

HOUSE BILL No. 1262

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-19-3-39.

Synopsis: Report on civics education. Requires, not later than October 1, 2026, the department of education to: (1) prepare a report that includes information and recommendations, as applicable, regarding certain civics curriculum, initiatives, and assessments and certain longitudinal methodologies; and (2) submit the report to the general assembly. Establishes requirements regarding the preparation of the report.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-19-3-39 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 39. (a) Not later than October 1, 2026, the**
4 **department shall do the following:**

5 **(1) Prepare a report that includes information and, as**
6 **applicable, recommendations regarding the following:**

7 **(A) Indiana's kindergarten through grade 12 civics**
8 **education curriculum and practice.**

9 **(B) Work based learning, co-curricular, and**
10 **extracurricular civics education initiatives.**

11 **(C) Assessments that are used to evaluate a student's**
12 **preparedness to understand, monitor, and interact with**
13 **local, state, and federal government operations.**

14 **(D) Longitudinal methodologies to evaluate the**
15 **effectiveness of Indiana's civics based curriculum,**
16 **initiatives, and assessments in preparing students for**
17 **Indiana citizenship.**



- 1 **(2) Submit the report prepared under subdivision (1) to the**
2 **general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
3 **(b) In preparing the report under subsection (a)(1), the**
4 **department shall consult with and consider the perspectives and**
5 **opinions of stakeholders, including the following:**
6 **(1) Indiana based organizations dedicated to civics education.**
7 **(2) Educators responsible for civics instruction in schools in**
8 **Indiana.**
9 **(3) Both elected and appointed officials at the state and local**
10 **levels in all branches of government.**
11 **(c) The department may contract with a third party to prepare**
12 **the report required under this section.**
13 **(d) This section expires January 1, 2027.**

