

# SENATE BILL No. 224

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-19-2-21; IC 20-24-8-5; IC 20-26-17.

**Synopsis:** Virtual education. Provides that the state board of education may require each student to complete at least one course through virtual learning before graduating from high school. Defines "virtual school". Sets forth requirements for virtual schools established by school corporations or charter schools.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, 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~~.

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 20-19-2-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 21. The state board may adopt a rule under IC 4-22-2**  
4 **mandating that each student complete at least one (1) course**  
5 **through virtual distance learning, online technology, or computer**  
6 **based instruction as a requirement for graduation from high**  
7 **school.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 20-24-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2006,  
9 SECTION 111, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. The following statutes and rules  
11 and guidelines adopted under the following statutes apply to a charter  
12 school:

- 13 (1) IC 5-11-1-9 (required audits by the state board of accounts).
- 14 (2) IC 20-39-1-1 (unified accounting system).
- 15 (3) IC 20-35 (special education).
- 16 (4) IC 20-26-5-10 and IC 20-28-5-9 (criminal history).
- 17 (5) IC 20-26-5-6 (subject to laws requiring regulation by state



- 1 agencies).
- 2 (6) IC 20-28-7-14 (void teacher contract when two (2) contracts
- 3 are signed).
- 4 (7) IC 20-28-10-12 (nondiscrimination for teacher marital status).
- 5 (8) IC 20-28-10-14 (teacher freedom of association).
- 6 (9) IC 20-28-10-17 (school counselor immunity).
- 7 (10) For conversion charter schools only, IC 20-28-6, IC 20-28-7,
- 8 IC 20-28-8, IC 20-28-9, and IC 20-28-10.
- 9 (11) IC 20-33-2 (compulsory school attendance).
- 10 (12) IC 20-33-3 (limitations on employment of children).
- 11 (13) IC 20-33-8-19, IC 20-33-8-21, and IC 20-33-8-22 (student
- 12 due process and judicial review).
- 13 (14) IC 20-33-8-16 (firearms and deadly weapons).
- 14 (15) IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
- 15 (16) IC 20-33-9 (reporting of student violations of law).
- 16 (17) IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
- 17 observances).
- 18 (18) IC 20-31-3, IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5, IC 20-32-6, IC 20-32-8,
- 19 or any other statute, rule, or guideline related to standardized
- 20 testing (assessment programs, including remediation under the
- 21 assessment programs).
- 22 (19) IC 20-33-7 (parental access to education records).
- 23 (20) IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
- 24 improvement).
- 25 **(21) For virtual schools established by a charter school,**
- 26 **IC 20-30-2-3 (number of student instructional days).**

27 SECTION 3. IC 20-26-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 28 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JULY 1, 2009]:

30 **Chapter 17. Virtual Education**

31 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "virtual school" means an entity**  
 32 **that provides for the delivery of more than fifty percent (50%) of**  
 33 **instruction to students through virtual distance learning, online**  
 34 **technology, or computer based instruction.**

35 **Sec. 2. A virtual school must comply with IC 20-30-2-3.**

36 **Sec. 3. A school corporation or a charter school that enrolls a**  
 37 **full-time student in a virtual school shall include the student in the**  
 38 **ADM of the school corporation or charter school for funding**  
 39 **purposes.**

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