

SENATE BILL No. 58

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-30-5.

Synopsis: School curriculum. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic elementary school to include print handwriting, cursive handwriting, and spelling in its curriculum.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



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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~~.

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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.214-2025,
2 SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall
4 include in the 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 **(F) for an elementary school:**
12 **(i) print handwriting; and**
13 **(ii) cursive handwriting; and**
14 **(G) for kindergarten through grade 6, spelling.**
15 (2) Mathematics.
16 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
17 (A) constitutions;



- 1 (B) governmental systems; and
- 2 (C) histories;
- 3 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of
- 4 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
- 5 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the
- 6 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40
- 7 with technical honors designation, each high school shall
- 8 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United
- 9 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- 10 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.
- 11 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.
- 12 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of
- 13 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.
- 14 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
- 15 to revision by the state board.
- 16 (b) Not later than November 1 each year, the department shall report
- 17 to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the
- 18 following:
- 19 (1) The number of students who took the naturalization
- 20 examination described in subsection (a)(3).
- 21 (2) The number of students who passed the naturalization
- 22 examination described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less
- 23 than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt.
- 24 (3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the
- 25 students who passed as described in subdivision (2).
- 26 (c) Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports to the
- 27 general assembly the information under subsection (b), the department
- 28 shall post the pass rate under subsection (b)(3) on the department's
- 29 website.
- 30 SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 31 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 32 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7.2. A charter school and a state accredited nonpublic**
- 33 **elementary school shall include in the charter school's and state**
- 34 **accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum the following**
- 35 **language arts studies:**
- 36 (1) **For an elementary school:**
- 37 (A) **print handwriting; and**
- 38 (B) **cursive handwriting.**
- 39 (2) **For kindergarten through grade 6, spelling.**

