

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1635 # 6

DIGEST

Various education matters. Requires each school corporation to publish on the school corporation's website the graduation rate for each high school in the school corporation. Amends the definition of "graduation" for purposes of the high school graduation rate determination. Amends the graduation rate calculation. Removes a provision in current law that provides that not more than 1% of students of a cohort may receive the alterative diploma established by the state board of education.

1 Between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:

3 "SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-43 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2023]: **Sec. 43. Each school corporation shall publish on the
6 school corporation's website the graduation rate for each high
7 school in the school corporation.**"

8 Page 1, line 11, delete "diploma." and insert "diploma **or an
9 alternative diploma described in IC 20-32-4-14.**"

10 Page 1, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

11 "SECTION 2. IC 20-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
12 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in section 11 of this
14 chapter, the four (4) year graduation rate for a cohort in a high school
15 is the percentage determined under STEP FIVE of the following
16 formula:

17 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of
18 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for
19 which the graduation rate is being determined.

20 STEP TWO: Add:

21 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and

22 (B) the number of students who:

23 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which
24 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;

1 and

2 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.

3 STEP THREE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP
4 TWO the number of students who have left the cohort for any of
5 the following reasons:

6 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.

7 (B) Except as provided in IC 20-33-2-28.6 and subsection (b),
8 removal by the student's parents under IC 20-33-2-28 to
9 provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public
10 schools.

11 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or
12 death.

13 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department
14 of correction.

15 (E) Placement by a court order or the department of child
16 services.

17 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.

18 (G) Leaving school, if the student attended school in Indiana
19 for less than one (1) school year and the location of the student
20 cannot be determined.

21 (H) Leaving school, if the location of the student cannot be
22 determined and the student has been reported to the Indiana
23 clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing
24 endangered adults.

25 (I) Withdrawing from school before graduation, if the student
26 is a high ability student (as defined in IC 20-36-1-3) who is a
27 full-time student at an accredited institution of higher
28 education during the semester in which the cohort graduates.

29 (J) Withdrawing from school before graduation pursuant to
30 providing notice of withdrawal under section 17 of this
31 chapter.

32 (K) Participating in the high school equivalency pilot program
33 under IC 20-30-8.5, unless the student fails to successfully
34 complete the high school equivalency pilot program in the two
35 (2) year period. This clause expires June 30, 2024.

36 STEP FOUR: Determine **the result of:**

37 (A) the total number of students determined under STEP TWO
38 who have graduated during the current reporting year or a
39 previous reporting year; **minus**

40 (B) **the amount by which the number of students who**

1 **graduated through a waiver process required under**
 2 **IC 20-32-3 through IC 20-32-5.1 exceeds:**

3 **(i) six percent (6%) of the total number of students**
 4 **determined under clause (A) before July 1, 2027; or**

5 **(ii) three percent (3%) of the total number of students**
 6 **determined under clause (A) after June 30, 2027.**

7 STEP FIVE: Divide:

8 (A) the number determined under STEP FOUR; by

9 (B) the remainder determined under STEP THREE.

10 (b) This subsection applies to a high school in which:

11 (1) for a:

12 (A) cohort of one hundred (100) students or less, at least ten
 13 percent (10%) of the students left a particular cohort for a
 14 reason described in subsection (a) STEP THREE clause (B);
 15 or

16 (B) cohort of more than one hundred (100) students, at least
 17 five percent (5%) of the students left a particular cohort for a
 18 reason described in subsection (a) STEP THREE clause (B);
 19 and

20 (2) the students described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B) are not
 21 on track to graduate with their cohort.

22 A high school must submit a request to the state board in a manner
 23 prescribed by the state board requesting that the students described in
 24 this subsection be included in the subsection (a) STEP THREE
 25 calculation. The state board shall review the request and may grant or
 26 deny the request. The state board shall deny the request unless the high
 27 school demonstrates good cause to justify that the students described
 28 in this subsection should be included in the subsection (a) STEP
 29 THREE calculation. If the state board denies the request the high
 30 school may not subtract the students described in this subsection under
 31 subsection (a) STEP THREE."

32 Page 7, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

33 "SECTION 9. IC 20-32-4-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2021,
 34 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 14. (a) The state board shall create an alternate
 36 diploma for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The
 37 diploma must be:

38 (1) standards-based; and

39 (2) aligned with Indiana's requirements for an Indiana diploma.

40 ~~(b) Not more than one percent (1%) of students of a cohort may~~

1 receive the alternate diploma established by the state board under
2 subsection (a):

3 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** The alternate diploma must comply with the federal Every
4 Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 6311).

5 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** Not later than December 1, 2021, the state board shall adopt
6 rules under IC 4-22-2 that are necessary to carry out this section."

7 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1635 as introduced.)