

HOUSE BILL No. 1070

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4.9.

Synopsis: High school diplomas, seals, and programs 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 Indiana state board of education 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 diploma seal for successful
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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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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;**



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- (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.
- (2) A Core 40 high school program that is a college preparation program.
- (3) An Indiana academic honors high school program that includes:
 - (A) a rigorous academic program of study; and
 - (B) a specified minimum grade point average.

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

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- 1 (1) Number of credits.
 2 (2) Curriculum areas and courses.
 3 (3) Other requirements.
- 4 **Sec. 8. A governing body must offer the following high school**
 5 **programs established under section 7 of this chapter:**
 6 (1) A general high school program.
 7 (2) A Core 40 high school program.
 8 (3) An Indiana academic honors high school program.
- 9 **Sec. 9. A governing body must provide the following:**
 10 (1) An ISTEP+ diploma seal to a student who receives:
 11 (A) a diploma; and
 12 (B) a passing score on the graduation examination (as
 13 defined in IC 20-10.1-16-1.5).
 14 (2) A Core 40 diploma seal to a student who:
 15 (A) receives a diploma; and
 16 (B) successfully completes the Core 40 high school
 17 program.
 18 (3) An Indiana academic honors diploma seal to a student
 19 who:
 20 (A) receives a diploma; and
 21 (B) successfully completes the Indiana academic honors
 22 high school program.
- 23 **Sec. 10. A governing body may establish and offer a high school**
 24 **program that upon successful completion results in the issuance of**
 25 **a diploma seal that differs from the diploma seals listed in section**
 26 **9 of this chapter. However, a high school program that a governing**
 27 **body establishes under this section must exceed the requirements**
 28 **that the board establishes for a general high school program.**
- 29 **Sec. 11. There is no limit on the number of diploma seals that a**
 30 **student may receive. The governing body shall issue to a student**
 31 **each diploma seal for which the student qualifies.**
- 32 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) The Indiana state**
 33 **board of education may adopt guidelines to establish minimum**
 34 **requirements for the diploma and diploma seals under**
 35 **IC 20-10.1-4.9, as added by this act. The guidelines adopted under**
 36 **this SECTION remain in effect until the board adopts rules under**
 37 **IC 20-10.1-4.9-7, as added by this act.**
 38 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.**

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