

# SENATE BILL No. 414

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1-16-13.

**Synopsis:** Core 40 curriculum. Provides that a student is required to complete the Core 40 curriculum in order to graduate from high school, unless the parent of a student requests that the student be exempted or if, in the case of a special education student, the student's individualized education program does not require the Core 40 curriculum.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 21, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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 20-10.1-16-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-1999,
- 2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 13. (a) Beginning with the class of students who
- 4 expect to graduate during the 1999-2000 school year, each student is
- 5 required to meet:
- 6 (1) the academic standards tested in the graduation examination;
- 7 and
- 8 (2) any additional requirements established by the governing
- 9 body;
- 10 to be eligible to graduate.
- 11 (b) **Except as provided in subsections (g) and (h), beginning with**
- 12 **the class of students who expect to graduate during the 2006-2007**
- 13 **school year, each student is required to meet:**
- 14 (1) **the educational proficiency standard tested in the**
- 15 **graduation examination;**
- 16 (2) **the Core 40 requirements adopted by the board under**
- 17 **IC 20-10.1-5.7; and**



1           **(3) any additional requirements established by the governing**  
 2           **body;**  
 3           **to be eligible to graduate.**

4           (c) A student who does not meet the academic standards tested in  
 5 the graduation examination shall be given the opportunity to be tested  
 6 during each semester of each grade following the grade in which the  
 7 student is initially tested until the student achieves a passing score.

8           ~~(c)~~ (d) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the  
 9 graduation examination may be eligible to graduate if all of the  
 10 following occur:

11           (1) The principal of the school the student attends certifies that  
 12 the student will within one (1) month of the student's scheduled  
 13 graduation date successfully complete all components of the Core  
 14 40 curriculum as established by the board under IC 20-10.1-5.7-1.

15           (2) The student otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation  
 16 requirements.

17           ~~(d)~~ (e) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the  
 18 graduation examination and who does not meet the requirements of  
 19 subsection ~~(c)~~ (d) may be eligible to graduate if the student does all of  
 20 the following:

21           (1) Takes the graduation examination in each subject area in  
 22 which the student did not achieve a passing score at least one (1)  
 23 time every school year after the school year in which the student  
 24 first takes the graduation examination.

25           (2) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student  
 26 by the student's school.

27           (3) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five  
 28 percent (95%) with excused absences not counting against the  
 29 student's attendance.

30           (4) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the  
 31 courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation  
 32 by rule of the board.

33           (5) Obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of the  
 34 student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved  
 35 a passing score. The recommendation must:

36           (A) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school;  
 37 and

38           (B) be supported by documentation that the student has  
 39 attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:

40           (i) tests other than the graduation examination; or

41           (ii) classroom work.

42           (6) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

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1            ~~(e)~~ **(f)** This subsection applies to a student who is a child with a  
 2 disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1). If the student does not achieve a  
 3 passing score on the graduation examination, the student's case  
 4 conference committee may determine that the student is eligible to  
 5 graduate if the case conference committee finds the following:

6            (1) The student's teacher of record, in consultation with a teacher  
 7 of the student in each subject area in which the student has not  
 8 achieved a passing score, makes a written recommendation to the  
 9 case conference committee. The recommendation must:

10            (A) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school;  
 11            and

12            (B) be supported by documentation that the student has  
 13 attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:

- 14            (i) tests other than the graduation examination; or  
 15            (ii) classroom work.

16            (2) The student meets all of the following requirements:

17            (A) Retakes the graduation examination in each subject area  
 18 in which the student did not achieve a passing score as often  
 19 as required by the student's individualized education program.

20            (B) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the  
 21 student by the student's school to the extent required by the  
 22 student's individualized education program.

23            (C) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five  
 24 percent (95%) to the extent required by the student's  
 25 individualized education program with excused absences not  
 26 counting against the student's attendance.

27            (D) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the  
 28 courses comprising the credits specifically required for  
 29 graduation by rule of the board.

30            (E) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation  
 31 requirements.

32            **(g) Upon the request of the parent of a student, the student may  
 33 be exempted from the Core 40 curriculum requirement set forth in  
 34 subsection (b) and required to complete the general curriculum.**

35            **(h) Any decision with regard to a student who is a child with a  
 36 disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1) to complete the Core 40  
 37 curriculum required under subsection (b) shall be made in  
 38 accordance with the child's individualized education program and  
 39 federal law.**

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