

HOUSE BILL No. 1050

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4.9.

Synopsis: High school diplomas and areas of study. Requires the Indiana state board of education to adopt rules to establish for public and accredited nonpublic high schools the minimum requirements for a general high school program, a Core 40 high school program, and an Indiana academic honors high school program. Requires public high schools and accredited nonpublic high schools to offer the general high school program, the Core 40 high school program, and the Indiana academic honors high school program established by state board rules. Requires public and accredited nonpublic high schools to give to students who receive a diploma an ISTEP+ diploma seal for receiving a passing score on the ISTEP graduation examination, a Core 40
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diploma seal for successful completion of the Core 40 high school program, and an Indiana academic honors diploma seal for successful completion of the Indiana academic honors high school program. Allows governing bodies to offer additional locally developed diploma seal programs. Provides that a student is entitled to receive all diploma seals for which the student qualifies.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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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 20-10.1-4.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 1999]:
- 4 **Chapter 4.9. High School Diploma and Diploma Seals**
- 5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to:**
- 6 (1) **public high schools; and**
- 7 (2) **accredited nonpublic high schools.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "diploma" means a certificate of**
- 9 **graduation that:**
- 10 (1) **a governing body issues to a student; and**
- 11 (2) **certifies that the student has satisfied:**
- 12 (A) **the minimum requirements of a high school program**
- 13 **established under this chapter; and**
- 14 (B) **all other requirements for graduation under:**
- 15 (i) **statute;**



- (ii) rule; and
- (iii) governing body policy.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "diploma seal" means an appropriate indicator that:

- (1) is imprinted, impressed, or otherwise affixed to a student's diploma;
- (2) specifies the high school program that the indicator represents; and
- (3) certifies that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for receiving a diploma with the indicator.

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding IC 20-10.1-1-5, as used in this chapter, "governing body" refers to the:

- (1) governing body of a school corporation; or
- (2) governing authority of a nonpublic school;

whichever is applicable.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "high school program" means a specific series and number of courses that meet the following requirements:

- (1) Comprise a defined curriculum.
- (2) Are established by at least one (1) of the following:
 - (A) Statute.
 - (B) Rules adopted by the board.
 - (C) The governing body.
- (3) When satisfactorily completed by a student, fulfill the academic requirements for a student to do the following:
 - (A) Graduate from high school.
 - (B) Be issued a diploma.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "school" refers to the following:

- (1) A public school.
- (2) An accredited nonpublic school.

Sec. 7. (a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish minimum requirements for the following high school programs:

- (1) A general high school program that requires the following minimum number of credits:
 - (A) For graduation in the 1999-2000 school year, thirty-eight (38) credits.
 - (B) For graduation in the 2000-2001 school year, forty (40) credits.
 - (C) For graduation in the 2002-2003 school year and subsequent school years, forty-two (42) credits.
- (2) A Core 40 high school program that is a college



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1 preparation program.

2 (3) An Indiana academic honors high school program that
3 includes the following:

4 (A) A rigorous academic program of study.

5 (B) A specified minimum grade point average.

6 (b) The requirements established under subsection (a) must
7 include the following for each high school program:

8 (1) Number of credits.

9 (2) Curriculum areas and courses.

10 (3) Other requirements.

11 Sec. 8. A governing body must offer the following high school
12 programs established under section 7 of this chapter:

13 (1) A general high school program.

14 (2) A Core 40 high school program.

15 (3) An Indiana academic honors high school program.

16 Sec. 9. A governing body must provide the following:

17 (1) An ISTEP+ diploma seal to a student who receives:

18 (A) a diploma; and

19 (B) a passing score on the graduation examination (as
20 defined in IC 20-10.1-16-1.5).

21 (2) A Core 40 diploma seal to a student who:

22 (A) receives a diploma; and

23 (B) successfully completes the Core 40 high school
24 program.

25 (3) An Indiana academic honors diploma seal to a student
26 who:

27 (A) receives a diploma; and

28 (B) successfully completes the Indiana academic honors
29 high school program.

30 Sec. 10. A governing body may establish and offer a high school
31 program that upon successful completion results in the issuance of
32 a diploma seal that differs from the diploma seals listed in section
33 9 of this chapter. However, a high school program that a governing
34 body establishes under this section must exceed the requirements
35 that the board establishes for a general high school program under
36 section 7(a)(1) of this chapter.

37 Sec. 11. There is no limit on the number of diploma seals for
38 which a student may qualify. The governing body shall issue to a
39 student a diploma seal for each high school program the student
40 successfully completes.

41 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) The Indiana state
42 board of education may adopt guidelines to establish minimum

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1 requirements for the diploma and diploma seals under
2 IC 20-10.1-4.9, as added by this act. The guidelines adopted under
3 this SECTION remain in effect until the board adopts rules under
4 IC 20-10.1-4.9-7, as added by this act.
5 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

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