

## SENATE BILL No. 326

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-30-5-7.

**Synopsis:** Civics test passage rate report. Beginning in 2022, requires that the department of education (department) annually report to the general assembly the number of students who pass the naturalization exam by at least 60% on their first attempt. Requires that the department post the passage rate on its Internet web site.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 13, 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.  
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, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of  
 9 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.  
 10 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject  
 11 to revision by the state board.
- 12 (b) Each:
- 13 (1) school corporation;  
 14 (2) charter school; and  
 15 (3) accredited nonpublic school;
- 16 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester  
 17 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school  
 18 year.
- 19 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the  
 20 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school  
 21 through a course access program administered by the department.
- 22 **(d) Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than**  
 23 **November 1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to**  
 24 **the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the**  
 25 **number of students who pass the naturalization examination**  
 26 **described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less than sixty**  
 27 **percent (60%) on their first attempt.**
- 28 (e) Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports  
 29 to the general assembly the passage rate calculated for subsection  
 30 (d), the department shall post the passage rate on the department's  
 31 Internet web site.

