

# SENATE BILL No. 57

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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, 2020.

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January 6, 2020, 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.97-2019,  
2           SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3           JULY 1, 2020]: 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 an enhanced study of



- 1 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.  
 2 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the  
 3 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40  
 4 with technical honors designation, each high school shall  
 5 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United  
 6 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- 7 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.  
 8 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.  
 9 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of  
 10 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.  
 11 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject  
 12 to revision by the state board.
- 13 (b) Each:  
 14 (1) school corporation;  
 15 (2) charter school; and  
 16 (3) accredited nonpublic school;
- 17 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester  
 18 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school  
 19 year.
- 20 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the  
 21 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school  
 22 through a course access program administered by the department.
- 23 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 24 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
 25 **1, 2020]: Sec. 7.2. A charter school and an accredited nonpublic**  
 26 **elementary school shall include in the charter school's and**  
 27 **accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum language arts**  
 28 **studies in cursive writing.**
- 29 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 30 1, 2020]. ~~Sec. 2: Each school corporation may include cursive writing~~  
 31 ~~in the school corporation's curriculum.~~

