public hearing and take public testimony to discuss the items described in subsection (a). **The public hearing under this subsection may take place at a regular or special meeting of the governing body.** A school employer may allow governing body members or the public to participate in a public hearing under this subsection by means of electronic communication.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

SEA 211 — CC 1

