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Synopsis: Various education matters. Removes and repeals various education provisions and expired education provisions, including provisions concerning the following: (1) Secretary of education criteria. (2) Certain department of education (department) requirements. (3) The advisory committee on career and technical education. (4) Use of hearing examiners by the state board of education (state board). (5) Credit for retaking a virtual course during certain time periods. (6) Family friendly school designations. (7) The Indiana civic education commission. (8) Discretionary directives to the department. (9) The program for the advancement of math and science. (10) Access to telecommunication services. (11) Elementary school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists program and fund. (12) Grants for mental health counselor licenses for school counselors. (13) The arts
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education program. (14) The geothermal conversion revolving fund. (15) Clause requirements for certain charter school organizer documents. (16) Required acknowledgment by a current authorizer regarding a proposal by an existing charter school to another authorizer. (17) Requirements regarding a governing body of school corporation (governing body) providing a noncharter school. (18) Charter requirements, including minimum year, instruction, course, and annual performance target requirements. (19) Certain notice requirements from an authorizer to an organizer that is not in compliance. (20) Certain nondiscrimination and acceptance of credit requirements regarding a public noncharter school. (21) Indiana school for the arts. (22) Allowing the board of trustees of Vincennes University to establish a grammar school. (23) Designation of certain committees by a governing body. (24) Governing body use of funds for associations. (25) Required policies on contacting employment references. (26) Developing and reviewing evidence based plans with parents for improving student behavior and discipline. (27) Requirements and limitations regarding remediation programs. (28) Township trustees and the sale of schoolhouses. (29) School health advisory councils and adoption of a school corporation policy on child nutrition and physical activity. (30) Certain agreement requirements regarding joint programs. (31) Certain requirements regarding the transfer of a student to another school. (32) Freeway school corporation and freeway school program. (33) Policies, programs, and reports regarding criminal organization activity. (34) Revocation of coalition of continuous improvement school corporation's membership. (35) Transportation program discretion. (36) Recommendations regarding certain powers and duties of the department. (37) Certain training and professional development requirements. (38) Certain teacher leave requirements. (39) Ineligibility for state funds for adopting residence requirements. (40) Certain compensation included in computing teacher's retirement benefit. (41) Penalty for failing to comply with working schedule requirements. (42) Discretionary modification of graduation plan. (43) Required course on safety education. (44) Compilation of leaflets regarding hygiene, sanitary science, and disease prevention. (45) Making a violation regarding teaching certain disease information an infraction. (46) Certain elective courses and teachings. (47) Voluntary summer school program and joint summer school program requirements. (48) Technology preparation curriculum. (49) Community or volunteer service programs. (50) Nonsession school activities. (51) Requirements regarding Indiana academic standards. (52) Strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plans. (53) Cultural competency components of a school plan. (54) Student educational achievement grants. (55) Remediation grant program. (56) Postsecondary workforce training program remediation reduction. (57) Requirement to provide an enrollment form for the twenty-first century scholars program to certain students. (58) Governor's scholars academy. (59) Seminary township school fund. (60) Dual credit teacher stipend matching grant fund. (61) Student enrichment grants. (62) Required submission of economic interest information at the time a charter school organizer submits a proposal for a charter school. Merges and amends provisions regarding fund distribution upon the termination of a charter and the cessation of a charter school. Amends the age eligibility for a member of a governing body. Amends the time period by which a governing body must organize by electing officers. Establishes information that must be included in a consolidated audit by an organizer. Provides adult high schools are excluded from all cohort based graduation rate calculations except to the extent required under federal law. Amends the termination and notice requirements with regard to terminating a transportation program. Relocates and amends a provision regarding trauma informed classroom instruction curriculum in teacher preparation programs. Provides that the secretary

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of education (instead of the governor) shall appoint the director of special education. Amends required frequency of child abuse and neglect training. Amends certain financial statement filing requirements regarding school trusts to pool assets for insurance coverage. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 6-1.1-18-34, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2023,
2 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 34. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this
4 section, this section:
5 (1) does not apply until the expiration of IC 20-45-8 under
6 ~~IC 20-45-8-29(a)~~; **IC 20-45-8-29**; and
7 (2) upon the expiration of IC 20-45-8 under ~~IC 20-45-8-29(a)~~,
8 **IC 20-45-8-29**, applies only to a school corporation that has under
9 its jurisdiction any territory located in Dearborn County.
10 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the superintendent of a school
11 corporation may, after approval by the governing body of the school
12 corporation, and before September 1 of the year immediately preceding
13 the expiration of IC 20-45-8, submit a petition to the department of
14 local government finance requesting an increase in the school
15 corporation's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under

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1 IC 20-46-8-1 for its operations fund for property taxes first due and
2 payable in the year after the expiration of IC 20-45-8.

3 (c) Before the governing body of the school corporation may
4 approve a petition under subsection (b), the governing body of the
5 school corporation must hold a public hearing on the petition. The
6 governing body of the school corporation shall give notice of the public
7 hearing under IC 5-3-1. At the public hearing, the governing body of
8 the school corporation shall make available to the public the following:

9 (1) A fiscal plan describing the need for the increase to the levy
10 and the expenditures for which the revenue generated from the
11 increase to the levy will be used.

12 (2) A statement that the proposed increase will be a permanent
13 increase to the school corporation's maximum permissible ad
14 valorem property tax levy under IC 20-46-8-1 for its operations
15 fund.

16 (3) The estimated effect of the proposed increase on taxpayers.

17 (4) The anticipated property tax rates and levies for property taxes
18 first due and payable in the year after the expiration of
19 IC 20-45-8.

20 After the governing body of the school corporation approves the
21 petition, the school corporation shall immediately notify the other civil
22 taxing units and school corporations in the county that are located in a
23 taxing district where the school corporation is also located.

24 (d) If the superintendent of a school corporation submits a petition
25 under subsection (b), the department of local government finance shall
26 increase the school corporation's maximum permissible ad valorem
27 property tax levy under IC 20-46-8-1 for the operations fund for
28 property taxes first due and payable in the year after the expiration of
29 IC 20-45-8 by the amount of the distribution that the school corporation
30 received in the year immediately preceding the expiration of
31 IC 20-45-8, as determined by the department of local government
32 finance.

33 (e) The school corporation's maximum permissible ad valorem
34 property tax levy for property taxes first due and payable in the year
35 after the expiration of IC 20-45-8, as adjusted under this section, shall
36 be used in the determination of the school corporation's maximum
37 permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for
38 property taxes first due and payable in the year following the year after
39 the expiration of IC 20-45-8 and thereafter.

40 SECTION 2. IC 6-3-1-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
41 SECTION 185, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3.5. When used in this article, the



term "adjusted gross income" shall mean the following:

(a) In the case of all individuals, "adjusted gross income" (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code), modified as follows:

(1) Subtract income that is exempt from taxation under this article by the Constitution and statutes of the United States.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (c), add an amount equal to any deduction or deductions allowed or allowable pursuant to Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxes based on or measured by income and levied at the state level by any state of the United States.

(3) Subtract one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or in the case of a joint return filed by a husband and wife, subtract for each spouse one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(4) Subtract one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for:

(A) each of the exemptions provided by Section 151(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (as effective January 1, 2017);

(B) each additional amount allowable under Section 63(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(C) the spouse of the taxpayer if a separate return is made by the taxpayer and if the spouse, for the calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins, has no gross income and is not the dependent of another taxpayer.

(5) Subtract each of the following:

(A) One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each of the exemptions allowed under Section 151(c)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code (as effective January 1, 2004), except that in the first taxable year in which a particular exemption is allowed under Section 151(c)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code (as effective January 1, 2004), subtract three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for that exemption.

(B) One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each exemption allowed under Section 151(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (as effective January 1, 2017) for an individual:

(i) who is less than nineteen (19) years of age or is a full-time student who is less than twenty-four (24) years of age;

(ii) for whom the taxpayer is the legal guardian; and

(iii) for whom the taxpayer does not claim an exemption under clause (A).

(C) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for each additional amount allowable under Section 63(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code



1 if the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer, or the
 2 taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse in the case of a joint return,
 3 is less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). In the case of a
 4 married individual filing a separate return, the qualifying
 5 income amount in this clause is equal to twenty thousand
 6 dollars (\$20,000).

7 (D) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each exemption
 8 allowed under Section 151(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (as
 9 effective January 1, 2017) for an individual who is:

10 (i) an adopted child of the taxpayer; and

11 (ii) less than nineteen (19) years of age or is a full-time
 12 student who is less than twenty-four (24) years of age.

13 This amount is in addition to any amount subtracted under
 14 clause (A) or (B).

15 This amount is in addition to the amount subtracted under
 16 subdivision (4).

17 (6) Subtract any amounts included in federal adjusted gross
 18 income under Section 111 of the Internal Revenue Code as a
 19 recovery of items previously deducted as an itemized deduction
 20 from adjusted gross income.

21 (7) Subtract any amounts included in federal adjusted gross
 22 income under the Internal Revenue Code which amounts were
 23 received by the individual as supplemental railroad retirement
 24 annuities under 45 U.S.C. 231 and which are not deductible under
 25 subdivision (1).

26 (8) Subtract an amount equal to the amount of federal Social
 27 Security and Railroad Retirement benefits included in a taxpayer's
 28 federal gross income by Section 86 of the Internal Revenue Code.

29 (9) In the case of a nonresident taxpayer or a resident taxpayer
 30 residing in Indiana for a period of less than the taxpayer's entire
 31 taxable year, the total amount of the deductions allowed pursuant
 32 to subdivisions (3), (4), and (5) shall be reduced to an amount
 33 which bears the same ratio to the total as the taxpayer's income
 34 taxable in Indiana bears to the taxpayer's total income.

35 (10) In the case of an individual who is a recipient of assistance
 36 under IC 12-10-6-1, IC 12-10-6-2.1, IC 12-15-2-2, or IC 12-15-7,
 37 subtract an amount equal to that portion of the individual's
 38 adjusted gross income with respect to which the individual is not
 39 allowed under federal law to retain an amount to pay state and
 40 local income taxes.

41 (11) In the case of an eligible individual, subtract the amount of
 42 a Holocaust victim's settlement payment included in the



individual's federal adjusted gross income.

(12) Subtract an amount equal to the portion of any premiums paid during the taxable year by the taxpayer for a qualified long term care policy (as defined in IC 12-15-39.6-5) for the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse if the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse file a joint income tax return or the taxpayer is otherwise entitled to a deduction under this subdivision for the taxpayer's spouse, or both.

(13) Subtract an amount equal to the lesser of:

(A) two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) in the case of a married individual filing a separate return; or

(B) the amount of property taxes that are paid during the taxable year in Indiana by the individual on the individual's principal place of residence.

(14) Subtract an amount equal to the amount of a September 11 terrorist attack settlement payment included in the individual's federal adjusted gross income.

(15) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that owns property for which bonus depreciation was allowed in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been computed had an election not been made under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code to apply bonus depreciation to the property in the year that it was placed in service.

(16) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning net operating losses).

(17) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that placed Section 179 property (as defined in Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code) in service in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been computed had an election for federal income tax purposes not been made for the year in which the property was placed in service to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code in a total amount exceeding the sum of:

(A) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the extent deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code were not elected as provided in clause (B); and

(B) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the



deductions elected under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code on property acquired in an exchange if:

- (i) the exchange would have been eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017;
- (ii) the exchange is not eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (iii) the taxpayer made an election to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the acquired property in the year that the property was placed into service.

The amount of deductions allowable for an item of property under this clause may not exceed the amount of adjusted gross income realized on the property that would have been deferred under the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017.

(18) Subtract an amount equal to the amount of the taxpayer's qualified military income that was not excluded from the taxpayer's gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(19) Subtract income that is:

- (A) exempt from taxation under IC 6-3-2-21.7 (certain income derived from patents); and
- (B) included in the individual's federal adjusted gross income under the Internal Revenue Code.

(20) Add an amount equal to any income not included in gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subtract the amount necessary from the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that added an amount to adjusted gross income in a previous year to offset the amount included in federal gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(21) Add the amount excluded from federal gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code for interest received on an obligation of a state other than Indiana, or a political subdivision of such a state, that is acquired by the taxpayer after December 31, 2011. For purposes of this subdivision:



- 1 (A) if the taxpayer receives interest from a pass through entity,
 2 a regulated investment company, a hedge fund, or similar
 3 arrangement, the taxpayer will be considered to have acquired
 4 the obligation on the date the entity acquired the obligation;
 5 (B) if ownership of the obligation occurs by means other than
 6 a purchase, the date of acquisition of the obligation shall be
 7 the date ownership of the obligation was transferred, except to
 8 the extent provided in clause (A), and if a portion of the
 9 obligation is acquired on multiple dates, the date of acquisition
 10 shall be considered separately for each portion of the
 11 obligation; and
 12 (C) if ownership of the obligation occurred as the result of a
 13 refinancing of another obligation, the acquisition date shall be
 14 the date on which the obligation was refinanced.
- 15 (22) Subtract an amount as described in Section 1341(a)(2) of the
 16 Internal Revenue Code to the extent, if any, that the amount was
 17 previously included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for a
 18 prior taxable year.
- 19 (23) For taxable years beginning after December 25, 2016, add an
 20 amount equal to the deduction for deferred foreign income that
 21 was claimed by the taxpayer for the taxable year under Section
 22 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 23 (24) Subtract any interest expense paid or accrued in the current
 24 taxable year but not deducted as a result of the limitation imposed
 25 under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Add any
 26 interest expense paid or accrued in a previous taxable year but
 27 allowed as a deduction under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue
 28 Code in the current taxable year. For purposes of this subdivision,
 29 an interest expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first
 30 taxable year the deduction would have been allowable under
 31 Section 163 of the Internal Revenue Code if the limitation under
 32 Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code did not exist.
- 33 (25) Subtract the amount that would have been excluded from
 34 gross income but for the enactment of Section 118(b)(2) of the
 35 Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after December
 36 22, 2017.
- 37 (26) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, and
 38 before January 1, 2021, add an amount of the deduction claimed
 39 under Section 62(a)(22) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 40 (27) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, for
 41 payments made by an employer under an education assistance
 42 program after March 27, 2020:



- 1 (A) add the amount of payments by an employer that are
- 2 excluded from the taxpayer's federal gross income under
- 3 Section 127(c)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- 4 (B) deduct the interest allowable under Section 221 of the
- 5 Internal Revenue Code, if the disallowance under Section
- 6 221(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code did not apply to the
- 7 payments described in clause (A). For purposes of applying
- 8 Section 221(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to the amount
- 9 allowable under this clause, the amount under clause (A) shall
- 10 not be added to adjusted gross income.
- 11 (28) Add an amount equal to the remainder of:
- 12 (A) the amount allowable as a deduction under Section 274(n)
- 13 of the Internal Revenue Code; minus
- 14 (B) the amount otherwise allowable as a deduction under
- 15 Section 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code, if Section
- 16 274(n)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code was not in effect
- 17 for amounts paid or incurred after December 31, 2020.
- 18 (29) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and
- 19 before January 1, 2021, add an amount equal to the excess
- 20 business loss of the taxpayer as defined in Section 461(l)(3) of the
- 21 Internal Revenue Code. In addition:
- 22 (A) If a taxpayer has an excess business loss under this
- 23 subdivision and also has modifications under subdivisions (15)
- 24 and (17) for property placed in service during the taxable year,
- 25 the taxpayer shall treat a portion of the taxable year
- 26 modifications for that property as occurring in the taxable year
- 27 the property is placed in service and a portion of the
- 28 modifications as occurring in the immediately following
- 29 taxable year.
- 30 (B) The portion of the modifications under subdivisions (15)
- 31 and (17) for property placed in service during the taxable year
- 32 treated as occurring in the taxable year in which the property
- 33 is placed in service equals:
- 34 (i) the modification for the property otherwise determined
- 35 under this section; minus
- 36 (ii) the excess business loss disallowed under this
- 37 subdivision;
- 38 but not less than zero (0).
- 39 (C) The portion of the modifications under subdivisions (15)
- 40 and (17) for property placed in service during the taxable year
- 41 treated as occurring in the taxable year immediately following
- 42 the taxable year in which the property is placed in service



- 1 equals the modification for the property otherwise determined
 2 under this section minus the amount in clause (B).
 3 (D) Any reallocation of modifications between taxable years
 4 under clauses (B) and (C) shall be first allocated to the
 5 modification under subdivision (15), then to the modification
 6 under subdivision (17).
 7 (30) Add an amount equal to the amount excluded from federal
 8 gross income under Section 108(f)(5) of the Internal Revenue
 9 Code. For purposes of this subdivision:
 10 (A) if an amount excluded under Section 108(f)(5) of the
 11 Internal Revenue Code would be excludible under Section
 12 108(a)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, the exclusion
 13 under Section 108(a)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code shall
 14 take precedence; and
 15 (B) if an amount would have been excludible under Section
 16 108(f)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January
 17 1, 2020, the amount is not required to be added back under this
 18 subdivision.
 19 (31) For taxable years ending after March 12, 2020, subtract an
 20 amount equal to the deduction disallowed pursuant to:
 21 (A) Section 2301(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136),
 22 as modified by Sections 206 and 207 of the Taxpayer Certainty
 23 and Disaster Relief Tax Act (Division EE of Public Law
 24 116-260); and
 25 (B) Section 3134(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 26 (32) Subtract the amount of an ESA annual grant amount and, as
 27 applicable, a CSA annual grant amount distributed to a taxpayer's
 28 Indiana education scholarship account under IC 20-51.4 that is
 29 used for an ESA or CSA qualified expense (as defined in
 30 IC 20-51.4-2) ~~or to an Indiana enrichment scholarship account~~
 31 ~~under IC 20-52 that is used for qualified expenses (as defined in~~
 32 ~~IC 20-52-2-6);~~ to the extent the distribution used for the qualified
 33 expense is included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross
 34 income under the Internal Revenue Code.
 35 (33) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, and
 36 before January 1, 2021, add an amount equal to the amount of
 37 unemployment compensation excluded from federal gross income
 38 under Section 85(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 39 (34) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022,
 40 subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed under
 41 Section 280C(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 42 (35) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, add or



1 subtract amounts related to specified research or experimental
2 procedures as required under IC 6-3-2-29.

3 (36) Subtract any other amounts the taxpayer is entitled to deduct
4 under IC 6-3-2.

5 (37) Subtract the amount of a CSA annual grant amount
6 distributed to a taxpayer's career scholarship account under
7 IC 20-51.4-4.5 that is used for a CSA qualified expense (as
8 defined in IC 20-51.4-2-3.8), to the extent the distribution used
9 for the CSA qualified expense is included in the taxpayer's federal
10 adjusted gross income under the Internal Revenue Code.

11 (b) In the case of corporations, the same as "taxable income" (as
12 defined in Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code) adjusted as
13 follows:

14 (1) Subtract income that is exempt from taxation under this article
15 by the Constitution and statutes of the United States.

16 (2) Add an amount equal to any deduction or deductions allowed
17 or allowable pursuant to Section 170 of the Internal Revenue
18 Code (concerning charitable contributions).

19 (3) Except as provided in subsection (c), add an amount equal to
20 any deduction or deductions allowed or allowable pursuant to
21 Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxes based on or
22 measured by income and levied at the state level by any state of
23 the United States.

24 (4) Subtract an amount equal to the amount included in the
25 corporation's taxable income under Section 78 of the Internal
26 Revenue Code (concerning foreign tax credits).

27 (5) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted
28 gross income of any taxpayer that owns property for which bonus
29 depreciation was allowed in the current taxable year or in an
30 earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income
31 that would have been computed had an election not been made
32 under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code to apply bonus
33 depreciation to the property in the year that it was placed in
34 service.

35 (6) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed under Section
36 172 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning net operating
37 losses).

38 (7) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted
39 gross income of any taxpayer that placed Section 179 property (as
40 defined in Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code) in service
41 in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to
42 the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been



1 computed had an election for federal income tax purposes not
 2 been made for the year in which the property was placed in
 3 service to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal
 4 Revenue Code in a total amount exceeding the sum of:

5 (A) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the extent
 6 deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code
 7 were not elected as provided in clause (B); and

8 (B) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the
 9 deductions elected under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue
 10 Code on property acquired in an exchange if:

11 (i) the exchange would have been eligible for
 12 nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the
 13 Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017;

14 (ii) the exchange is not eligible for nonrecognition of gain or
 15 loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

16 (iii) the taxpayer made an election to take deductions under
 17 Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the
 18 acquired property in the year that the property was placed
 19 into service.

20 The amount of deductions allowable for an item of property
 21 under this clause may not exceed the amount of adjusted gross
 22 income realized on the property that would have been deferred
 23 under the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017.

24 (8) Add to the extent required by IC 6-3-2-20:

25 (A) the amount of intangible expenses (as defined in
 26 IC 6-3-2-20) for the taxable year that reduced the corporation's
 27 taxable income (as defined in Section 63 of the Internal
 28 Revenue Code) for federal income tax purposes; and

29 (B) any directly related interest expenses (as defined in
 30 IC 6-3-2-20) that reduced the corporation's adjusted gross
 31 income (determined without regard to this subdivision). For
 32 purposes of this clause, any directly related interest expense
 33 that constitutes business interest within the meaning of Section
 34 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered to
 35 have reduced the taxpayer's federal taxable income only in the
 36 first taxable year in which the deduction otherwise would have
 37 been allowable under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue
 38 Code if the limitation under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal
 39 Revenue Code did not exist.

40 (9) Add an amount equal to any deduction for dividends paid (as
 41 defined in Section 561 of the Internal Revenue Code) to
 42 shareholders of a captive real estate investment trust (as defined



in section 34.5 of this chapter).

(10) Subtract income that is:

(A) exempt from taxation under IC 6-3-2-21.7 (certain income derived from patents); and

(B) included in the corporation's taxable income under the Internal Revenue Code.

(11) Add an amount equal to any income not included in gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subtract from the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that added an amount to adjusted gross income in a previous year the amount necessary to offset the amount included in federal gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(12) Add the amount excluded from federal gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code for interest received on an obligation of a state other than Indiana, or a political subdivision of such a state, that is acquired by the taxpayer after December 31, 2011. For purposes of this subdivision:

(A) if the taxpayer receives interest from a pass through entity, a regulated investment company, a hedge fund, or similar arrangement, the taxpayer will be considered to have acquired the obligation on the date the entity acquired the obligation;

(B) if ownership of the obligation occurs by means other than a purchase, the date of acquisition of the obligation shall be the date ownership of the obligation was transferred, except to the extent provided in clause (A), and if a portion of the obligation is acquired on multiple dates, the date of acquisition shall be considered separately for each portion of the obligation; and

(C) if ownership of the obligation occurred as the result of a refinancing of another obligation, the acquisition date shall be the date on which the obligation was refinanced.

(13) For taxable years beginning after December 25, 2016:

(A) for a corporation other than a real estate investment trust, add:

(i) an amount equal to the amount reported by the taxpayer



- 1 on IRC 965 Transition Tax Statement, line 1; or
- 2 (ii) if the taxpayer deducted an amount under Section 965(c)
- 3 of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's
- 4 taxable income for purposes of the federal income tax, the
- 5 amount deducted under Section 965(c) of the Internal
- 6 Revenue Code; and
- 7 (B) for a real estate investment trust, add an amount equal to
- 8 the deduction for deferred foreign income that was claimed by
- 9 the taxpayer for the taxable year under Section 965(c) of the
- 10 Internal Revenue Code, but only to the extent that the taxpayer
- 11 included income pursuant to Section 965 of the Internal
- 12 Revenue Code in its taxable income for federal income tax
- 13 purposes or is required to add back dividends paid under
- 14 subdivision (9).
- 15 (14) Add an amount equal to the deduction that was claimed by
- 16 the taxpayer for the taxable year under Section 250(a)(1)(B) of the
- 17 Internal Revenue Code (attributable to global intangible
- 18 low-taxed income). The taxpayer shall separately specify the
- 19 amount of the reduction under Section 250(a)(1)(B)(i) of the
- 20 Internal Revenue Code and under Section 250(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the
- 21 Internal Revenue Code.
- 22 (15) Subtract any interest expense paid or accrued in the current
- 23 taxable year but not deducted as a result of the limitation imposed
- 24 under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Add any
- 25 interest expense paid or accrued in a previous taxable year but
- 26 allowed as a deduction under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue
- 27 Code in the current taxable year. For purposes of this subdivision,
- 28 an interest expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first
- 29 taxable year the deduction would have been allowable under
- 30 Section 163 of the Internal Revenue Code if the limitation under
- 31 Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code did not exist.
- 32 (16) Subtract the amount that would have been excluded from
- 33 gross income but for the enactment of Section 118(b)(2) of the
- 34 Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after December
- 35 22, 2017.
- 36 (17) Add an amount equal to the remainder of:
- 37 (A) the amount allowable as a deduction under Section 274(n)
- 38 of the Internal Revenue Code; minus
- 39 (B) the amount otherwise allowable as a deduction under
- 40 Section 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code, if Section
- 41 274(n)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code was not in effect
- 42 for amounts paid or incurred after December 31, 2020.



(18) For taxable years ending after March 12, 2020, subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed pursuant to:

(A) Section 2301(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), as modified by Sections 206 and 207 of the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Relief Tax Act (Division EE of Public Law 116-260); and

(B) Section 3134(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(19) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed under Section 280C(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(20) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, subtract the amount of any:

(A) federal, state, or local grant received by the taxpayer; and

(B) discharged federal, state, or local indebtedness incurred by the taxpayer;

for purposes of providing or expanding access to broadband service in this state.

(21) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, add or subtract amounts related to specified research or experimental procedures as required under IC 6-3-2-29.

(22) Add or subtract any other amounts the taxpayer is:

(A) required to add or subtract; or

(B) entitled to deduct;

under IC 6-3-2.

(c) The following apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, for purposes of the add back of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes, as provided in subsection (a)(2) if the taxpayer is an individual or subsection (b)(3) if the taxpayer is a corporation:

(1) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, and before January 1, 2020, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section eighty-seven and five-tenths percent (87.5%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(2) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, and before January 1, 2021, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section seventy-five percent (75%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(3) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section sixty-two and five-tenths percent (62.5%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for



wagering taxes.

(4) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, and before January 1, 2023, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section fifty percent (50%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(5) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, and before January 1, 2024, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section thirty-seven and five-tenths percent (37.5%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(6) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, and before January 1, 2025, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section twenty-five percent (25%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(7) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, and before January 1, 2026, a taxpayer is required to add back under this section twelve and five-tenths percent (12.5%) of any deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(8) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, a taxpayer is not required to add back under this section any amount of a deduction allowed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for wagering taxes.

(d) In the case of life insurance companies (as defined in Section 816(a) of the Internal Revenue Code) that are organized under Indiana law, the same as "life insurance company taxable income" (as defined in Section 801 of the Internal Revenue Code), adjusted as follows:

(1) Subtract income that is exempt from taxation under this article by the Constitution and statutes of the United States.

(2) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed or allowable under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning charitable contributions).

(3) Add an amount equal to a deduction allowed or allowable under Section 805 or Section 832(c) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxes based on or measured by income and levied at the state level by any state.

(4) Subtract an amount equal to the amount included in the company's taxable income under Section 78 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning foreign tax credits).

(5) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that owns property for which bonus depreciation was allowed in the current taxable year or in an



1 earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income
 2 that would have been computed had an election not been made
 3 under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code to apply bonus
 4 depreciation to the property in the year that it was placed in
 5 service.

6 (6) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed under Section
 7 172 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning net operating
 8 losses).

9 (7) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted
 10 gross income of any taxpayer that placed Section 179 property (as
 11 defined in Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code) in service
 12 in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to
 13 the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been
 14 computed had an election for federal income tax purposes not
 15 been made for the year in which the property was placed in
 16 service to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal
 17 Revenue Code in a total amount exceeding the sum of:

18 (A) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the extent
 19 deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code
 20 were not elected as provided in clause (B); and

21 (B) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the
 22 deductions elected under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue
 23 Code on property acquired in an exchange if:

24 (i) the exchange would have been eligible for
 25 nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the
 26 Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017;

27 (ii) the exchange is not eligible for nonrecognition of gain or
 28 loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

29 (iii) the taxpayer made an election to take deductions under
 30 Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the
 31 acquired property in the year that the property was placed
 32 into service.

33 The amount of deductions allowable for an item of property
 34 under this clause may not exceed the amount of adjusted gross
 35 income realized on the property that would have been deferred
 36 under the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017.

37 (8) Subtract income that is:

38 (A) exempt from taxation under IC 6-3-2-21.7 (certain income
 39 derived from patents); and

40 (B) included in the insurance company's taxable income under
 41 the Internal Revenue Code.

42 (9) Add an amount equal to any income not included in gross



income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subtract from the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that added an amount to adjusted gross income in a previous year the amount necessary to offset the amount included in federal gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) Add an amount equal to any exempt insurance income under Section 953(e) of the Internal Revenue Code that is active financing income under Subpart F of Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter N of the Internal Revenue Code.

(11) Add the amount excluded from federal gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code for interest received on an obligation of a state other than Indiana, or a political subdivision of such a state, that is acquired by the taxpayer after December 31, 2011. For purposes of this subdivision:

(A) if the taxpayer receives interest from a pass through entity, a regulated investment company, a hedge fund, or similar arrangement, the taxpayer will be considered to have acquired the obligation on the date the entity acquired the obligation;

(B) if ownership of the obligation occurs by means other than a purchase, the date of acquisition of the obligation shall be the date ownership of the obligation was transferred, except to the extent provided in clause (A), and if a portion of the obligation is acquired on multiple dates, the date of acquisition shall be considered separately for each portion of the obligation; and

(C) if ownership of the obligation occurred as the result of a refinancing of another obligation, the acquisition date shall be the date on which the obligation was refinanced.

(12) For taxable years beginning after December 25, 2016, add:

(A) an amount equal to the amount reported by the taxpayer on IRC 965 Transition Tax Statement, line 1; or

(B) if the taxpayer deducted an amount under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's taxable income for purposes of the federal income tax, the amount deducted under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue



- 1 Code.
- 2 (13) Add an amount equal to the deduction that was claimed by
- 3 the taxpayer for the taxable year under Section 250(a)(1)(B) of the
- 4 Internal Revenue Code (attributable to global intangible
- 5 low-taxed income). The taxpayer shall separately specify the
- 6 amount of the reduction under Section 250(a)(1)(B)(i) of the
- 7 Internal Revenue Code and under Section 250(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the
- 8 Internal Revenue Code.
- 9 (14) Subtract any interest expense paid or accrued in the current
- 10 taxable year but not deducted as a result of the limitation imposed
- 11 under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Add any
- 12 interest expense paid or accrued in a previous taxable year but
- 13 allowed as a deduction under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue
- 14 Code in the current taxable year. For purposes of this subdivision,
- 15 an interest expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first
- 16 taxable year the deduction would have been allowable under
- 17 Section 163 of the Internal Revenue Code if the limitation under
- 18 Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code did not exist.
- 19 (15) Subtract the amount that would have been excluded from
- 20 gross income but for the enactment of Section 118(b)(2) of the
- 21 Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after December
- 22 22, 2017.
- 23 (16) Add an amount equal to the remainder of:
- 24 (A) the amount allowable as a deduction under Section 274(n)
- 25 of the Internal Revenue Code; minus
- 26 (B) the amount otherwise allowable as a deduction under
- 27 Section 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code, if Section
- 28 274(n)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code was not in effect
- 29 for amounts paid or incurred after December 31, 2020.
- 30 (17) For taxable years ending after March 12, 2020, subtract an
- 31 amount equal to the deduction disallowed pursuant to:
- 32 (A) Section 2301(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136),
- 33 as modified by Sections 206 and 207 of the Taxpayer Certainty
- 34 and Disaster Relief Tax Act (Division EE of Public Law
- 35 116-260); and
- 36 (B) Section 3134(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 37 (18) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022,
- 38 subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed under
- 39 Section 280C(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 40 (19) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, add or
- 41 subtract amounts related to specified research or experimental
- 42 procedures as required under IC 6-3-2-29.



(20) Add or subtract any other amounts the taxpayer is:

(A) required to add or subtract; or

(B) entitled to deduct;

under IC 6-3-2.

(e) In the case of insurance companies subject to tax under Section 831 of the Internal Revenue Code and organized under Indiana law, the same as "taxable income" (as defined in Section 832 of the Internal Revenue Code), adjusted as follows:

(1) Subtract income that is exempt from taxation under this article by the Constitution and statutes of the United States.

(2) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed or allowable under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning charitable contributions).

(3) Add an amount equal to a deduction allowed or allowable under Section 805 or Section 832(c) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxes based on or measured by income and levied at the state level by any state.

(4) Subtract an amount equal to the amount included in the company's taxable income under Section 78 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning foreign tax credits).

(5) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that owns property for which bonus depreciation was allowed in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been computed had an election not been made under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code to apply bonus depreciation to the property in the year that it was placed in service.

(6) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning net operating losses).

(7) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that placed Section 179 property (as defined in Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code) in service in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been computed had an election for federal income tax purposes not been made for the year in which the property was placed in service to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code in a total amount exceeding the sum of:

(A) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the extent deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code



were not elected as provided in clause (B); and

(B) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the deductions elected under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code on property acquired in an exchange if:

(i) the exchange would have been eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017;

(ii) the exchange is not eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(iii) the taxpayer made an election to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the acquired property in the year that the property was placed into service.

The amount of deductions allowable for an item of property under this clause may not exceed the amount of adjusted gross income realized on the property that would have been deferred under the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017.

(8) Subtract income that is:

(A) exempt from taxation under IC 6-3-2-21.7 (certain income derived from patents); and

(B) included in the insurance company's taxable income under the Internal Revenue Code.

(9) Add an amount equal to any income not included in gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subtract from the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that added an amount to adjusted gross income in a previous year the amount necessary to offset the amount included in federal gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) Add an amount equal to any exempt insurance income under Section 953(e) of the Internal Revenue Code that is active financing income under Subpart F of Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter N of the Internal Revenue Code.

(11) Add the amount excluded from federal gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code for interest received on an obligation of a state other than Indiana, or a political



subdivision of such a state, that is acquired by the taxpayer after December 31, 2011. For purposes of this subdivision:

(A) if the taxpayer receives interest from a pass through entity, a regulated investment company, a hedge fund, or similar arrangement, the taxpayer will be considered to have acquired the obligation on the date the entity acquired the obligation;

(B) if ownership of the obligation occurs by means other than a purchase, the date of acquisition of the obligation shall be the date ownership of the obligation was transferred, except to the extent provided in clause (A), and if a portion of the obligation is acquired on multiple dates, the date of acquisition shall be considered separately for each portion of the obligation; and

(C) if ownership of the obligation occurred as the result of a refinancing of another obligation, the acquisition date shall be the date on which the obligation was refinanced.

(12) For taxable years beginning after December 25, 2016, add:

(A) an amount equal to the amount reported by the taxpayer on IRC 965 Transition Tax Statement, line 1; or

(B) if the taxpayer deducted an amount under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's taxable income for purposes of the federal income tax, the amount deducted under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(13) Add an amount equal to the deduction that was claimed by the taxpayer for the taxable year under Section 250(a)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code (attributable to global intangible low-taxed income). The taxpayer shall separately specify the amount of the reduction under Section 250(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code and under Section 250(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(14) Subtract any interest expense paid or accrued in the current taxable year but not deducted as a result of the limitation imposed under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Add any interest expense paid or accrued in a previous taxable year but allowed as a deduction under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue Code in the current taxable year. For purposes of this subdivision, an interest expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first taxable year the deduction would have been allowable under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue Code if the limitation under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code did not exist.

(15) Subtract the amount that would have been excluded from



gross income but for the enactment of Section 118(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after December 22, 2017.

(16) Add an amount equal to the remainder of:

(A) the amount allowable as a deduction under Section 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code; minus

(B) the amount otherwise allowable as a deduction under Section 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code, if Section 274(n)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code was not in effect for amounts paid or incurred after December 31, 2020.

(17) For taxable years ending after March 12, 2020, subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed pursuant to:

(A) Section 2301(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), as modified by Sections 206 and 207 of the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Relief Tax Act (Division EE of Public Law 116-260); and

(B) Section 3134(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(18) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed under Section 280C(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(19) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, add or subtract amounts related to specified research or experimental procedures as required under IC 6-3-2-29.

(20) Add or subtract any other amounts the taxpayer is:

(A) required to add or subtract; or

(B) entitled to deduct;

under IC 6-3-2.

(f) In the case of trusts and estates, "taxable income" (as defined for trusts and estates in Section 641(b) of the Internal Revenue Code) adjusted as follows:

(1) Subtract income that is exempt from taxation under this article by the Constitution and statutes of the United States.

(2) Subtract an amount equal to the amount of a September 11 terrorist attack settlement payment included in the federal adjusted gross income of the estate of a victim of the September 11 terrorist attack or a trust to the extent the trust benefits a victim of the September 11 terrorist attack.

(3) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that owns property for which bonus depreciation was allowed in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been computed had an election not been made



under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code to apply bonus depreciation to the property in the year that it was placed in service.

(4) Add an amount equal to any deduction allowed under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code (concerning net operating losses).

(5) Add or subtract the amount necessary to make the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that placed Section 179 property (as defined in Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code) in service in the current taxable year or in an earlier taxable year equal to the amount of adjusted gross income that would have been computed had an election for federal income tax purposes not been made for the year in which the property was placed in service to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code in a total amount exceeding the sum of:

(A) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the extent deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code were not elected as provided in clause (B); and

(B) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the deductions elected under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code on property acquired in an exchange if:

(i) the exchange would have been eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017;

(ii) the exchange is not eligible for nonrecognition of gain or loss under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(iii) the taxpayer made an election to take deductions under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the acquired property in the year that the property was placed into service.

The amount of deductions allowable for an item of property under this clause may not exceed the amount of adjusted gross income realized on the property that would have been deferred under the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2017.

(6) Subtract income that is:

(A) exempt from taxation under IC 6-3-2-21.7 (certain income derived from patents); and

(B) included in the taxpayer's taxable income under the Internal Revenue Code.

(7) Add an amount equal to any income not included in gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after



December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. Subtract from the adjusted gross income of any taxpayer that added an amount to adjusted gross income in a previous year the amount necessary to offset the amount included in federal gross income as a result of the deferral of income arising from business indebtedness discharged in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument, as provided in Section 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(8) Add the amount excluded from federal gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code for interest received on an obligation of a state other than Indiana, or a political subdivision of such a state, that is acquired by the taxpayer after December 31, 2011. For purposes of this subdivision:

(A) if the taxpayer receives interest from a pass through entity, a regulated investment company, a hedge fund, or similar arrangement, the taxpayer will be considered to have acquired the obligation on the date the entity acquired the obligation;

(B) if ownership of the obligation occurs by means other than a purchase, the date of acquisition of the obligation shall be the date ownership of the obligation was transferred, except to the extent provided in clause (A), and if a portion of the obligation is acquired on multiple dates, the date of acquisition shall be considered separately for each portion of the obligation; and

(C) if ownership of the obligation occurred as the result of a refinancing of another obligation, the acquisition date shall be the date on which the obligation was refinanced.

(9) For taxable years beginning after December 25, 2016, add an amount equal to:

(A) the amount reported by the taxpayer on IRC 965 Transition Tax Statement, line 1;

(B) if the taxpayer deducted an amount under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's taxable income for purposes of the federal income tax, the amount deducted under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(C) with regard to any amounts of income under Section 965 of the Internal Revenue Code distributed by the taxpayer, the deduction under Section 965(c) of the Internal Revenue Code attributable to such distributed amounts and not reported to the



- 1 beneficiary.
- 2 For purposes of this article, the amount required to be added back
- 3 under clause (B) is not considered to be distributed or
- 4 distributable to a beneficiary of the estate or trust for purposes of
- 5 Sections 651 and 661 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 6 (10) Subtract any interest expense paid or accrued in the current
- 7 taxable year but not deducted as a result of the limitation imposed
- 8 under Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Add any
- 9 interest expense paid or accrued in a previous taxable year but
- 10 allowed as a deduction under Section 163 of the Internal Revenue
- 11 Code in the current taxable year. For purposes of this subdivision,
- 12 an interest expense is considered paid or accrued only in the first
- 13 taxable year the deduction would have been allowable under
- 14 Section 163 of the Internal Revenue Code if the limitation under
- 15 Section 163(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code did not exist.
- 16 (11) Add an amount equal to the deduction for qualified business
- 17 income that was claimed by the taxpayer for the taxable year
- 18 under Section 199A of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 19 (12) Subtract the amount that would have been excluded from
- 20 gross income but for the enactment of Section 118(b)(2) of the
- 21 Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after December
- 22 22, 2017.
- 23 (13) Add an amount equal to the remainder of:
- 24 (A) the amount allowable as a deduction under Section 274(n)
- 25 of the Internal Revenue Code; minus
- 26 (B) the amount otherwise allowable as a deduction under
- 27 Section 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code, if Section
- 28 274(n)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code was not in effect
- 29 for amounts paid or incurred after December 31, 2020.
- 30 (14) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and
- 31 before January 1, 2021, add an amount equal to the excess
- 32 business loss of the taxpayer as defined in Section 461(l)(3) of the
- 33 Internal Revenue Code. In addition:
- 34 (A) If a taxpayer has an excess business loss under this
- 35 subdivision and also has modifications under subdivisions (3)
- 36 and (5) for property placed in service during the taxable year,
- 37 the taxpayer shall treat a portion of the taxable year
- 38 modifications for that property as occurring in the taxable year
- 39 the property is placed in service and a portion of the
- 40 modifications as occurring in the immediately following
- 41 taxable year.
- 42 (B) The portion of the modifications under subdivisions (3)



and (5) for property placed in service during the taxable year treated as occurring in the taxable year in which the property is placed in service equals:

(i) the modification for the property otherwise determined under this section; minus

(ii) the excess business loss disallowed under this subdivision;

but not less than zero (0).

(C) The portion of the modifications under subdivisions (3) and (5) for property placed in service during the taxable year treated as occurring in the taxable year immediately following the taxable year in which the property is placed in service equals the modification for the property otherwise determined under this section minus the amount in clause (B).

(D) Any reallocation of modifications between taxable years under clauses (B) and (C) shall be first allocated to the modification under subdivision (3), then to the modification under subdivision (5).

(15) For taxable years ending after March 12, 2020, subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed pursuant to:

(A) Section 2301(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), as modified by Sections 206 and 207 of the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Relief Tax Act (Division EE of Public Law 116-260); and

(B) Section 3134(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(16) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, subtract an amount equal to the deduction disallowed under Section 280C(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(17) Except as provided in subsection (c), for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, add an amount equal to any deduction or deductions allowed or allowable in determining taxable income under Section 641(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxes based on or measured by income and levied at the state level by any state of the United States.

(18) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, add or subtract amounts related to specified research or experimental procedures as required under IC 6-3-2-29.

(19) Add or subtract any other amounts the taxpayer is:

(A) required to add or subtract; or

(B) entitled to deduct;

under IC 6-3-2.

(g) For purposes of IC 6-3-2.1, IC 6-3-4-12, IC 6-3-4-13, and



1 IC 6-3-4-15 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022,
 2 "adjusted gross income" of a pass through entity means the items of
 3 ordinary income and loss in the case of a partnership or a corporation
 4 described in IC 6-3-2-2.8(2), or distributions subject to tax for state and
 5 federal income tax for beneficiaries in the case of a trust or estate,
 6 whichever is applicable, for the taxable year modified as follows:

7 (1) Add the separately stated items of income and gains, or the
 8 equivalent items that must be considered separately by a
 9 beneficiary, as determined for federal purposes, attributed to the
 10 partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries of the pass through entity,
 11 determined without regard to whether the owner is permitted to
 12 exclude all or part of the income or gain or deduct any amount
 13 against the income or gain.

14 (2) Subtract the separately stated items of deductions or losses or
 15 items that must be considered separately by beneficiaries, as
 16 determined for federal purposes, attributed to partners,
 17 shareholders, or beneficiaries of the pass through entity and that
 18 are deductible by an individual in determining adjusted gross
 19 income as defined under Section 62 of the Internal Revenue
 20 Code:

21 (A) limited as if the partners, shareholders, and beneficiaries
 22 deducted the maximum allowable loss or deduction allowable
 23 for the taxable year prior to any amount deductible from the
 24 pass through entity; but

25 (B) not considering any disallowance of deductions resulting
 26 from federal basis limitations for the partner, shareholder, or
 27 beneficiary.

28 (3) Add or subtract any modifications to adjusted gross income
 29 that would be required both for individuals under subsection (a)
 30 and corporations under subsection (b) to the extent otherwise
 31 provided in those subsections, including amounts that are
 32 allowable for which such modifications are necessary to account
 33 for separately stated items in subdivision (1) or (2).

34 (h) Subsections (a)(36), (b)(22), (d)(20), (e)(20), or (f)(19) may not
 35 be construed to require an add back or allow a deduction or exemption
 36 more than once for a particular add back, deduction, or exemption.

37 (i) For taxable years beginning after December 25, 2016, if:

38 (1) a taxpayer is a shareholder, either directly or indirectly, in a
 39 corporation that is an E&P deficit foreign corporation as defined
 40 in Section 965(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the
 41 earnings and profit deficit, or a portion of the earnings and profit
 42 deficit, of the E&P deficit foreign corporation is permitted to



1 reduce the federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable
 2 income of the taxpayer, the deficit, or the portion of the deficit,
 3 shall also reduce the amount taxable under this section to the
 4 extent permitted under the Internal Revenue Code, however, in no
 5 case shall this permit a reduction in the amount taxable under
 6 Section 965 of the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of this
 7 section to be less than zero (0); and

8 (2) the Internal Revenue Service issues guidance that such an
 9 income or deduction is not reported directly on a federal tax
 10 return or is to be reported in a manner different than specified in
 11 this section, this section shall be construed as if federal adjusted
 12 gross income or federal taxable income included the income or
 13 deduction.

14 (j) If a partner is required to include an item of income, a deduction,
 15 or another tax attribute in the partner's adjusted gross income tax return
 16 pursuant to IC 6-3-4.5, such item shall be considered to be includible
 17 in the partner's federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable
 18 income, regardless of whether such item is actually required to be
 19 reported by the partner for federal income tax purposes. For purposes
 20 of this subsection:

21 (1) items for which a valid election is made under IC 6-3-4.5-6,
 22 IC 6-3-4.5-8, or IC 6-3-4.5-9 shall not be required to be included
 23 in the partner's adjusted gross income or taxable income; and

24 (2) items for which the partnership did not make an election under
 25 IC 6-3-4.5-6, IC 6-3-4.5-8, or IC 6-3-4.5-9, but for which the
 26 partnership is required to remit tax pursuant to IC 6-3-4.5-18,
 27 shall be included in the partner's adjusted gross income or taxable
 28 income.

29 (k) The following apply for purposes of this section:

30 (1) For purposes of subsections (b) and (f), if a taxpayer is an
 31 organization that has more than one (1) trade or business subject
 32 to the provisions of Section 512(a)(6) of the Internal Revenue
 33 Code, the following rules apply for taxable years beginning after
 34 December 31, 2017:

35 (A) If a trade or business has federal unrelated business
 36 taxable income of zero (0) or greater for a taxable year, the
 37 unrelated business taxable income and modifications required
 38 under this section shall be combined in determining the
 39 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer and shall not be treated
 40 as being subject to the provisions of Section 512(a)(6) of the
 41 Internal Revenue Code if one (1) or more trades or businesses
 42 have negative Indiana adjusted gross income after



adjustments.

(B) If a trade or business has federal unrelated business taxable income of less than zero (0) for a taxable year, the taxpayer shall apply the modifications under this section for the taxable year against the net operating loss in the manner required under IC 6-3-2-2.5 and IC 6-3-2-2.6 for separately stated net operating losses. However, if the application of modifications required under IC 6-3-2-2.5 or IC 6-3-2-2.6 results in the separately stated net operating loss for the trade or business being zero (0), the modifications that increase adjusted gross income under this section and remain after the calculations to adjust the separately stated net operating loss to zero (0) that result from the trade or business must be treated as modifications to which clause (A) applies for the taxable year.

(C) If a trade or business otherwise described in Section 512(a)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code incurred a net operating loss for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2021, and the net operating loss was carried back for federal tax purposes:

- (i) if the loss was carried back to a taxable year for which the requirements under Section 512(a)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code did not apply, the portion of the loss and modifications attributable to the loss shall be treated as adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the first taxable year of the taxpayer beginning after December 31, 2022, and shall be treated as part of the adjusted gross income attributable to clause (A), unless, and to the extent, the loss and modifications were applied to adjusted gross income for a previous taxable year, as determined under this article; and
- (ii) if the loss was carried back to a taxable year for which the requirements under Section 512(a)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code applied, the portion of the loss and modifications attributable to the loss shall be treated as adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the first taxable year of the taxpayer beginning after December 31, 2022, and for purposes of this clause, the inclusion of losses and modifications shall be in the same manner as provided in clause (B), unless, and to the extent, the loss and modifications were applied to adjusted gross income for a previous taxable year, as determined under this article.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision in this subdivision, if a



taxpayer computed its adjusted gross income for a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2023, based on a reasonable interpretation of this article, the taxpayer shall be permitted to compute its adjusted gross income for those taxable years based on that interpretation. However, a taxpayer must continue to report any tax attributes for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, in a manner consistent with its previous interpretation.

(2) In the case of a corporation, other than a captive real estate investment trust, for which the adjusted gross income under this article is determined after a deduction for dividends paid under the Internal Revenue Code, the modifications required under this section shall be applied in ratio to the corporation's taxable income (as defined in Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code) after deductions for dividends paid under the Internal Revenue Code compared to the corporation's taxable income (as defined in Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code) before the deduction for dividends paid under the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) In the case of a trust or estate, the trust or estate is required to include only the portion of the modifications not passed through to beneficiaries.

(4) In the case of a taxpayer for which modifications are required to be applied against a separately stated net operating loss under IC 6-3-2-2.5 or IC 6-3-2-2.6, the modifications required under this section must be adjusted to reflect the required application of the modifications against a separately stated net operating loss, in order to avoid the application of a particular modification multiple times.

SECTION 3. IC 8-1-2.6-13, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:
Sec. 13. (a) As used in this section, "communications service" has the meaning set forth in IC 8-1-32.5-3.

(b) As used in this section, "communications service provider" means a person or an entity that offers communications service to customers in Indiana, without regard to the technology or medium used by the person or entity to provide the communications service. The term includes a provider of commercial mobile service (as defined in 47 U.S.C. 332).

(c) Notwithstanding sections 1.2, 1.4, and 1.5 of this chapter, the commission may do the following, except as otherwise provided in this subsection:



- 1 (1) Enforce the terms of a settlement agreement approved by the
- 2 commission before July 29, 2004. The commission's authority
- 3 under this subdivision continues for the duration of the settlement
- 4 agreement.
- 5 (2) Fulfill the commission's duties under IC 8-1-2.8 concerning
- 6 the provision of dual party relay services to deaf, hard of hearing,
- 7 and speech impaired persons in Indiana.
- 8 (3) Fulfill the commission's responsibilities under IC 8-1-29 to
- 9 adopt and enforce rules to ensure that a customer of a
- 10 telecommunications provider is not:
- 11 (A) switched to another telecommunications provider unless
- 12 the customer authorizes the switch; or
- 13 (B) billed for services by a telecommunications provider that
- 14 without the customer's authorization added the services to the
- 15 customer's service order.
- 16 (4) Fulfill the commission's obligations under
- 17 ~~(A) the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C.~~
- 18 ~~151 et seq.) and~~
- 19 ~~(B) IC 20-20-16;~~
- 20 concerning universal service and access to telecommunications
- 21 service and equipment, including the designation of eligible
- 22 telecommunications carriers under 47 U.S.C. 214.
- 23 (5) Perform any of the functions described in section 1.5(b) of this
- 24 chapter.
- 25 (6) Perform the commission's responsibilities under IC 8-1-32.5
- 26 to:
- 27 (A) issue; and
- 28 (B) maintain records of;
- 29 certificates of territorial authority for communications service
- 30 providers offering communications service to customers in
- 31 Indiana.
- 32 (7) Perform the commission's responsibilities under IC 8-1-34
- 33 concerning the issuance of certificates of franchise authority to
- 34 multichannel video programming distributors offering video
- 35 service to Indiana customers.
- 36 (8) Subject to subsection (f), require a communications service
- 37 provider, other than a provider of commercial mobile service (as
- 38 defined in 47 U.S.C. 332), to report to the commission on an
- 39 annual basis, or more frequently at the option of the provider, any
- 40 information needed by the commission to prepare the
- 41 commission's annual report under IC 8-1-14(c)(4).
- 42 (9) Perform the commission's duties under IC 8-1-32.4 with



1 respect to telecommunications providers of last resort, to the
 2 extent of the authority delegated to the commission under federal
 3 law to perform those duties.

4 (10) Collect and maintain from a communications service
 5 provider the following information:

6 (A) The address of the provider's ~~Internet web site~~ **website**.

7 (B) All toll free telephone numbers and other customer service
 8 telephone numbers maintained by the provider for receiving
 9 customer inquiries and complaints.

10 (C) An address and other contact information for the provider,
 11 including any telephone number not described in clause (B).

12 The commission shall make any information submitted by a
 13 provider under this subdivision available on the commission's
 14 ~~Internet web site~~ **website**. The commission may also make
 15 available on the commission's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** contact
 16 information for the Federal Communications Commission and the
 17 Cellular Telephone Industry Association.

18 (11) Fulfill the commission's duties under any state or federal law
 19 concerning the administration of any universally applicable
 20 dialing code for any communications service.

21 (d) The commission does not have jurisdiction over any of the
 22 following with respect to a communications service provider:

23 (1) Rates and charges for communications service provided by the
 24 communications service provider, including the filing of
 25 schedules or tariffs setting forth the provider's rates and charges.

26 (2) Depreciation schedules for any of the classes of property
 27 owned by the communications service provider.

28 (3) Quality of service provided by the communications service
 29 provider.

30 (4) Long term financing arrangements or other obligations of the
 31 communications service provider.

32 (5) Except as provided in subsection (c), any other aspect
 33 regulated by the commission under this title before July 1, 2009.

34 (e) The commission has jurisdiction over a communications service
 35 provider only to the extent that jurisdiction is:

36 (1) expressly granted by state or federal law, including:

37 (A) a state or federal statute;

38 (B) a lawful order or regulation of the Federal
 39 Communications Commission; or

40 (C) an order or a ruling of a state or federal court having
 41 jurisdiction; or

42 (2) necessary to administer a federal law for which regulatory



responsibility has been delegated to the commission by federal law.

(f) Except as specifically required under state or federal law, or except as required to respond to consumer complaints or information requests from the general assembly, the commission may not require a communications service provider:

(1) to file a tariff; or

(2) except for purposes of a petition or request filed or submitted to the commission by the communications service provider, to report to the commission any information that is:

(A) available to the public on the communications service provider's ~~internet web site~~; **website**;

(B) filed with the Federal Communications Commission; or

(C) otherwise available to the public in any form or at any level of detail;

including the communications service provider's rates, terms, and conditions of service.

SECTION 4. IC 8-1-17.5-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.73-2020, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 25. Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may exercise jurisdiction over a surviving corporation or successor corporation formed under this chapter only to do the following:

(1) Ensure compliance with IC 8-1-2.8 concerning the provision of dual party relay services to deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired persons in Indiana.

(2) Enforce rules adopted under IC 8-1-29 to ensure that a customer of a telecommunications provider is not:

(A) switched to another telecommunications provider unless the customer authorizes the switch; or

(B) billed for services by a telecommunications provider that without the customer's authorization added the services to the customer's service order.

(3) Conduct proceedings under

~~(A) the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) and~~

~~(B) IC 20-20-16;~~

concerning universal service and access to telecommunications service and equipment, including the designation of eligible telecommunications carriers under 47 U.S.C. 214.

(4) Perform the commission's duties under IC 8-1-2.6-1.5 or IC 8-1-2-5.



(5) Issue or maintain certificates of territorial authority for communications service providers under IC 8-1-32.5.

(6) Perform the commission's duties under IC 8-1-34 to issue and maintain certificates of franchise authority to multichannel video programming distributors offering video service to Indiana customers.

(7) Perform the commission's duties under IC 8-1-2.6-13(c)(8) concerning the reporting of information by communications service providers.

(8) Fulfill the commission's duties under any state or federal law concerning the administration of any universally applicable dialing code for any communications service.

(9) Perform the commission's duties under IC 8-1-2.3 with respect to assigned service areas for electricity suppliers.

(10) Issue:

(A) certificates of public convenience and necessity, certificates of territorial authority, and indeterminate permits under IC 8-1-2;

(B) certificates of public convenience and necessity under IC 8-1-8.5; or

(C) certificates of public convenience and necessity under IC 8-1-8.7.

(11) Determine territorial disputes between water utilities under IC 8-1.5-6.

SECTION 5. IC 10-19-2.2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "bleeding control kit" ~~has the meaning set forth in IC 20-34-3-24.~~ **means a first aid response kit that contains at least the following:**

(1) One (1) tourniquet endorsed by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care.

(2) A compression bandage.

(3) A bleeding control bandage.

(4) Protective gloves and a permanent marker.

(5) Scissors.

(6) Instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, or both.

(7) Other medical materials and equipment similar to those described in subdivisions (1) through (3), and any additional items that:



1 (A) are approved by local law enforcement or first
2 responders;

3 (B) can adequately treat a traumatic injury; and

4 (C) can be stored in a readily available kit.

5 SECTION 6. IC 10-21-1-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.135-2024,
6 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 14. (a) Each school operated by a school
8 corporation shall establish a safe school committee. ~~The committee~~
9 ~~may be a subcommittee of the committee that develops the strategic~~
10 ~~and continuous school improvement and achievement plan under~~
11 ~~IC 20-31-5.~~ Each committee may include at least one (1) member who
12 is a member of the support staff of the school or school corporation
13 career and technical education school.

14 (b) Each school operated by a charter school shall establish a safe
15 school committee. A charter school in operation on July 1, 2023, shall
16 comply with this subsection not later than July 1, 2024.

17 (c) The safe school committee shall actively participate in and assist
18 with the development of the school safety plan.

19 (d) The department of education, the school corporation's or charter
20 school's school safety specialist or specialists, and a school resource
21 officer, if one (1) is employed by the school corporation or charter
22 school, shall provide materials and guidelines to assist a safe school
23 committee in developing a policy for a particular school that addresses
24 the following issues:

25 (1) Implementation of the school safety plan.

26 (2) Addressing outside and internal threats to the physical safety
27 of students, faculty, staff, and the public, including unsafe
28 conditions, crime prevention, school violence, bullying and
29 cyberbullying, criminal organization activity, child abuse and
30 child sexual abuse, mental health and behavioral health, suicide
31 awareness and prevention, violence prevention and training,
32 situational awareness, and other issues that prevent the
33 maintenance of a safe school.

34 (3) Addressing the professional development needs for faculty
35 and staff to implement methods that decrease problems identified
36 under subdivision (2).

37 (4) Identifying and implementing methods to encourage:

38 (A) involvement by the community, families, and students;

39 (B) development of relationships between students and school
40 faculty and staff; and

41 (C) use of problem solving teams.

42 (5) Consideration of the effect of armed intruder drills on the



safety and mental health of students, faculty, and staff.

(e) The guidelines developed under subsection (d) must include age appropriate, trauma informed, evidence based information (as defined in 34 U.S.C. 10554(4)) that assists school corporations or charter schools and safe school committees in:

(1) developing and implementing bullying and cyberbullying prevention programs;

(2) establishing investigation and reporting procedures related to bullying and cyberbullying; and

(3) adopting discipline rules that comply with IC 20-33-8-13.5.

(f) In addition to developing guidelines under subsection (d), the department of education shall establish categories of types of bullying incidents to allow school corporations to use the categories in making reports under IC 20-20-8-8 and IC 20-34-6-1.

(g) The materials and guidelines provided under subsection (d) must include the model educational materials and model response policies and reporting procedures on child abuse and child sexual abuse developed or identified under IC 20-19-3-11.

SECTION 7. IC 12-17.2-7.2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2024, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "qualified early education services" refers to a program of early education services that:

(1) is provided by an eligible provider to:

(A) an eligible child;

(B) a limited eligibility child; or

(C) a child of a child care employee;

(2) includes a parental engagement and involvement component in the delivery of early education services that is based on the requirements and guidelines established by the office;

(3) administers the kindergarten readiness assessment adopted by the state board of education;

(4) aligns with the early learning development framework for prekindergarten approved by the department of education; ~~under IC 20-19-3-16;~~ and

(5) meets the design parameters for inclusion in the longitudinal study described in section 12 of this chapter, as determined by the office.

SECTION 8. IC 20-18-2-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2017, SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4.5. "Fall count" ~~has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-12.3 (before its repeal on July 1, 2017).~~ **refers to the fall count of eligible pupils under IC 20-43-4.**



SECTION 9. IC 20-18-2-6.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6.3. ~~(a) This section applies after June 30, 2018.~~

~~(b)~~ "Graduation pathway requirement" refers to requirements established by the state board under ~~IC 20-32-4-1.5(a)(1) (before its expiration)~~ or IC 20-32-4-1.5(b)(1).

SECTION 10. IC 20-18-2-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.224-2015, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 19. "State board" refers to the Indiana state board of education established by

~~(1) before June 1, 2015, IC 20-19-2-2 (expired June 1, 2015); and~~

~~(2) after May 31, 2015, IC 20-19-2-2.1.~~

SECTION 11. IC 20-18-2-20.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.242-2017, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 20.7. "Statewide assessment program" refers to

~~(1) for school years ending before July 1, 2018, the ISTEP program under IC 20-32-5; and~~

~~(2) for school years beginning after June 30, 2018, the Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN) program under IC 20-32-5.1.~~

SECTION 12. IC 20-18-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.43-2021, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) On January 11, 2021, all powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the state superintendent of public instruction are transferred to the secretary of education, as the successor to the state superintendent of public instruction.

(b) On January 11, 2021, all records and property of the state superintendent of public instruction, including appropriations and other funds under the control or supervision of the state superintendent of public instruction, are transferred to the secretary of education, as the successor to the state superintendent of public instruction.

(c) After January 10, 2021, ~~and except as provided under IC 20-26-15;~~ a reference to the state superintendent of public instruction in a statute, rule, or other document is considered a reference to the secretary of education, as the successor to the state superintendent of public instruction.

(d) This section expires July 1, 2031.

SECTION 13. IC 20-19-1-1.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.8-2019, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1.1. (a) ~~After January 10, 2021,~~ The governor shall appoint an individual to be the secretary of education.

(b) For purposes of Article 5, Section 10 and Article 8, Section 8 of



the Constitution of the State of Indiana, the secretary of education is the state superintendent of public instruction.

(c) The individual appointed under this section serves at the pleasure of and at a salary determined by the governor.

(d) An individual may not be appointed by the governor to be secretary of education under subsection (a) unless the individual:

(1) has resided in Indiana for at least two (2) years before the appointment;

(2) has demonstrated personal and professional leadership success; preferably in the administration of public education;

(3) possesses an earned advanced degree; preferably in education or educational administration; awarded from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university; and

(4) either:

(A) at the time of taking office is licensed or otherwise employed as a teacher, principal, or superintendent;

(B) has held a license as a teacher, superintendent, or principal; or any combination of these licenses; for at least five (5) years at any time before taking office; or

(C) has a total of at least five (5) years of work experience as any of the following; or any combination of the following; before taking office:

(i) Teacher;

(ii) Superintendent;

(iii) Principal;

(iv) Executive in the field of education;

(e) (d) The secretary of education is the chief executive officer of the department.

SECTION 14. IC 20-19-1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 2: The secretary of education is designated to; and may cooperate with; the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and with other federal relief agencies in the distribution of surplus agricultural commodities to the following:

(1) School corporations;

(2) Nonprofit nonpublic schools;

(3) Township and county relief agencies;

(4) Other nonprofit public and private institutions to which by law the commodities may be distributed.

SECTION 15. IC 20-19-2-2.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.224-2015, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2.1. (a) This section applies beginning June 1, 2015.



1 ~~(b)~~ (a) The Indiana state board of education is established.

2 ~~(c)~~ (b) The state board may appoint an executive director. The
3 executive director may, with the approval of the state board, hire
4 personnel necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the
5 state board under this title. The state board shall be funded by an
6 appropriation from the general assembly.

7 ~~(d)~~ (c) The state board and the department are considered state
8 educational authorities within the meaning of the federal Family
9 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part
10 99).

11 SECTION 16. IC 20-19-2-4.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
12 1, 2025]. Sec. 4.5: (a) The advisory committee on career and technical
13 education is established to advise the state board on policy matters
14 concerning career and technical education. The advisory committee on
15 career and technical education consists of:

16 (1) the secretary of education or the secretary's designee; and

17 (2) seven (7) members appointed by the secretary of education.

18 (b) The following provisions apply to members of the advisory
19 committee on career and technical education:

20 (1) At least four (4) of the members must be actively employed as
21 area career and technical education directors in schools in Indiana
22 and hold a valid career and technical education director license.

23 (2) Not more than one (1) member may be from any secondary
24 area district in Indiana.

25 (3) Members serve at the pleasure of the secretary of education.

26 (c) The secretary of education or the secretary's designee serves as
27 the chairperson of the advisory committee on career and technical
28 education.

29 SECTION 17. IC 20-19-2-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
30 2025]. Sec. 5: If the state board is required to conduct hearings under
31 IC 4-21.5-3, the state board may use hearing examiners who are not
32 members of the state board to conduct the hearings.

33 SECTION 18. IC 20-19-2-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
34 1, 2025]. Sec. 12: (a) The state board shall, in the manner provided by
35 IC 4-22-2, adopt rules setting forth nonbinding guidelines for the
36 selection of school sites and the construction, alteration, and repair of
37 school buildings, athletic facilities, and other categories of facilities
38 related to the operation and administration of school corporations. The
39 nonbinding guidelines must include:

40 (1) preferred location and building practices for school
41 corporations, including standards for enhancing health, student
42 safety, accessibility, energy efficiency, operating efficiency, and



1 instructional efficacy;

2 (2) guidelines concerning minimum acreage; cost per square foot
3 or cost per ADM (as defined in IC 20-18-2-2); technology
4 infrastructure; building materials; per student square footage; and
5 other general space requirements; including space for academics;
6 administration and staff support; arts education and auditoriums;
7 libraries; cafeterias; athletics and physical education;
8 transportation facilities; and maintenance and repair facilities; and
9 (3) additional guidelines that the state board considers necessary

10 for efficient and cost effective construction of school facilities:

11 The state building commissioner, the office of management and budget;
12 and the department of local government finance shall, upon request of
13 the board, provide technical assistance as necessary for the
14 development of the guidelines:

15 (b) The state board shall annually compile, in a document capable
16 of easy revision, the:

17 (1) guidelines described in subsection (a); and

18 (2) rules of the:

19 (A) fire prevention and building safety commission; and

20 (B) Indiana department of health;

21 that govern site selection and the construction, alteration, and repair of
22 school buildings:

23 SECTION 19. IC 20-19-2-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
24 1, 2025]. Sec. 15: The state board shall comply with IC 20-26-15 to
25 establish a freeway school corporation and a freeway school:

26 SECTION 20. IC 20-19-2-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
27 1, 2025]. Sec. 23: (a) Not later than October 1, 2023, the state board,
28 in collaboration with the department, shall prepare a report that
29 includes, as applicable, any recommendations regarding the alignment
30 of science of reading concepts in HREAD:

31 (b) Not later than December 1, 2023, the state board shall submit the
32 report prepared under subsection (a) to the legislative council in an
33 electronic format under IC 5-14-6:

34 (c) This section expires July 1, 2024:

35 SECTION 21. IC 20-19-3-11.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2023,
36 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 11.7. (a) The department shall maintain a link on
38 the department's website that provides parents and school officials with
39 resources or best practices regarding the identification and reporting of
40 human trafficking. The resources must include

41 (1) guidance on how to report to law enforcement agencies
42 instances of human trafficking. and



1 ~~(2) information that may assist school officials in complying with~~
 2 ~~inservice training requirements under IC 20-28-3-7.~~

3 (b) The department shall consult with law enforcement agencies,
 4 school officials, and organizations that have expertise in the prevention
 5 of human trafficking for purposes of developing or providing the
 6 resources or best practices described in subsection (a).

7 SECTION 22. IC 20-19-3-12.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
 8 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 12.2. (a) The department shall make reduction of
 10 absenteeism in schools a policy priority and provide assistance and
 11 guidance to school corporations and schools in:

- 12 (1) identifying contributing factors of absenteeism; and
 13 (2) developing chronic absence reduction plans. ~~that school~~
 14 ~~corporations may elect to include as a component of the school~~
 15 ~~improvement plans required under IC 20-31-5.~~

16 (b) The department shall provide resources and guidance to school
 17 corporations concerning evidence based practices and effective
 18 strategies that reduce absenteeism in schools. However, the department
 19 may not mandate a particular policy within a chronic absence reduction
 20 plan adopted by a school corporation or school.

21 SECTION 23. IC 20-19-3-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 22 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 16: The department shall:~~

- 23 ~~(1) approve an early learning development framework for~~
 24 ~~prekindergarten; and~~
 25 ~~(2) post the framework described in subdivision (1) on the~~
 26 ~~department's Internet web site.~~

27 SECTION 24. IC 20-19-3-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024,
 28 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 17. (a) As used in this section, "foster care" has
 30 the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-46.7.

31 (b) As used in this section, "foster care youth" means students in
 32 foster care.

33 (c) As used in this section, "graduation rate" has the meaning set
 34 forth in IC 20-26-13-6.

35 (d) The state board shall, in collaboration with the department and
 36 the department of child services, annually prepare a report on foster
 37 care youth educational outcomes that includes the following:

- 38 (1) The annual graduation rate of foster care youth, including the
 39 following information:
 40 (A) The graduation rate for each of the following:
 41 (i) Foster care youth who received a waiver from
 42 postsecondary readiness competency requirements under



- 1 IC 20-32-4-4.1.
- 2 (ii) Foster care youth who did not receive a waiver from
- 3 postsecondary readiness competency requirements under
- 4 IC 20-32-4-4.1.
- 5 (B) The number and percentage of foster care youth who
- 6 received each type of diploma.
- 7 (2) The adjusted cohort graduation rate for foster care youth,
- 8 including the adjusted cohort graduation rate for each of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (A) Foster care youth who received a waiver from
- 11 postsecondary readiness competency requirements under
- 12 IC 20-32-4-4.1.
- 13 (B) Foster care youth who did not receive a waiver from
- 14 postsecondary readiness competency requirements under
- 15 IC 20-32-4-4.1.
- 16 (3) The number and percentage for each of the following:
- 17 (A) Foster care youth who were promoted to the next grade
- 18 level at the end of the school year.
- 19 (B) Foster care youth who were retained in the same grade
- 20 level for the next school year.
- 21 (C) Foster care youth who were suspended during the school
- 22 year.
- 23 (D) Foster care youth who were expelled during the school
- 24 year.
- 25 (E) Foster care youth who met academic standards on
- 26 statewide assessment program tests (as defined in
- 27 IC 20-32-2-2.3) administered during the school year.
- 28 The information reported under this subdivision must also be
- 29 disaggregated by race, grade, gender, free or reduced price lunch
- 30 status, and eligibility for special education.
- 31 (4) The number and percentage of eligible foster care youth who
- 32 are enrolled in the prekindergarten program under IC 12-17.2-7.2.
- 33 (5) The number and percentage of foster care youth who passed
- 34 the reading skills evaluation administered under IC 20-32-8.5-2.
- 35 (6) The number and percentage of foster care youth enrolled in
- 36 schools, disaggregated by the category or designation of the
- 37 school under IC 20-31-8-3.
- 38 (7) The number and percentage of foster care youth enrolled in
- 39 schools, disaggregated by the type of school, including public
- 40 schools, charter schools, and secure private facilities (as defined
- 41 in IC 31-9-2-115).
- 42 ~~(e) Not later than June 30, 2019, the department shall:~~



(1) after consulting with the department of child services, develop a remediation plan concerning foster care youth; and

(2) submit a copy of the remediation plan to the following:

(A) The state board;

(B) The department of child services;

(C) The legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(f) Before April 1, 2019; and before (e) Not later than April 1 of each year, thereafter, the department shall submit the report described in subsection (d) to the following:

(1) Department of child services.

(2) Legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

SECTION 25. IC 20-19-3-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 18. (a) As used in this section, "graduation rate" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-26-13-6.

(b) The state board shall, in collaboration with the department and the department of child services, annually prepare a report on homeless youth educational outcomes that includes the following:

(1) The annual graduation rate of homeless youth, including the following information:

(A) The graduation rate for each of the following:

(i) Homeless youth who received a waiver from postsecondary readiness competency requirements under IC 20-32-4-4.1.

(ii) Homeless youth who did not receive a waiver from postsecondary readiness competency requirements under IC 20-32-4-4.1.

(B) The number and percentage of homeless youth who received each type of diploma.

(2) The adjusted cohort graduation rate for homeless youth, including the adjusted cohort graduation rate for each of the following:

(A) Homeless youth who received a waiver from postsecondary readiness competency requirements under IC 20-32-4-4.1.

(B) Homeless youth who did not receive a waiver from postsecondary readiness competency requirements under IC 20-32-4-4.1.

(3) The number and percentage of each of the following:

(A) Homeless youth who were promoted to the next grade level at the end of the school year.



- 1 (B) Homeless youth who were retained in the same grade level
- 2 for the next school year.
- 3 (C) Homeless youth who were suspended during the school
- 4 year.
- 5 (D) Homeless youth who were expelled during the school year.
- 6 (E) Homeless youth who met academic standards on statewide
- 7 assessment program tests (as defined in IC 20-32-2-2.3)
- 8 administered during the school year.
- 9 The information reported under this subdivision must also be
- 10 disaggregated by race, grade, gender, free or reduced price lunch
- 11 status, and eligibility for special education.
- 12 (4) The number and percentage of eligible homeless youth who
- 13 are enrolled in the prekindergarten program under IC 12-17.2-7.2.
- 14 (5) The number and percentage of homeless youth who passed the
- 15 reading skills evaluation administered under IC 20-32-8.5-2.
- 16 (6) The number and percentage of homeless youth enrolled in
- 17 schools, disaggregated by the category or designation of the
- 18 school under IC 20-31-8-3.
- 19 (7) The number and percentage of homeless youth enrolled in
- 20 schools, disaggregated by the type of school, including public
- 21 schools, charter schools, and secure private facilities (as defined
- 22 in IC 31-9-2-115).
- 23 ~~(c) Not later than August 31, 2019, the department shall:~~
- 24 ~~(1) develop a remediation plan concerning homeless youth; and~~
- 25 ~~(2) submit a copy of the remediation plan to the following:~~
- 26 ~~(A) The state board;~~
- 27 ~~(B) The Indiana housing and community development~~
- 28 ~~authority established by IC 5-20-1-3;~~
- 29 ~~(C) The legislative council in an electronic format under~~
- 30 ~~IC 5-14-6.~~
- 31 ~~(d) Before June 1, 2019, and before (c) Not later than June 1 of~~
- 32 ~~each year, thereafter, the department shall submit the report described~~
- 33 ~~in subsection (b) to the following:~~
- 34 ~~(1) The Indiana housing and community development authority.~~
- 35 ~~(2) The legislative council in an electronic format under~~
- 36 ~~IC 5-14-6.~~
- 37 SECTION 26. IC 20-19-3-23.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 38 1, 2025]. Sec. 23.5: (a) The department shall establish a career
- 39 coaching pilot program to award grants to school corporations to
- 40 establish career coaching programs for students of the school
- 41 corporation.
- 42 (b) The department shall do the following:



(1) Establish requirements for participation in the pilot program.

(2) Select school corporations to participate in the pilot program.

(3) Determine the amount of and award grants to school corporations under the pilot program.

(4) Collect information regarding the career coaching programs implemented by the school corporations participating in the pilot program.

(5) Collect information from the following individuals or entities participating in the career coaching pilot program:

(A) Counselors.

(B) Third party vendors.

(C) Any other appropriate individuals or entities, as determined by the department.

(c) The department shall require that career coaching programs implemented by a school corporation use:

(1) a counselor employed by the school corporation;

(2) a third party vendor that provides career coaching services; or

(3) both counselors and third party vendors.

However, at least one (1) school corporation shall use a third party vendor that provides career coaching services, instead of or in addition to a counselor employed by a school corporation, in the school corporation's career coaching program.

(d) Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November 1 each year thereafter, the department shall prepare and submit to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 a report that provides information concerning the pilot program.

(e) This section expires July 1, 2025.

SECTION 27. IC 20-19-3-24, AS ADDED BY P.L.216-2021, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 24. (a) Not later than January 1, 2022, the department shall make informational material that is evidence based and trauma informed in accordance with ~~IC 20-28-5-26~~ **IC 20-28-3-11** available on the department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website**.

(b) Not later than ~~January 1, 2022, and each January 1 thereafter, of each year~~, the department shall provide a notice to each school corporation and charter school on how to access the information maintained on the department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** under subsection (a). The notice shall indicate that the school corporation or charter school may, and is encouraged to, distribute the informational material to the school corporation's or charter school's employees in a manner prescribed by the school corporation or charter school.

SECTION 28. IC 20-19-3-26 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY



1 1, 2025]. Sec. 26: (a) The department shall apply to the United States
2 Department of Education for assessment flexibility.

3 (b) The application submitted in accordance with subsection (a)
4 must include the following:

5 (1) A plan to administer a statewide summative examination in
6 grade 3; grade 5; grade 8; and grade 11:

7 (2) A plan to assist schools in the assessment of subject matter
8 mastery in grades in which a statewide summative examination is
9 not administered:

10 (3) A plan to implement the approved assessment changes in
11 conjunction with the implementation of revised academic
12 standards required under IC 20-31-3-1(d):

13 SECTION 29. IC 20-19-3-31 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
14 1, 2025]. Sec. 31: (a) This section applies to a public school; including
15 a charter school:

16 (b) As used in this section; "virtual course" refers to a high school
17 course offered at a public high school in which more than fifty percent
18 (50%) of the course instruction was provided to students in an
19 interactive learning environment created through technology in which
20 the student is separated from the teacher by time; space; or both:

21 (c) The state board; in collaboration with the department; shall
22 create a process to allow a student who is presently enrolled in grade
23 9 through grade 12 at a public high school to retake a virtual course
24 that the student previously completed in grade 9 through grade 12 at
25 the same public high school if the following conditions are met:

26 (1) The student was enrolled in grade 9 through grade 12 during
27 the 2019 through 2022 school years at the time the student
28 completed the virtual course:

29 (2) The student completed the virtual course as a result of a state
30 or federal executive order concerning the public health emergency
31 caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic:

32 (3) The student has not yet graduated or completed high school:

33 (d) If a student elects to retake a virtual course under subsection (c);
34 the:

35 (1) retaken course must provide instruction regarding the same
36 subject matter and content as the previously completed virtual
37 course;

38 (2) retaken course must not be a virtual course;

39 (3) student must receive full credit for the retaken course upon
40 completion; and

41 (4) grade received by the student upon completion of the retaken
42 course must replace the grade received by the student in the



previously completed virtual course:

(e) If a student:

(1) retook and completed a course under the conditions described in subsection (c) prior to July 1, 2023; and

(2) makes a request to the superintendent to receive full credit and a replacement grade for the retaken course;

the student must receive full credit for the retaken course, and the grade received by the student upon completion of the retaken course must replace the grade received by the student in the previously completed virtual course:

(f) The state board and the department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

SECTION 30. IC 20-19-3-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 32: Not later than November 1, 2024, the secretary of education shall prepare and submit to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 a plan to establish a pilot program that provides innovative approaches concerning the use, operation, and management of school facilities to promote:

(1) enhanced learning environments;

(2) unique learning opportunities; and

(3) improved student academic and health outcomes:

SECTION 31. IC 20-19-3-33 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 33: Not later than November 1, 2024, the secretary of education shall prepare and submit to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 a plan to establish a pilot program that encompasses innovative approaches for increasing transportation of students enrolled at a:

(1) public school, including a charter school; or

(2) nonpublic school with at least one (1) employee;

to travel to and from a school or other learning opportunities in a safe and efficient manner:

SECTION 32. IC 20-19-6.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Indiana Family Friendly School Designation).

SECTION 33. IC 20-19-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Indiana Civic Education Commission).

SECTION 34. IC 20-20-1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the local governing board of an educational service center **described in section 7 of this chapter.**

SECTION 35. IC 20-20-1-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 13: If an education service center offers inservice



1 training or other teacher training programs; the education service center
 2 may offer courses for teachers on dyslexia screening and appropriate
 3 interventions, including courses relating to a structured literacy
 4 approach that is systematic, explicit, multisensory, and phonetic.

5 SECTION 36. IC 20-20-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 6 2025]. (Program for the Advancement of Math and Science).

7 SECTION 37. IC 20-20-13-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 8 1, 2025]. Sec. 2: As used in sections 13 through 24 of this chapter,
 9 "group" includes the school corporations that are placed in a group of
 10 school corporations under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter.

11 SECTION 38. IC 20-20-13-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017,
 12 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to the 4R's technology
 14 program described in section 6(a)(1) of this chapter.

15 (b) In addition to any other funds available under this chapter, if
 16 state funds are transferred under IC 20-32-5-19 (before its expiration
 17 on July 1, 2018) to the 4R's technology program:

- 18 (1) those funds do not revert to the state general fund;
- 19 (2) those funds shall be made available to the 4R's technology
 20 program under this chapter; and
- 21 (3) the department, upon approval by the governor and the budget
 22 agency, shall use those funds to award grants under this section.

23 (c) To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, a school
 24 corporation must comply with the following:

- 25 (1) The school corporation must apply to the department for a
 26 grant on behalf of a school within the school corporation to
 27 purchase technology equipment.
- 28 (2) The school corporation must certify the following:
 29 (A) That the school will provide every kindergarten and grade
 30 1 student at that school the opportunity to learn reading,
 31 writing, and arithmetic using technology.
- 32 (B) That the school will provide daily before or after school
 33 technology laboratories for students in grades 1 through 3 who
 34 have been identified as needing remediation in reading,
 35 writing, or arithmetic.
- 36 (C) That the school will provide additional technology
 37 opportunities, that may include Saturday sessions, for students
 38 in other grade levels to use the technology laboratories for
 39 remediation in reading, writing, arithmetic, or mathematics.
- 40 (D) That the school will provide technology opportunities to
 41 students that attend remediation programs under IC 20-32-8 (if
 42 the school corporation is required to do so) or any other



- 1 additional summer programs.
- 2 (E) That the school corporation, either through its own or the
- 3 school's initiative, is able to provide a part of the costs
- 4 attributable to purchasing the necessary technology equipment.
- 5 (3) The school corporation must include in the application the
- 6 sources of and the amount of money secured under subdivision
- 7 (2)(E).
- 8 (4) The school corporation or the school must:
- 9 (A) provide teacher training services; or
- 10 (B) use vendor provided teacher training services.
- 11 (5) The school corporation must give primary consideration to the
- 12 purchase of technology equipment that includes teacher training
- 13 services.
- 14 (6) The teachers who will be using the technology equipment
- 15 must support the initiative described in this chapter.
- 16 (d) Upon review of the applications by the department, the
- 17 satisfaction of the requirements set forth in subsection (c), and subject
- 18 to the availability of funds for this purpose, the department shall award
- 19 to each eligible school corporation a grant to purchase technology
- 20 equipment under section 6(a)(1) of this chapter.
- 21 (e) The department shall monitor the compliance by the school
- 22 corporations receiving grants of the matters cited in subsection (c).
- 23 SECTION 39. IC 20-20-13-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 24 1, 2025]. Sec. 19: (a) The department shall list all school corporations
- 25 in Indiana according to assessed valuation for property tax purposes per
- 26 student in current ADM, as determined in section 17 of this chapter,
- 27 beginning with the school corporation having the lowest assessed
- 28 valuation for property tax purposes per student in current ADM. For
- 29 purposes of the list made under this section, the Indiana School for the
- 30 Blind and Visually Impaired established by IC 20-21-2-1 and the
- 31 Indiana School for the Deaf established by IC 20-22-2-1 shall be
- 32 considered to have the lowest assessed valuation for property tax
- 33 purposes per student in current ADM during the six (6) year period
- 34 beginning July 1, 2001.
- 35 (b) The department must prepare a revised list under subsection (a)
- 36 before a new series of grants may begin.
- 37 (c) The department shall determine those school corporations to be
- 38 placed in a group to receive a grant in a fiscal year under sections 13
- 39 through 24 of this chapter as follows:
- 40 (1) Beginning with the school corporation that is first on the list
- 41 developed under subsection (a), the department shall continue
- 42 sequentially through the list and place school corporations that



qualify for a grant under section 15 of this chapter in a group until the cumulative total current ADM of all school corporations in the group depletes the money that is available for grants in the fiscal year.

(2) Each fiscal year the department shall develop a new group by continuing sequentially through the list beginning with the first qualifying school corporation on the list that was not placed in a group in the prior fiscal year.

(3) If the final group developed from the list contains substantially fewer students in current ADM than available money, the department shall:

(A) prepare a revised list of school corporations under subsection (a); and

(B) place in the group qualifying school corporations from the top of the revised list.

(4) The department shall label the groups with sequential numbers beginning with "group one".

SECTION 40. IC 20-20-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Access to Telecommunications Service).

SECTION 41. IC 20-20-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Elementary School Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists Program and Fund).

SECTION 42. IC 20-20-18.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Grants for Mental Health Counselor Licenses for School Counselors).

SECTION 43. IC 20-20-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Arts Education Program).

SECTION 44. IC 20-20-37 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Dropout Prevention).

SECTION 45. IC 20-20-37.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Geothermal Conversion Revolving Fund).

SECTION 46. IC 20-20-38.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.140-2022, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) ~~Not later than December 31, 2022,~~ The department shall **maintain a:**

(1) ~~issue a request for proposals in the manner set forth under IC 5-22-9 for the purpose of contracting~~ **contract** with a company to provide; or

(2) ~~enter into a memorandum of understanding:~~

(A) with a statewide entity that represents business interests in multiple industries; and

(B) that provides that the entity agrees to facilitate the



procurement of;
adequate employer liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage for an employer described in section 3 of this chapter.

(b) The total amount of funds that the department may expend to implement this section must be less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

SECTION 47. IC 20-20-38.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.140-2022, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. If the department

(1) ~~does not receive a satisfactory response to a request for proposals under section 2(a)(1) of this chapter; and~~
(2) is unable to ~~enter into~~ **maintain** a **contract or** memorandum of understanding under section 2(a)(2) **2(a)** of this chapter, the department is not required to **maintain a** contract with a company or ~~enter into~~ a memorandum of understanding as provided under section 2 of this chapter.

SECTION 48. IC 20-20-39-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 1: Before October 1, 2011, the department shall develop a program to provide training and evaluations for school corporations in operational efficiency.~~

SECTION 49. IC 20-20-39-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 2: The department may contract with an outside entity to provide quality training for the department, school corporations, and superintendents in the area of efficiency and cost savings.~~

SECTION 50. IC 20-20-41-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.251-2017, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. The department, with the approval of the state board, shall establish and maintain a dual language immersion ~~pilot~~ program to provide grants, in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), to school corporations and charter schools that establish dual language immersion programs in:

- (1) Chinese;
- (2) Spanish;
- (3) French; or
- (4) any other language approved by the department.

SECTION 51. IC 20-20-41-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.226-2015, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) The dual language immersion ~~pilot~~ program fund is established to be used to provide grants under this chapter.

- (b) The fund consists of:
- (1) appropriations made by the general assembly; and
 - (2) gifts and donations to the fund.



(c) The fund shall be administered by the department.

(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

SECTION 52. IC 20-24-3-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 3: The organizer's constitution, charter, articles, or bylaws must contain a clause providing that upon the cessation of operation of the charter school:~~

~~(1) the remaining assets of the charter school shall be distributed first to satisfy outstanding payroll obligations for employees of the charter school; then to creditors of the charter school; then to any outstanding debt to the common school fund; and~~

~~(2) the remaining funds received from the department shall be returned to the department not more than thirty (30) days after the charter school ceases operation due to:~~

~~(A) closure of the charter school;~~

~~(B) nonrenewal of the charter school's charter; or~~

~~(C) revocation of the charter school's charter.~~

~~If the assets of the charter school are insufficient to pay all parties to whom the charter school owes compensation under subdivision (1), the priority of the distribution of assets may be determined by a court.~~

SECTION 53. IC 20-24-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2017, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) An organizer may submit to the authorizer a proposal to establish a charter school.

(b) A proposal must contain at least the following information:

(1) Identification of the organizer.

(2) A description of the organizer's organizational structure and governance plan.

(3) The following information for the proposed charter school:

(A) Name.

(B) Purposes.

(C) Governance structure.

(D) Management structure.

(E) Educational mission goals.

(F) Curriculum and instructional methods.

(G) Methods of pupil assessment.

(H) Admission policy and criteria, subject to IC 20-24-5.



- 1 (I) School calendar.
- 2 (J) Age or grade range of students to be enrolled.
- 3 (K) A description of staff responsibilities.
- 4 (L) A description of the physical plant.
- 5 (M) Budget and financial plans.
- 6 (N) Personnel plan, including methods for selection, retention,
- 7 and compensation of employees.
- 8 (O) Transportation plan.
- 9 (P) Discipline program, subject to IC 20-24-5.5.
- 10 (Q) Plan for compliance with any applicable desegregation
- 11 order.
- 12 (R) The date when the charter school is expected to:
- 13 (i) begin school operations; and
- 14 (ii) have students attending the charter school.
- 15 (S) The arrangement for providing teachers and other staff
- 16 with health insurance, retirement benefits, liability insurance,
- 17 and other benefits.
- 18 (T) Any other applications submitted to an authorizer in the
- 19 previous five (5) years.
- 20 (4) The manner in which the authorizer must conduct an annual
- 21 audit of the program operations of the charter school.
- 22 (c) ~~Beginning July 1, 2017, at the time an organizer submits a~~
- 23 ~~proposal under subsection (a), the organizer shall submit to the~~
- 24 ~~authorizer and department a statement of economic interest that~~
- 25 ~~contains the same information specified under IC 3-8-9-8 for each~~
- 26 ~~board member of the proposed charter school.~~
- 27 ~~(d)~~ (c) In the case of a charter school proposal from an applicant that
- 28 currently operates one (1) or more charter schools in any state or
- 29 nation, the request for proposals shall additionally require the applicant
- 30 to provide evidence of past performance and current capacity for
- 31 growth.
- 32 ~~(e)~~ (d) If the proposal described in subsection (a) concerns an
- 33 existing charter school overseen by a different authorizer than the
- 34 authorizer to which the organizer is submitting the proposal, ~~the~~
- 35 ~~proposal must include written acknowledgement of the proposal from~~
- 36 ~~the current authorizer. Additionally, the authorizer receiving the~~
- 37 ~~proposal shall consult with the current authorizer before granting~~
- 38 ~~approval of the proposal. the authorizer receiving the proposal shall~~
- 39 ~~consult with the current authorizer before granting approval of the~~
- 40 ~~proposal.~~
- 41 ~~(f)~~ (e) This section does not waive, limit, or modify the provisions
- 42 of:



(1) IC 20-29 in a charter school where the teachers have chosen to organize under IC 20-29; or

(2) an existing collective bargaining agreement for noncertificated employees (as defined in IC 20-29-2-11).

SECTION 54. IC 20-24-3-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 6: (a) Except as provided in subsection (b); if a governing body grants a charter to establish a charter school, the governing body must provide a noncharter school that students of the same age or grade levels may attend.~~

~~(b) The department may waive the requirement that a governing body provide a noncharter school under subsection (a) upon the request of the governing body.~~

SECTION 55. IC 20-24-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. ~~(a)~~ A charter must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a written instrument.

(2) Be executed by an authorizer and an organizer.

(3) Confer certain rights, franchises, privileges, and obligations on a charter school.

(4) Confirm the status of a charter school as a public school.

(5) Subject to subdivision (6)(E), be granted for:

(A) not less than three ~~(3)~~ years or more than fifteen (15) years; and

(B) a fixed number of years agreed to by the authorizer and the organizer.

(6) Provide for the following:

(A) A review by the authorizer of the charter school's performance, including the progress of the charter school in achieving the academic goals set forth in the charter, at least one (1) time in each five (5) year period while the charter is in effect.

(B) Renewal, if the authorizer and the organizer agree to renew the charter.

(C) The renewal application must include guidance from the authorizer, and the guidance must include the performance criteria that will guide the authorizer's renewal decisions.

(D) The renewal application process must, at a minimum, provide an opportunity for the charter school to:

(i) present additional evidence, beyond the data contained in the performance report, supporting its case for charter renewal;



- 1 (ii) describe improvements undertaken or planned for the
- 2 charter school; and
- 3 (iii) detail the charter school's plans for the next charter
- 4 term.
- 5 (E) Not later than the end of the calendar year in which the
- 6 charter school seeks renewal of a charter, the governing board
- 7 of a charter school seeking renewal shall submit a renewal
- 8 application to the charter authorizer under the renewal
- 9 application guidance issued by the authorizer. The authorizer
- 10 shall make a final ruling on the renewal application not later
- 11 than April 1 after the filing of the renewal application. ~~A~~
- 12 ~~renewal granted under this clause is not subject to the three (3)~~
- 13 ~~year minimum described in subdivision (5). The April 1~~
- 14 ~~deadline does not apply to any review or appeal of a final~~
- 15 ~~ruling. After the final ruling is issued, the charter school may~~
- 16 ~~obtain further review by the authorizer of the authorizer's final~~
- 17 ~~ruling in accordance with the terms of the charter school's~~
- 18 ~~charter and the protocols of the authorizer.~~
- 19 (7) Specify the grounds for the authorizer to:
- 20 (A) revoke the charter before the end of the term for which the
- 21 charter is granted; or
- 22 (B) not renew a charter.
- 23 (8) Set forth the methods by which the charter school will be held
- 24 accountable for achieving the educational mission and goals of
- 25 the charter school, including the following:
- 26 (A) Evidence of improvement in:
- 27 (i) assessment measures, including the statewide assessment
- 28 program measures;
- 29 (ii) attendance rates;
- 30 (iii) graduation rates (if appropriate);
- 31 (iv) increased numbers of Indiana diplomas with a Core 40
- 32 designation or increased numbers of Indiana diploma
- 33 designations established under IC 20-19-2-21 and other
- 34 college and career ready indicators including advanced
- 35 placement participation and passage, dual credit
- 36 participation and passage, and International Baccalaureate
- 37 participation and passage (if appropriate);
- 38 (v) increased numbers of Indiana diplomas with Core 40
- 39 with academic honors and technical honors designations (if
- 40 appropriate);
- 41 (vi) student academic growth;
- 42 (vii) financial performance and stability; and



- 1 (viii) governing board performance and stewardship,
- 2 including compliance with applicable laws, rules and
- 3 regulations, and charter terms.
- 4 (B) Evidence of progress toward reaching the educational
- 5 goals set by the organizer.
- 6 (9) Describe the method to be used to monitor the charter
- 7 school's:
- 8 (A) compliance with applicable law; and
- 9 (B) performance in meeting targeted educational performance.
- 10 (10) Specify that the authorizer and the organizer may amend the
- 11 charter during the term of the charter by mutual consent and
- 12 describe the process for amending the charter.
- 13 (11) Describe specific operating requirements, including all the
- 14 matters set forth in the application for the charter.
- 15 (12) Specify a date when the charter school will:
- 16 (A) begin school operations; and
- 17 (B) have students attending the charter school.
- 18 (13) Specify that records of a charter school relating to the
- 19 school's operation and charter are subject to inspection and
- 20 copying to the same extent that records of a public school are
- 21 subject to inspection and copying under IC 5-14-3.
- 22 (14) Specify that records provided by the charter school to the
- 23 department or authorizer that relate to compliance by the
- 24 organizer with the terms of the charter or applicable state or
- 25 federal laws are subject to inspection and copying in accordance
- 26 with IC 5-14-3.
- 27 (15) Specify that the charter school is subject to the requirements
- 28 of IC 5-14-1.5.
- 29 ~~(16) This subdivision applies to a charter established or renewed~~
- 30 ~~for an adult high school after June 30, 2014. The charter must~~
- 31 ~~require:~~
- 32 ~~(A) that the school will offer flexible scheduling;~~
- 33 ~~(B) that students will not complete the majority of instruction~~
- 34 ~~of the school's curriculum online or through remote~~
- 35 ~~instruction;~~
- 36 ~~(C) that the school will offer dual credit or industry~~
- 37 ~~certification course work that aligns with career pathways as~~
- 38 ~~recommended by the Indiana career council established by~~
- 39 ~~IC 22-4.5-9-3 (expired); and~~
- 40 ~~(D) a plan:~~
- 41 ~~(i) to support successful program completion and to assist~~
- 42 ~~transition of graduates to the workforce or to a~~



1 postsecondary education upon receiving a diploma from the
 2 adult high school; and
 3 (ii) to review individual student accomplishments and
 4 success after a student receives a diploma from the adult
 5 high school.

6 (b) A charter school shall set annual performance targets in
 7 conjunction with the charter school's authorizer. The annual
 8 performance targets shall be designed to help each school meet
 9 applicable federal, state, and authorizer expectations.

10 SECTION 56. IC 20-24-4-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.280-2013,
 11 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1.5. (a) Before an authorizer may issue a charter
 13 to an organizer that has had its charter terminated or has been informed
 14 that its charter will not be renewed by the organizer's current
 15 authorizer, the authorizer must request to have the proposal reviewed
 16 by the state board at a hearing. **organizer that has received written**
 17 **notice from its current authorizer that its charter will be revoked**
 18 **or will not be renewed may receive a charter from another**
 19 **authorizer, the authorizer must request to have the proposal**
 20 **reviewed by the state board at a hearing unless the notice of**
 21 **revocation or nonrenewal is received by the organizer after the**
 22 **organizer has informed its current authorizer that it is seeking to**
 23 **change authorizers.**

24 (b) The state board shall conduct a hearing in which the authorizer
 25 must present information indicating that the organizer's proposal is
 26 substantively different in the areas of deficiency identified by the
 27 current authorizer from the organizer's current proposal as set forth
 28 within the charter with its current authorizer.

29 ~~(b)~~ (c) After the state board conducts a hearing under subsection (a);
 30 (b), the state board shall either approve or deny the proposal. If the
 31 proposal is denied by the state board, the authorizer may not issue a
 32 charter to the organizer.

33 SECTION 57. IC 20-24-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2015,
 34 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) The organizer is the fiscal agent for the
 36 charter school.

37 (b) The organizer has exclusive control of:

- 38 (1) funds received by the charter school; and
- 39 (2) financial matters of the charter school.

40 (c) The organizer shall maintain accounts of all funds received and
 41 disbursed by the organizer. The organizer shall maintain separate
 42 accountings of all funds received and disbursed by each charter school



1 it holds.

2 (d) Notwithstanding IC 20-43, an organizer that operates more than
3 one (1) charter school may file, before July 1 of each year, a notice with
4 the department that the organizer desires to receive the tuition support
5 distributions, and in the case of an adult high school (as defined in
6 IC 20-24-1-2.3), funding provided in the state biennial budget for adult
7 high schools, for all the charter schools the organizer operates. After
8 the organizer's authorizer or authorizers verify to the department that
9 the organizer operates the charter schools, the department shall
10 distribute the tuition support, and in the case of an adult high school (as
11 defined in IC 20-24-1-2.3), funding provided in the state biennial
12 budget for adult high schools, for the verified charter schools to the
13 organizer. The organizer may distribute the tuition support distribution
14 it receives to each charter school it operates in the amounts determined
15 by the organizer. However, an organizer that receives money from the
16 state under this subsection may not use any of the money received for
17 expenses incurred outside Indiana that are not directly related to the
18 charter school the organizer operates in Indiana.

19 (e) Organizers receiving tuition support under this section may
20 submit a consolidated audit in accordance with guidelines established
21 by the state examiner and submit any required financial reporting to the
22 department in a manner prescribed by the state examiner. The state
23 examiner shall establish guidelines and prescribe reporting
24 requirements for organizers under this section that are consistent with
25 generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the needs of the
26 department. **A consolidated audit must include a breakdown of the**
27 **activities, financial position, and functional expenses for each**
28 **charter school.**

29 SECTION 58. IC 20-24-7-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2017,
30 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies if:

32 (1) an authorizer:

33 (A) revokes a charter before the end of the term for which the
34 charter is granted; or

35 (B) does not renew a charter; or

36 (2) a charter school otherwise terminates its charter before the end
37 of the term for which the charter is granted.

38 (b) Any ~~state~~ funds that remain to be distributed to the charter
39 school in the state fiscal year in which an event described in subsection
40 (a) occurs shall **continue to** be distributed to the ~~entities that~~
41 ~~distributed the funds to the~~ charter school ~~A distribution under this~~
42 ~~subsection must be on a pro rata basis. for as long as the charter~~



1 school continues to operate in accordance with state law and its
2 charter.

3 (c) Upon the cessation of the operation of a charter school, the
4 following apply:

5 (1) Any funds that remain to be distributed to the charter
6 school may not be distributed to the charter school.

7 (2) The remaining assets of the charter school must be
8 distributed first to satisfy outstanding payroll obligations for
9 employees of the charter school, then to creditors of the
10 charter school, then to any outstanding debt to the common
11 school fund.

12 (3) The remaining funds received from the department must
13 be returned to the department not more than thirty (30) days
14 after the charter school ceases operation due to:

15 (A) closure of the charter school;

16 (B) nonrenewal of the charter school's charter; or

17 (C) revocation of the charter school's charter.

18 (d) If the assets of the charter school are insufficient to pay all
19 parties to whom the charter school owes compensation under
20 subsection (c)(2), the priority of the distribution of assets may be
21 determined by a court.

22 (e) A charter school's articles or bylaws may not contain
23 language that is inconsistent with the requirements of this section.

24 SECTION 59. IC 20-24-7-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
25 1, 2025]. See: 11- (a) If the United States Department of Education
26 approves a new competition for states to receive matching funds for
27 charter school facilities, the department shall pursue this federal
28 funding:

29 (b) To increase the state's opportunity to receive matching funds
30 from the United States Department of Education, the department shall
31 develop a facilities incentive grants program before January 1, 2010:

32 (c) The department shall use the priority criteria set forth in 21
33 U.S.C. 7221d(b) and 34 CFR 226.12 through 34 CFR 226.14 to
34 develop the facilities incentive grants program.

35 SECTION 60. IC 20-24-7-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,
36 SECTION 154, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 13. (a) After June 30, 2019, A
38 virtual charter school may only apply for authorization with any
39 statewide authorizer in accordance with the authorizer's guidelines.
40 After June 30, 2019, A virtual charter school that has a charter on June
41 30, 2019, may renew a charter only with a statewide authorizer. An
42 authorizer described in IC 20-24-1-2.5(1) and IC 20-24-1-2.5(3) is not



1 considered a statewide authorizer.

2 (b) For each state fiscal year, a virtual charter school is entitled to
3 receive funding in a month from the state in an amount equal to:

4 (1) the quotient of:

5 (A) the school's basic tuition support determined under
6 IC 20-43-6-3; divided by

7 (B) twelve (12); plus

8 (2) the total of any:

9 (A) special education grants under IC 20-43-7;

10 (B) career and technical education grants under IC 20-43-8;

11 (C) non-English speaking program grants under
12 IC 20-43-10-4; and

13 (D) academic performance grants under IC 20-43-10.5;

14 to which the virtual charter school is entitled for the month.

15 For each state fiscal year, a virtual charter school's special education
16 grants under IC 20-43-7 shall be calculated in the same manner as
17 special education grants are calculated for other school corporations.

18 (c) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to govern the
19 operation of virtual charter schools.

20 (d) Each authorizer of a virtual charter school shall establish
21 requirements or guidelines for virtual charter schools authorized by the
22 authorizer that include the following:

23 (1) Minimum requirements for the mandatory annual onboarding
24 process and orientation required under IC 20-24-5-4.5, which
25 shall include a requirement that a virtual charter school must
26 provide to a parent of a student:

27 (A) the student engagement and attendance requirements or
28 policies of the virtual charter school; and

29 (B) notice that a person who knowingly or intentionally
30 deprives a dependent of education commits a violation under
31 IC 35-46-1-4.

32 (2) Requirements relating to tracking and monitoring student
33 participation and attendance.

34 (3) Ongoing student engagement and counseling policy
35 requirements.

36 (4) Employee policy requirements, including professional
37 development requirements.

38 (e) The department, with the approval of the state board, shall
39 before December 1 of each year submit an annual report to the budget
40 committee concerning the program under this section.

41 (f) Each school year, at least sixty percent (60%) of the students
42 who are enrolled in virtual charter schools under this section for the



1 first time must have been included in the state's fall count of ADM
 2 conducted in the previous school year.

3 (g) Each virtual charter school shall report annually to the
 4 department concerning the following, on a schedule determined by the
 5 department:

- 6 (1) Classroom size.
- 7 (2) The ratio of teachers per classroom.
- 8 (3) The number of student-teacher meetings conducted in person
 9 or by video conference.
- 10 (4) Any other information determined by the department.

11 The department shall provide this information annually to the state
 12 board and the legislative council in an electronic format under
 13 IC 5-14-6.

14 (h) A virtual charter school shall adopt a student engagement policy.
 15 A student who regularly fails to participate in courses may be
 16 withdrawn from enrollment under policies adopted by the virtual
 17 charter school. The policies adopted by the virtual charter school must
 18 ensure that:

- 19 (1) adequate notice of the withdrawal is provided to the parent
 20 and the student; and
- 21 (2) an opportunity is provided, before the withdrawal of the
 22 student by the virtual charter school, for the student or the parent
 23 to demonstrate that failure to participate in the course is due to an
 24 event that would be considered an excused absence under
 25 IC 20-33-2.

26 (i) A student who is withdrawn from enrollment for failure to
 27 participate in courses pursuant to the school's student engagement
 28 policy may not reenroll in that same virtual charter school for the
 29 school year in which the student is withdrawn.

30 (j) An authorizer shall review and monitor whether a virtual charter
 31 school that is authorized by the authorizer complies with the
 32 requirements described in subsections (h) and (i).

33 SECTION 61. IC 20-24-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2024,
 34 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. The following statutes and rules and guidelines
 36 adopted under the following statutes apply to a charter school:

- 37 (1) IC 5-11-1-9 (required audits by the state board of accounts).
- 38 (2) IC 20-39-1-1 (unified accounting system).
- 39 (3) IC 20-35 (special education).
- 40 (4) IC 20-26-5-10 (criminal history).
- 41 (5) IC 20-26-5-6 (subject to laws requiring regulation by state
 42 agencies).



- 1 (6) IC 20-28-10-12 (nondiscrimination for teacher marital status).
- 2 (7) IC 20-28-10-14 (teacher freedom of association).
- 3 (8) IC 20-28-10-17 (school counselor immunity).
- 4 (9) For conversion charter schools only if the conversion charter
- 5 school elects to collectively bargain under IC 20-24-6-3(b),
- 6 IC 20-28-6, IC 20-28-7.5, IC 20-28-8, IC 20-28-9, and
- 7 IC 20-28-10.
- 8 (10) IC 20-33-2 (compulsory school attendance).
- 9 (11) IC 20-33-8-19, IC 20-33-8-21, and IC 20-33-8-22 (student
- 10 due process and judicial review).
- 11 (12) IC 20-33-8-16 (firearms and deadly weapons).
- 12 (13) IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
- 13 (14) IC 20-33-9 (reporting of student violations of law).
- 14 (15) IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
- 15 observances).
- 16 (16) IC 20-31-3, IC 20-32-4, ~~IC 20-32-5 (for a school year ending~~
- 17 ~~before July 1, 2018);~~ IC 20-32-5.1, ~~(for a school year beginning~~
- 18 ~~after June 30, 2018);~~ ~~IC 20-32-8,~~ and IC 20-32-8.5, as provided
- 19 in IC 20-32-8.5-2 (academic standards, accreditation, ~~assessment,~~
- 20 ~~and remediation); and assessment).~~
- 21 (17) IC 20-33-7 (parental access to education records).
- 22 (18) IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
- 23 improvement).
- 24 (19) IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).
- 25 (20) IC 20-26-5-37.3, before its expiration (career and technical
- 26 education reporting).
- 27 (21) IC 20-35.5 (dyslexia screening and intervention).
- 28 (22) IC 22-2-18, before its expiration on June 30, 2021
- 29 (limitations on employment of minors).
- 30 (23) IC 20-26-12-1 (curricular material purchase and provision;
- 31 public school students).
- 32 (24) IC 20-26-12-2 (curricular material purchase and rental).
- 33 SECTION 62. IC 20-24-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2017,
- 34 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 35 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. ~~(a)~~ If an authorizer determines that:
- 36 (1) an organizer is failing to comply with the conditions or
- 37 procedures established in the charter;
- 38 (2) a charter school established by the organizer is failing to meet
- 39 the educational goals set forth in the charter;
- 40 (3) an organizer is failing to comply with all applicable federal
- 41 and state laws;
- 42 (4) an organizer fails to meet generally accepted fiscal



management and government accounting principles; or

(5) one (1) or more grounds for revocation exist as specified in the charter;

the authorizer shall notify the governing board of the organizer of the charter school in writing and give the organizer a reasonable time to remedy the deficiency.

(b) If the organizer does not remedy the deficiency within the timeline established by the authorizer, the authorizer may

(1) order any corrective action that the authorizer considers necessary to correct the deficiency or

(2) revoke the school's charter.

SECTION 63. IC 20-24-10-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 1. (a) A public noncharter school that receives a transfer student from a charter school may not discriminate against the student in any way, including by placing the student:

(1) in an inappropriate age group according to the student's ability;

(2) below the student's abilities; or

(3) in a class where the student has already mastered the subject matter.

(b) If a student who previously was enrolled in a charter school enrolls in another public school, the public noncharter school shall accept all credits earned by the student in courses or instructional programs at the charter school in a uniform and consistent manner, according to the same criteria that are used to accept academic credits from other public schools.

SECTION 64. IC 20-24-12-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.91-2011, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. The department may authorize money in the fund to be used for any of the following purposes:

(1) To pay first semester costs for charter schools first opening after June 30, 2011.

(2) To repay advances and loans to charter schools made before June 30, 2011.

(3) To match federal grants described in IC 20-24-7-11(a).

(4) (3) To loan or grant money from the fund to a charter school to carry out the purposes described in section 2 of this chapter.

SECTION 65. IC 20-24-13-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023, SECTION 158, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. The annual grant amount for a school for a state fiscal year is the following:

(1) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:



- 1 (A) one thousand dollars (\$1,000); multiplied by
 2 (B) the number of eligible pupils who are counted in the
 3 current ADM of the school.
 4 (2) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:
 5 (A) one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250);
 6 multiplied by
 7 (B) the number of eligible pupils who are counted in the
 8 current ADM of the school.
 9 (3) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and each state
 10 fiscal year thereafter: is:
 11 (A) (1) one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400); multiplied
 12 by
 13 (B) (2) the number of eligible pupils who are counted in the
 14 current ADM of the school.
 15 SECTION 66. IC 20-24.2-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2024,
 16 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as specifically provided in this
 18 article and section 4 of this chapter, the following provisions of this
 19 title and a rule or guideline adopted by the state board under one (1) of
 20 the following provisions of this title do not apply to a qualified district
 21 or qualified high school:
 22 (1) Provisions that do not apply to school corporations in general.
 23 (2) IC 20-20 (programs administered by the state), except for
 24 IC 20-20-1 (educational service centers).
 25 (3) IC 20-28 (school teachers), except for IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher
 26 continuing education), IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to
 27 teaching participants; restrictions), IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to
 28 teaching participants; school corporation or subject area;
 29 transition to teaching permit), IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain
 30 felonies or misdemeanors; notice and hearing; permanent
 31 revocation of license; data base of school employees who have
 32 been reported), IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts), IC 20-28-7.5
 33 (cancellation of teacher contracts), IC 20-28-8 (contracts with
 34 school administrators), IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related
 35 payments), IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment), and
 36 IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).
 37 (4) IC 20-30 (curriculum), except for IC 20-30-3-2 and
 38 IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative observances),
 39 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements), and
 40 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).
 41 (5) IC 20-32 (student standards, assessments, and performance),
 42 except for IC 20-32-4 (graduation requirements), IC 20-32-5



(Indiana statewide testing for educational progress for a school year ending before July 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (statewide assessment program for a school year beginning after June 30, 2018), ~~IC 20-32-8 (remediation)~~, and IC 20-32-8.5 (reading improvement and remediation plans).

(6) IC 20-37 (career and technical education).

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a school corporation may not receive a decrease in state funding based upon the school corporation's status as a qualified district or the status of a high school within the school corporation as a qualified high school, or because of the implementation of a waiver of a statute or rule that is allowed to be waived by a qualified district or qualified high school.

SECTION 67. IC 20-24.2-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2024, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. The following provisions of this title and rules and guidelines adopted under the following provisions of this title apply to a qualified district or qualified high school:

IC 20-20-1 (educational service centers).

IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).

IC 20-26 (school corporation general administrative provisions).

IC 20-27 (school transportation).

IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher continuing education).

IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to teaching participants; restrictions).

IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to teaching participants; school corporation or subject area; transition to teaching permit).

IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies or misdemeanors; notice and hearing; permanent revocation of license; data base of school employees who have been reported).

IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts).

IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of teacher contracts).

IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school administrators).

IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments).

IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment).

IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).

IC 20-29 (collective bargaining for teachers).

IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative observances).

IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements).

IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).

IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and improvement).



1 IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5 (for a school year beginning before July
 2 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (~~for a school year ending after June 30,~~
 3 ~~2018)~~ and ~~IC 20-32-8 (accreditation, assessment, and~~
 4 ~~remediation)~~, **(assessment)**, or any other statute, rule, or guideline
 5 related to standardized assessments.
 6 IC 20-32-8.5 (reading improvement and remediation plans).
 7 IC 20-33 (students: general provisions).
 8 IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
 9 IC 20-35 (special education).
 10 IC 20-35.5 (dyslexia screening and intervention).
 11 IC 20-36 (high ability students).
 12 IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).
 13 IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
 14 IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
 15 IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction and
 16 learning).
 17 IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
 18 IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
 19 IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 20 IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease agreements).
 21 IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 22 IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
 23 advances and loans).
 24 IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 25 SECTION 68. IC 20-24.5-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 26 2025]. (Indiana School for the Arts; Indiana University).
 27 SECTION 69. IC 20-24.5-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 28 2025]. (Grammar School; Vincennes University).
 29 SECTION 70. IC 20-25-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021,
 30 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) The board shall modify, develop, and
 32 implement a plan for the improvement of student achievement in the
 33 schools in the school city.
 34 (b) A plan modified, developed, and implemented under this chapter
 35 must be consistent with this article and with IC 20-31-1, IC 20-31-2,
 36 ~~IC 20-31-5~~, IC 20-31-6, ~~IC 20-31-7~~, IC 20-31-8, and IC 20-31-10.
 37 SECTION 71. IC 20-25-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021,
 38 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. The board shall:
 40 (1) modify, develop, and publish the plan required under this
 41 chapter; and
 42 (2) implement the modified plan;



in compliance with the timelines of IC 20-31-1, ~~IC 20-31-5~~,
IC 20-31-6, ~~IC 20-31-7~~, IC 20-31-8, and IC 20-31-10.

SECTION 72. IC 20-25-10-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021,
SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall annually assess and evaluate
educational programs offered by the school city to determine:

(1) the relationship of the programs to improved student
achievement; and

(2) the educational value of the programs in relation to cost.

(b) The board may obtain information from:

(1) educators in the schools offering a program;

(2) students participating in a program; and

(3) the parents of students participating in a program;

in preparing an assessment and evaluation under this section. The
assessment must include the performance of the school's students in
achieving student performance improvement levels under IC 20-31-1,
IC 20-31-6, ~~IC 20-31-7~~, IC 20-31-8, IC 20-31-10, and IC 20-25-11.

SECTION 73. IC 20-25-11-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021,
SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. The board shall establish annual student
performance improvement levels for each school that are not less
rigorous than the student performance improvement levels under
IC 20-31-1, IC 20-31-6, ~~IC 20-31-7~~, IC 20-31-8, and IC 20-31-10,
including the following:

(1) For students:

(A) improvement in results on assessment tests and assessment
programs;

(B) improvement in attendance rates; and

(C) improvement in progress toward graduation.

(2) For teachers:

(A) improvement in student results on assessment tests and
assessment programs;

(B) improvement in the number and percentage of students
achieving:

(i) state achievement standards; and

(ii) if applicable, performance levels set by the board;

on assessment tests;

(C) improvement in student progress toward graduation;

(D) improvement in student attendance rates for the school
year;

(E) improvement in individual teacher attendance rates;

(F) improvement in:



- 1 (i) communication with parents; and
- 2 (ii) parental involvement in classroom and extracurricular
- 3 activities; and
- 4 (G) other objectives developed by the board.
- 5 (3) For the school and school administrators:
- 6 (A) improvement in student results on assessment tests, totaled
- 7 by class and grade;
- 8 (B) improvement in the number and percentage of students
- 9 achieving:
- 10 (i) state achievement standards; and
- 11 (ii) if applicable, performance levels set by the board;
- 12 on assessment tests, totaled by class and grade;
- 13 (C) improvement in:
- 14 (i) student graduation rates; and
- 15 (ii) progress toward graduation;
- 16 (D) improvement in student attendance rates;
- 17 (E) management of:
- 18 (i) education fund expenditures;
- 19 (ii) operations fund expenditures; and
- 20 (iii) total expenditures;
- 21 per student;
- 22 (F) improvement in teacher attendance rates; and
- 23 (G) other objectives developed by the board.

24 SECTION 74. IC 20-25-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021,
 25 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) IC 20-31-1, IC 20-31-2, ~~IC 20-31-5,~~
 27 ~~IC 20-31-6, IC 20-31-7,~~ IC 20-31-8, and IC 20-31-10 apply to the
 28 school city. The composition of a local school improvement committee
 29 is determined under IC 20-31-1, IC 20-31-2, ~~IC 20-31-5,~~ IC 20-31-6,
 30 ~~IC 20-31-7,~~ IC 20-31-8, and IC 20-31-10.

31 (b) The plan developed and implemented by the board under
 32 IC 20-25-10 must contain general guidelines for decisions by the
 33 educators in each school to improve student achievement in the school.

34 (c) The board's plan shall provide for the publication to other
 35 schools in the school city and to the general community those:

- 36 (1) processes;
- 37 (2) innovations; and
- 38 (3) approaches;
- 39 that have led individual schools to significant improvement in student
- 40 achievement.

41 SECTION 75. IC 20-25-13-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021,
 42 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. IC 20-28-6-4 and IC 20-28-6-5 apply to certificated employees in the school city. A teacher's students' performance improvement levels under the assessment tests and programs of IC 20-31-1, ~~IC 20-31-5~~, IC 20-31-6, ~~IC 20-31-7~~, IC 20-31-8, and IC 20-31-10 may be used as a factor, but not the only factor, to evaluate the performance of a teacher in the school city.

SECTION 76. IC 20-26-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2023, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "electronic funds transfer" means a transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, or computer or magnetic tape to order, instruct, or authorize a financial institution to debit or credit an account.

(b) The governing body of each school corporation shall organize by electing:

- (1) a president;
- (2) a vice president; and
- (3) a secretary;

each of whom is a different member, not more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ **thirty (30)** days after the commencement date of the members' terms of office.

(c) A governing body shall, at the time that officers are elected under subsection (b), appoint a treasurer of the governing body and of the school corporation who is a person, other than the superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the governing body. The treasurer may, with the approval of the governing body, appoint a deputy who must be a person, other than the superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the governing body and who has the same powers and duties as the treasurer, or lesser duties as provided by the governing body by rule.

(d) The treasurer is the official custodian of all funds of the school corporation and is responsible for the proper safeguarding and accounting for the funds. The treasurer shall:

- (1) issue a receipt for money received by the treasurer;
- (2) deposit money described in subdivision (1) in accordance with the laws governing the deposit of public funds; and
- (3) issue all warrants in payment of expenses lawfully incurred on behalf of the school corporation. However, except as otherwise provided by law, warrants described in this subdivision must be issued only after proper allowance or approval by the governing body. The governing body may not require an allowance or



approval for amounts lawfully due in payment of indebtedness or payments due the state, the United States government, or agencies and instrumentalities of the state or the United States government.

A verification, other than a properly itemized invoice, may not be required for any claim. A claim is sufficient as to form if the bill or statement for the claim has printed or stamped on the face of the bill or statement a verification of the bill or statement in language approved by the state board of accounts.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), a treasurer may transact school corporation financial business with a financial institution or a public retirement fund through the use of electronic funds transfer. The treasurer must provide adequate documentation to the governing body of transfers made under this subsection. This subsection applies only to agreements for joint investment of money under IC 5-13-9 and to payments to the Indiana public retirement system for:

- (1) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; or
- (2) the public employees' retirement fund;

from participating employers.

(f) Except as provided in IC 5-11, a treasurer is not personally liable for an act or omission occurring in connection with the performance of the duties set forth in this section, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or an intentional disregard of the treasurer's duties.

(g) A governing body may establish the position of executive secretary to the governing body. The executive secretary:

- (1) must be an employee of the school corporation;
- (2) may not be a member of the governing body; and
- (3) must be appointed by the governing body upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the school corporation.

The governing body shall determine the duties of the executive secretary, which may include all or part of the duties of the secretary of the board.

SECTION 77. IC 20-26-4-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 6: (a) The governing body of any school corporation may designate a committee of at least two (2) of the governing body's members; or a committee of not less than two (2) employees of the school corporation; to open and tabulate bids:

- (1) in connection with the purchase of supplies; material; or equipment;
- (2) for the construction or alteration of a building or facility; or
- (3) for any similar purpose.

(b) Bids described in subsection (a):

- (1) may be opened by the committee at the time and place fixed



by the advertisement for bids;

(2) must be read aloud and tabulated publicly; to the extent required by law for governing bodies; and

(3) must be available for inspection.

(c) The bids described in subsection (a) must be reported to and the tabulation entered upon the records of the governing body at the governing body's next meeting following the bid opening.

(d) A bid described in subsection (a) may not be accepted or rejected by the committee, but the bid must be accepted or rejected solely by the governing body in a board meeting open to the public as provided in section 3 of this chapter.

SECTION 78. IC 20-26-4-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. An individual who is at least ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **eighteen (18)** years of age and is otherwise eligible to assume office as a member of a governing body may not be disqualified on the basis of age.

SECTION 79. IC 20-26-5-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 8: (a) The governing body of a school corporation may appropriate necessary funds to provide for membership of the school corporation in state and national associations of an educational nature that have as the associations' purpose the improvement of school governmental operations.

(b) A school corporation may participate through designated representatives in the meetings and activities of the associations. The governing body of the school corporation may appropriate the necessary funds to defray the expenses of the representatives in connection with the meetings and activities.

SECTION 80. IC 20-26-5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 9: (a) A school corporation may provide programs, classes, or services to a state educational institution.

(b) A state educational institution may provide programs, classes, or services to a school corporation.

(c) The terms and conditions under which programs, classes, or services are to be provided must be specified in a contract between the state educational institution and the governing body of the school corporation.

SECTION 81. IC 20-26-5-10.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 10.5: Each school corporation, charter school, and nonpublic school that employs one (1) or more employees, shall adopt a policy requiring the school employer of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to contact employment references



1 and; if applicable, the most recent employer provided by a prospective
 2 employee; before the school corporation; charter school; or nonpublic
 3 school may hire the prospective employee.

4 SECTION 82. IC 20-26-5-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 5 1, 2025]. Sec. 28: A governing body may establish and maintain
 6 nursery schools for the instruction of children less than six (6) years of
 7 age. Expenses of operating the nursery schools shall be paid in the
 8 same manner as other expenses of the school corporation.

9 SECTION 83. IC 20-26-5-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 10 1, 2025]. Sec. 32: (a) The governing body of each school corporation
 11 shall work with parents to:

12 (1) develop; and

13 (2) review periodically;

14 an evidence based plan for improving student behavior and discipline
 15 in the school corporation after receiving a model plan developed by the
 16 department.

17 (b) The model plan developed by the department under subsection
 18 (a) must:

19 (1) reduce out-of-school suspension and disproportionality in
 20 discipline and expulsion;

21 (2) limit referrals to law enforcement and arrests on school
 22 property to cases in which referral to law enforcement or arrest is
 23 necessary to protect the health and safety of students or school
 24 employees; and

25 (3) include policies to address instances of bullying and
 26 cyberbullying on school property of a school corporation.

27 (c) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the department, in
 28 collaboration with parent organizations; teacher organizations;
 29 educational support professional organizations; and state educational
 30 institutions; shall, upon a school corporation's request, provide
 31 information and assistance to the school corporation regarding the
 32 implementation of the school corporation's evidence based plan
 33 developed under subsection (a) to ensure that teachers and
 34 administrators receive appropriate professional development and other
 35 resources in preparation for carrying out the plan.

36 SECTION 84. IC 20-26-5-34.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 37 1, 2025]. Sec. 34.2: A school corporation shall provide training to the
 38 school corporation's employees and volunteers who have direct,
 39 ongoing contact with students concerning the school's bullying
 40 prevention and reporting policy adopted under IC 20-33-8-13.5. The
 41 training shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by the state board
 42 under IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5.



1 SECTION 85. IC 20-26-5-36 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 2025]. Sec. 36: (a) Each school year, the governing body of a school
3 corporation may spend an amount for remediation programs for
4 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 not to exceed one
5 percent (1%) of the state tuition support that the school corporation
6 receives for the school year:

7 (b) A remediation program for any subset of students enrolled in
8 kindergarten through grade 12 must be in writing and adopted at a
9 public hearing of the governing body of the school corporation before
10 the governing body may spend money for the remediation program:

11 (c) After the governing body of a school corporation adopts a
12 remediation program under subsection (b), the school corporation shall
13 promptly file the adopted plan with the department. The department
14 shall review a plan for a remediation program adopted by the governing
15 body of a school corporation and may comment on the plan:

16 SECTION 86. IC 20-26-7-41 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
17 1, 2025]. Sec. 41: A township trustee may, whenever:

18 (1) a schoolhouse is removed to a different location or a new one
19 erected for the school in a different place; and

20 (2) the land where the schoolhouse is situated belongs
21 unconditionally to the township, town, or city;
22 sell the land, if the trustee believes it is advantageous to the township,
23 town, or city to do so. The township trustee shall sell the land for the
24 highest price that can be obtained for the land. Upon payment of the
25 purchase money to the township, town, or city, the township trustee
26 shall execute to the purchaser a deed of conveyance, which must be
27 sufficient to vest in the purchaser the title the township, town, or city
28 has to the land. The money derived from the sale becomes a part of the
29 school revenue:

30 SECTION 87. IC 20-26-9-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
31 1, 2025]. Sec. 18: (a) Before July 1, 2007, each school board may
32 establish a coordinated school health advisory council (referred to as
33 the "advisory council" in this section). The advisory council may
34 review the corporation's wellness policies on a yearly basis and suggest
35 to the governing body for approval changes to the policies that comply
36 with the requirements of federal Public Law 111-296 and
37 IC 5-22-15-24(c) before July 1 of each year. The advisory council must
38 hold at least one (1) hearing at which public testimony about the local
39 wellness policy being developed is allowed:

40 (b) The governing body may appoint the members of the advisory
41 council, which must include the following:

42 (1) Parents:



(2) Food service directors and staff.

(3) Students.

(4) Nutritionists or certified dietitians.

(5) Health care professionals.

(6) School board members.

(7) A school administrator.

(8) Representatives of interested community organizations.

(c) In adopting a school corporation policy on child nutrition and physical activity policy under federal Public Law 111-296, the governing body may take into consideration recommendations made by the advisory council.

(d) The department shall, in consultation with the Indiana department of health, provide technical assistance to schools, including providing information on health, nutrition, and physical activity, through educational materials and professional development opportunities.

SECTION 88. IC 20-26-10-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) Two (2) or more school corporations acting through their respective governing bodies may engage in joint programs under a written agreement executed by all participating school corporations.

(b) The agreement shall do the following:

(1) Designate the type of purchases, leases, or investments to be made.

(2) Prescribe the manner of approving persons employed under the joint program.

(3) Designate the type of construction, remodeling, or additions to be made on the school buildings.

(4) Provide for the organization, administration, support, funding, and termination of the program, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 89. IC 20-26-11-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021, SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) The parents of any student, regardless of the student's age, or the student after the student has become eighteen (18) years of age may request a transfer from a school corporation in which the student has a legal settlement to a transferee school corporation in Indiana. or another state if the student may be better accommodated in the public schools of the transferee corporation. Whether the student can be better accommodated depends on such matters as:

(1) crowded conditions of the transferee or transferor corporation;



1 and

2 (2) curriculum offerings at the high school level that are important
3 to the vocational or academic aspirations of the student.

4 (b) The request for transfer must be made in writing to the transferor
5 corporation; which shall immediately mail a copy to the transferee
6 corporation. The request for transfer must be made at the times
7 provided under rules adopted by the state board. The transfer is
8 effected if both the transferee and the transferor corporations approve
9 the transfer not more than thirty (30) days after that mailing. If the
10 transferor school corporation fails to act on the transfer request within
11 thirty (30) days after the request is received, the transfer is considered
12 approved. The transfer is denied when either school corporation mails
13 a written denial by certified mail to the requesting parents or student at
14 their last known address.

15 (c) If a request for transfer is denied under subsection (b); an appeal
16 may be taken to the state board by the requesting parents or student; if
17 commenced not more than ten (10) days after the denial. An appeal is
18 commenced by mailing a notice of appeal by certified mail to the
19 superintendent of each school corporation and the state board. The
20 secretary of education shall develop forms for this purpose; and the
21 transferor corporation shall assist the parents or student in the
22 mechanics of commencing the appeal. An appeal hearing must comply
23 with section 15 of this chapter.

24 SECTION 90. IC 20-26-11-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2024,
25 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. (a) A school corporation may accept a
27 transferring student without approval of the transferor corporation.
28 under section 5 of this chapter.

29 (b) A transferee corporation may not require a parent or student
30 requesting transfer to the school corporation to pay transfer tuition or
31 any other fee associated with the transfer of the student.

32 SECTION 91. IC 20-26-11-8.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
33 1, 2025]. Sec. 8-5: With regard to the transfer of responsibility for
34 paying transfer tuition for certain students from the county to the
35 school corporation of the student's legal settlement as described in
36 IC 20-8-1-6.1-5 (as amended by P.L.36-1994, before its repeal; now
37 codified at section 8 of this chapter); P.L.36-1994 does not affect:

38 (1) rights or liabilities accrued;

39 (2) penalties incurred;

40 (3) crimes committed; or

41 (4) proceedings begun;

42 before July 1, 1995. Those rights, liabilities, penalties, crimes; and



proceedings continue and shall be imposed and enforced under prior law as if P.L.36-1994 had not been enacted.

SECTION 92. IC 20-26-11-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 470, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 12. (a) If a student is transferred under section 5 of this chapter from a school corporation in Indiana to a public school corporation in another state, the transferor corporation shall pay the transferee corporation the full tuition fee charged by the transferee corporation. However, the amount of the full tuition fee may not exceed the amount charged by the transferor corporation for the same class of school, or if the school does not have the same classification, the amount may not exceed the amount charged by the geographically nearest school corporation in Indiana that has the same classification.

(b) If a child is:

(1) placed by or with the consent of the department of child services in an out-of-state institution or other facility; and

(2) provided all educational programs and services by a public school corporation in the state where the child is placed, whether at the facility, the public school, or another location;

the department of child services shall pay to the public school corporation in which the child is enrolled, the amount of transfer tuition specified in subsection (c).

(c) The transfer tuition for which the department of child services is obligated under subsection (b) is equal to the following:

(1) The amount under a written agreement among the department of child services, the institution or other facility, and the governing body of the public school corporation in the other state that specifies the amount and method of computing transfer tuition.

(2) The full tuition fee charged by the transferee corporation, if subdivision (1) does not apply. However, the amount of the full tuition fee must not exceed the amount charged by the transferor corporation for the same class of school, or if the school does not have the same classification, the amount must not exceed the amount charged by the geographically nearest school corporation in Indiana that has the same classification.

(d) If a child is:

(1) placed by or with the consent of the department of child services in an out-of-state institution or other facility; and

(2) provided:

(A) onsite educational programs and services either through



1 the facility's employees or by contract with another person or
 2 organization that is not a public school corporation; or

3 (B) educational programs and services by a nonpublic school;
 4 the department of child services shall pay in an amount and in the
 5 manner specified in a written agreement between the department of
 6 child services and the institution or other facility.

7 (e) For purposes of IC 4-13-2, an agreement described in subsection
 8 (c) or (d) shall not be treated as a contract.

9 SECTION 93. IC 20-26-13-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 10 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. **(a) Beginning with the class of students who**
 12 **are expected to graduate in the 2005-2006 school year; Subject to**
 13 **subsection (b),** the department shall determine the graduation rate of
 14 high school students under this chapter.

15 **(b) Except to the extent required under federal law, an adult**
 16 **high school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-2.3) is excluded from all**
 17 **cohort based graduation rate calculations.**

18 SECTION 94. IC 20-26-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 19 2025]. (Freeway School Corporation and Freeway School Program).

20 SECTION 95. IC 20-26-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 21 2025]. (Criminal Gang Measures).

22 SECTION 96. IC 20-26.5-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,
 23 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) Subject to subsection (b), if the state board
 25 approves a coalition under section 1(d) of this chapter, the applicants
 26 that jointly submitted an application under section 1 of this chapter
 27 become coalition members.

28 (b) In addition to the coalition members described in subsection (a),
 29 a school corporation, an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7),
 30 or a state accredited nonpublic school may become a coalition member
 31 by submitting an application to the coalition, in a manner prescribed by
 32 the coalition. The coalition may submit a recommendation to the state
 33 board that an applicant under this subsection should be approved to
 34 participate in the coalition. ~~Subject to subsection (c);~~ The state board
 35 shall approve an application submitted under this subsection.

36 ~~(c) For:~~

37 ~~(1) the 2018-2019 school year; not more than a total of eight (8)~~
 38 ~~school corporations; eligible schools (as defined in~~
 39 ~~IC 20-51-1-4.7); or state accredited nonpublic schools may~~
 40 ~~participate in the coalition;~~

41 ~~(2) the 2019-2020 school year; not more than a total of twelve~~
 42 ~~(12) school corporations; eligible schools (as defined in~~



1 IC 20-51-1-4.7); or state accredited nonpublic schools may
 2 participate in the coalition; and

3 (3) the 2020-2021 school year; not more than a total of sixteen
 4 (16) school corporations; eligible schools (as defined in
 5 IC 20-51-1-4.7); or state accredited nonpublic schools may
 6 participate in the coalition.

7 (d) Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and each school year
 8 thereafter, the state board shall limit the number of coalition members
 9 to thirty (30) school corporations; eligible schools (as defined in
 10 IC 20-51-1-4.7); or state accredited nonpublic schools.

11 SECTION 97. IC 20-26.5-2-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2025]. Sec. 4: The state board may revoke a coalition member's
 13 membership in the coalition if the state board determines that the
 14 coalition member has not met the specific goals or measurable student
 15 outcomes set forth under section 1(c)(3) of this chapter.

16 SECTION 98. IC 20-27-5-0.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2025]. Sec. 0.2: The amendments made to:

18 (1) IC 20-9.1-2-4 (before its repeal; now codified at section 5 of
 19 this chapter); and

20 (2) IC 20-9.1-2-4.1 (before its repeal; now codified at section 6 of
 21 this chapter);

22 do not apply to contracts entered into before July 1, 1988.

23 SECTION 99. IC 20-27-13-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2012,
 24 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter,
 26 a school corporation described in section 2 of this chapter shall carry
 27 out a program to provide transportation to and from school for all
 28 eligible students in any part of a school year, **beginning after June 30;**
 29 **2012;** unless the governing body of the school corporation:

30 (1) approves the termination of the transportation program; and

31 (2) provides public notice of the date after which the
 32 transportation will no longer be provided under the transportation
 33 program;

34 at least **three (3) years one (1) year** before the date after which the
 35 transportation will no longer be provided under the transportation
 36 program.

37 SECTION 100. IC 20-27-13-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 38 1, 2025]. Sec. 5: Transportation provided under a transportation
 39 program required under section 3 of this chapter may be limited by the
 40 school corporation's governing body to providing transportation to
 41 school immediately before the beginning of an instructional day (as
 42 described in IC 20-30-2-2) and from school immediately after the end



of an instructional day (as described in IC 20-30-2-2) without additional accommodations for participation in extracurricular activities:

SECTION 101. IC 20-27-13-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 6: Transportation provided under a transportation program required under section 3 of this chapter must be otherwise in accordance with applicable law:

SECTION 102. IC 20-28-2-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 7: (a) The department may recommend to the general assembly for consideration measures relating to the department's powers and duties that improve the quality of teacher preparation or teacher licensing standards:

(b) The department shall submit to the general assembly before November 1 of each year a report:

(1) detailing the findings and activities of the department; the division; and the state board; and

(2) including any recommendations developed under this chapter:

A report under this subsection must in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6:

SECTION 103. IC 20-28-2-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 8: (a) The department may, subject to approval by the budget agency, do the following to administer the responsibilities of the department under this chapter:

(1) Establish advisory committees the department determines necessary:

(2) Expend funds made available to the department according to policies established by the budget agency:

(b) The department shall comply with the requirements for submitting a budget request to the budget agency as set forth in IC 4-12-1, for funds to administer the responsibilities of the department described in section 1 of this chapter:

SECTION 104. IC 20-28-3-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3.5. The guidelines developed under section 3 of this chapter must incorporate methods that assist individuals in developing competency in employing approaches to create positive classroom and school climates that are culturally responsive, which may include:

(1) classroom management strategies;

(2) restorative justice;

(3) positive behavioral interventions and supports;

(4) social and emotional training as described in IC 12-21-5-2



1 **and IC 20-19-3-12; and ~~IC 20-26-5-34.2~~; and**

2 **(5) conflict resolution.**

3 **SECTION 105. IC 20-28-3-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023,**
 4 **SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 5 **JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Each school corporation, charter school,**
 6 **and state accredited nonpublic school shall require each school**
 7 **employee likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within**
 8 **the scope of the employee's employment to attend or participate in**
 9 **training on child abuse and neglect, including:**

10 **(1) training on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect**
 11 **under IC 31-33-5; and**

12 **(2) training on recognizing possible signs of child abuse or**
 13 **neglect.**

14 **in a manner prescribed by the state board under ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1~~ or**
 15 **~~IC 20-28-5.5-1.5~~.**

16 **(b) In addition to training required for an initial license under**
 17 **IC 20-28-5-12.3, a school employee described in subsection (a) who**
 18 **holds a license or permit from the division of professional**
 19 **standards of the department under this article shall, as a**
 20 **requirement for license or permit renewal, attend or participate in**
 21 **training described in subsection (a) before the school employee's**
 22 **license or permit may be renewed.**

23 **(c) Each school corporation, charter school, or state accredited**
 24 **nonpublic school shall require each school employee described in**
 25 **subsection (a) whose employment is not dependent on the holding**
 26 **of a license or permit under this article to attend or participate in**
 27 **the training described in subsection (a) at least once every two (2)**
 28 **years.**

29 **~~(b)~~ (d) The training required under this section must count toward**
 30 **the requirements for professional development required by the**
 31 **governing body.**

32 **(e) In the event the state board does not require training to be**
 33 **completed as part of a teacher preparation program under**
 34 **~~IC 20-28-5.5-1~~, the training required under this section must be during**
 35 **the school employee's contracted day or at a time chosen by the**
 36 **employee.**

37 **SECTION 106. IC 20-28-3-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY**
 38 **1, 2025]. Sec. 6: (a) For purposes of this section, "teacher" includes the**
 39 **following:**

40 **(1) A superintendent who holds a license under IC 20-28-5.**

41 **(2) A principal.**

42 **(3) A teacher.**



(4) A librarian.

(5) A school counselor.

(6) A school psychologist.

(7) A school nurse.

(8) A school social worker.

(b) Beginning after June 30, 2018, each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school:

(1) shall require all teachers; and

(2) may require any other appropriate school employees;

who are employed at schools that provide instruction to students in any combination of grade 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 to attend or participate in research based inservice youth suicide awareness and prevention training in a manner prescribed by the state board under IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5. The training required under this subsection must be during the teacher's or school employee's contracted day or at a time chosen by the teacher or employee.

(c) The inservice training required under this section shall count toward the requirements for professional development required by the governing body:

(d) A school or school corporation may leverage any:

(1) existing or new state and federal grant funds; or

(2) free or reduced cost evidence based youth suicide awareness and prevention training provided by any state agency or qualified statewide or local organization;

to cover the costs of the training required under this section.

SECTION 107. IC 20-28-3-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation and state accredited nonpublic school shall require all school employees likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the employee's employment to attend or participate in inservice training pertaining to the identification and reporting of human trafficking. The training shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by the state board under IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5.

(b) The inservice training required under this section shall count toward the requirements for professional development required by the governing body or the equivalent authority for a state accredited nonpublic school.

SECTION 108. IC 20-28-3-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 11. (a) A teacher preparation program shall include content within the curriculum that:

(1) prepares teacher candidates to use evidence based trauma



informed classroom instruction that is conducive to supporting students who have experienced trauma that may interfere with a student's academic functioning; and
 (2) provides information on applicable Indiana laws regarding other instructional requirements and applicable Indiana laws relating to the instruction and recognition described in subdivision (1), including the following:

(A) IC 20-30-5-5.

(B) IC 20-30-5-6.

(C) IC 20-30-5-13.

(D) IC 20-30-5-17.

(E) IC 20-34-3-21.

(b) The teacher preparation program shall consider using curricula that includes:

(1) training on the potential impacts of trauma;

(2) strategies for recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma;

(3) practical recommendations for running a trauma informed classroom; and

(4) approaches for avoiding revictimization in schools.

SECTION 109. IC 20-28-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.243-2023, SECTION 10, AND BY P.L.245-2023, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not apply to an individual who:

(1) held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or standard teaching license on June 30, 1985; or

(2) is granted a license under section 12.5 or 18 of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in section 12.5 of this chapter, the department may not grant an initial practitioner license to an individual unless the individual has:

(1) met the requirements of section 12.3 of this chapter; and

(2) demonstrated proficiency in the following areas on a written examination or through other procedures prescribed by the department:

(+) (A) Pedagogy.

(-) (B) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to have a license to teach.

(+) (C) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading instruction skills aligned to the science of reading.

(c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically



required by state or federal statute or court order.

(d) Subject to section 22 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

- (1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other procedures required by subsection (b).
- (2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.
- (3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.

(e) Subject to section 18 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding a valid teacher's license issued by another state.

SECTION 110. IC 20-28-5-12.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 12.3. The department may not grant an initial practitioner license unless an individual completes the following:**

- (1) Child abuse and neglect training.**
- (2) Youth suicide awareness and prevention training.**
- (3) Identification and reporting of human trafficking training.**
- (4) Training described in IC 20-28-5.5-1(a).**

SECTION 111. IC 20-28-5-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 15. (a) Notwithstanding section 3(b)(6) of this chapter, the department shall grant an initial practitioner's license in a specific subject area to an applicant who:

- (1) has earned a postgraduate degree from a regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution in the subject area in which the applicant seeks to be licensed;
- (2) has at least one (1) academic year of experience teaching students in a middle school, high school, or college classroom setting; and
- (3) complies with sections 4 and 12 of this chapter.

(b) An individual who receives an initial practitioner's license under this section may teach in the specific subject for which the individual is licensed only in:

- (1) high school; or
- (2) middle school;

if the subject area is designated by the state board as having an insufficient supply of licensed teachers.

(c) After receiving an initial practitioner's license under this section, an applicant who seeks to renew the applicant's initial practitioner's license or obtain a proficient practitioner's license must:



(1) demonstrate that the applicant has:

(A) participated in cultural competency professional development activities; **and**

(B) obtained training and information from a special education teacher concerning exceptional learners; and

~~(C) received:~~

~~(i) training or certification that complies; or~~

~~(ii) an exemption from compliance;~~

~~with the standards prescribed by the state board under IC 20-28-5.5-1(b) or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5; and~~

(2) meet the same requirements as other candidates.

SECTION 112. IC 20-28-5-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 18. (a) This section applies to an individual who:

- (1) holds a valid teaching license issued by another state (excluding a teaching license equivalent to an Indiana temporary or emergency teaching license) in the same content area or areas for which the individual is applying for a license in Indiana; and
- (2) was required to pass a content licensure test to obtain the license described in subdivision (1).

(b) Notwithstanding sections 3 and 12 of this chapter, the department shall grant one (1) of the following licenses to an individual described in subsection (a):

- (1) If the individual has less than two (2) years of full-time teaching experience, an initial practitioner's license.
- (2) If the individual has at least two (2) years of full-time teaching experience, a practitioner's license.
- (3) If the individual has a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution and at least two (2) years of full-time teaching experience, an accomplished practitioner's license.

(c) An individual who is granted a license under this section shall comply with the training or certification requirements prescribed by the state board under ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1(b) or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5:~~ **section 12.3 of this chapter.**

SECTION 113. IC 20-28-5-26 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 26. (a) ~~A teacher preparation program shall include content within the curriculum that:~~

- ~~(1) prepares teacher candidates to use evidence based trauma informed classroom instruction; including instruction in evidence based social emotional learning classroom practices that are conducive to supporting students who have experienced trauma that may interfere with a student's academic functioning; and~~



(2) provides information on applicable Indiana laws regarding other instructional requirements and applicable Indiana laws relating to the instruction and recognition described in subdivision (1); including the following:

(A) IC 20-30-5-5.

(B) IC 20-30-5-6.

(C) IC 20-30-5-13.

(D) IC 20-30-5-17.

(E) IC 20-34-3-21.

(F) IC 20-34-9.

(b) The teacher preparation program shall consider using curricula that includes:

(1) training on evidence based social emotional learning classroom practices that are consistent with the state's social emotional learning competencies established by the department;

(2) training on recognizing possible signs of social, emotional, and behavioral reactions to trauma;

(3) training on the potential impacts of trauma;

(4) strategies for recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma;

(5) practical recommendations for running a trauma informed classroom; and

(6) approaches for avoiding revictimization in schools.

SECTION 114. IC 20-28-5-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2023, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 27. (a) In an effort to fill a vacant teaching position, offer a new program or class, or supplement a program currently being offered, the governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school or nonpublic school may issue an adjunct teacher permit to an individual if the following minimum requirements are met:

(1) The individual has at least four (4) years of experience in the content area in which the individual intends to teach.

(2) The school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school conducts an expanded criminal history check and expanded child protection index check concerning the individual as required under IC 20-26-5-10.

(3) The individual has not been convicted of a felony listed in section 8(c) of this chapter or described in section 8(d) of this chapter or the individual's conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside on appeal.

However, the governing body or equivalent authority may establish stricter requirements than the requirements prescribed by this



subsection.

(b) If a governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school or nonpublic school issues an adjunct teacher permit to an individual under subsection (a):

(1) the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may enter into an employment agreement for employment with the individual as a part-time or full-time teacher of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school;

(2) the individual who holds the adjunct permit may teach in any content area, including a career and technical education content area, in which the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school allows the individual to teach based on the individual's experience described in subsection (a);

(3) the individual must be assigned a teacher mentor for support in pedagogy; and

(4) the individual must complete the following training within the first ninety (90) days of employment:

(A) ~~IC 20-26-5-34.2 (bullying prevention)~~: **Bullying prevention.**

(B) ~~IC 20-28-3-4.5 (training on child abuse and neglect)~~: **Child abuse and neglect.**

(C) ~~IC 20-28-3-6 (youth suicide awareness and prevention training)~~: **Youth suicide awareness and prevention.**

(D) ~~IC 20-28-3-7 (training on human trafficking)~~: **Human trafficking.**

The training described in subdivision (4)(D) may be completed through the online platform described in IC 20-19-3-29.

(c) An adjunct teacher may not provide special education instruction.

(d) The salary of an adjunct teacher under an employment agreement described in IC 20-28-6-7.3 is not subject to the requirements under IC 20-28-9-1.5 or a local compensation plan established by a school corporation as described in IC 20-28-9-1.5.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in a collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed before July 1, 2022, an employment agreement entered into under this section is not subject to a collective bargaining agreement entered into under IC 20-29.

(f) It is not an unfair practice for a school corporation to enter into an employment agreement under this section.

(g) Each school corporation or charter school that hires an adjunct teacher under this section shall report to the department the following information:



(1) The number of adjunct teachers who hold a permit issued under this section that the school corporation or charter school has hired each school year, disaggregated by the grade level and subject area taught by the adjunct teacher.

(2) The following information for each adjunct teacher described in subdivision (1):

(A) The name of the adjunct teacher.

(B) The subject matter the adjunct teacher is permitted to teach.

(C) A description of the adjunct teacher's experience described in subsection (a)(1).

(D) The adjunct teacher's total salary and any other compensation paid to the adjunct teacher during the school year.

(E) The number of previous adjunct teaching employment agreements the adjunct teacher has entered into with the school corporation or charter school or any other school corporation or charter school.

(h) A school corporation or charter school shall post a vacant adjunct teacher position on the department's online adjunct teacher portal established under IC 20-19-3-25.

(i) A school corporation may notify the parents of students enrolled in the school corporation of a vacant adjunct teacher position.

(j) The governing body of a school corporation shall announce any vacant adjunct teacher positions at meetings of the governing body.

SECTION 115. IC 20-28-5.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to section 1-5 of this chapter, the state board shall determine the timing, frequency, whether training requirements can be combined or merged, and the method of training, including whether the training should be required for purposes of obtaining or renewing a license under IC 20-28-5; or, in consultation with teacher preparation programs (as defined in IC 20-28-3-1(b)); as part of the completion requirements for a teacher preparation program for training required under the following sections:

~~IC 20-26-5-34.2.~~

~~IC 20-28-3-4.5.~~

~~IC 20-28-3-6.~~

~~IC 20-28-3-7.~~

~~IC 20-34-7-6.~~

~~IC 20-34-7-7.~~

~~IC 20-34-8-9.~~



1 However, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the
 2 state board to suspend or otherwise eliminate training requirements
 3 described in this subsection:

4 (b) Subject to section 1-5 of this chapter, in addition to the training
 5 described in subsection (a); (a) The department shall, in a manner
 6 prescribed by the state board, **require the following training before**
 7 **issuing an initial practitioner license:**

8 (1) ensure a teacher has training in:

9 (A) cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes a test
 10 demonstration on a mannequin;

11 (B) removing a foreign body causing an obstruction in an
 12 airway;

13 (C) the Heimlich maneuver; and

14 (D) the use of an automated external defibrillator;

15 (2) ensure a teacher holds a valid certification in each of the
 16 procedures described in subdivision (1) issued by:

17 (A) the American Red Cross;

18 (B) the American Heart Association; or

19 (C) a comparable organization or institution approved by the
 20 state board; or

21 (3) determine if a teacher has physical limitations that make it
 22 impracticable to complete a course or certification described in
 23 subdivision (1) or (2).

24 The state board shall determine the timing, frequency, whether training
 25 requirements can be combined or merged, and the method of training
 26 or certification, including whether the training or certification should
 27 be required for purposes of obtaining or renewing a license under
 28 IC 20-28-5; or, in consultation with teacher preparation programs (as
 29 defined in IC 20-28-3-1(b)); as part of the completion requirements for
 30 a teacher preparation program. However, the frequency of the training
 31 may not be more frequent and the method of training may not be more
 32 stringent than required in IC 20-28-5-3(c) through IC 20-28-5-3(e); as
 33 in effect on January 1, 2020. Nothing in this subsection shall be
 34 construed to authorize the state board to suspend or otherwise eliminate
 35 training requirements described in this subsection:

36 (c) The state board may recommend to the general assembly, in a
 37 report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6; to eliminate training
 38 requirements described in subsection (a) or (b):

39 (d) In determining the training requirements for a school
 40 corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school for
 41 training required under:

42 (1) IC 20-26-5-34.2;



1 ~~(2) IC 20-28-3-4.5;~~

2 ~~(3) IC 20-28-3-6; or~~

3 ~~(4) IC 20-28-3-7;~~

4 the state board may consider whether a particular teacher received the
5 training described in this subsection as part of the teacher's licensing
6 requirements or at a teacher preparation program when determining
7 whether the particular teacher is required to receive the training by the
8 school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic
9 school.

10 **(b) The department shall establish guidelines for schools**
11 **regarding the timing, frequency, and method of training**
12 **concerning the following:**

13 **(1) The training listed in IC 20-28-5-12.3.**

14 **(2) Bleeding control training.**

15 **(3) Sudden cardiac arrest training, including training on the**
16 **use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).**

17 SECTION 116. IC 20-28-5.5-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.250-2023,
18 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1.5. After June 30, 2024, if an online platform is
20 established or licensed for use under IC 20-19-3-29, the training
21 described in any of the following statutes must be provided through the
22 online platform:

23 ~~IC 20-20-39.~~

24 ~~IC 20-26-5-34.2.~~

25 IC 20-26-5-34.4.

26 IC 20-26-9-8.

27 IC 20-28-3-4.5.

28 ~~IC 20-28-3-6.~~

29 ~~IC 20-28-3-7.~~

30 IC 20-28-5.5-1.

31 ~~IC 20-30-12-2.~~

32 ~~IC 20-34-3-24.~~

33 IC 20-34-7-6.

34 IC 20-34-7-7.

35 ~~IC 20-34-8-9.~~

36 IC 20-35.5.

37 SECTION 117. IC 20-28-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2016,
38 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "teacher" includes
40 an individual who:

41 (1) holds a substitute teacher's license; and

42 (2) provides instruction in a joint summer school program. ~~under~~



~~IC 20-30-7-5.~~

(b) The supplemental service teacher's contract shall be used when a teacher provides professional service in evening school or summer school employment, except when a teacher or other individual is employed to supervise or conduct noncredit courses or activities.

(c) The salary of a teacher on a supplemental service contract shall be determined by the superintendent. The superintendent may, but is not required to, base the salary on the regular compensation plan for the school corporation.

SECTION 118. IC 20-28-10-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. ~~(a)~~ A school corporation may grant a teacher, on written request, a sabbatical for improvement of professional skills through:

- (1) advanced study;
- (2) work experience;
- (3) teacher exchange programs; or
- (4) approved educational travel.

~~(b) After taking a sabbatical, the teacher shall return for a length of time equal to that of the sabbatical leave.~~

SECTION 119. IC 20-28-10-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) A teacher who is pregnant may continue in active employment as late into pregnancy as the teacher wishes, if the teacher can fulfill the requirements of the teacher's position.

(b) Temporary disability caused by pregnancy is governed by the following:

- (1) A teacher who is pregnant shall be granted a leave of absence any time between the commencement of the teacher's pregnancy and one (1) year following the birth of the child, if the teacher notifies the superintendent at least thirty (30) days before the date on which the teacher wishes to start the leave. The teacher shall notify the superintendent of the expected length of this leave, including with this notice either:

- (A) a physician's statement certifying the teacher's pregnancy;
- or

- (B) a copy of the birth certificate of the newborn;
- whichever is applicable. However, in the case of a medical emergency caused by pregnancy, the teacher shall be granted a leave, as otherwise provided in this section, immediately on the teacher's request and the certification of the emergency from an attending physician.



(2) All or part of a leave taken by a teacher because of a temporary disability caused by pregnancy may be charged, at the teacher's discretion, to the teacher's available sick days. ~~However, the teacher is not entitled to take accumulated sick days when the teacher's physician certifies that the teacher is capable of performing the teacher's regular teaching duties. The teacher is entitled to complete the remaining leave without pay. However, the teacher may receive compensation for the pregnancy leave under a collective bargaining agreement or, if the teacher is not represented by an exclusive representative, by governing body policy.~~

SECTION 120. IC 20-28-10-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021, SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 13. (a) A governing body may not adopt residence requirements for teachers or other school employees in the governing body's employment, assignment, or reassignment for services in a prescribed area.

~~(b) A school corporation that violates subsection (a) is ineligible for state funds under all enactments regarding that subject. The secretary of education and other state officials shall administer the funds accordingly on the submission of sworn proof of the existence of the discriminatory residence requirements.~~

SECTION 121. IC 20-28-10-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2015, SECTION 183, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 16. (a) If a teacher serves in the general assembly, the teacher shall be given credit for the time spent in this service, including the time spent for council or committee meetings. The leave for this service does not diminish the teacher's rights under the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund or the teacher's advancement on the state or local compensation plan. For these purposes, the teacher is, despite the leave, considered teaching for the school during that time.

~~(b) The compensation received while serving in the general assembly shall be included for teachers retiring after June 30, 1980; in the determination of the teacher's annual compensation to compute the teacher's retirement benefit under IC 5-10.2-4. A teacher serving in the general assembly may choose to have deductions made from the teacher's salary as a legislator for contributions under either IC 5-10.4-4-11 or IC 5-10.3-7-9.~~

SECTION 122. IC 20-28-10-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021, SECTION 95, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 19. (a) Each governing body and its administrators



1 shall arrange each teacher's daily working schedule to provide at least
 2 thirty (30) minutes between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a period free of
 3 duties.

4 (b) The secretary of education shall report each failure to comply
 5 with subsection (a) to the state board, which shall immediately inform
 6 the governing body of each alleged violation.

7 ~~(c) If the school corporation persistently fails or refuses to comply~~
 8 ~~with subsection (a) for one (1) year, the state board shall:~~

9 ~~(1) lower the grade of accreditation of the school corporation; and~~

10 ~~(2) publish notice of that action in at least one (1) newspaper~~
 11 ~~published in the county.~~

12 SECTION 123. IC 20-30-4-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 13 1, 2025]. Sec. 4. A graduation plan may be modified after initial
 14 development. However, the modifications may not interfere with the
 15 assurances described in section 2(b)(6) of this chapter.

16 SECTION 124. IC 20-30-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2008,
 17 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. This chapter may not be construed to prevent
 19 a student who chooses a particular curriculum under ~~IC 20-30-12~~ or
 20 IC 20-30-10 from including within the student's graduation plan
 21 individual courses or programs that:

22 (1) are not included within the student's chosen curriculum; and

23 (2) the student is otherwise eligible to take.

24 SECTION 125. IC 20-30-5-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2023,
 25 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5.5. (a) ~~Not later than October 15 of each year,~~
 27 Each public school shall ~~provide~~ **include in the public school's**
 28 **curriculum** age appropriate, research based instruction as provided
 29 under IC 10-21-1-14(d) focusing on bullying prevention for all students
 30 in grades 1 through 12.

31 (b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists
 32 and school counselors, shall prepare outlines or materials for the
 33 instruction described in subsection (a) and incorporate the instruction
 34 in grades 1 through 12.

35 (c) Instruction on bullying prevention may be delivered by a
 36 **teacher**, school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other person
 37 with training and expertise in the area of bullying prevention and
 38 intervention.

39 SECTION 126. IC 20-30-5-5.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
 40 SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5.7. (a) ~~Not later than December 15, 2020, and~~
 42 ~~each December 15 thereafter,~~ Each public school, including a charter



school, and state accredited nonpublic school shall ~~provide~~ **include in the school's curriculum** age appropriate:

(1) research and evidence based; or

(2) research or evidence based;

instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in kindergarten through grade 12.

(b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists, school counselors, school social workers, or school psychologists, shall identify outlines or materials for the instruction described in subsection (a) and incorporate the instruction in kindergarten through grade 12.

(c) Any outlines and materials identified under subsection (b) must be demonstrated to be effective and promising.

(d) Instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse may be delivered by a **teacher**, school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and child sexual abuse.

SECTION 127. IC 20-30-5-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 8: A course in safety education for at least one (1) full semester shall be taught in grade 8 of each public school and nonpublic school. The state board shall prepare a guide for this course that:~~

~~(1) the teacher shall use; and~~

~~(2) may be revised under the direction of the state board.~~

SECTION 128. IC 20-30-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023, SECTION 179, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. (a) The principles of hygiene and sanitary science must be taught in ~~grade 5 of each public elementary school. and may be taught in other grades.~~ This instruction must explain the ways that dangerous communicable diseases are spread and the sanitary methods for disease prevention and restriction.

(b) ~~The state health commissioner and the secretary of education shall jointly compile a leaflet describing the principles of hygiene, sanitary science, and disease prevention and shall supply the leaflets to each superintendent, who shall:~~

~~(1) supply the leaflets to each school; and~~

~~(2) require the teachers to comply with this section.~~

(c) ~~Each prosecuting attorney to whom the Indiana department of health or the Indiana department of health's agents report any violation of this section shall commence proceedings against the violator.~~

~~(d)~~ **(b)** Any student who objects in writing, or any student less than eighteen (18) years of age whose parent or guardian objects in writing, to health and hygiene courses because the courses conflict with the student's religious teachings is entitled to be excused from receiving



1 medical instruction or instruction in hygiene or sanitary science without
2 penalties concerning grades or graduation.

3 SECTION 129. IC 20-30-5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
4 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10. (a) The governing body shall provide in each
6 public school for the illustrative teaching of:

7 (1) the spread of disease by:

8 (A) rats;

9 (B) flies; and

10 (C) mosquitoes;

11 and the effects of disease; and

12 (2) disease prevention by proper food selection and consumption.

13 (b) A school official who fails to comply with this section commits
14 a Class C infraction.

15 SECTION 130. IC 20-30-6.1-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
16 1, 2025]. Sec. 1: (a) Each school corporation may include as an elective
17 in the school corporation's high school curriculum a course surveying
18 religions of the world. The course must include as part of the course's
19 curriculum:

20 (1) the historical study of religion;

21 (2) the cultural study of religion; and

22 (3) a literary study of writings, documents, or records relating to
23 various religions.

24 (b) The curriculum described in subsection (a) must be neutral;
25 objective; and balanced. It may not encourage or promote acceptance
26 of any particular religion.

27 SECTION 131. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
28 1, 2025]. Sec. 2: Each school corporation may include cursive writing
29 in the school corporation's curriculum.

30 SECTION 132. IC 20-30-6.1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
31 1, 2025]. Sec. 3: A school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
32 school with at least one (1) employee may provide a presentation or
33 instruction to students explaining aspects of autism, including
34 behaviors that students with autism may exhibit as well as student
35 interaction with students with autism.

36 SECTION 133. IC 20-30-7-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
37 1, 2025]. Sec. 2: (a) A school corporation may conduct a program of
38 summer school education.

39 (b) A school corporation may provide summer school educational
40 services through an online provider.

41 SECTION 134. IC 20-30-7-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
42 1, 2025]. Sec. 3: In addition to a program of summer school education



described in section 1 of this chapter; a school corporation may conduct a voluntary summer school enrichment program in which educational programs that are not offered during the regular school year are offered to students:

SECTION 135. IC 20-30-7-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 4: A school corporation shall determine the contents and curriculum of a voluntary summer school enrichment program described in section 3 of this chapter:

SECTION 136. IC 20-30-7-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 5: A school corporation may enter into an agreement with:

- (1) another school corporation;
- (2) a state accredited nonpublic school; or
- (3) both entities described in subdivisions (1) and (2);

to offer a joint summer school program for high school students:

SECTION 137. IC 20-30-7-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 6: An agreement under section 5 of this chapter must:

- (1) designate one (1) participating school corporation as the local education agency for the joint educational program; and
- (2) specify the allocation of costs of the joint summer school program; including teacher compensation; among the parties to the agreement:

SECTION 138. IC 20-30-7-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 7: The parties to an agreement under section 5 of this chapter may provide educational programs:

- (1) that are not regularly provided as part of the established curriculum during the school year; and
- (2) for which a student who successfully completes a program may receive high school and college credit under an articulation agreement or dual credit provision under IC 20-32-3-9 or IC 21-43-2:

SECTION 139. IC 20-30-7-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 8: Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, an instructor for an educational program described in section 7 of this chapter must be:

- (1) licensed under IC 20-28; or
- (2) granted a substitute teacher's license by the department:

SECTION 140. IC 20-30-7-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 9: If the superintendent of the school corporation that is the local education agency determines that:

- (1) a qualified licensed teacher is not available from the entities entering into an agreement under section 5 of this chapter; and



(2) a qualified postsecondary instructor is available;
to instruct in an educational program described in section 7 of this chapter, the superintendent may request the department to issue a substitute teacher's license to the instructor of an educational program described in section 7 of this chapter.

SECTION 141. IC 20-30-7-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 10: If the department finds that a qualified licensed teacher is not available from the entities entering into an agreement under section 5 of this chapter to instruct in an educational program described in section 7 of this chapter, the department may issue a substitute teacher's license to the instructor of an educational program described in section 7 of this chapter.

SECTION 142. IC 20-30-7-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 11: An instructor for an educational program described in section 7 of this chapter must be compensated at the same rate as the rate determined for a teacher under IC 20-28-6-7 and the local education agency's contract with certificated employees.

SECTION 143. IC 20-30-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Technology Preparation Curriculum).

SECTION 144. IC 20-30-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Community or Volunteer Service Program).

SECTION 145. IC 20-30-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Nonsession School Activities).

SECTION 146. IC 20-31-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2021, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. This article applies only to the following:

(1) Except as provided in IC 20-31-4.1-3, public schools.

(2) Except as provided in IC 20-31-7, State accredited nonpublic schools.

SECTION 147. IC 20-31-2-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 4: "Committee" refers to the committee that develops the strategic and continuous school improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-31-5.

SECTION 148. IC 20-31-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to section 2.5 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt clear, concise, and jargon free state academic standards that are comparable to national and international academic standards and the college and career readiness educational standards adopted under IC 20-19-2-14.5. These academic standards must be adopted for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 for the following subjects:



(1) English/language arts.

(2) Mathematics.

(3) Social studies.

(4) Science.

(b) For grade levels tested under the statewide assessment program, the academic standards must be based in part on the results of the statewide assessment program.

(c) The state board shall, in consultation with postsecondary educational institutions and various businesses and industries, identify what skills or traits students need to be successful upon completion of high school. The department must conduct a research study to define essential postsecondary skills to promote enlistment, enrollment, and employment. The study must inform a reduction in high school standards to align to essential skills needed for postsecondary success. The study must be submitted to the state board and to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 on or before December 1, 2022. Not later than June 1, 2023, the department must provide recommended reductions to the Indiana academic standards with a goal of defining no more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the number of academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022, as essential for grades 9 through 12 to the state board. Additional standards may be included for vertical articulation to ensure academic and postsecondary success, not to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022. Not later than June 1, 2023, the department must provide recommended reductions to the Indiana academic standards with a goal of defining no more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the number of academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022, as essential for kindergarten through grade 8 to the state board. Additional standards may be included for vertical articulation to ensure academic and postsecondary success, not to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022. A realignment of the HEARN assessment reflecting the reduction must be completed not later than March 1, 2025.

(d) Upon receipt and review of the information received under subsection (c), the state board shall adopt Indiana academic standards for grades 9 through 12 and subsequently for kindergarten through grade 8 relating to academic standards needed to meet the skills or traits identified by the study. The academic standards developed under this subsection must be included within the reduced number of academic standards required by subsection (c). The department shall submit the academic standards to the state board for approval in a manner prescribed by the state board and the state board shall approve



academic standards in accordance with the requirements described in this subsection not later than July 1, 2023. Standards approved under this subsection must be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.

(b) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the state board, in developing academic standards for reading, shall implement academic standards that are:

- (1) aligned with the science of reading; and
- (2) developmentally appropriate based on student need.

SECTION 149. IC 20-31-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) The department shall revise and update academic standards:

- (1) for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12; and
 - (2) in each subject area listed in section 2 of this chapter;
- at least once every six (6) years. ~~in addition to the requirements described in section 1(c) and 1(d) of this chapter.~~ This revision must occur on a cyclical basis.

(b) The department, in revising and updating academic standards under subsection (a), shall do the following:

- (1) Consider the skills, knowledge, and practices:
 - (A) that are necessary to understand and utilize emerging technologies; and
 - (B) that may be rendered obsolete by emerging technologies.
- (2) Consider for removal any academic standards that may be obsolete as a result of emerging technologies.
- (3) Provide support to school corporations regarding the implementation of revised and updated academic standards that have an emerging technologies component.
- (4) Consider integrating computer science standards into a subject area being revised.
- (5) Consider integrating data literacy and data science standards into a subject area being revised.

SECTION 150. IC 20-31-4.1-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.92-2020, SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) A school in Indiana shall be accredited under the system established by this chapter if the school meets legal standards as determined by the state board.

(b) The state board shall establish a performance based accreditation system for accrediting schools in Indiana under this chapter.

(c) The department shall waive accreditation standards for an accredited nonpublic alternative school that enters into a contract with



a school corporation to provide alternative education services for students who have:

- (1) dropped out of high school;
- (2) been expelled; or
- (3) been sent to the nonpublic alternative school due to the students' lack of success in the public school environment;

to accommodate the nonpublic alternative school's program and student population. A nonpublic alternative school to which this subsection applies is not subject to being placed in a category or designation under IC 20-31-8-4. However, the nonpublic alternative school must comply with all state reporting requirements and submit a school improvement growth model on the anniversary date of the nonpublic alternative school's original accreditation.

(d) The state board may accredit a nonpublic school under this chapter at the time the nonpublic school begins operation in Indiana.

~~(e) A school accredited under IC 20-26-15 shall be accredited under this chapter by the earlier of the following:~~

- ~~(1) The date the school's contract under IC 20-26-15 expires;~~
- ~~(2) July 1, 2025.~~

SECTION 151. IC 20-31-4.1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.92-2020, SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. (a) The state board shall accredit a school that:

- (1) becomes a charter school under IC 20-24; and
- (2) complies with the requirements under IC 20-24.

~~(b) An authorizer (as defined in IC 20-24-1-2.5) of a charter school is responsible for ensuring that the charter school is in compliance with applicable legal standards as determined by the state board.~~

SECTION 152. IC 20-31-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Strategic and Continuous School Improvement and Achievement Plan).

SECTION 153. IC 20-31-6-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 2: ~~(a) In developing a school's plan, the committee shall consider methods to improve the cultural competency of the school's teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and students.~~

~~(b) The committee shall:~~

- ~~(1) identify the racial, ethnic, language-minority, cultural, exceptional learning, and socioeconomic groups that are included in the school's student population;~~
- ~~(2) incorporate culturally appropriate strategies for increasing educational opportunities and educational performance for each group in the school's plan; and~~
- ~~(3) recommend areas in which additional professional~~



development is necessary to increase cultural competency in the school's educational environment.

(e) The committee shall update annually the information identified under subsection (b)(1):

SECTION 154. IC 20-31-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Student Educational Achievement Grants).

SECTION 155. IC 20-31-8-5.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024, SECTION 146, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5.4. (a) Not later than November 15, 2013, the state board shall establish new categories or designations of school performance under the requirements of this chapter to replace 511 IAC 6.2-6. The new standards of assessing school performance:

(1) must be based on a measurement of individual student academic performance and growth to proficiency; and

(2) may not be based on a measurement of student performance or growth compared with peers.

511 IAC 6.2-6 is void on the effective date of the rules adopted under this section.

(b) After July 1, 2013, (a) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

(c) (b) Before beginning the any rulemaking process to establish new categories or designations of school improvement, the state board shall report to the general assembly the proposed new categories or designations in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

SECTION 156. IC 20-31-8-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.269-2019, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if requested by a school, the department may place the school in a "null" or "no letter grade" category for purposes of this chapter for the first three (3) consecutive years of operation of the school.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), an innovation network school that reconfigures an existing school must apply to the state board, in a manner prescribed by the state board, to request to receive a "null" or "no letter grade" for the reconfigured school during the school's first three (3) consecutive years of operation by an innovation network team.

(c) In order to qualify for a "null" or "no letter grade" under subsection (b), an innovation network school must clearly demonstrate:

(1) a significant change in educational philosophy from the existing school and that the reconfiguration of the school is not being made to avoid accountability; or

(2) any other item that the state board finds appropriate.

The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish criteria



that the state board may consider in determining whether to grant an innovation network school's request under subsection (b) and this subsection.

(d) Subject to subsection (e), if the department used student growth as the state board's exclusive means to determine an:

(1) innovation network school's category or designation of school improvement under IC 20-25.7-4-5(d)(3) for the 2018-2019 school year; or

(2) innovation network charter school's category or designation of school improvement under IC 20-25.7-5-2(d)(3) for the 2018-2019 school year;

the department shall, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and unless an innovation network school or innovation network charter school requests otherwise, place the innovation network school or the innovation network charter school, whichever is applicable, in a "null" or "no letter grade" category for purposes of this chapter for not more than the number of school years determined for the innovation network school or innovation network charter school under subsection (e) consecutively. This subsection expires July 1, 2023.

(e) Each innovation network school described in subsection (d)(1) and each innovation network charter school described in subsection (d)(2) may not be placed in a "null" or "no letter grade" category under subsection (d) for more than the number of years that equal the result of:

(1) three (3) school years; minus

(2) the number of school years that student growth was used as the state board's exclusive means to determine the category or designation of school improvement for the innovation network school or innovation network charter school.

This subsection expires July 1, 2023.

(f) (d) The department shall post the proficiency and growth scores of an innovation network school, an innovation network charter school, or a school described in subsection (a) on the department's ~~Internet web~~ **website** for each year the innovation network school, innovation network charter school, or school receives a "null" or "no letter grade" under this section.

SECTION 157. IC 20-32-3-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) Each student participating in the technology preparation curriculum ~~under IC 20-30-12~~ or the college preparation curriculum under IC 20-30-10 may elect to pursue a certificate of achievement in an academic area. Unless the governing body requires



1 the acquisition of secondary level academic certificates of achievement
 2 for graduation, the certificates of achievement are not a requirement for
 3 graduation.

4 (b) For every secondary level technical education program for which
 5 an appropriate secondary level technical certificate of achievement is
 6 available, each student is required to undergo the appropriate technical
 7 certificate of achievement assessment. Unless the governing body
 8 requires the acquisition of the secondary level technical certificate of
 9 achievement for graduation, the certificates of achievement are not a
 10 requirement for graduation.

11 SECTION 158. IC 20-32-5.1-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.242-2017,
 12 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 11. (a) A student who is a student with a disability
 14 (as defined in IC 20-35-1-8) shall be tested under this chapter with
 15 appropriate accommodations as outlined in the student's individualized
 16 education program, service plan developed under 511 IAC 7-34, or
 17 choice scholarship education plan developed under 511 IAC 7-49 in
 18 testing materials and procedures unless the individuals who develop
 19 the student's individualized education program, service plan, or choice
 20 scholarship education plan determine that testing or a part of the testing
 21 under this chapter is not appropriate for the student and that an
 22 alternate assessment will be used to test the student's achievement.

23 (b) Any decision concerning a student who is a student with a
 24 disability (as defined in IC 20-35-1-8) regarding the student's:

- 25 (1) participation in testing under this chapter;
- 26 (2) receiving accommodations in testing materials and
 27 procedures;
- 28 (3) participation in remediation; ~~under IC 20-32-8~~; or
- 29 (4) retention at the same grade level for consecutive school years;
 30 must be made in accordance with the student's individualized education
 31 program, service plan, or choice scholarship education plan in
 32 compliance with the statewide assessment program's policies and
 33 federal law.

34 SECTION 159. IC 20-32-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 35 2025]. (Remediation).

36 SECTION 160. IC 20-32-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 37 2025]. (Postsecondary and Workforce Training Program Remediation
 38 Reduction).

39 SECTION 161. IC 20-33-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2005,
 40 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. A student is bound by the requirements of this
 42 chapter from the earlier of the date on which the student officially



enrolls in a school or, except as provided in section 8 of this chapter, the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the student becomes seven (7) years of age until the date on which the student:

- (1) graduates;
- (2) becomes eighteen (18) years of age; or
- (3) becomes sixteen (16) years of age but is less than eighteen (18) years of age and the requirements ~~under section 9 of this chapter~~ concerning an exit interview are met enabling the student to withdraw from school before graduation;

whichever occurs first.

SECTION 162. IC 20-33-2-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2011, SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 25. The superintendent or an attendance officer having jurisdiction shall report a child who is habitually ~~absent~~ **truant** from school in violation of this chapter to an intake officer of the juvenile court or the department of child services. The intake officer or the department of child services shall proceed in accord with IC 31-30 through IC 31-40.

SECTION 163. IC 20-33-2-39, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2024, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 39. An attendance officer has the following duties:

- (1) To serve subject to the rules, direction, and control of the superintendent in the attendance officer's attendance district.
- (2) To maintain an office at a place designated by the superintendent.
- (3) To be on duty during school hours and at other times as the superintendent may request.
- (4) To keep records and make reports as required by the state board.
- (5) To visit the homes of children who are absent from school or who are reported to be in need of books, clothing, or parental care.
- (6) Whenever the superintendent directs or approves it, to bring suit to enforce any provision of this chapter that is being violated.
- (7) To serve written notice on any parent whose child is out of school illegally.
- (8) To visit ~~factories~~ **employers** where children are employed.
- (9) To implement the truancy prevention measures required under IC 20-33-2.5.
- (10) To meet at least one (1) time each year with the department of child services and the intake officer for the juvenile court to



1 discuss the effectiveness of truancy prevention measures adopted
2 in the attendance officer's jurisdiction.

3 (11) To meet at least one (1) time each year with the state
4 attendance officer to:

5 (A) review data, policies, and procedures; and

6 (B) discuss recommending to the legislative council under
7 section 43 of this chapter legislation to deter absenteeism and
8 to promote school attendance.

9 The meeting with the state attendance officer may be conducted
10 in person, virtually, or both.

11 (12) To perform other duties necessary for complete enforcement
12 of this chapter and IC 20-33-2.5.

13 SECTION 164. IC 20-33-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,
14 SECTION 172, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. All school corporations must
16 give notice in nontechnical language and in a manner that can be
17 reasonably expected to reach parents of students before the assessment
18 and collection of any fees that are not fees for curricular materials. This
19 notice must inform the parents of the following:

20 (1) The availability of assistance under this chapter.

21 (2) The eligibility standards under this chapter.

22 (3) The procedure for obtaining assistance, including the right and
23 method of appeal.

24 (4) The availability of application forms at a designated school
25 office.

26 (5) That the parents may be required to pay a reasonable fee for
27 lost or significantly damaged curricular materials.

28 (6) The procedure for obtaining assistance under section 12 of
29 this chapter **and** under IC 20-41-2-5(b). ~~and under IC 20-42-3-10.~~

30 (7) The right to appeal an assessment of a fee for lost or
31 significantly damaged curricular materials, including the
32 procedure required.

33 SECTION 165. IC 20-33-5-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
34 1, 2025]. Sec. ~~15~~: (a) Each school corporation shall provide each
35 student who applies for free or reduced priced lunches under the
36 national school lunch program with an enrollment form for the
37 twenty-first century scholars program under IC ~~21-12-6~~.

38 (b) The department shall provide each school corporation with
39 sufficient application forms under this section:

40 (c) Each school shall give assistance in reading the instructions and
41 completing the enrollment forms for the twenty-first century scholars
42 program.



SECTION 166. IC 20-33-8.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.242-2005, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. A hearing under this chapter is not a hearing to determine whether a student who has been suspended or expelled is a child in need of services. However, if a court determines that a student who has been suspended or expelled may:

(1) be a child in need of services (as described in IC 31-34-1); or
 (2) have committed a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37);
 the court may notify the office of family and children the secretary of family and social services or the prosecuting attorney.

SECTION 167. IC 20-34-3-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 24. (a) For purposes of this section, "bleeding control kit" means a first aid response kit that contains at least the following:

(1) One (1) tourniquet endorsed by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;

(2) A compression bandage;

(3) A bleeding control bandage;

(4) Protective gloves and a permanent marker;

(5) Scissors;

(6) Instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma; or both;

(7) Other medical materials and equipment similar to those described in subdivisions (1) through (3); and any additional items that:

(A) are approved by local law enforcement or first responders;

(B) can adequately treat a traumatic injury; and

(C) can be stored in a readily available kit.

(b) Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter and subject to either:

(1) an appropriation by the general assembly; or

(2) a charter school or school corporation receiving sufficient bleeding control kits for the charter school or each school in the school corporation from:

(A) donations from individuals or entities; or

(B) gifts necessary to purchase the bleeding control kits;

each school corporation and charter school shall develop and implement a Stop the Bleed program that meets the requirements set forth in this section. Upon request by a school corporation or charter school, the department of homeland security, in collaboration with the department, may direct the school corporation or charter school to



resources that are available to provide bleeding control kits to the school corporation or charter school. The department of homeland security and department shall maintain information regarding the Stop the Bleed program on the department of homeland security's and department's Internet web sites.

(c) A school corporation's Stop the Bleed program must include each school of the school corporation. The Stop the Bleed program must include requirements that:

(1) require bleeding control kits be assigned to designated rooms in easily accessible locations to be determined by local first responders or the school safety specialist;

(2) include bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of the school corporation or charter school, including the presentation and use of the bleeding control kits in all drills and emergencies;

(3) provide that all school corporations and charter schools have a minimum of five (5) individuals in each school building who obtain appropriate training in the use of the bleeding control kit, including:

(A) the proper application of pressure to stop bleeding;

(B) the application of dressings or bandages;

(C) additional pressure techniques to control bleeding; and

(D) the correct application of tourniquets;

(4) require bleeding control kits in school inventories to be inspected annually to ensure that the materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the bleeding control kits are not expired; and that any expired materials, supplies, and equipment are replaced as necessary; and

(5) require a bleeding control kit to be restocked after each use and any materials, supplies, and equipment to be replaced as necessary to ensure that the bleeding control kit contains all necessary materials, supplies, and equipment.

(d) The department, in collaboration with the department of homeland security, shall develop and provide training for the use of bleeding control kits. The department may satisfy the training requirements by:

(1) using training, including online training, available from the American College of Surgeons or a similar organization authorized by the department of homeland security; or

(2) after June 30, 2024, offering the training required by this section through the online platform established or licensed for use under IC 20-19-3-29 if available.

(e) In all matters relating to a Stop the Bleed program, school



corporation or charter school personnel are immune from civil liability for any act done or omitted in the use of a bleeding control kit unless the action constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

SECTION 168. IC 20-34-7-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this section, "football" does not include flag football.

(b) Prior to coaching football to individuals who are less than twenty (20) years of age and are in grades 1 through 12, each head football coach and assistant football coach shall complete a certified coaching education course that:

- (1) is sport specific;
- (2) contains player safety content, including content on:
 - (A) concussion awareness;
 - (B) equipment fitting;
 - (C) heat emergency preparedness; and
 - (D) proper technique;
- (3) requires a coach to complete a test demonstrating comprehension of the content of the course; and
- (4) awards a certificate of completion to a coach who successfully completes the course.

(c) For a coach's completion of a course to satisfy the requirement imposed by subsection (b), the course must have been approved by the department.

(d) A coach shall complete a course in a manner prescribed by the state board. ~~under IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5.~~

(e) An organizing entity shall maintain a file of certificates of completion awarded under subsection (b)(4) to any of the organizing entity's head coaches and assistant coaches.

(f) A coach who complies with this chapter and provides coaching services in good faith is not personally liable for damages in a civil action as a result of a concussion or head injury incurred by an athlete participating in an athletic activity in which the coach provided coaching services, except for an act or omission by the coach that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

SECTION 169. IC 20-34-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2), this section applies after June 30, 2017.

(b) This section applies to a head coach or assistant coach who:

- (1) coaches any:



- 1 (A) interscholastic sport; or
- 2 (B) intramural sport and elects to comply or as part of the head
- 3 coach's or assistant coach's coaching certification requirements
- 4 is required to comply with this chapter; and
- 5 (2) is not subject to section 6 of this chapter.
- 6 (c) Before coaching a student athlete in any sport, a head coach and
- 7 every assistant coach described in subsection (b) must complete a
- 8 certified coaching education course that:
- 9 (1) contains player safety content on concussion awareness;
- 10 (2) after December 31, 2018, includes content for prevention of
- 11 or response to heat related medical issues that may arise from a
- 12 student athlete's training;
- 13 (3) requires a head coach or an assistant coach to complete a test
- 14 demonstrating comprehension of the content of the course; and
- 15 (4) awards a certificate of completion to a head coach or an
- 16 assistant coach who successfully completes the course.
- 17 (d) A course described in subsection (c) must be approved by the
- 18 department, in consultation with a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.
- 19 The consulting physician for a course described in subsection (c)(1)
- 20 must have expertise in the area of concussions and brain injuries. The
- 21 department may, in addition to consulting with a physician licensed
- 22 under IC 25-22.5, consult with other persons who have expertise in the
- 23 area of concussions and brain injuries when developing a course
- 24 described in subsection (c)(1).
- 25 (e) A head coach and every assistant coach described in subsection
- 26 (b) must complete a course described in subsection (c) in a manner
- 27 prescribed by the state board. ~~under IC 20-28-5.5-1 or~~
- 28 ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1.5.~~
- 29 (f) Each school shall maintain all certificates of completion awarded
- 30 under subsection (c)(4) to each of the school's head coaches and
- 31 assistant coaches.
- 32 (g) A head coach or an assistant coach described in subsection (b)
- 33 who complies with this chapter and provides coaching services in good
- 34 faith is not personally liable for damages in a civil action as a result of
- 35 a concussion or head injury incurred by a student athlete participating
- 36 in an athletic activity for which the head coach or the assistant coach
- 37 provided coaching services, except for an act or omission by the head
- 38 coach or the assistant coach that constitutes gross negligence or willful
- 39 or wanton misconduct.
- 40 SECTION 170. IC 20-34-8-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
- 41 SECTION 396, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. (a) ~~This section applies to:~~



(1) a head coach or assistant coach who coaches an athletic activity;

(2) a marching band leader;

(3) a drama or musical leader; or

(4) a leader of an extracurricular activity in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest activity as determined by the department in consultation with an organization that specializes in the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest.

(b) An individual described in subsection (a) shall complete the sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by the department in a manner specified by the state board under IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5. The sudden cardiac arrest training course described in this subsection must include training in the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). An individual described in subsection (a) may not coach or lead the event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest until the individual completes the training course required under this subsection. The provider shall provide the school with a certificate of completion to the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school for each individual who completes a course under this subsection.

(c) Each school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school shall maintain all certificates of completion awarded under subsection (b) for each individual described in subsection (a).

(d) An individual described in subsection (a) who complies with this section and provides coaching or leadership services in good faith is not personally liable for damages in a civil action as a result of a sudden cardiac arrest incurred by an applicable student participating in an event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest for which the head coach, assistant coach, marching band leader, drama or musical leader, or other applicable leader provided coaching or leadership services, except for an act or omission by the individual described in subsection (a) that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

(e) An individual described in subsection (a) may ensure that an operational automated external defibrillator (AED) is present at each event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest for which the individual described in subsection (a) is providing coaching or leadership.

(f) An automated external defibrillator (AED) described in subsection (e) may be:

(1) deployed in accordance with the venue specific emergency action plan for sudden cardiac arrest developed under subsection



(f);

(2) except as provided in subsection (g); located on the premises where the event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest occurs; and

(3) present for the duration of the event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest.

(g) One (1) automated external defibrillator (AED) may be shared by two (2) or more events in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest if the following conditions are met:

(1) The events in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest occur at the same time.

(2) The events in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest occur in locations that are in close proximity to each other; as determined by the department.

(3) The automated external defibrillator (AED) is placed in a designated location that is between the events in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest and meets the requirement of subsection (f)(3).

(4) Each individual described in subsection (a) who conducts an event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest described in this subsection is aware of the designated location of the automated external defibrillator (AED).

(h) At each event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest, an individual described in subsection (a) may inform all individuals who are coaching or providing leadership at the event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest of the location of the automated external defibrillator (AED).

(i) A school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school may do the following:

(1) Ensure that an automated external defibrillator (AED) described in subsection (e) is properly maintained.

(2) Develop a venue specific emergency action plan for sudden cardiac arrest that:

(A) establishes a goal of responding within three (3) minutes to a sudden cardiac arrest occurring within the venue; and

(B) requires the performance of periodic drills at times and locations determined by the governing body.

(3) Distribute the plan described in subdivision (2) to the school board.

(4) Share the plan described in subdivision (2) with each individual described in subsection (a).

(5) Post the plan described in subdivision (2) in a conspicuous



place so that it is visible by any participants of an activity at the venue.

(6) Before the beginning of the season of each event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest, share the plan described in subdivision (2) with all applicable students.

(j) A school corporation, a charter school, a state accredited nonpublic school, ~~(as defined in IC 20-18-2-18.7)~~, or an accredited nonpublic school (as defined in IC 10-21-1-1) may apply for a grant under IC 10-21-1-2(a)(1)(C)(viii) to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) if the school corporation, charter school, state accredited nonpublic school or accredited nonpublic school develops a venue specific emergency action plan for sudden cardiac arrest.

SECTION 171. IC 20-35-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2024, SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) There is established under the state board a division of special education. The division shall exercise all the power and duties set out in this chapter, IC 20-35-3 through IC 20-35-6, and IC 20-35-8.

(b) The ~~governor~~ **secretary of education** shall appoint ~~upon the recommendation of the secretary of education~~, a director of special education who serves at the pleasure of the ~~governor~~ **secretary of education**. The amount of compensation of the director shall be determined by the budget agency with the approval of the governor. The director has the following duties:

(1) To do the following:

(A) Have general supervision of special education programs and services, including those conducted by school corporations, charter schools, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Indiana School for the Deaf, the department of correction, and the division of mental health and addiction to ensure compliance with federal and state special education laws and rules.

(B) Take appropriate action to ensure school corporations, charter schools, and the department remain eligible for federal special education funds.

(C) Oversee the training of hearing officers and establish guidelines as described in IC 20-35-14-5.

(2) With the consent of the secretary of education and the budget agency, to appoint and determine salaries for any assistants and other personnel needed to enable the director to accomplish the duties of the director's office.

SECTION 172. IC 20-36-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.251-2017,



SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall establish a state resources program using designated state resources that:

- (1) supports school corporations in the development of local programs for high ability students;
- (2) enables educational opportunities that encourage high ability students to reach the highest possible level at every stage of the students' development; and
- (3) provides state integrated services that include the following:
 - (A) Information and materials resource centers.
 - (B) Professional development plan and programs.
 - (C) Research and development services.
 - (D) Technical assistance that includes the following:
 - (i) Student assessment.
 - (ii) Program assessment.
 - (iii) Program development and implementation.
 - (E) Support for educators pursuing professional development leading to endorsement or licensure in high ability education.

(b) In addition to the program established under subsection (a), the department shall use appropriations to provide grants to school corporations for expenditures beyond those for regular educational programs and specific to programs for high ability students under section 2 of this chapter in an amount determined by the department that is based upon a set minimum amount increased by an additional amount for each student in the program. ~~A school corporation's program must align with the strategic and continuous school improvement and achievement plans under IC 20-31-5-4 for the schools within the school corporation.~~ A school that receives a grant under this subsection shall submit an annual report to the department that includes the following:

- (1) The programs for which the grant is used.
- (2) The results of the programs for which the grant is used, including student general assessment results, program effectiveness, or student achievement.

SECTION 173. IC 20-36-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Governor's Scholars Academy).

SECTION 174. IC 20-37-2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 1. (a) A governing body may establish and conduct a system of industrial or manual training and education to teach:~~

- ~~(1) the major uses of tools and mechanical implements;~~
- ~~(2) the elementary principles of mechanical construction;~~
- ~~(3) mechanical drawing; and~~



(4) printing;

(b) If a system is established, the governing body shall employ competent instructors in the various subjects and shall establish rules and regulations on student admissions designed to produce the best results and to give instruction to the largest practicable number. A governing body may provide this instruction in school buildings or in separate buildings. Each governing body may:

(1) require students enrolling in this system to pay a reasonable tuition fee; and

(2) differentiate between students living in the attendance unit and those living outside the attendance unit in the amount of tuition charged.

However, tuition charges by a school corporation operating under IC 20-25-3 and IC 20-25-4 are also regulated by IC 20-25-4-17.

(c) Each governing body must provide equal access to students who attend a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school utilizing the same admittance practices that are currently in place if the charter school, state accredited nonpublic school, student, or school corporation (if the student is a dual enrollment student) provides the governing body tuition for the student, which may not be greater than the per capita cost of operating the system of industrial or manual training. However, the admission of a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school student may not result in the denial of a placement for a student enrolled in the school corporation or an entity established under IC 20-37-1-1.

SECTION 175. IC 20-37-2-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. Sec. 4. (a) Career and technical education centers, schools, or departments for industrial, agricultural, or home economics education may offer instruction in:

(1) day;

(2) part-time; and

(3) evening;

classes so that instruction in the principles and practice of the arts can occur together. The instruction must be less than college grade, and the instruction must be designed to meet the vocational needs of a person who can profit by the instruction.

(b) Evening classes in:

(1) an industrial;

(2) an agricultural; or

(3) a home economics;

school or department must offer training for a person employed during the working day. This training, in order to be considered career and



1 technical training; must deal with and relate to the subject matter of the
 2 day employment. However, evening classes in home economics must
 3 be open to all individuals:

4 (c) Part-time classes in an industrial, agricultural, or home
 5 economics school or department are for persons giving a part of each
 6 working day, week, or longer period to a part-time class when it is in
 7 session. This part-time instruction must be:

8 (1) complementary to the particular work conducted in the
 9 employment;

10 (2) in subjects offered to enlarge civic or vocational intelligence;
 11 or

12 (3) in trade preparation subjects:

13 SECTION 176. IC 20-37-2-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 14 1, 2025]. Sec. 10: (a) Each governing body administering approved
 15 vocational schools or departments for industrial, agricultural, or home
 16 economics education shall appoint an advisory committee composed
 17 of members representing local trades, industries, and occupations:

18 (b) The advisory committee shall advise the governing body and
 19 other school officials having the management and supervision of the
 20 schools or departments described in subsection (a):

21 SECTION 177. IC 20-37-2-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 22 1, 2025]. Sec. 12: A school corporation that offers an institutional farm
 23 training program in any high school to veterans under 38 U.S.C. 3201
 24 et seq. may accept from any student tuition fees to be paid by the
 25 student from any allotment for tuition fees received by the student from
 26 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

27 SECTION 178. IC 20-39-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 28 1, 2025]. Sec. 3: IC 20-26-15-6 applies to the budget and accounting
 29 system of a freeway school:

30 SECTION 179. IC 20-40-1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 31 1, 2025]. Sec. 2: As used in this chapter, "freeway school" has the
 32 meaning set forth in IC 20-26-15-2:

33 SECTION 180. IC 20-40-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 34 1, 2025]. Sec. 3: As used in this chapter, "freeway school corporation"
 35 has the meaning set forth in IC 20-26-15-3:

36 SECTION 181. IC 20-40-18-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.244-2017,
 37 SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. (a) This section sets forth an exclusive list of
 39 the expenditures that may be made from the operations fund under
 40 section 5(1) of this chapter, as set forth in the school corporation's plan
 41 or amended plan.

42 (b) Subject to the expenditures that are identified in the school



corporation's plan or amended plan, the operations fund shall be used for the following:

- (1) Site acquisition.
- (2) Site development.
- (3) Building acquisition, construction, replacement, renovation, remodeling, improvement, and maintenance, including building materials and employment services described in subsection (c).
- (4) Rental of real estate, buildings, facilities, and equipment. However, the fund may not be used for payments authorized under IC 20-47-2 and IC 20-47-3.
- (5) To repair and replace buildings and to repair and replace building fixtures that are:
 - (A) owned or leased by the school corporation; and
 - (B) of a type constituting loss capable of being covered by casualty insurance.
- (6) Purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of equipment, including maintenance vehicles to be used by the school corporation. However, the fund may not be used to pay for the following:
 - (A) The purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of vehicles that are not maintenance vehicles.
 - (B) Except as provided in subdivision (7), equipment to be used primarily for interscholastic or extracurricular activities.
- (7) Service contracts for janitorial and custodial services, maintenance services, snow and ice removal services, trash removal services, mowing and lawn care services, pest control services, and any other routine services normally required in the maintenance or upkeep of school facilities.
- (8) Repair, replacement, or site acquisition that is necessitated by an emergency.
- (9) Construction, repair, replacement, remodeling, or maintenance of a school sports facility. However, the maximum expenditures under this subdivision in a calendar year may not exceed two and seven-tenths percent (2.7%) of the property tax revenues levied for the fund in the calendar year.
- (10) Utilities.
- (11) Property and casualty insurance.
- (12) Purchase, lease, upgrade, maintain, or repair technology that will not be allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, including the following:
 - (A) Computer hardware, computer software, wiring and computer networks, and communication access systems used



- 1 to connect with computer networks or electronic gateways.
- 2 (B) Services of full-time or part-time computer maintenance
- 3 employees.
- 4 (C) Conducting nonrecurring inservice technology training of
- 5 school employees.
- 6 (D) Implementing the technology preparation curriculum.
- 7 ~~under IC 20-30-12.~~
- 8 (E) Participating in a program to provide educational
- 9 technologies, including:
- 10 (i) computers in the homes of students (commonly referred
- 11 to as "the buddy system project") under IC 20-20-13-6;
- 12 (ii) the 4R's technology program; or
- 13 (iii) any other program under the educational technology
- 14 program described in IC 20-20-13.
- 15 (F) Obtaining any combination of equipment or services
- 16 described in clauses (D) and (E).
- 17 (13) To pay advances, together with interest on the advances,
- 18 from the common school fund for educational technology
- 19 programs under IC 20-49-4.
- 20 (14) To pay for energy saving contracts entered into by a school
- 21 corporation under IC 36-1-12.5.
- 22 (15) To maintain a joint school established with a school
- 23 corporation in an adjacent state under IC 20-23-11 as is otherwise
- 24 provided by law for maintaining the public schools in Indiana.
- 25 (16) To pay a judgment rendered against the school corporation,
- 26 or rendered against an officer or employee of the school
- 27 corporation for which the school corporation is liable under
- 28 IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, or IC 34-13-4 (or IC 34-4-16.5,
- 29 IC 34-4-16.6, or IC 34-4-16.7 before their repeal).
- 30 (17) To pay a claim or settlement for which the school corporation
- 31 is liable under IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, or IC 34-13-4 (or
- 32 IC 34-4-16.5, IC 34-4-16.6, or IC 34-4-16.7 before their repeal).
- 33 (18) To pay a premium, management fee, claim, or settlement for
- 34 which the school corporation is liable under a federal or state
- 35 statute, including IC 22-3 and IC 22-4.
- 36 (19) To pay a settlement or claim for which insurance coverage
- 37 is permitted under IC 20-26-5-4(a)(15).
- 38 (20) All other lawful expenses that are not expenses described in
- 39 IC 20-40-2-4.
- 40 (21) To pay for expenses incurred as a result of unusual
- 41 circumstances.
- 42 (c) The fund shall be used to pay for services of school corporation



employees who perform services considered to be a skilled trade by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. For purposes of this subsection, skilled trade services do not include janitorial or comparable routine services normally provided in the daily operation of school facilities or equipment. Payment may be made for employee services only if the employees perform:

- (1) construction of;
- (2) renovation of;
- (3) remodeling of;
- (4) repair of; or
- (5) maintenance on;

the facilities and equipment of the school corporation.

SECTION 182. IC 20-42-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Seminary Township School Fund).

SECTION 183. IC 20-42.5-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.126-2017, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. A school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school individually, in collaboration with other school corporations, charter schools, or applicable nonpublic schools acting jointly, and through the educational services centers may undertake action to reduce noninstructional expenditures and allocate the resulting savings to student instruction and learning. Actions taken under this section include the following:

- (1) Pooling of resources with other school corporations, charter schools, or applicable nonpublic schools for liability insurance, property and casualty insurance, worker's compensation insurance, employee health insurance, vision insurance, dental insurance, or other insurance, whether by pooling risks for coverage or for the purchase of coverage, or by the creation of or participation in insurance trusts, subject to the following:

(A) School corporations, charter schools, and applicable nonpublic schools that elect to pool assets for coverage must create a trust under Indiana law for the assets. The trust is subject to regulation by the department of insurance as follows:

- (i) The trust must be registered with the department of insurance.
- (ii) The trust shall obtain stop loss insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Indiana with an aggregate retention of not more than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the amount of expected



claims for the following year.

(iii) Contributions by the school corporations, charter schools, and applicable nonpublic schools, acting jointly, must be set at one hundred percent (100%) of the aggregate retention plus all other costs of the trust.

(iv) The trust shall maintain a fidelity bond in an amount approved by the department of insurance. The fidelity bond must cover each person responsible for the trust for acts of fraud or dishonesty in servicing the trust.

(v) The trust is subject to IC 27-4-1-4.5 regarding claims settlement practices.

(vi) The trust shall file an annual **audited** financial statement ~~in the form required by IC 27-1-3-13~~ **with the department of insurance** not later than ~~March~~ **May 1** of each year.

(vii) The trust is not covered by the Indiana insurance guaranty association created under IC 27-6-8. The liability of each school corporation, charter school, and applicable nonpublic school is joint and several.

(viii) The trust is subject to examination by the department of insurance. All costs associated with an examination shall be borne by the trust.

(ix) The department of insurance may deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of a trust if the commissioner finds that the trust is in a hazardous financial condition, the trust refuses to be examined or produce records for examination, or the trust has failed to pay a final judgment rendered against the trust by a court within thirty (30) days.

(B) The department of insurance may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this subdivision.

(2) Electing, as an individual school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school, or as more than one (1) school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school acting jointly, to aggregate purchases of natural gas commodity supply from any available natural gas commodity seller for all schools included in the aggregated purchases. A rate schedule that is:

(A) filed by a natural gas utility; and

(B) approved by the Indiana utility regulatory commission; must include provisions that allow a school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school, or more than one (1) school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school acting jointly, to elect to make aggregated purchases of natural



gas commodity supplies. Upon request from a school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school, a natural gas utility shall summarize the rates and charges for providing services to each school in the school corporation, to the charter school, or to the applicable nonpublic school, or to each school in a school corporation, charter school, and applicable nonpublic school that are acting jointly, on one (1) summary bill for remitting payment to the utility.

(3) Consolidating purchases with other school corporations, charter schools, applicable nonpublic schools, or units of government of the following:

(A) School buses and other vehicles and vehicle fleets.

(B) Fuel, maintenance, or other services for vehicles or vehicle fleets.

(C) Food services.

(D) Facilities management services.

(E) Transportation management services.

(F) Curricular materials, technology, and other school materials and supplies.

(G) Any other purchases a school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school may require.

Purchases may be made by contiguous school corporations, including charter schools or applicable nonpublic schools in the contiguous school corporations, as part of regional consolidated purchasing arrangements, or from consolidated sources under multistate cooperative bidding arrangements.

SECTION 184. IC 20-43-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Dual Credit Teacher Stipend Matching Grant Fund).

SECTION 185. IC 20-44-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.244-2017, SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. A school corporation may impose a levy for a fund ~~(before January 1, 2019) or its operations fund, (after December 31, 2018);~~ as permitted in IC 20-48-1-7, to repay an emergency loan to the fund ~~(before January 1, 2019) or operations fund. (after December 31, 2018).~~

SECTION 186. IC 20-45-8-29, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2023, SECTION 152, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 29. ~~(a)~~ This chapter expires on the later of:

(1) January 1, 2045; or

(2) the date on which all bonds or lease agreements outstanding on July 1, 2023, for which a pledge of tax revenue is made under



1 this chapter are completely paid.

2 (b) ~~Not later than December 31, 2023, the fiscal officer of the~~
3 ~~county shall provide to the department of local government finance:~~

4 (1) ~~a list of each bond or lease agreement outstanding on July 1,~~
5 ~~2023; for which a pledge of tax revenue is made under this~~
6 ~~chapter; and~~

7 (2) ~~the date on which each bond or lease agreement identified~~
8 ~~in subdivision (1) will be completely paid.~~

9 The department of local government finance shall publish the
10 information received under this subsection on the department's
11 interactive and searchable website containing local government
12 information (the Indiana gateway for governmental units):

13 SECTION 187. IC 20-45-9-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2023,
14 SECTION 153, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to a
16 qualified school corporation until the expiration of IC 20-45-8 under
17 ~~IC 20-45-8-29(a):~~ **IC 20-45-8-29.**

18 SECTION 188. IC 20-45-9-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2023,
19 SECTION 153, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. A qualified school corporation's
21 property tax levy under this chapter for a calendar year is a property tax
22 levy for the qualified school corporation's operations fund equal to the
23 amount of the distribution that the qualified school corporation
24 received in the year preceding the expiration of IC 20-45-8 under
25 ~~IC 20-45-8-29(a):~~ **IC 20-45-8-29.** The property tax levy under this
26 chapter is part of the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax
27 levy under IC 20-46-8-1 for the qualified school corporation's
28 operations fund.

29 SECTION 189. IC 20-46-8-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2023,
30 SECTION 155, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 11. (a) This chapter does not apply
32 to a qualified school corporation until the expiration of IC 20-45-8
33 under ~~IC 20-45-8-29(a):~~ **IC 20-45-8-29.**

34 (b) As used in this section, "qualified school corporation" has the
35 meaning set forth in IC 20-45-9-2.

36 (c) The property tax levy limits imposed by section 1 of this chapter
37 do not apply to property taxes imposed by a qualified school
38 corporation under IC 20-45-9.

39 (d) For the purpose of computing the maximum permissible
40 operations fund property tax levy imposed on a qualified school
41 corporation by section 1 of this chapter, the qualified school
42 corporation's maximum permissible operations fund levy for a



particular year does not include that part of the levy described in subsection (c).

SECTION 190. IC 20-51-1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 364, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. ~~(a)~~ "Cost of education" means the tuition and fees that would otherwise be charged by a participating school to:

- (1) an eligible student; or
- (2) a parent of an eligible student.

~~(b) In the case of an eligible pupil who attends a public school; the term includes any transfer tuition charged to the eligible student or a parent of the eligible student.~~

SECTION 191. IC 20-51-1-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017, SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4.7. "Eligible school" refers to a public or nonpublic elementary school or high school that:

- (1) is located in Indiana;
- (2) requires an eligible choice scholarship student to pay tuition ~~or transfer tuition~~ to attend;
- (3) voluntarily agrees to enroll an eligible choice scholarship student;
- (4) is accredited by either the state board or a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the state board;
- (5) administers the statewide assessment program;
- (6) is not a charter school or the school corporation in which an eligible choice scholarship student has legal settlement under IC 20-26-11; and
- (7) submits to the department only the student performance data required for a category designation under IC 20-31-8-3.

SECTION 192. IC 20-51-1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017, SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. (a) "Participating school" refers to a ~~public or~~ nonpublic school that:

- (1) an eligible student is required to pay tuition ~~or transfer tuition~~ to attend;
- (2) voluntarily agrees to enroll an eligible student;
- (3) is accredited by either the state board or a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the state board; and
- (4) administers the tests under the statewide assessment program or administers another nationally recognized and norm-referenced assessment of the school's students.

(b) The term does not include a public school in a school



1 corporation where the eligible student has legal settlement under
2 IC 20-26-11.

3 SECTION 193. IC 20-51-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2021,
4 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) The amount an eligible choice
6 scholarship student is entitled to receive under this chapter for a school
7 year is equal to the following:

8 (1) The lesser of the following:

9 (A) The sum of the tuition ~~or transfer tuition~~ and fees required
10 for enrollment or attendance of the eligible choice scholarship
11 student at the eligible school selected by the eligible choice
12 scholarship student for a school year that the eligible choice
13 scholarship student (or the parent of the eligible choice
14 scholarship student) would otherwise be obligated to pay to
15 the eligible school.

16 (B) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and each
17 state fiscal year thereafter, an amount equal to ninety percent
18 (90%) of the state tuition support amount determined under
19 section 5 of this chapter.

20 (2) In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), if the
21 eligible choice scholarship student has been identified as eligible
22 for special education services under IC 20-35 and the eligible
23 school provides the necessary special education or related
24 services to the eligible choice scholarship student, any amount
25 that a school corporation would receive under IC 20-43-7 for the
26 eligible choice scholarship student if the eligible choice
27 scholarship student attended the school corporation. However, if
28 an eligible choice scholarship student changes schools during the
29 school year after the December 1 count under IC 20-43-7-1 of
30 eligible pupils enrolled in special education programs and the
31 eligible choice scholarship student enrolls in a different eligible
32 school, any choice scholarship amounts paid to the eligible choice
33 scholarship student for the remainder of the school year after the
34 eligible choice scholarship student enrolls in the different eligible
35 school shall not include amounts that a school corporation would
36 receive under IC 20-43-7 for the eligible choice scholarship
37 student if the eligible choice scholarship student attended the
38 school corporation.

39 (b) The amount an eligible choice scholarship student is entitled to
40 receive under this chapter if the eligible student applies for the choice
41 scholarship under section 7(e) of this chapter shall be reduced on a
42 prorated basis in the manner prescribed in section 6 of this chapter.



1 SECTION 194. IC 20-52 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2 2025]. (Student Enrichment Grants).

3 SECTION 195. IC 31-36-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2023,
4 SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "homeless youth"
6 means an individual who:

7 (1) is:

8 (A) at least sixteen (16) years of age; and

9 (B) less than eighteen (18) years of age;

10 (2) is unemancipated;

11 (3) is mentally competent; and

12 (4) lives in a situation described in 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)(A) and
13 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)(B) with or without the consent of the
14 individual's parent, guardian, or custodian.

15 (b) An individual identified in subsection (c)(3) who presents a fee
16 and consent waiver affidavit described in subsection (c) on behalf of a
17 homeless youth to the appropriate agency or entity shall:

18 (1) have access, without charge and the consent of a parent,
19 guardian, or custodian, to the homeless youth's:

20 (A) certificate of birth;

21 (B) photo identification card under IC 9-24-16-10(c); and

22 (C) Indiana driver's license; and

23 (2) be permitted to enroll the homeless youth in adult basic
24 education services and register the homeless youth for the Indiana
25 high school equivalency examination following the completion of
26 an exit interview by the homeless youth under ~~IC 20-33-2-9~~.

27 **IC 20-33-2-28.5.**

28 (c) A fee and consent waiver affidavit executed under this
29 subsection shall contain the following:

30 (1) The homeless youth's:

31 (A) full name; and

32 (B) date of birth.

33 (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the government
34 entity, school corporation liaison for homeless youth, or nonprofit
35 organization that:

36 (A) is providing services to the homeless youth; and

37 (B) will accept delivery of mail for the homeless youth.

38 (3) The name of the legal representative of the government entity,
39 school corporation liaison for homeless youth, or nonprofit
40 organization described in subdivision (2).

41 (4) The signature of the legal representative described in
42 subdivision (3) and the date of the signature.



(5) The signature of the homeless youth and the date of the signature.

A fee and consent waiver affidavit executed under this subsection must be verified by affirmation or representation.

SECTION 196. IC 34-30-2.1-281 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 281. IC 20-34-3-24 (Concerning the use of bleeding control kits by school employees):~~

SECTION 197. IC 34-30-2.1-286 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 286. IC 20-34-8-9 (Concerning coaches and assistant coaches, marching band leaders, or other extracurricular activity leaders):~~

SECTION 198. IC 34-30-14-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. A teacher:

(1) who meets the training or certification requirements prescribed by the state board under ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1(b)~~ **IC 20-28-5.5-1** or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5; and

(2) who:

(A) performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation on;

(B) performs the Heimlich maneuver on;

(C) removes a foreign body that is obstructing an airway of; or

(D) uses an automated external defibrillator on;

another person, in the course of employment as a teacher;

is not liable in a civil action for damages resulting from an act or omission occurring during the provision of emergency assistance under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1002, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 52, delete lines 16 through 42.

Delete pages 53 through 54.

Page 55, delete lines 1 through 8.

Page 56, reset in roman lines 22 through 26.

Page 56, line 27, reset in roman "(d)".

Page 56, line 27, delete "(c)".

Page 56, line 32, reset in roman "(e)".

Page 56, line 32, delete "(d)".

Page 56, line 41, reset in roman "(f)".

Page 56, line 41, delete "(e)".

Page 57, line 15, reset in roman "(a)".

Page 60, reset in roman lines 6 through 9.

Page 72, delete lines 7 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 79. IC 20-26-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2023, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "electronic funds transfer" means a transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, or computer or magnetic tape to order, instruct, or authorize a financial institution to debit or credit an account.

(b) The governing body of each school corporation shall organize by electing:

(1) a president;

(2) a vice president; and

(3) a secretary;

each of whom is a different member, not more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ **thirty (30)** days after the commencement date of the members' terms of office.

(c) A governing body shall, at the time that officers are elected under subsection (b), appoint a treasurer of the governing body and of the school corporation who is a person, other than the superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the governing body. The treasurer may, with the approval of the governing body, appoint a deputy who must be a person, other than the superintendent of schools, who is not



a member of the governing body and who has the same powers and duties as the treasurer, or lesser duties as provided by the governing body by rule.

(d) The treasurer is the official custodian of all funds of the school corporation and is responsible for the proper safeguarding and accounting for the funds. The treasurer shall:

- (1) issue a receipt for money received by the treasurer;
- (2) deposit money described in subdivision (1) in accordance with the laws governing the deposit of public funds; and
- (3) issue all warrants in payment of expenses lawfully incurred on behalf of the school corporation. However, except as otherwise provided by law, warrants described in this subdivision must be issued only after proper allowance or approval by the governing body. The governing body may not require an allowance or approval for amounts lawfully due in payment of indebtedness or payments due the state, the United States government, or agencies and instrumentalities of the state or the United States government.

A verification, other than a properly itemized invoice, may not be required for any claim. A claim is sufficient as to form if the bill or statement for the claim has printed or stamped on the face of the bill or statement a verification of the bill or statement in language approved by the state board of accounts.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), a treasurer may transact school corporation financial business with a financial institution or a public retirement fund through the use of electronic funds transfer. The treasurer must provide adequate documentation to the governing body of transfers made under this subsection. This subsection applies only to agreements for joint investment of money under IC 5-13-9 and to payments to the Indiana public retirement system for:

- (1) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; or
- (2) the public employees' retirement fund;

from participating employers.

(f) Except as provided in IC 5-11, a treasurer is not personally liable for an act or omission occurring in connection with the performance of the duties set forth in this section, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or an intentional disregard of the treasurer's duties.

(g) A governing body may establish the position of executive secretary to the governing body. The executive secretary:

- (1) must be an employee of the school corporation;
- (2) may not be a member of the governing body; and
- (3) must be appointed by the governing body upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the school corporation.



The governing body shall determine the duties of the executive secretary, which may include all or part of the duties of the secretary of the board."

Page 73, delete lines 1 through 31.

Page 75, delete lines 36 through 42.

Page 76, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 77, delete lines 21 through 42.

Page 78, delete lines 1 through 11.

Page 82, delete lines 34 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 101. IC 20-26-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]. (Criminal Gang Measures).".

Delete page 83.

Page 84, delete lines 1 through 27.

Page 87, delete lines 9 through 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 116. IC 20-28-3-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school shall require each school employee likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the employee's employment to attend or participate in training on child abuse and neglect, including:

(1) training on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect under IC 31-33-5; and

(2) training on recognizing possible signs of child abuse or neglect.

in a manner prescribed by the state board under ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1~~ or ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1.5~~.

(b) In addition to training required for an initial license under IC 20-28-5-12.3, a school employee described in subsection (a) who holds a license or permit from the division of professional standards of the department under this article shall, as a requirement for license or permit renewal, attend or participate in training described in subsection (a) before the school employee's license or permit may be renewed.

(c) Each school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school shall require each school employee described in subsection (a) whose employment is not dependent on the holding of a license or permit under this article to attend or participate in the training described in subsection (a) at least once every two (2) years.



~~(b)~~ (d) The training required under this section must count toward the requirements for professional development required by the governing body.

(c) In the event the state board does not require training to be completed as part of a teacher preparation program under IC 20-28-5.5-1, the training required under this section must be during the school employee's contracted day or at a time chosen by the employee."

Page 88, delete lines 30 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 114. IC 20-28-3-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 11. (a) A teacher preparation program shall include content within the curriculum that:**

- (1) prepares teacher candidates to use evidence based trauma informed classroom instruction that is conducive to supporting students who have experienced trauma that may interfere with a student's academic functioning; and**
- (2) provides information on applicable Indiana laws regarding other instructional requirements and applicable Indiana laws relating to the instruction and recognition described in subdivision (1), including the following:**
 - (A) IC 20-30-5-5.**
 - (B) IC 20-30-5-6.**
 - (C) IC 20-30-5-13.**
 - (D) IC 20-30-5-17.**
 - (E) IC 20-34-3-21.**

(b) The teacher preparation program shall consider using curricula that includes:

- (1) training on the potential impacts of trauma;**
- (2) strategies for recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma;**
- (3) practical recommendations for running a trauma informed classroom; and**
- (4) approaches for avoiding revictimization in schools."**

Page 89, delete lines 1 through 21.

Page 96, reset in roman line 28.

Page 99, delete lines 13 through 42.

Delete page 100.

Page 101, delete line 1.

Page 101, delete lines 14 through 42.

Page 102, delete lines 1 through 10.



Page 106, delete lines 23 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 157. IC 20-31-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2023, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to section 2.5 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt clear, concise, and jargon free state academic standards that are comparable to national and international academic standards and the college and career readiness educational standards adopted under IC 20-19-2-14.5. These academic standards must be adopted for each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 for the following subjects:

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

(b) For grade levels tested under the statewide assessment program, the academic standards must be based in part on the results of the statewide assessment program:

(c) The state board shall, in consultation with postsecondary educational institutions and various businesses and industries, identify what skills or traits students need to be successful upon completion of high school. The department must conduct a research study to define essential postsecondary skills to promote enlistment, enrollment, and employment. The study must inform a reduction in high school standards to align to essential skills needed for postsecondary success. The study must be submitted to the state board and to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 on or before December 1, 2022. Not later than June 1, 2023, the department must provide recommended reductions to the Indiana academic standards with a goal of defining no more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the number of academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022, as essential for grades 9 through 12 to the state board. Additional standards may be included for vertical articulation to ensure academic and postsecondary success, not to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022. Not later than June 1, 2023, the department must provide recommended reductions to the Indiana academic standards with a goal of defining no more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the number of academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022, as essential for kindergarten through grade 8 to the state board. Additional standards may be included for vertical articulation to ensure academic and postsecondary success, not to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the academic standards in effect on July 1, 2022. A



realignment of the HEARN assessment reflecting the reduction must be completed not later than March 1, 2025.

(d) Upon receipt and review of the information received under subsection (c), the state board shall adopt Indiana academic standards for grades 9 through 12 and subsequently for kindergarten through grade 8 relating to academic standards needed to meet the skills or traits identified by the study. The academic standards developed under this subsection must be included within the reduced number of academic standards required by subsection (c). The department shall submit the academic standards to the state board for approval in a manner prescribed by the state board and the state board shall approve academic standards in accordance with the requirements described in this subsection not later than July 1, 2023. Standards approved under this subsection must be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.

(e) (b) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the state board, in developing academic standards for reading, shall implement academic standards that are:

- (1) aligned with the science of reading; and
- (2) developmentally appropriate based on student need."

Page 107, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 109, delete lines 17 through 42.

Page 110, delete lines 1 through 28.

Page 114, delete lines 20 through 42.

Page 115, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 129, reset in roman lines 4 through 6.

Page 129, line 7, reset in roman "(16)".

Page 129, line 7, delete "(15)".

Page 129, line 12, reset in roman "(17)".

Page 129, line 12, delete "(16)".

Page 129, line 16, reset in roman "(18)".

Page 129, line 16, delete "(17)".

Page 129, line 19, reset in roman "(19)".

Page 129, line 19, delete "(18)".

Page 129, line 21, reset in roman "(20)".

Page 129, line 21, delete "(19)".

Page 129, line 23, reset in roman "(21)".

Page 129, line 23, delete "(20)".



Page 130, delete lines 8 through 13.
 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as introduced.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 4.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1002 be amended to read as follows:

Page 53, strike lines 29 through 33.

Page 53, line 34, strike "(d)" and insert "(c)".

Page 53, line 39, strike "(e)" and insert "(d)".

Page 54, line 5, strike "(f)" and insert "(e)".

Page 54, line 20, strike "(a)".

Page 57, strike lines 11 through 14.

Page 75, delete lines 15 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 91. IC 20-26-11-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021, SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. (a) The parents of any student, regardless of the student's age, or the student after the student has become eighteen (18) years of age may request a transfer from a school corporation in which the student has a legal settlement to a transferee school corporation in Indiana. or another state if the student may be better accommodated in the public schools of the transferee corporation. Whether the student can be better accommodated depends on such matters as:

(1) crowded conditions of the transferee or transferor corporation;
 and

(2) curriculum offerings at the high school level that are important to the vocational or academic aspirations of the student.

(b) The request for transfer must be made in writing to the transferor corporation, which shall immediately mail a copy to the transferee corporation. The request for transfer must be made at the times provided under rules adopted by the state board. The transfer is effected if both the transferee and the transferor corporations approve

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the transfer not more than thirty (30) days after that mailing. If the transferor school corporation fails to act on the transfer request within thirty (30) days after the request is received, the transfer is considered approved. The transfer is denied when either school corporation mails a written denial by certified mail to the requesting parents or student at their last known address.

(c) If a request for transfer is denied under subsection (b), an appeal may be taken to the state board by the requesting parents or student, if commenced not more than ten (10) days after the denial. An appeal is commenced by mailing a notice of appeal by certified mail to the superintendent of each school corporation and the state board. The secretary of education shall develop forms for this purpose, and the transferor corporation shall assist the parents or student in the mechanics of commencing the appeal. An appeal hearing must comply with section 15 of this chapter."

Page 76, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 97, delete lines 3 through 4.

Page 113, delete lines 25 through 42.

Page 114, delete lines 1 through 13.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as printed January 27, 2025.)

BEHNING

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1002 be amended to read as follows:

Page 118, between lines 36 and 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 188. IC 20-42.5-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 126-2017, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. A school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school individually, in collaboration with other school corporations, charter schools, or applicable nonpublic schools acting jointly, and through the educational services centers may undertake action to reduce noninstructional expenditures and allocate the resulting savings to student instruction and learning. Actions taken under this section include the following:

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(1) Pooling of resources with other school corporations, charter schools, or applicable nonpublic schools for liability insurance, property and casualty insurance, worker's compensation insurance, employee health insurance, vision insurance, dental insurance, or other insurance, whether by pooling risks for coverage or for the purchase of coverage, or by the creation of or participation in insurance trusts, subject to the following:

(A) School corporations, charter schools, and applicable nonpublic schools that elect to pool assets for coverage must create a trust under Indiana law for the assets. The trust is subject to regulation by the department of insurance as follows:

- (i) The trust must be registered with the department of insurance.
- (ii) The trust shall obtain stop loss insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Indiana with an aggregate retention of not more than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the amount of expected claims for the following year.
- (iii) Contributions by the school corporations, charter schools, and applicable nonpublic schools, acting jointly, must be set at one hundred percent (100%) of the aggregate retention plus all other costs of the trust.
- (iv) The trust shall maintain a fidelity bond in an amount approved by the department of insurance. The fidelity bond must cover each person responsible for the trust for acts of fraud or dishonesty in servicing the trust.
- (v) The trust is subject to IC 27-4-1-4.5 regarding claims settlement practices.
- (vi) The trust shall file an annual **audited** financial statement ~~in the form required by IC 27-1-3-13~~ **with the department of insurance** not later than ~~March 1~~ **May 1** of each year.
- (vii) The trust is not covered by the Indiana insurance guaranty association created under IC 27-6-8. The liability of each school corporation, charter school, and applicable nonpublic school is joint and several.
- (viii) The trust is subject to examination by the department of insurance. All costs associated with an examination shall be borne by the trust.
- (ix) The department of insurance may deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of a trust if the commissioner finds



that the trust is in a hazardous financial condition, the trust refuses to be examined or produce records for examination, or the trust has failed to pay a final judgment rendered against the trust by a court within thirty (30) days.

(B) The department of insurance may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this subdivision.

(2) Electing, as an individual school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school, or as more than one (1) school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school acting jointly, to aggregate purchases of natural gas commodity supply from any available natural gas commodity seller for all schools included in the aggregated purchases. A rate schedule that is:

(A) filed by a natural gas utility; and

(B) approved by the Indiana utility regulatory commission; must include provisions that allow a school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school, or more than one (1) school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school acting jointly, to elect to make aggregated purchases of natural gas commodity supplies. Upon request from a school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school, a natural gas utility shall summarize the rates and charges for providing services to each school in the school corporation, to the charter school, or to the applicable nonpublic school, or to each school in a school corporation, charter school, and applicable nonpublic school that are acting jointly, on one (1) summary bill for remitting payment to the utility.

(3) Consolidating purchases with other school corporations, charter schools, applicable nonpublic schools, or units of government of the following:

(A) School buses and other vehicles and vehicle fleets.

(B) Fuel, maintenance, or other services for vehicles or vehicle fleets.

(C) Food services.

(D) Facilities management services.

(E) Transportation management services.

(F) Curricular materials, technology, and other school materials and supplies.

(G) Any other purchases a school corporation, charter school, or applicable nonpublic school may require.

Purchases may be made by contiguous school corporations, including charter schools or applicable nonpublic schools in the contiguous school corporations, as part of regional consolidated



purchasing arrangements, or from consolidated sources under multistate cooperative bidding arrangements.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as printed January 27, 2025.)

TESHKA

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1002 be amended to read as follows:

Page 46, delete lines 13 through 19.

Page 73, delete lines 21 through 39.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as printed January 27, 2025.)

SMITH V

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1002 be amended to read as follows:

Page 100, delete lines 14 through 20.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as printed January 27, 2025.)

SMITH V

