

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.



Introduced

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.

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(2) Submit the report prepared under subdivision (1) to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(b) In preparing the report under subsection (a)(1), the department shall consult with and consider the perspectives and opinions of stakeholders, including the following:

**(1) Indiana based organizations dedicated to civics education.
(2) Educators responsible for civics instruction in schools in Indiana.**

(3) Both elected and appointed officials at the state and local levels in all branches of government.

(c) The department may contract with a third party to prepare the report required under this section.

(d) This section expires January 1, 2027.

