

SENATE BILL No. 215

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-30-5-7; IC 20-34-3-4.

Synopsis: Mental health education and screenings. Requires a school corporation's health education curriculum to include mental health wellness education. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may provide mental health screenings to students. Provides that the department of education shall provide a school corporation with resources regarding mental health wellness upon request by the school corporation.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



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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.32-2021,
2 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: 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.
11 (2) Mathematics.
12 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
13 (A) constitutions;
14 (B) governmental systems; and
15 (C) histories;
16 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of
17 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.



1 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the
 2 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40
 3 with technical honors designation, each high school shall
 4 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United
 5 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

6 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.

7 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.

8 (6) Health education, **including:**

9 (A) physical fitness;

10 (B) safety; ~~and~~

11 (C) the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances
 12 on the human body; **and**

13 (D) **mental health wellness education, including topics**
 14 **relating to the causes, prevention, and cure and control of**
 15 **mental illness without stigma or emotional harm.**

16 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
 17 to revision by the state board.

18 (b) Each:

19 (1) school corporation;

20 (2) charter school; and

21 (3) state accredited nonpublic school;

22 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester
 23 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school
 24 year.

25 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the
 26 school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school
 27 through a course access program administered by the department.

28 (d) Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November
 29 1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to the general
 30 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the following:

31 (1) The number of students who took the naturalization
 32 examination described in subsection (a)(3).

33 (2) The number of students who passed the naturalization
 34 examination described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less
 35 than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt.

36 (3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the
 37 students who passed as described in subdivision (2).

38 (e) Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports to the
 39 general assembly the information under subsection (d), the department
 40 shall post the pass rate under subsection (d)(3) on the department's
 41 Internet web site.

42 SECTION 2. IC 20-34-3-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION



1 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2 2022]: Sec. 4. **(a)** The governing body of a school corporation may
3 provide for the inspection of students by a school physician to
4 determine whether any child suffers from disease, disability, decayed
5 teeth, or other defects that may reduce the student's efficiency or
6 prevent the student from receiving the full benefit of the student's
7 school work.
8 **(b) The governing body of a school corporation may provide**
9 **mental health screenings to students. The department shall provide**
10 **a school corporation with resources regarding mental health**
11 **wellness upon request by the school corporation.**

