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**DIGEST**

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-43-9.

**Synopsis:** College head start program. Establishes the college head start program to enable certain students in grades 11 and 12 to complete certain dual credit courses while in high school.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.



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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 21-43-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2009]:

4           **Chapter 9. College Head Start Program**

5           **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a program made available by a**  
6 **public high school or through cooperatives of public high schools**  
7 **and is in addition to the programs described in IC 21-43-4,**  
8 **IC 21-43-5, and IC 21-43-6.**

9           **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible student" refers to a**  
10 **secondary school student in grades 11 or 12 who is on track to**  
11 **graduate based upon the student's academic credits earned and**  
12 **graduation examination results.**

13           **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the college**  
14 **head start program established by section 5 of this chapter.**

15           **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "qualified teacher" refers to a**  
16 **teacher who holds any of the following teaching licenses:**

- 17           **(1) Proficient practitioner.**
- 18           **(2) Accomplished practitioner.**
- 19           **(3) Standard.**
- 20           **(4) Professional.**

21           **Sec. 5. The college head start program is established to enable**  
22 **eligible students to complete certain core dual credit courses while**  
23 **in high school.**

24           **Sec. 6. The commission for higher education shall identify at**  
25 **least thirty (30) courses, including a series of college general**  
26 **education courses most frequently taken by college undergraduates**  
27 **in their first two years of college, from its core transfer library**  
28 **under IC 21-42-5 to be included in the program as course offerings**  
29 **to eligible students.**



1       **Sec. 7. (a) Courses under the program shall be taught by**  
2 **qualified teachers.**

3       **(b) Courses under the program may be delivered through**  
4 **distance learning technologies at a public high school site so long**  
5 **as there is an onsite eligible teacher who is qualified in the subject**  
6 **area of the course monitoring the delivery of instruction and**  
7 **assisting in the student's academic progress in the course.**

8       **(c) The commission for higher education and the state board**  
9 **may jointly approve distance learning providers of dual credit**  
10 **courses that are not eligible institutions.**

11       **Sec. 8. (a) Qualified teachers must participate in professional**  
12 **development activities, as determined jointly by the eligible**  
13 **institution offering the course, the school corporation, and the**  
14 **exclusive representative of the school corporation.**

15       **(b) If a qualified teacher is required to participate in**  
16 **professional development activities under subsection (a), the**  
17 **qualified teacher is entitled to compensation for the professional**  
18 **development time under IC 20-29.**

19       **Sec. 9. Course grades earned under the program by an eligible**  
20 **student shall be included on the student's high school transcript,**  
21 **which shall be sufficient record for purposes of a student's**  
22 **application and admission consideration to any of the eligible**  
23 **institutions.**

