
SENATE BILL No. 249

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-17-3.

Synopsis: ISTEP test subjects and time duration. Provides that the subject areas of English/language arts and mathematics are the only subject areas to be tested under the Indiana statewide testing for educational progress (ISTEP) program. Provides that each ISTEP subject area test may not be longer than two hours in duration.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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~~.

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.

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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 20-10.1-17-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-1999,
2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 3. (a) The board shall adopt clear, concise, and
4 jargon free state academic standards that are comparable to national
5 and international academic standards. These academic standards must
6 be adopted for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 for
7 the following subjects:

- 8 (1) English/language arts.
9 (2) Mathematics.
10 (3) Social studies.
11 (4) Science.

12 For grade levels tested under the ISTEP program, the academic
13 standards **for English/language arts and mathematics** must be based
14 in part upon the results of the ISTEP program.

15 (b) The department shall do the following:

- 16 (1) Distribute the academic standards established under this
17 section to each school corporation for distribution by the school



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- 1 corporation to the parent of each student in the school
2 corporation.
- 3 (2) Survey parents of students, members of the business
4 community, representatives of higher education, and educators on
5 the importance and applicability of academic standards.
- 6 (c) ISTEP program testing shall be administered **only** in the
7 following subject areas:
- 8 (1) English/language arts.
9 (2) Mathematics.
- 10 ~~(3) Beginning in school year 2002-2003, science, in grade levels~~
11 ~~determined by the board.~~
- 12 ~~(4) Beginning in school year 2003-2004, social studies, in grade~~
13 ~~levels determined by the board.~~
- 14 **(d) Each subject area test administered under subsection (c)**
15 **may not be longer than two (2) hours in duration.**

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