

# SENATE BILL No. 376

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30-10-6.

**Synopsis:** Nonschool educational experience. Requires the state board of education (state board) to adopt administrative rules to allow an organization to provide credit under a Core 40 curriculum model for alternative programs in which students obtain credit counting toward the student's graduation requirements from nonschool educational experience that applies or incorporates content area knowledge in lieu of a required or elective course in the Core 40 curriculum model.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, 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 20-30-10-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the state board, in**  
4 **consultation with the commission for higher education, shall adopt**  
5 **rules under IC 4-22-2 to allow an organization to provide credit**  
6 **under a Core 40 curriculum model adopted by the state board for**  
7 **alternative programs in which students obtain credit counting**  
8 **toward their graduation requirements from nonschool educational**  
9 **experience that applies or incorporates content area knowledge in**  
10 **lieu of a required or elective course in the Core 40 curriculum**  
11 **model.**

12 (b) The state board's rules adopted under subsection (a) must  
13 include the following requirements:

14 (1) Applicants wishing to offer Core 40 credit counting  
15 toward a student's graduation requirements must submit an  
16 application, in a manner prescribed by the state board, that  
17 contains at a minimum the following:



- 1 (A) A description of the qualifications necessary to  
2 participate in the applicant's proposed program.  
3 (B) An outline of the applicant's proposed program,  
4 including the Core 40 course to which the proposed  
5 program's credit would apply.  
6 (C) A description of competencies and student outcomes  
7 that a student is expected to obtain in the applicant's  
8 proposed program.  
9 (D) A description of assessments used to measure a  
10 student's success at meeting the competency and student  
11 outcome requirements described in clause (C).  
12 (E) A description of the proposed program's admission  
13 requirements.
- 14 (2) Applications described in subdivision (1) must receive an  
15 initial review and may receive an initial approval by a team  
16 that includes at least the following:
- 17 (A) A representative from the department with relevant  
18 content and competency expertise necessary to evaluate the  
19 application effectively.  
20 (B) At least one (1) educator licensed in the content area  
21 necessary to evaluate the application effectively.  
22 (C) A representative of postsecondary education.
- 23 (3) An application initially approved under subdivision (2)  
24 must be reviewed by the state board, which may approve,  
25 deny, or conditionally approve an application.
- 26 (4) An approval or conditional approval by the state board  
27 under subdivision (3) may not exceed one (1) year. However,  
28 the state board may subsequently renew applications for  
29 periods not to exceed five (5) years.
- 30 (5) Provisions stating that the state board may withdraw  
31 approval of an application previously approved by the state  
32 board if the applicant does not comply with the rules  
33 established by the state board or program requirements  
34 specified by the state board.

