

HOUSE BILL No. 1004

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-1-11.5-3; IC 5-11-10-1.6; IC 5-22-1-2; IC 6-2.5-5-38.1; IC 9-18.5-15-5; IC 10-19-2-3; IC 10-21-1; IC 12-14-2-17; IC 12-15-1-16; IC 20-17; IC 20-18-2; IC 20-19; IC 20-20; IC 20-20.5; IC 20-24-13-3; IC 20-24.2-4; IC 20-24.5-2-10; IC 20-25; IC 20-26; IC 20-27; IC 20-28; IC 20-29; IC 20-30; IC 20-31; IC 20-32; IC 20-33; IC 20-34; IC 20-35-5-17; IC 20-38-2-6; IC 20-40; IC 20-42.5; IC 20-43-8-7.5; IC 20-49-4-8; IC 21-13; IC 21-18-21; IC 21-18.5-6-9; IC 21-38; IC 21-42-3-6; IC 24-4-24.4-1; IC 31-16-6-6; IC 33-24-6-3; IC 34-13-3-3; IC 34-30; IC 35-50-10-1; IC 36-1-7-13.

Synopsis: Various education matters. Makes changes to various education provisions concerning the following: (1) Certain school corporation accounting requirements. (2) The "nonpublic school" definition. (3) Recodification and state board of education (state board) transition provisions. (4) The state board's duties. (5) Powers of the governing bodies of school corporations. (6) Public-private agreements by charter schools for the construction or renovation of schools. (7) Adoption of certain rules by the state board. (8) Department of education's (department) duties regarding initiatives for teacher recruitment and retention of certain educators. (9) Conditions to be considered a probationary teacher. (10) Regular teacher's contract requirements for principals and assistant principals. (11) Graduation plan requirements. (12) Instruction on alcoholic beverages, tobacco, prescription drugs, and controlled substances. (13) Recognition program criteria application. (14) Reporting on certain student
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expenditure information. (15) Excused absences. Relocates a provision regarding certain possession and storage of a firearm educational materials from the department to the department of homeland security. Allows use of temporary teacher contracts for teachers who have been issued an emergency permit. Removes or repeals various education and higher education provisions concerning the following: (1) Expired and expiring provisions. (2) Duties, discretionary actions, and restrictions regarding the department. (3) Posting of certain information by schools. (4) Discretionary display of certain words by qualified districts. (5) Academic receivership. (6) Staff performance evaluations regarding Indianapolis Public Schools. (7) Certain powers of governing bodies of school corporations. (8) Certain student teaching agreement requirements with postsecondary educational institutions. (9) Certain discretionary authority of school corporations regarding joining regional school study councils, distributing payroll based on contractual and compensation plans, and establishing and using funds for nursery schools. (10) Spending restrictions for remediation programs. (11) Certain website posting requirements for school corporations and charter schools. (12) Reporting regarding students who meet certain requirements during their expected graduation year. (13) Discretion regarding certain feasibility studies. (14) Certain rights and privileges of teachers employed in a joint program or special education cooperatives or with regard to certain interlocal cooperation agreements. (15) Joint investment funds. (16) Application of certain laws to joint programs. (17) Establishment of certain students as transfer students. (18) The borrowing of money by school corporations to buy curricular materials. (19) Discretion regarding employee health coverage for certain individuals. (20) Notification to the secretary of education by a superintendent regarding a conviction or certain final actions. (21) References to an online platform for training. (22) Reports regarding adjunct teachers. (23) Teacher contract requirements regarding the number of work hours per day. (24) Voiding of contracts with teachers if certain conditions apply. (25) Regular teacher's contract requirement for principals, assistant principals, and directors of special education. (26) The provision of certain individual test scores regarding examinations required for teacher licensure. (27) The definition of "secondary school" regarding the federal teacher loan forgiveness program. (28) The definition of "deficit financing" with regard to the Gary Community School Corporation and the Muncie Community school corporation. (29) Allowing instruction on bullying prevention and child abuse by certain individuals. (30) Timing of statewide assessment requirements for state accredited nonpublic schools and eligible schools. (31) Requirement that the department make available certain diagnostic tools. (32) Discretionary portfolio programs by governing bodies of school corporations. (33) Allowing expulsion if a student's legal settlement is not in an attendance area. (34) Certain cardiac arrest training and automated external defibrillator (AED) requirements. (35) Report requirement by the education commission of the states. (36) Duty of a school corporation to preserve instructional programs. (37) The primary care physician loan forgiveness program. (38) Required payments by postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institutions regarding cost of performing team onsite investigations. (39) Indiana excellence in teaching endowment. (40) Listing of funds established outside certain education provisions. Repeals and relocates education provisions regarding programs administered by the state with the following provisions removed or repealed: (1) Dissemination of certain information regarding the teacher referral system. (2) Expired provisions. (3) Certain uses of the Senator David C. Ford educational technology fund. (4) The technology plan grant program and requirements. (5) School social worker qualification requirements. (6)



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An annual report regarding system of teacher and student advancement grants. (7) The Indiana education residency pilot program. (8) A biannual progress report regarding the next level computer science program and fund. (9) A noncompliance and transfer of responsibility provision regarding the next level computer science program and fund. Makes conforming changes.



Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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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 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

HOUSE BILL No. 1004



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 5-1-11.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.244-2017,
 2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. **(a)** This section applies only to a school
 4 corporation that has an ADM of more than fifteen thousand (15,000)
 5 for the school corporation's most recent fall count. Notwithstanding any
 6 other law, a school corporation subject to this section may not issue
 7 bonds after August 15, 2020, unless the school corporation has for its
 8 preceding budget year prepared an annual financial report using the
 9 modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally
 10 accepted accounting principles. However, upon request of a school
 11 corporation to the state examiner, the state examiner may waive the
 12 requirement under this section if the state examiner determines that a
 13 waiver is in the best interest of the school corporation.

14 **(b) If a school corporation described in subsection (a) uses the**
 15 **accounting described in subsection (a), the school corporation may**



1 **not be required to use another form of accounting.**

2 SECTION 2. IC 5-11-10-1.6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2023,
3 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.6. (a) As used in this section, "governmental
5 entity" refers to any of the following:

- 6 (1) A municipality (as defined in IC 36-1-2-11).
- 7 (2) A school corporation (as defined in IC 36-1-2-17), including
8 a school extracurricular account.
- 9 (3) A county.
- 10 (4) A regional water or sewer district organized under IC 13-26
11 or under IC 13-3-2 (before its repeal).
- 12 (5) A municipally owned utility that is subject to IC 8-1.5-3 or
13 IC 8-1.5-4.
- 14 (6) A board of an airport authority under IC 8-22-3.
- 15 (7) A board of aviation commissioners under IC 8-22-2.
- 16 (8) A conservancy district.
- 17 (9) A public transportation corporation under IC 36-9-4.
- 18 (10) A commuter transportation district under IC 8-5-15.
- 19 (11) The state.
- 20 (12) A solid waste management district established under
21 IC 13-21 or IC 13-9.5 (before its repeal).
- 22 (13) A levee authority established under IC 14-27-6.
- 23 (14) A county building authority under IC 36-9-13.
- 24 (15) A soil and water conservation district established under
25 IC 14-32.
- 26 (16) The northwestern Indiana regional planning commission
27 established by IC 36-7-7.6-3.

28 (b) As used in this section, "claim" means a bill or an invoice
29 submitted to a governmental entity for goods or services.

30 (c) The fiscal officer of a governmental entity may not draw a
31 warrant or check for payment of a claim unless all of the following
32 apply:

- 33 (1) There is a fully itemized invoice or bill for the claim.
- 34 (2) The invoice or bill is approved by the officer or person
35 receiving the goods and services.
- 36 (3) The invoice or bill is filed with the governmental entity's fiscal
37 officer.
- 38 (4) The fiscal officer audits and certifies before payment that the
39 invoice or bill is true and correct.
- 40 (5) Payment of the claim is allowed by the governmental entity's
41 legislative body or the board or official having jurisdiction over
42 allowance of payment of the claim.



- 1 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the following are permitted:
 2 (1) A school corporation, with prior approval of the board having
 3 jurisdiction over allowance of payment of the claim, may make
 4 payment in advance of receipt of services as allowed by
 5 guidelines developed under ~~IC 20-20-13-10~~ **IC 20-20.5-6-6**.
 6 (2) A municipality may make advance payment of meal expenses
 7 to a municipal employee who will be traveling on official
 8 municipal business if the municipal fiscal body has adopted an
 9 ordinance allowing the advance payment. An ordinance adopted
 10 under this subdivision must provide for all of the following:
 11 (A) The maximum amount that may be paid in advance.
 12 (B) The required invoices and other documentation that must
 13 be submitted by the municipal employee.
 14 (C) Reimbursement from the wages of the municipal employee
 15 if the municipal employee does not submit the required
 16 invoices and documentation.
 17 (3) A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13) may make
 18 advance payments to contractors to enable the contractors to
 19 purchase materials needed for a public works project of the
 20 political subdivision. The solicitation for the public works
 21 contract providing for advance payment for contractors under this
 22 subdivision must include the following information:
 23 (A) That the political subdivision will make advance payments
 24 to contractors to enable contractors to purchase materials.
 25 (B) Any limitations on the amount of advance payments that
 26 will be made.
 27 (C) Requirements for documentation relating to making
 28 advance payments to contractors for materials.
 29 (D) Any other information about advance payment for
 30 materials the political subdivision considers useful to
 31 contractors that make offers.
 32 (4) A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13) may make
 33 advance payments for goods or services before the goods are
 34 delivered or services are completed if the fiscal body of the
 35 political subdivision authorizes making advance payments. If the
 36 fiscal body of the political subdivision authorizes making advance
 37 payments, the local fiscal officer or the local fiscal officer's
 38 designee must do all of the following when advance payments are
 39 made:
 40 (A) Track prepayments by defining the prepayment on a
 41 purchase order.
 42 (B) Create a prepayment invoice that is associated with the



- 1 purchase order.
- 2 (C) Require insurance or a surety bond in the amount of the
- 3 prepayment if the amount of the prepayment is more than one
- 4 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).
- 5 (e) Advance payments made under subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4) may
- 6 not exceed the lesser of the following:
- 7 (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the entire cost of the contract.
- 8 (2) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000).
- 9 (f) The fiscal officer of a governmental entity shall issue checks or
- 10 warrants for claims by the governmental entity that meet all of the
- 11 requirements of this section. The fiscal officer does not incur personal
- 12 liability for disbursements:
- 13 (1) processed in accordance with this section; and
- 14 (2) for which funds are appropriated and available.
- 15 (g) The certification provided for in subsection (c)(4) must be on a
- 16 form prescribed by the state board of accounts.
- 17 SECTION 3. IC 5-22-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2022,
- 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. Except as provided in this article, this article
- 20 does not apply to the following:
- 21 (1) The commission for higher education.
- 22 (2) A state educational institution. However, IC 5-22-5-9 and
- 23 IC 5-22-15 apply to a state educational institution.
- 24 (3) Military officers and military and armory boards of the state.
- 25 (4) An entity established by the general assembly as a body
- 26 corporate and politic. However, IC 5-22-15 applies to a body
- 27 corporate and politic.
- 28 (5) A local hospital authority under IC 5-1-4.
- 29 (6) A municipally owned utility under IC 8-1-11.1 or IC 8-1.5.
- 30 (7) Hospitals established and operated under IC 16-22-1 through
- 31 IC 16-22-5, IC 16-22-8, IC 16-23-1, or IC 16-24-1.
- 32 (8) A library board under IC 36-12-3-16(b).
- 33 (9) A local housing authority under IC 36-7-18.
- 34 (10) Tax exempt Indiana nonprofit corporations leasing and
- 35 operating a city market owned by a political subdivision.
- 36 (11) A person paying for a purchase or lease with funds other than
- 37 public funds.
- 38 (12) A person that has entered into an agreement with a
- 39 governmental body under IC 5-23.
- 40 (13) A municipality for the operation of municipal facilities used
- 41 for the collection, treatment, purification, and disposal in a
- 42 sanitary manner of liquid and solid waste, sewage, night soil, and



- 1 industrial waste.
- 2 (14) The department of financial institutions established by
- 3 IC 28-11-1-1.
- 4 (15) The insurance commissioner in retaining an examiner for
- 5 purposes of IC 27-1-3.1-9.
- 6 (16) The department of natural resources for the procurement of
- 7 supplies purchased for resale at properties owned or managed by
- 8 the department of natural resources.
- 9 (17) The Indiana horse racing commission in making an
- 10 expenditure under IC 4-31-3-15(b).
- 11 (18) An entity that has entered into a memorandum of
- 12 understanding with the department of education under
- 13 ~~IC 20-20-38.5-2(a)(2)~~; **IC 20-20.5-11-2(a)(2)**.
- 14 SECTION 4. IC 6-2.5-5-38.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2024,
- 15 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 38.1. (a) As used in this section, "service center"
- 17 means an educational service center established under ~~IC 20-20-1-~~
- 18 **IC 20-20.5-1**.
- 19 (b) As used in this section, "school" means a public or private
- 20 elementary or secondary school containing students in any grade from
- 21 grade 1 through grade 12.
- 22 (c) As used in this chapter, "qualified computer equipment" means
- 23 computer equipment, including hardware and software, specified by the
- 24 state board of education under IC 6-3.1-15-10 (as in effect on January
- 25 1, 2012).
- 26 (d) Sales of qualified computer equipment are exempt from the state
- 27 gross retail tax, if:
- 28 (1) the seller is a service center or school;
- 29 (2) the purchaser is a parent or guardian of a student who is
- 30 enrolled in a school; and
- 31 (3) the qualified computer equipment is sold to the parent or
- 32 guardian under IC 6-3.1-15-12 (as in effect on January 1, 2012).
- 33 SECTION 5. IC 9-18.5-15-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
- 34 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The fees collected under this chapter shall be
- 36 distributed as follows:
- 37 (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) to the secretary of education to
- 38 administer the school intervention and career counseling
- 39 development program and fund under ~~IC 20-20-17~~; **IC 20-20.5-7**.
- 40 (2) Seventy-five percent (75%) as provided under section 6 of this
- 41 chapter.
- 42 SECTION 6. IC 10-19-2-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE



1 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3. (a) The definitions in IC 20-18-2 apply to this
3 section.**

4 **(b) The department, in collaboration with the state police
5 department, shall:**

6 **(1) identify a set of best practices; and**
7 **(2) develop a set of educational materials;**
8 **regarding recommendations for the safe possession and storage of**
9 **a firearm in a home with a child.**

10 **(c) The best practices and educational materials described in**
11 **subsection (a) must include information on:**

- 12 **(1) firearm access;**
13 **(2) firearm handling;**
14 **(3) firearm storage;**
15 **(4) ammunition access; and**
16 **(5) ammunition storage.**

17 **(d) After December 31, 2026, the department shall provide the**
18 **best practices and educational materials described in subsection (a)**
19 **to public schools, charter schools, and state accredited nonpublic**
20 **schools.**

21 **(e) The department shall maintain a public website that contains**
22 **the best practices and educational materials described in**
23 **subsection (a). The department shall publicize the website and**
24 **promote the best practices and educational materials to all**
25 **elementary and high schools operating in the state.**

26 SECTION 7. IC 10-21-1-2, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL
27 CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS
28 AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:
29 **Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana secured school fund is established to provide:**

30 **(1) matching grants to school corporations, charter schools, and**
31 **accredited nonpublic schools, where the matching grants may be**
32 **used to:**

33 **(A) employ a school resource officer, employ a law**
34 **enforcement officer, or enter into a contract or a memorandum**
35 **of understanding with a:**

- 36 **(i) local law enforcement agency;**
37 **(ii) private entity; or**
38 **(iii) nonprofit corporation;**

39 **to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement**
40 **officer;**

41 **(B) conduct:**

- 42 **(i) a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within a**



- 1 school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
 2 charter school or accredited nonpublic school; or
 3 (ii) critical incident digital mapping of the buildings within
 4 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
 5 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;
 6 (C) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology
 7 to:
 8 (i) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
 9 (ii) assist with visitor management on school property;
 10 (iii) expedite notification of first responders;
 11 (iv) expedite access to school property for first responders;
 12 (v) provide school staff with information about the open or
 13 closed status of interior and exterior doors;
 14 (vi) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
 15 (vii) enhance emergency communications inside the
 16 building; or
 17 (viii) assist with emergency medical response on school
 18 property;
 19 ~~(D)~~ implement a student and parent support services plan as
 20 described in IC 20-34-9;
 21 ~~(E)~~ (D) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to
 22 detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or
 23 to otherwise provide protection for students and school
 24 employees and the canine shall:
 25 (i) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
 26 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
 27 (ii) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
 28 enforcement officer described in clause (A) who has
 29 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained
 30 to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or
 31 firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and
 32 school employees, including training regarding handling a
 33 canine in a school setting; and
 34 (iii) receive continuous training as appropriate;
 35 ~~(F)~~ (E) provide funding for school employees to receive
 36 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging,
 37 related to:
 38 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
 39 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
 40 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
 41 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities;
 42 ~~(G)~~ (F) provide funding for school resource officers or law



- 1 enforcement officers described in clause (A) to receive
 2 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging,
 3 related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal
 4 substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide
 5 protection for students and school employees;
 6 ~~(H)~~ **(G)** purchase student safety management technology;
 7 ~~(I)~~ **(H)** design and construct additions or renovations on school
 8 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is
 9 to enhance the physical security of the school building; **or**
 10 ~~(J)~~ **(I)** implement a bullying prevention program; **or and**
 11 ~~(K)~~ **develop, implement, and carry out a Stop the Bleed**
 12 **program required by IC 20-34-3-24, including for the purchase**
 13 **of bleeding control kits; and**
 14 (2) one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter
 15 schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the
 16 county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
 17 accredited nonpublic school is located, to provide the initial set up
 18 costs for an active event warning system.
- 19 (b) A school corporation or charter school may use money received
 20 under a matching grant for a purpose listed in subsection (a) to provide
 21 a response to a threat in a manner that the school corporation or charter
 22 school sees fit, including firearms training or other self-defense
 23 training.
- 24 (c) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland
 25 security.
- 26 (d) The fund consists of:
 27 (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
 28 (2) federal grants;
 29 (3) amounts deposited from any other public or private source;
 30 and
 31 (4) amounts deposited under IC 33-37-9-4.
- 32 (e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
 33 money in the fund.
- 34 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 35 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 36 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
 37 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 38 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
 39 to the state general fund.
- 40 SECTION 8. IC 10-21-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2023,
 41 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to



1 enable a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
2 school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) to:

3 (1) employ a school resource officer, employ a law enforcement
4 officer, or enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding
5 with a:

6 (A) local law enforcement agency;

7 (B) private entity; or

8 (C) nonprofit corporation;

9 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement officer;

10 (2) conduct a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within
11 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
12 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;

13 (3) conduct critical incident digital mapping of the buildings
14 within a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by
15 a charter school or accredited nonpublic school;

16 (4) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology to:

17 (A) restrict access to school property and classrooms;

18 (B) assist with visitor management on school property;

19 (C) expedite notification of first responders;

20 (D) expedite access to school property for first responders;

21 (E) provide staff with information about open or closed status
22 of interior and exterior doors;

23 (F) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;

24 (G) enhance emergency communications inside the school
25 building; or

26 (H) assist with emergency medical response on school
27 property;

28 ~~(5) implement a student and parent support services plan in the~~
29 ~~manner set forth in IC 20-34-9;~~

30 ~~(6)~~ **(5)** purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
31 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
32 otherwise provide protection for students and school employees
33 and the canine shall:

34 (A) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
35 school, or accredited nonpublic school;

36 (B) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
37 enforcement officer described in subdivision (1)(A) who has
38 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained to
39 detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or
40 to otherwise provide protection for students and school
41 employees, including training regarding handling a canine in
42 a school setting; and



- 1 (C) receive continuous training as appropriate;
 2 ~~(7)~~ (6) provide funding for:
 3 (A) school employees to receive training, including expenses
 4 for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:
 5 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
 6 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
 7 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
 8 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities; or
 9 (B) school resource officers or law enforcement officers
 10 described in subdivision (1)(A) to receive training, including
 11 expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to handling
 12 a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances,
 13 explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for
 14 students and school employees;
 15 ~~(8)~~ (7) design and construct additions or renovations on school
 16 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to
 17 enhance the physical security of the school building;
 18 ~~(9)~~ (8) provide one (1) time grants to enable school corporations,
 19 charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff
 20 for the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
 21 accredited nonpublic school is located to provide the initial set up
 22 costs for an active event warning system;
 23 ~~(10)~~ (9) implement a bullying prevention program; or
 24 ~~(11)~~ (10) purchase student safety management technology;
 25 in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.
 26 (b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter
 27 school, or accredited nonpublic school (or a coalition of schools
 28 applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a
 29 two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:
 30 (1) The total cost of the program established by the school
 31 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or the
 32 coalition of schools applying jointly).
 33 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the following amounts:
 34 (A) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per year, in the case
 35 of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 36 nonpublic school that:
 37 (i) has an ADM of at least one (1) and less than one
 38 thousand one (1,001) students; and
 39 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 40 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
 41 (B) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of a
 42 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic



- 1 school that:
- 2 (i) has an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) and less
- 3 than five thousand one (5,001) students; and
- 4 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 5 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 6 (C) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year, in the
- 7 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 8 nonpublic school that:
- 9 (i) has an ADM of more than five thousand (5,000) and less
- 10 than fifteen thousand one (15,001) students; and
- 11 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 12 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 13 (D) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in the
- 14 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 15 nonpublic school that:
- 16 (i) has an ADM of more than fifteen thousand (15,000); and
- 17 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 18 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 19 (E) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in the
- 20 case of a coalition of schools applying jointly.
- 21 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the match requirement for
- 22 a grant under this chapter is based on the ADM for the school
- 23 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or coalition
- 24 of schools applying jointly) that is the subject of the grant as follows:
- 25 (1) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 26 nonpublic school with an ADM of less than five hundred one
- 27 (501) students, the grant match must be twenty-five percent
- 28 (25%) of the grant amount described in subsection (b).
- 29 (2) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 30 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than five hundred (500)
- 31 and less than one thousand one (1,001) students, the grant match
- 32 must be fifty percent (50%) of the grant amount described in
- 33 subsection (b).
- 34 (3) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 35 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than one thousand
- 36 (1,000) students or a coalition of schools applying jointly, the
- 37 grant match must be one hundred percent (100%) of the grant
- 38 amount described in subsection (b).
- 39 (d) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 40 school may be eligible to receive a grant of up to:
- 41 (1) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) if:
- 42 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited



- 1 nonpublic school receives a grant match of one hundred
- 2 percent (100%) of the requested grant amount; and
- 3 (B) the board approves the grant request; or
- 4 (2) for a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 5 nonpublic school described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), a grant
- 6 of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) if:
- 7 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 8 nonpublic school receives a grant match of fifty percent (50%)
- 9 of the requested grant amount; and
- 10 (B) the board approves the grant request.
- 11 (e) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 12 school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each
- 13 year.
- 14 (f) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation, charter
- 15 school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section unless the
- 16 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is in
- 17 a county that has a county school safety commission, as described in
- 18 section 12 of this chapter.
- 19 SECTION 9. IC 12-14-2-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2007,
- 20 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) To retain eligibility for TANF assistance
- 22 under this article, a recipient of TANF assistance and a dependent child
- 23 who is a recipient of TANF assistance must attend school if all of the
- 24 following apply:
- 25 (1) The recipient or the dependent child meets the compulsory
- 26 attendance requirements under IC 20-33-2.
- 27 (2) The recipient or the dependent child has not graduated from
- 28 a high school or has not obtained a high school equivalency
- 29 certificate (as defined in IC 12-14-5-2).
- 30 (3) The recipient or the dependent child is not excused from
- 31 attending school under IC 20-33-2-14 through ~~IC 20-33-2-17.~~
- 32 **IC 20-33-2-15.**
- 33 (4) The recipient or the dependent child does not have good cause
- 34 for failing to attend school, as determined by rules adopted by the
- 35 director under IC 4-22-2.
- 36 (5) If the recipient or the dependent child is the mother of a child,
- 37 a physician has not determined that the recipient or the dependent
- 38 child should delay returning to school after giving birth.
- 39 (b) A recipient or the dependent child of a recipient described in
- 40 subsection (a) who has more than three (3) unexcused absences during
- 41 a school year is subject to revocation or suspension of assistance as
- 42 provided in section 18 of this chapter.



1 (c) The director, in consultation with the department of education,
2 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish a definition for the term
3 "unexcused absence".

4 SECTION 10. IC 12-15-1-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.35-2022,
5 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) Each:

7 (1) school corporation; or

8 (2) school corporation's employed, licensed, or qualified provider;
9 must enroll in a program to use federal funds under the Medicaid
10 program (IC 12-15-1 et seq.) with the intent to share the costs of
11 services that are reimbursable under the Medicaid program and that are
12 provided to eligible children by the school corporation. However, a
13 school corporation or a school corporation's employed, licensed, or
14 qualified provider is not required to file any claims or participate in the
15 program developed under this section.

16 (b) The secretary and the department of education may develop
17 policies and adopt rules to administer the program developed under this
18 section.

19 (c) The federal reimbursement for services provided under this
20 section must be distributed to the school corporation. The state shall
21 retain the nonfederal share of the reimbursement for Medicaid services
22 provided under this section.

23 (d) The office of Medicaid policy and planning, with the approval
24 of the budget agency and after consultation with the department of
25 education, shall establish procedures for the timely distribution of
26 federal reimbursement due to the school corporations. The distribution
27 procedures may provide for offsetting reductions to distributions of
28 state tuition support or other state funds to school corporations in the
29 amount of the nonfederal reimbursements required to be retained by the
30 state under subsection (c).

31 (e) The office may apply to the United States Department of Health
32 and Human Services for a state plan amendment to allow school
33 corporations to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary,
34 school based Medicaid covered services that are provided under federal
35 or state mandates. If the state plan amendment is approved and
36 implemented, services may be provided by a qualified provider in a
37 school setting to Medicaid enrolled students. Subject to subsection (f),
38 the services may be pursuant to any of the following:

39 (1) An individualized education program (as defined in
40 IC 20-18-2-9).

41 (2) A plan developed under Section 504 of the federal
42 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. 794.



1 (3) A behavioral intervention plan (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-1~~;
2 **IC 20-20.5-13-1**).

3 (4) A service plan developed under 511 IAC 7-34.

4 (5) An individualized health care plan.

5 The office may, in consultation with the department of education,
6 develop any necessary state plan amendment under this subsection. The
7 office may apply for any state plan amendment necessary to implement
8 this subsection.

9 (f) Services under subsection (e) may not include the following:

10 (1) An abortion.

11 (2) Counseling for abortion procedures.

12 (3) Referrals for abortion services.

13 (4) Abortifacients.

14 (5) Contraceptives.

15 (g) If the state plan amendment described in subsection (e) is
16 approved and implemented, the medically necessary, school based
17 Medicaid covered services described in subsection (e):

18 (1) may only be performed by a qualified provider;

19 (2) must be within the qualified provider's scope of practice; and

20 (3) must be provided in accordance with this article and
21 administrative rules concerning the Medicaid program.

22 SECTION 11. IC 20-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
23 2026]. (Effect of Recodification of Title 20).

24 SECTION 12. IC 20-18-2-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
25 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) "Nonpublic school" means a school that is
27 not:

28 (1) maintained by a school corporation; **or**

29 (2) **a charter school.**

30 (b) The term includes a private school or parochial school.

31 SECTION 13. IC 20-18-2-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2019,
32 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) "School corporation", for purposes of this
34 title (except ~~IC 20-20-33~~, **IC 20-20.5-9**, IC 20-26-1 through
35 IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-26-7.1, IC 20-28-11.5, IC 20-30-8,
36 IC 20-30-16, IC 20-43, and IC 20-50), means a public school
37 corporation established by Indiana law. The term includes a:

38 (1) school city;

39 (2) school town;

40 (3) consolidated school corporation;

41 (4) metropolitan school district;

42 (5) township school corporation;



- 1 (6) county school corporation;
 2 (7) united school corporation; or
 3 (8) community school corporation.
- 4 (b) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-26-1 through
 5 IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, and IC 20-26-7.1, has the meaning set forth in
 6 IC 20-26-2-4.
- 7 (c) "School corporation", for purposes of ~~IC 20-20-33~~, **IC 20-20.5-9**,
 8 IC 20-26.5, IC 20-30-8, and IC 20-50, includes a charter school (as
 9 defined in IC 20-24-1-4).
- 10 (d) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-43, has the meaning
 11 set forth in IC 20-43-1-23.
- 12 (e) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-28-11.5, has the
 13 meaning set forth in IC 20-28-11.5-3.
- 14 (f) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-35, has the meaning
 15 set forth in IC 20-35-1-6.
- 16 (g) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-30-16, has the
 17 meaning set forth in IC 20-30-16-4.
- 18 SECTION 14. IC 20-18-2-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2016,
 19 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b)~~;
 21 "Secondary school" means a high school.
- 22 (b) ~~For purposes of IC 20-28-9-25, "secondary school" has the~~
 23 ~~meaning set forth in IC 20-28-9-25.~~
- 24 SECTION 15. IC 20-19-2-2.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
 25 SECTION 160, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.2. (a) The state board consists of
 27 the following members:
- 28 (1) The secretary of education.
 29 (2) Eight (8) members appointed by the governor. The following
 30 provisions apply to members of the state board appointed under
 31 this subdivision:
- 32 (A) At least six (6) members appointed under this subdivision
 33 must have professional experience in the field of education as
 34 provided in subsection (b).
 35 (B) Members shall be appointed from different parts of
 36 Indiana with not more than one (1) member being appointed
 37 from a particular congressional district.
 38 (C) Not more than five (5) members of the state board may be
 39 appointed from the membership of any one (1) political party.
 40 (D) ~~Subject to subsection (h)~~; At least one (1) member shall be
 41 a practicing licensed special education teacher or special
 42 education director at the time the member is appointed.



- 1 (3) One (1) member, who is not a member of the general
 2 assembly, appointed by the speaker of the house of
 3 representatives.
- 4 (4) One (1) member, who is not a member of the general
 5 assembly, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- 6 (b) For purposes of subsection (a), an individual is considered to
 7 have professional experience in the field of education if the individual
 8 has teaching or leadership experience at a postsecondary educational
 9 institution or is currently employed as, or is retired from a position as:
 10 (1) a teacher;
 11 (2) a principal;
 12 (3) an assistant superintendent; or
 13 (4) a superintendent.
- 14 (c) A quorum consists of six (6) members of the state board. An
 15 action of the state board is not official unless the action is authorized
 16 by at least six (6) members.
- 17 (d) The members of the state board shall elect a chairperson and
 18 vice chairperson annually from the members of the state board. The
 19 vice chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the
 20 chairperson.
- 21 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), each member
 22 appointed under subsection (a)(2) through (a)(4) serves a four (4) year
 23 term. The term begins on July 1.
- 24 (f) A member appointed under subsection (a)(2) through (a)(4) may
 25 be removed from the state board by the member's appointing authority
 26 for just cause. Vacancies in the appointments to the state board shall be
 27 filled by the appointing authority. A member appointed under this
 28 subsection serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 29 (g) The state board shall meet at a minimum at least one (1) time
 30 each year. The state board shall establish the date of the next meeting
 31 during a meeting of the state board. In addition to the annual meeting
 32 required under this subsection, the state board shall meet at the call of
 33 the chairperson.
- 34 ~~(h) This subsection expires July 1, 2024. The governor shall appoint~~
 35 ~~a member who has the qualifications described in subsection (a)(2)(D)~~
 36 ~~for the first appointment made by the governor to fill a vacancy on the~~
 37 ~~state board after March 31, 2020.~~
- 38 SECTION 16. IC 20-19-2-2.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 39 1, 2026]. Sec. 2.3: (a) After May 31, 2015, a reference to the state
 40 board in a statute, rule, or other document is considered a reference to
 41 the state board established by section 2.1 of this chapter.
 42 (b) After May 31, 2015, a rule adopted by the state board



1 established by section 2 of this chapter (expired June 1, 2015) is
 2 considered a rule adopted by the state board established by section 2.1
 3 of this chapter. However, a rule concerning driver education is
 4 considered a rule of the bureau of motor vehicles.

5 (c) On June 1, 2015, the property and obligations of the state board
 6 established by section 2 of this chapter (expired June 1, 2015) are
 7 transferred to the state board established by section 2.1 of this chapter.

8 (d) An action taken by the state board established by section 2 of
 9 this chapter (expired June 1, 2015) before June 1, 2015, shall be treated
 10 after May 31, 2015, as if it were originally taken by the state board
 11 established by section 2.1 of this chapter.

12 SECTION 17. IC 20-19-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017,
 13 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. The state board shall do the following:

15 (1) Establish the educational goals of the state, developing
 16 standards and objectives for local school corporations.

17 (2) Assess the attainment of the established goals.

18 (3) Assure compliance with established standards and objectives.

19 ~~(4) Coordinate with the commission for higher education (IC~~
 20 ~~21-18-1) and the department of workforce development (IC~~
 21 ~~22-4.1-2) to develop entrepreneurship education programs for~~
 22 ~~elementary and secondary education, higher education, and~~
 23 ~~individuals in the work force.~~

24 ~~(5) (4) Make recommendations to the governor and general~~
 25 ~~assembly concerning the educational needs of the state, including~~
 26 ~~financial needs.~~

27 ~~(6) (5) Provide for reviews to ensure the validity and reliability of~~
 28 ~~the statewide assessment program.~~

29 SECTION 18. IC 20-19-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.269-2019,
 30 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall:

32 (1) perform the duties required by statute;

33 (2) implement the policies and procedures established by the state
 34 board;

35 (3) conduct analytical research to assist the state board in
 36 determining the state's educational policy;

37 (4) compile statistics concerning the ethnicity, gender, and
 38 disability status of students in Indiana schools, including statistics
 39 for all information that the department receives from school
 40 corporations on enrollment, number of suspensions, and number
 41 of expulsions; and

42 (5) provide technical assistance to school corporations.



1 (b) In compiling statistics by gender, ethnicity, and disability status
 2 under subsection (a)(4), the department shall also categorize
 3 suspensions and expulsions by cause as follows:

- 4 (1) Alcohol.
- 5 (2) Drugs.
- 6 (3) Deadly weapons (other than firearms).
- 7 (4) Handguns.
- 8 (5) Rifles or shotguns.
- 9 (6) Other firearms.
- 10 (7) Tobacco.
- 11 (8) Attendance.
- 12 (9) Destruction of property.
- 13 (10) Legal settlement. ~~(under IC 20-33-8-17).~~
- 14 (11) Fighting (incident does not rise to the level of battery).
- 15 (12) A battery offense included in IC 35-42-2.
- 16 (13) Intimidation (IC 35-45-2-1).
- 17 (14) Verbal aggression or profanity.
- 18 (15) Defiance.
- 19 (16) Other.

20 (c) The department shall provide the state board any data, including
 21 fiscal data, as determined by the state board, in a reasonable time frame
 22 established by the state board after consultation with the department,
 23 necessary to conduct an audit or evaluation of any federal or state
 24 supported program principally engaged in the provision of education,
 25 including, but not limited to:

- 26 (1) early childhood education;
- 27 (2) elementary and secondary education;
- 28 (3) postsecondary education;
- 29 (4) special education;
- 30 (5) job training;
- 31 (6) career and technical education; and
- 32 (7) adult education;

33 or for the enforcement of or compliance with federal legal requirements
 34 related to those education programs as determined by the state board.
 35 The state board and the department are considered state educational
 36 authorities within the meaning of the federal Family Educational Rights
 37 and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99) for the purpose
 38 of allowing the free exchange of information between the department
 39 and the state board.

40 (d) The department may, upon request by a new school, assign an
 41 identification number for the new school.

42 (e) The department shall develop guidelines necessary to implement



1 this section.

2 SECTION 19. IC 20-19-3-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2026]. Sec. 8: (a) The department may not approve or disapprove plans
4 and specifications for the construction, alteration, or repair of school
5 buildings, except as necessary under the terms of a federal grant or a
6 federal law.

7 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the department shall establish
8 a central clearinghouse for access by school corporations that may want
9 to use a prototype design in the construction of school facilities. The
10 department shall compile necessary publications and may establish a
11 computer data base to distribute information on prototype designs to
12 school corporations. Architects and engineers registered to practice in
13 Indiana may submit plans and specifications for a prototype design to
14 the clearinghouse. The plans and specifications may be accessed by any
15 person. However, the following provisions apply to a prototype design
16 submitted to the clearinghouse:

17 (1) The original architect of record or engineer of record retains
18 ownership of and liability for a prototype design.

19 (2) A school corporation or other person may not use a prototype
20 design without the site-specific, written permission of the original
21 architect of record or engineer of record.

22 (3) An architect's or engineer's liability under subdivision (1) is
23 subject to the requirements of subdivision (2).

24 The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this
25 subsection.

26 SECTION 20. IC 20-19-3-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
27 1, 2026]. Sec. 10: (a) The department, in collaboration with
28 organizations that have expertise in dating violence, domestic violence,
29 and sexual abuse, shall identify or develop:

30 (1) model dating violence educational materials; and

31 (2) a model for dating violence response policies and reporting.

32 Not later than July 1, 2011, the department shall make the models
33 developed or identified under this section available to assist schools
34 with the implementation of dating violence education programs in
35 grades 6 through 12 and dating violence response policies.

36 (b) The model dating violence policy identified or developed under
37 subsection (a) may include the following topics:

38 (1) Warning signs of dating violence.

39 (2) The basic principles of dating violence prevention.

40 (3) Methods of parental education and outreach.

41 SECTION 21. IC 20-19-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.25-2016,
42 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) The department, in collaboration with the
 2 Indiana criminal justice institute, the department of child services, the
 3 center for evaluation and education policy at Indiana University, the
 4 state police department, and any organization that has expertise in
 5 providing criminal organization education, prevention, or intervention
 6 that the department determines to be appropriate, shall:

7 (1) identify or develop evidence based model educational
 8 materials on criminal organization activity; and

9 (2) develop and maintain a model policy to address criminal
 10 organizations and criminal organization activity in schools.

11 (b) ~~Not later than July 1, 2015;~~ The department shall make the
 12 model policy developed under subsection (a)(2) available to ~~assist~~
 13 schools. ~~in the development and implementation of a criminal~~
 14 ~~organization policy.~~

15 (c) The model educational materials on criminal organization
 16 activity identified or developed under subsection (a)(1) must include
 17 information:

18 (1) to educate students and parents on the extent to which
 19 criminal organization activity exists;

20 (2) regarding the negative societal impact that criminal
 21 organizations have on the community;

22 (3) on methods to discourage participation in criminal
 23 organizations; and

24 (4) on methods of providing intervention to a child suspected of
 25 participating in criminal organization activity.

26 (d) The model criminal organization policy developed under
 27 subsection (a)(2) must include:

28 (1) a statement prohibiting criminal organization activity in
 29 schools;

30 (2) a statement prohibiting reprisal or retaliation against an
 31 individual who reports suspected criminal organization activity;

32 (3) definitions of "criminal organization" as set forth in
 33 IC 35-45-9-1 and "criminal organization activity";

34 (4) model procedures for:

35 (A) reporting suspected criminal organization activity; and

36 (B) the prompt investigation of suspected criminal
 37 organization activity;

38 (5) information about the types of support services, including
 39 family support services, available for a student suspected of
 40 participating in criminal organization activity; and

41 (6) recommendations concerning criminal organization
 42 prevention and intervention services and programs for students



- 1 that maximize community participation and the use of federal
 2 funding.
- 3 SECTION 22. IC 20-19-3-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 4 1, 2026]. Sec. 23: (a) The department may adopt and provide to schools
 5 an early warning system or systems that:
- 6 (1) provide actionable data on students as early as elementary
 7 school;
 - 8 (2) provide metrics based on student-level data to assist in
 9 identifying potential learning loss at the student, school, and
 10 district level;
 - 11 (3) research proven predictive analytics for on time high school
 12 graduation using local data to determine threshold based
 13 indicators; and
 - 14 (4) may include the following:
 - 15 (A) Recommendations regarding an actionable intervention
 16 plan for each student who, based on graduation indicators and
 17 multitiered systems of support, is not on track to graduate on
 18 time or prepared for postsecondary success.
 - 19 (B) Summative success data by each intervention plan used by
 20 each student, student group, and school.
 - 21 (b) The department may, not later than August 1, 2021, annually
 22 select one (1) or more vendors to make available an early warning
 23 system or systems described in subsection (a). The department may
 24 require that the vendor or vendors provide to the department, at least
 25 twice annually, a summary report in the aggregate regarding:
 - 26 (1) students who, based on graduation indicators, are not on track
 27 to graduate on time;
 - 28 (2) the intervention plans implemented for the students described
 29 in subdivision (1) in attempting to ensure the students graduate on
 30 time; and
 - 31 (3) whether the intervention plans described in subdivision (2)
 32 are, based on graduation indicators, successful in moving students
 33 to be on track to graduate on time and; if applicable, graduating
 34 on time for the purpose of evaluating the return on investment of
 35 intervention programs.
- 36 The information provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) may be
 37 disaggregated by grade level.
- 38 SECTION 23. IC 20-19-3-25, AS AMENDED BY THE
 39 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 40 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 25. (a) The department shall establish an online
 42 adjunct teacher portal on the department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** or



1 incorporate into the teacher referral system developed under IC 20-20-3
 2 **IC 20-20.5-2** a functionality to allow:

- 3 (1) a school corporation to post a vacant adjunct teacher position;
 4 and
 5 (2) an individual to:
 6 (A) post a resume;
 7 (B) post any other information requested by the school
 8 corporation through the portal or system; **and**
 9 (C) make inquiries to the school corporation through the portal
 10 or system. **and**
 11 ~~(D) view information relating to adjunct teachers employed by~~
 12 ~~a particular school corporation reported to the department in~~
 13 ~~accordance with IC 20-28-5-27(g).~~

14 (b) The department shall post the information received under
 15 IC 20-28-5-27(g) on the department's portal or teacher referral system
 16 described in subsection (a):

17 SECTION 24. IC 20-19-3-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 18 1, 2026]. Sec. 28. Not later than September 1 of each year, the
 19 department shall do the following:

- 20 (1) Compile and prepare a report regarding the information
 21 reported by school corporations and charter schools to the
 22 department under IC 20-26-5-42.1.
 23 (2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic
 24 format under IC 5-14-6.

25 SECTION 25. IC 20-19-3-29 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2026]. Sec. 29: (a) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department may
 27 establish or license for use an online platform that:

- 28 (1) provides information and training on each of the subjects and
 29 content described in IC 20-28-3-5.5 and IC 20-28-5.5-1.5;
 30 (2) is accessible by both teachers and students enrolled in a
 31 teacher preparation program; and
 32 (3) upon successful completion of the training, provides written
 33 confirmation to a teacher or student described in subdivision (2)
 34 that the teacher or student successfully completed the training.

35 (b) Not later than July 1, 2025, the department may include the
 36 following information and training on the online platform described in
 37 subsection (a):

- 38 (1) 29 CFR 1910.1030 concerning bloodborne pathogens;
 39 (2) 29 CFR 1910.147 concerning lock out/tag out;
 40 (3) 511 IAC 5-5-5 concerning assessment training.

41 (c) If a teacher successfully completes a training on the online
 42 platform, the training must count towards continuing education



1 required for licensure renewal, as prescribed by the department.

2 SECTION 26. IC 20-19-3-30.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]. Sec. 30.4. (a) The department, in collaboration with the state
4 police department, shall:

5 (1) identify a set of best practices; and

6 (2) develop a set of educational materials;
7 regarding recommendations for the safe possession and storage of a
8 firearm in a home with a child.

9 (b) The best practices and educational materials described in
10 subsection (a) must include information on:

11 (1) firearm access;

12 (2) firearm handling;

13 (3) firearm storage;

14 (4) ammunition access; and

15 (5) ammunition storage.

16 (c) After December 31, 2023, the department shall provide the best
17 practices and educational materials described in subsection (a) to
18 public schools, charter schools, and state accredited nonpublic schools
19 for annual distribution to parents of students.

20 (d) The department shall maintain a public website that contains the
21 best practices and educational materials described in subsection (a).
22 The department shall publicize the website and promote the best
23 practices and educational materials to all elementary and high schools
24 operating in the state.

25 SECTION 27. IC 20-19-3-35 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
26 1, 2026]. Sec. 35. (a) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall
27 do the following:

28 (1) Establish an online, self-paced professional development
29 module to support educators in doing the following with regard to
30 mathematics:

31 (A) Implementing the Indiana academic standards.

32 (B) Applying effective teaching strategies.

33 (C) Emphasizing contextual problem solving.

34 (D) Fostering collaborative learning environments.

35 (E) Using universal supports for students.

36 (2) Develop math descriptions correlated to proficiency level
37 descriptors to track proficiency at the student level that are:

38 (A) appropriately aligned to the Indiana academic standards;
39 and

40 (B) readily available to educators, parents, and students across
41 the state.

42 (3) Create and identify dedicated math resources for parents;



1 families, and educators to assist with intervention and enrichment
2 opportunities and instructional strategies:

3 (b) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall post the
4 resources created and identified under subsection (a)(3) on the
5 department's website:

6 (c) Not later than December 1, 2024, the department shall submit a
7 plan to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6
8 that includes:

9 (1) strategies for the early identification of students who are at
10 risk of not meeting grade level proficiency in mathematics; and

11 (2) recommendations for high quality intervention policies for
12 mathematics that focus on:

13 (A) providing data driven, systematic small group or
14 individualized instruction focused on building student
15 understanding through mathematical learning progressions;

16 (B) using materials aligned to daily core instruction; and

17 (C) using evidence based instructional strategies to promote:

18 (i) conceptual understanding;

19 (ii) procedural fluency; and

20 (iii) real world problem solving.

21 This subsection expires July 1, 2025:

22 SECTION 28. IC 20-19-3-37 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
23 1, 2026]. Sec. 37. (a) The department shall do the following:

24 (1) Study the basis for student suspensions and expulsions
25 categorized as "other" by school corporations:

26 (2) Prepare a report that includes the following:

27 (A) Information concerning the study under subdivision (1):

28 (B) Any recommendation regarding expanding the suspension
29 and expulsion category options:

30 (3) Not later than November 1, 2025, submit the report prepared
31 under subdivision (2) to the legislative council in an electronic
32 format under IC 5-14-6.

33 (b) This section expires July 1, 2026:

34 SECTION 29. IC 20-19-3-37.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
35 1, 2026]. Sec. 37.4. Not later than October 1, 2025, the secretary of
36 education shall compile and prepare a report concerning the feasibility
37 of offering the school bus driver safety education training course
38 described in IC 20-27-8-10 at several regional locations:

39 SECTION 30. IC 20-19-3-38 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
40 1, 2026]. Sec. 38. (a) As used in this section:

41 (1) "school health plan" refers to a school employee health plan
42 offered under IC 20-26-17; and



1 (2) "state health plan" refers to a state employee health plan
2 offered under IC 5-10-8-6.7.

3 (b) Before November 1, 2025, the department shall prepare and
4 submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format under
5 IC 5-14-6 that provides an analysis of the feasibility and cost of
6 increasing school corporation employee health plan options.

7 (c) The report described in subsection (b) must include the
8 following:

9 (1) An analysis of the feasibility and cost of allowing a school
10 corporation employee to elect to participate in a state health plan
11 if the state health plan is less expensive than the school health
12 plan offered by the employee's school corporation.

13 (2) An analysis of the feasibility and cost of allowing a school
14 corporation employee who elects, as described in subdivision (1),
15 to participate in a less expensive state health plan to apply the
16 difference between the amount of the school health plan offered
17 by the employee's school corporation and the amount of the state
18 health plan to:

19 (A) the employee's defined contribution account, if the
20 employee maintains a defined contribution account; or

21 (B) the employee's annual salary.

22 (d) This section expires July 1, 2026.

23 SECTION 31. IC 20-19-3-40 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
24 1, 2026]. Sec. 40: (a) Not later than December 1, 2025, the department
25 shall submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format
26 under IC 5-14-6 on the academic readiness of students who enroll in a
27 virtual school or program. To the extent possible, the report must
28 include course completion data and student performance data on the
29 statewide assessment.

30 (b) This section expires June 30, 2026.

31 SECTION 32. IC 20-19-11-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
32 1, 2026]. Sec. 4: This chapter expires January 1, 2027.

33 SECTION 33. IC 20-20 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
34 2026]. (Programs Administered by the State).

35 SECTION 34. IC 20-20.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
36 AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
37 1, 2026]:

38 **ARTICLE 20.5. PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE**
39 **STATE**

40 **Chapter 1. Educational Service Centers**

41 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicable nonpublic school"**
42 **refers to a nonpublic school that has one (1) or more employees.**



1 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the board of an
2 educational service center described in section 8 of this chapter.

3 **Sec. 3. (a)** As used in this chapter, "educational service center"
4 means an extended agency of school corporations, charter schools,
5 and applicable nonpublic schools that:

6 (1) operates under rules established by the state board;

7 (2) is the administrative and operational unit that serves a
8 definitive geographical boundary, which, to the extent
9 possible, must be aligned with the boundary of a regional
10 works council's region established under IC 20-19-6 (before
11 its expiration); and

12 (3) allows school corporations, charter schools, and applicable
13 nonpublic schools to voluntarily cooperate and share
14 programs and services that the school corporations, charter
15 schools, and applicable nonpublic schools cannot individually
16 provide but collectively may implement.

17 **(b)** Programs and services collectively implemented through an
18 educational service center may include, but are not limited to, the
19 following:

20 (1) Curriculum development.

21 (2) Pupil personnel and special education services.

22 (3) In-service education.

23 (4) State-federal liaison services.

24 (5) Instructional materials and multimedia services.

25 (6) Career and technical education.

26 (7) Purchasing and financial management.

27 (8) Needs assessment.

28 (9) Computer use.

29 (10) Research and development.

30 **Sec. 4.** The state board may provide for the establishment of and
31 procedures for the operation of educational service centers.

32 **Sec. 5. (a)** The state board shall do the following:

33 (1) Adopt a comprehensive plan to implement this chapter.

34 (2) Determine the areas in Indiana that will be served by an
35 educational service center.

36 **(b)** In determining the geographic area to be served by an
37 educational service center, the state board shall consider the
38 following:

39 (1) Physical factors.

40 (2) Socio-economic factors.

41 (3) Educational factors.

42 (4) Existing cooperative efforts and agreements.



1 **Sec. 6. An educational service center must be established under**
 2 **rules adopted by the state board to develop, provide, and make**
 3 **available to participating schools, including participating charter**
 4 **schools and applicable nonpublic schools, those services requested**
 5 **by the participating school corporations, participating charter**
 6 **schools, and applicable nonpublic schools and approved by the**
 7 **state board.**

8 **Sec. 7. Educational service centers shall be located throughout**
 9 **Indiana to allow each school corporation, charter school, and**
 10 **applicable nonpublic school to have an opportunity to:**

11 (1) be served by; and

12 (2) participate in;

13 **an approved center on a voluntary basis by resolution of the**
 14 **governing body of the school corporation, by the approval of an**
 15 **organizer of a charter school, or by the approval of the governing**
 16 **board or entity of an applicable nonpublic school.**

17 **Sec. 8. An educational service center shall be governed in its**
 18 **local administration by a board selected by an assembly comprised**
 19 **of the:**

20 (1) superintendent or the superintendent's designee from each
 21 participating school corporation;

22 (2) organizer of a charter school or the organizer's designee
 23 from each participating charter school; and

24 (3) chief administrative officer of an applicable nonpublic
 25 school or the chief administrative officer's designee.

26 **Sec. 9. (a) The state board shall adopt uniform rules to provide**
 27 **for the local selection, appointment, and continuity of membership**
 28 **for boards.**

29 (b) Vacancies on a board shall be filled by appointment by the
 30 remaining members of the board.

31 (c) Members of a board serve without compensation.

32 **Sec. 10. A board may employ the following:**

33 (1) An executive director for the educational service center.

34 (2) Other personnel the board considers necessary to:

35 (A) carry out the functions of the educational service
 36 center; and

37 (B) do and perform all things the board considers proper
 38 for successful operation of the center.

39 **Sec. 11. (a) Any funds, including donated funds and funds from**
 40 **federal or other local sources, shall be used to pay for the costs of**
 41 **establishing or operating an educational service center.**

42 (b) An educational service center may administer programs and



1 funds from any of the sources described in subsection (a). All
 2 activities funded from federal sources must follow all applicable
 3 federal guidelines, rules, and regulations.

4 Sec. 12. This chapter does not prohibit an educational service
 5 center from receiving and using matching funds from federal
 6 sources in any amount for which the educational service center
 7 may be eligible.

8 **Chapter 2. Teacher Referral System**

9 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "referral system" refers to the
 10 teacher employment opportunities referral system established by
 11 section 2 of this chapter.

12 Sec. 2. The department shall establish and keep current a
 13 computerized teacher employment opportunities referral system.

14 Sec. 3. The referral system must:

- 15 (1) be capable of identifying the available public school
- 16 teaching positions within Indiana;
- 17 (2) provide the pertinent information on individuals who are
- 18 seeking employment as teachers; and
- 19 (3) be accessible to school corporations, teachers, prospective
- 20 teachers, and state educational institutions.

21 **Chapter 3. Teacher of the Year**

22 Sec. 1. A teacher of the year may be invited to serve one (1) year
 23 of professional leave with:

- 24 (1) an Indiana postsecondary educational institution; or
- 25 (2) the department.

26 Sec. 2. (a) The school where a teacher of the year is regularly
 27 employed shall do the following:

- 28 (1) Grant the teacher a one (1) year professional leave to
- 29 provide service as described in section 1 of this chapter.
- 30 (2) Allow the teacher to return to the school from the
- 31 professional leave:
 - 32 (A) to the same or a comparable position as the teacher
 - 33 held before the professional leave; and
 - 34 (B) without loss of accrued benefits or seniority.
- 35 (3) Continue to provide the teacher all benefits of employment
- 36 with the school other than salary.

37 (b) The department shall reimburse a school for the cost of
 38 benefits provided by the school to a teacher under subsection
 39 (a)(3).

40 Sec. 3. If a teacher of the year provides service for the
 41 department or an Indiana postsecondary educational institution
 42 under this chapter, the department or the Indiana postsecondary



1 educational institution shall pay the teacher's salary for the term
 2 of the service and shall reimburse the teacher's regular employer
 3 for the teacher's benefits during the term of service.

4 **Chapter 4. Curricular Materials**

5 **Sec. 1. (a) Not later than July 1, 2027, and each July 1**
 6 **thereafter, the department shall evaluate, approve, and publish a**
 7 **list of high quality curricular materials for use in the following**
 8 **subjects:**

- 9 (1) Science.
 10 (2) Technology.
 11 (3) Engineering.
 12 (4) Math.
 13 (5) English/language arts.

14 **The department shall post the list approved under this subsection**
 15 **on the department's website.**

16 **(b) Subject to subsection (g), the department shall:**

- 17 (1) determine the:
 18 (A) process for evaluating and approving curricular
 19 materials under subsection (a); and
 20 (B) requirements for curricular materials to be approved
 21 and included on the list described in subsection (a); and
 22 (2) collaborate with teachers in evaluating and approving high
 23 quality curricular materials in English/language arts under
 24 subsection (a).

25 **(c) The department shall publish an annual report that**
 26 **describes the method used to conduct the evaluation required**
 27 **under subsection (a) and that contains the results of the evaluation.**

28 **The report must do the following:**

- 29 (1) Provide a list of each curricular material evaluated and a
 30 summary of the evaluation for each curricular material.
 31 (2) Provide a listing and summary review for the high quality
 32 curricular materials approved by the department.
 33 (3) Include any clarification or response from the publisher of
 34 a curricular material related to the department's summary
 35 review provided under subdivision (2).
 36 (4) Include the written, exact, and standard statewide price
 37 provided by the publisher of the curricular material under
 38 subsection (e) for each high quality curricular material
 39 approved by the department under this section.

40 **(d) A governing body and superintendent may use the list**
 41 **approved under subsection (a) in complying with IC 20-26-12-24.**

42 **(e) Before the department may approve curricular material for**



1 inclusion on the list under subsection (a), the publisher of the
2 curricular material must:

- 3 (1) provide the department a written, exact, and standard
4 statewide price for each curricular material; and
5 (2) enter into a data share agreement with the department in
6 the manner prescribed by the department.

7 (f) A publisher may request that an update to the publisher's
8 curricular materials and corresponding prices replace the
9 information on the curricular materials set forth in the report
10 under subsection (c).

11 (g) At a minimum, the process for evaluating curricular
12 materials and the requirements for curricular materials to be
13 approved and included on the list described in subsection (a) must
14 include the following:

- 15 (1) The availability and use of benchmark, formative, interim,
16 or similar assessments to identify students that require
17 remediation and provide individualized instruction.
18 (2) The incorporation of experiential learning opportunities.
19 (3) An evaluation of the benchmark, formative, interim, or
20 similar assessment data provided by the publisher of the
21 curricular material pursuant to the data share agreement
22 described in subsection (e).
23 (4) The alignment of the curricular material to Indiana's
24 academic standards developed by the department under
25 IC 20-31-3-2.
26 (5) The age appropriateness of the content.

27 **Sec. 2. (a)** The secretary of education shall notify the governing
28 bodies of each school corporation, charter school, and state
29 accredited nonpublic school immediately of:

- 30 (1) the initial publication and annual update on the
31 department's website of the report described in section 1(c) of
32 this chapter, including the website address where the report
33 is published; and
34 (2) updates of the following types of information in the report
35 described in section 1(c) of this chapter:
36 (A) The addition of materials.
37 (B) The removal of materials.
38 (C) Changes in the per unit price of curricular materials
39 that exceed five percent (5%).

40 (b) A notification under this section must state that:

- 41 (1) the reviews of curricular materials included in the report
42 described in section 1(c) of this chapter are departmental



1 reviews only; and

2 (2) each governing body has authority to adopt curricular
3 materials for a school corporation.

4 **Chapter 5. High School Diploma Program for Eligible Veterans**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department of veterans' affairs"**
6 **refers to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by**
7 **IC 10-17-1-2.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "diploma" refers to a high school**
9 **diploma.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible veteran" refers to an**
11 **individual who has the following qualifications:**

12 (1) Served as a member of the armed forces of the United
13 States at any time during at least one (1) of the following
14 periods:

15 (A) Beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11,
16 1918 (World War I).

17 (B) Beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31,
18 1946 (World War II).

19 (C) Beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955
20 (Korean Conflict).

21 (D) Beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975
22 (Vietnam Conflict).

23 (2) Before the military service described in subdivision (1):

24 (A) attended a public or nonpublic high school in Indiana;
25 and

26 (B) was a student in good standing at the high school
27 described in clause (A), to the satisfaction of the
28 department of veterans' affairs.

29 (3) Did not graduate or receive a diploma because of leaving
30 the high school described in subdivision (2) for the military
31 service described in subdivision (1).

32 (4) Was discharged from the armed forces of the United
33 States under conditions other than conditions set forth in
34 IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).

35 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the high**
36 **school diploma program for eligible veterans established by section**
37 **6 of this chapter.**

38 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "school corporation" includes a**
39 **successor school corporation serving the area where a high school**
40 **that no longer exists was once located.**

41 **Sec. 6. The high school diploma program for eligible veterans is**
42 **established to provide for the issuance of high school diplomas to**



- 1 certain veterans.
- 2 **Sec. 7. (a) The department and the department of veterans'**
 3 **affairs shall jointly design a form for the application for issuance**
 4 **of a diploma under the program.**
- 5 **(b) The application form must require at least the following**
 6 **information about an eligible veteran:**
- 7 **(1) Personal identification information.**
- 8 **(2) Military service information, including a copy of the**
 9 **eligible veteran's discharge from military service under**
 10 **conditions other than conditions set forth in**
 11 **IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).**
- 12 **(3) High school information, including the following:**
- 13 **(A) Name and address, including county, of the last high**
 14 **school attended.**
- 15 **(B) Whether the high school was a public or nonpublic**
 16 **school.**
- 17 **(C) Years attended.**
- 18 **(D) Year of leaving high school to begin military service.**
- 19 **(E) Year in which the veteran would have graduated if the**
 20 **veteran had not left high school to begin military service.**
- 21 **(4) If the high school attended was a public school, whether**
 22 **the veteran prefers receiving a diploma issued by:**
- 23 **(A) the state board; or**
- 24 **(B) the governing body of the school corporation governing**
 25 **the high school.**
- 26 **Sec. 8. The department of veterans' affairs shall do the following**
 27 **for individuals that the department of veterans' affairs has reason**
 28 **to believe may be eligible to apply for a diploma under the**
 29 **program:**
- 30 **(1) Give notice of the program.**
- 31 **(2) Describe the application procedure.**
- 32 **(3) Furnish an application form.**
- 33 **Sec. 9. The following individuals may apply for the issuance of**
 34 **a diploma to an eligible veteran under the program:**
- 35 **(1) An eligible veteran, including an eligible veteran who has**
 36 **received a general educational development (GED) diploma**
 37 **issued under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or IC 22-4.1-18, or**
 38 **a similar diploma.**
- 39 **(2) An individual who is:**
- 40 **(A) the surviving spouse of; or**
- 41 **(B) otherwise related to;**
- 42 **an eligible veteran who is deceased.**



1 **Sec. 10. An applicant for a diploma under the program must**
 2 **submit a completed application form to the department of**
 3 **veterans' affairs.**

4 **Sec. 11. Upon receipt of an application, the department of**
 5 **veterans' affairs shall do the following:**

6 **(1) Verify the accuracy of the information in the application,**
 7 **in consultation with the department, if necessary.**

8 **(2) Forward the verified application to the department.**

9 **Sec. 12. Upon receipt of a verified application, the department**
 10 **shall do the following:**

11 **(1) If the applicant:**

12 **(A) expresses a preference in the application to receive a**
 13 **diploma issued by the state board; or**

14 **(B) attended a nonpublic high school before leaving high**
 15 **school for military service;**

16 **the department shall present a diploma issued by the state**
 17 **board.**

18 **(2) If the applicant expresses a preference for receiving a**
 19 **diploma from the governing body of the school corporation**
 20 **containing the public high school that the eligible veteran left**
 21 **for military service, the department shall direct the governing**
 22 **body of the affected school corporation to issue and present**
 23 **the diploma.**

24 **Sec. 13. (a) The department and governing bodies are**
 25 **encouraged but are not required to hold a ceremony to present a**
 26 **diploma that is issued under the program.**

27 **(b) Upon request of a governing body, the department, in**
 28 **cooperation with the department of veterans' affairs, shall assist**
 29 **the governing body to develop a variety of formats for appropriate**
 30 **ceremonies at which to award diplomas under the program.**

31 **Sec. 14. (a) The state board shall design a unique**
 32 **commemorative diploma for the board to issue to eligible veterans**
 33 **who:**

34 **(1) attended a public high school and express in the**
 35 **application a preference for receiving a diploma that the state**
 36 **board issues; or**

37 **(2) attended a nonpublic high school.**

38 **(b) The state board shall design a unique commemorative**
 39 **diploma that a governing body may choose to issue under the**
 40 **program.**

41 **Sec. 15. (a) A governing body may design a unique**
 42 **commemorative diploma for the governing body to issue under the**



- 1 **program.**
- 2 **(b) A governing body that issues a diploma under the program**
- 3 **shall issue one (1) of the following types of diplomas:**
- 4 **(1) The diploma described in subsection (a).**
- 5 **(2) The diploma designed by the state board under section**
- 6 **14(b) of this chapter.**
- 7 **(3) The same diploma that the governing body issues to**
- 8 **current graduates.**
- 9 **Sec. 16. The department and the department of veterans' affairs**
- 10 **shall work cooperatively to jointly administer this chapter.**
- 11 **Sec. 17. A fee may not be charged to process an application or**
- 12 **to award a diploma under this chapter.**
- 13 **Sec. 18. The department and the department of veterans' affairs**
- 14 **may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**
- 15 **Chapter 6. Educational Technology Program and Grants**
- 16 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Senator**
- 17 **David C. Ford educational technology fund established under**
- 18 **section 3 of this chapter.**
- 19 **Sec. 2. As used in sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, "school**
- 20 **corporation" includes, except as otherwise provided in this**
- 21 **chapter, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**
- 22 **established by IC 20-21-2-1, the Indiana School for the Deaf**
- 23 **established by IC 20-22-2-1, and a charter school established under**
- 24 **IC 20-24.**
- 25 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "technology equipment" means**
- 26 **computer hardware, computer software, related teacher training**
- 27 **services, related instructional manuals and materials, and**
- 28 **equipment servicing.**
- 29 **Sec. 4. (a) The Senator David C. Ford educational technology**
- 30 **fund is established to extend educational technologies to**
- 31 **elementary and secondary schools. The fund may be used for:**
- 32 **(1) a school technology program developed by the**
- 33 **department. The program may include grants to school**
- 34 **corporations for the purchase of:**
- 35 **(A) equipment, hardware, and software;**
- 36 **(B) learning and teaching systems; and**
- 37 **(C) other materials;**
- 38 **that promote student learning, as determined by the**
- 39 **department;**
- 40 **(2) conducting educational technology training for teachers;**
- 41 **(3) other innovative educational technology programs; and**
- 42 **(4) providing professional learning opportunities for**



- 1 educators regarding digital learning.
- 2 **(b) The department may also use money in the fund under**
- 3 **contracts entered into with the office of technology established by**
- 4 **IC 4-13.1-2-1 to study the feasibility of establishing an information**
- 5 **telecommunications gateway that provides access to information**
- 6 **on employment opportunities, career development, and**
- 7 **instructional services from data bases operated by the state among**
- 8 **the following:**
- 9 **(1) Elementary and secondary schools.**
- 10 **(2) Postsecondary educational institutions.**
- 11 **(3) Career and technical educational centers and institutions**
- 12 **that are not postsecondary educational institutions.**
- 13 **(4) Libraries.**
- 14 **(5) Any other agencies offering education and training**
- 15 **programs.**
- 16 **(c) The fund consists of:**
- 17 **(1) state appropriations;**
- 18 **(2) private donations to the fund; or**
- 19 **(3) any combination of the amounts described in subdivisions**
- 20 **(1) and (2).**
- 21 **(d) The fund shall be administered by the department.**
- 22 **(e) Unexpended money appropriated to or otherwise available**
- 23 **in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the**
- 24 **state general fund but remains available to the department for use**
- 25 **under this chapter.**
- 26 **Sec. 5. Upon the approval of the governor and the budget**
- 27 **agency, the department may use funds available under this chapter**
- 28 **to provide or extend education technology to any school**
- 29 **corporation for purposes described in this chapter.**
- 30 **Sec. 6. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to**
- 31 **implement this chapter, including guidelines that require the**
- 32 **school corporation to use the laboratories to the fullest extent**
- 33 **possible.**
- 34 **Sec. 7. To be eligible to receive money this chapter, a school**
- 35 **corporation must apply to the department on forms provided by**
- 36 **the department.**
- 37 **Sec. 8. A school corporation that receives a grant under this**
- 38 **chapter must deposit the grant in the school corporation's**
- 39 **education fund.**
- 40 **Chapter 7. School Intervention and Career Counseling**
- 41 **Development Program and Fund**
- 42 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the school**



1 intervention and career counseling development fund established
2 by section 4 of this chapter.

3 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "grant" refers to a grant from
4 the fund.

5 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school intervention and career
6 counseling development program" refers to a program carried out
7 under this chapter:

- 8 (1) for kindergarten through grade 6; and
- 9 (2) by a licensed school counselor.

10 Sec. 4. (a) As a result of a comprehensive study conducted by the
11 department on the role of school counselors, including the
12 expanding role of school counselors in career development under
13 workforce development programs that affect public schools, the
14 school intervention and career counseling development fund is
15 established. The money in the fund shall be used to develop
16 counseling models in a limited number of school corporations as
17 determined by the department under this chapter.

18 (b) If a school corporation is awarded a grant under this
19 chapter, the school corporation must:

- 20 (1) agree to evaluate the impact and results of the school
21 corporation's program; and
- 22 (2) submit the school corporation's findings to the
23 department.

24 (c) The department shall administer the fund.

25 (d) The fund consists of:

- 26 (1) gifts to the fund;
- 27 (2) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 28 (3) grants, including grants from private entities; and
- 29 (4) a combination of the resources described in subdivisions
30 (1), (2), and (3).

31 Sec. 5. Subject to section 6 of this chapter, for a school
32 corporation to be eligible to receive a grant under this chapter, the
33 following must occur:

34 (1) The superintendent of the school corporation must apply
35 to the department for a grant on forms provided by the
36 department.

37 (2) The application for a grant must include the following
38 information:

39 (A) A detailed description of a proposal for initiating or
40 expanding a school intervention or career counseling
41 program.

42 (B) Evidence supporting the school corporation's need to



- 1 **implement the school intervention or career counseling**
 2 **program.**
 3 **(C) The number of elementary school counselors employed**
 4 **by the school corporation.**
 5 **(D) The elementary school counselor/student ratio for the**
 6 **school corporation.**
 7 **(E) Any other pertinent information required by the**
 8 **department, including evidence guaranteeing that if the**
 9 **school corporation receives a grant under this chapter, the**
 10 **school corporation has developed a plan to evaluate the**
 11 **impact and results of the school corporation's program.**
- 12 **Sec. 6. The department may award grants to school**
 13 **corporations:**
- 14 **(1) upon review of the applications received under section 5 of**
 15 **this chapter;**
 16 **(2) subject to available money; and**
 17 **(3) in accordance with the following priorities:**
- 18 **(A) To the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance**
 19 **throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and**
 20 **rural school corporations.**
 21 **(B) To address a documented need for new or expanded**
 22 **school intervention or career counseling programs,**
 23 **including considering the percentage of students within the**
 24 **school corporation who are designated as at risk students.**
 25 **(C) To promote innovative methods for initiating or**
 26 **expanding school intervention or career counseling**
 27 **programs.**
 28 **(D) To reward school corporations that propose school**
 29 **intervention or career counseling programs that**
 30 **demonstrate the greatest potential for replication and**
 31 **implementation in Indiana.**
 32 **(E) To lower school counselor/student ratios where the**
 33 **ratios are excessively high.**
- 34 **Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the department shall**
 35 **determine the amount of each grant that is awarded under this**
 36 **chapter.**
 37 **(b) A grant to a particular school corporation may not exceed:**
 38 **(1) fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each full-time**
 39 **counselor for each academic year, or seven thousand five**
 40 **hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each full-time counselor for each**
 41 **semester; and**
 42 **(2) the following total grant awards as each relates to the**



1 ADM of the school corporation at the time the school
2 corporation applies for the grant:

3 (A) For a school corporation with an ADM of not more
4 than five thousand (5,000), seventy-five thousand dollars
5 (\$75,000).

6 (B) For a school corporation with an ADM of at least five
7 thousand one (5,001) and not more than nine thousand
8 nine hundred ninety-nine (9,999), one hundred twenty
9 thousand dollars (\$120,000).

10 (C) For a school corporation with an ADM of at least ten
11 thousand (10,000), one hundred eighty thousand dollars
12 (\$180,000).

13 Sec. 8. A grant received by a school corporation may be
14 expended by the school corporation for a twenty-four (24) month
15 period.

16 Sec. 9. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to
17 implement this chapter.

18 Chapter 8. Early Childhood Programs

19 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "early childhood program"
20 refers to a voluntary parental education program for parents of
21 children from birth to less than three (3) years of age that provides
22 these parents with information and activities to help the parents
23 better prepare children for school.

24 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "latch key program" means a
25 voluntary school age child care program for children who attend
26 kindergarten through grade 6 and that at a minimum, operates
27 after the school day and may include periods before school is in
28 session or during periods when school is not in session.

29 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "preschool program" refers to
30 a voluntary school readiness program for children who are at least
31 three (3) years of age and not enrolled in at least kindergarten.

32 Sec. 4. A school corporation may enter into an agreement with
33 a nonprofit corporation to provide early childhood education
34 programs, preschool programs, or latch key programs. However,
35 if a school corporation enters into a contract for a preschool
36 program, the nonprofit corporation must operate a federally
37 approved preschool program.

38 Sec. 5. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to
39 implement this chapter.

40 Chapter 9. Alternative Education Program Grants

41 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "alternative education program"
42 means an alternative education program (as defined in



- 1 IC 20-30-8-1).
- 2 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "full-time equivalent students"
- 3 means the number of students determined under IC 20-30-8-16.
- 4 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "qualifying school corporation"
- 5 means a school corporation, including a charter school, that has
- 6 been approved under IC 20-30-8-8 to receive a grant under this
- 7 chapter.
- 8 Sec. 4. A qualifying school corporation is eligible to receive a
- 9 grant from the state for each full-time equivalent student who is
- 10 enrolled in an alternative education program conducted for the
- 11 school corporation.
- 12 Sec. 5. The maximum amount that may be granted to a
- 13 qualifying school corporation in a school year is seven hundred
- 14 fifty dollars (\$750) per full-time equivalent student.
- 15 Sec. 6. To receive a grant under this chapter, a school
- 16 corporation must expend on alternative education programs in the
- 17 school year a matching amount of at least one-third (1/3) of the
- 18 amount of the state grant per full-time equivalent student, as
- 19 determined under the rules adopted by the state board.
- 20 Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the department
- 21 shall distribute a grant under this chapter to a qualifying school
- 22 corporation not later than September 1. The grant must be for the
- 23 number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in and attending
- 24 an alternative education program from July 1 through June 30 of
- 25 the immediately preceding school year and reported to the
- 26 department under IC 20-30-8-15.
- 27 (b) The department may authorize additional distributions for
- 28 approved programs if the total amount of the distributions to a
- 29 school corporation during a school year under this subsection does
- 30 not exceed a maximum amount of seven hundred fifty dollars
- 31 (\$750) per full-time equivalent student reported under
- 32 IC 20-30-8-15.
- 33 **Chapter 10. Career and Technical Education**
- 34 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "career and technical education"
- 35 means any secondary level vocational, agricultural, occupational,
- 36 manpower, employment, or technical training or retraining that:
- 37 (1) enhances an individual's career potential and further
- 38 education; and
- 39 (2) is accessible to individuals who desire to explore and learn
- 40 for economic and personal growth leading to employment
- 41 opportunities.
- 42 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the



1 commission for higher education established by IC 21-18-2-1.

2 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "employment training" means all**
 3 **programs administered by the following:**

- 4 (1) The commission.
 5 (2) The Indiana jobs training program.
 6 (3) The department.

7 **Sec. 4. (a) The state board shall develop and implement a long**
 8 **range state plan for a comprehensive secondary level career and**
 9 **technical education program in Indiana.**

10 (b) The plan developed under this section must be updated as
 11 changes occur. The state board shall make the plan and any
 12 revisions made to the plan available to:

- 13 (1) the governor;
 14 (2) the general assembly;
 15 (3) the department of workforce development;
 16 (4) the commission for higher education;
 17 (5) the board for proprietary education; and
 18 (6) any other appropriate state or federal agency.

19 A plan or revised plan submitted under this section to the general
 20 assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

21 (c) The plan developed under this section must set forth specific
 22 goals for secondary level public career and technical education and
 23 must include the following:

- 24 (1) The preparation of each graduate for both employment
 25 and further education.
 26 (2) Accessibility of career and technical education to
 27 individuals of all ages who desire to explore and learn for
 28 economic and personal growth.
 29 (3) Projected employment opportunities in various career and
 30 technical education fields.
 31 (4) A study of the supply of and the demand for a labor force
 32 skilled in particular career and technical education areas.
 33 (5) A study of technological and economic change affecting
 34 Indiana.
 35 (6) An analysis of the private career and education sector in
 36 Indiana.
 37 (7) Recommendations for improvement in the state career and
 38 technical education program.
 39 (8) The educational levels expected of career and technical
 40 education programs proposed to meet the projected
 41 employment needs.

42 (d) When making any revisions to the plan, the state board shall



1 consider the workforce needs and training and education needs
 2 identified in the occupational demand report prepared by the
 3 department of workforce development under IC 22-4.1-4-10
 4 (before its expiration).

5 (e) The state board shall use data from the department of
 6 workforce development to develop and implement a plan or make
 7 revisions to a plan under this section.

8 **Sec. 5. (a) The state board shall do the following:**

9 (1) Prepare biennially a plan for implementing career and
 10 technical education.

11 (2) Implement, to the best of its ability, the career and
 12 technical education plan prepared under subdivision (1).

13 (3) Investigate the funding of career and technical education
 14 on a cost basis.

15 (4) Establish and monitor the operation of secondary level
 16 career and technical education in Indiana in accordance with
 17 the comprehensive long range state plan developed under
 18 section 4 of this chapter.

19 (5) In consultation with the Indiana professional licensing
 20 agency, adopt rules concerning secondary level career and
 21 technical education programs, courses, and classes in the
 22 areas of cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, barbering, and
 23 manicuring.

24 (6) To comply with this section and any federal law or
 25 regulation:

26 (A) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2; and

27 (B) develop policies and administrative procedures.

28 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
 29 workforce development to carry out the state board's duties under
 30 this section.

31 **Sec. 6. (a) The state board shall do the following:**

32 (1) Make recommendations to the general assembly
 33 concerning the development, duplication, and accessibility of
 34 employment training and career and technical education on
 35 a regional and statewide basis.

36 (2) Consult with any state agency, commission, or
 37 organization that supervises or administers programs of
 38 career and technical education concerning the coordination of
 39 career and technical education, including the following:

40 (A) The Indiana economic development corporation.

41 (B) A private industry council (as defined in 29 U.S.C. 1501
 42 et seq.).



- 1 (C) The department of labor.
 2 (D) The commission for higher education.
 3 (E) The department of workforce development.
 4 (F) The board for proprietary education.
 5 (G) The department of veterans' affairs.
 6 (3) Review and make recommendations concerning plans
 7 submitted by the commission for higher education. The state
 8 board may request the resubmission of plans or parts of plans
 9 that:
 10 (A) are not consistent with the long range state plan of the
 11 state board;
 12 (B) are incompatible with other plans within the system; or
 13 (C) duplicate existing services.
 14 (4) Report to the general assembly on the state board's
 15 conclusions and recommendations concerning interagency
 16 cooperation, coordination, and articulation of career and
 17 technical education and employment training. A report under
 18 this subdivision must be in an electronic format under
 19 IC 5-14-6.
 20 (5) Study and develop a plan concerning the transition
 21 between secondary level career and technical education and
 22 postsecondary level career and technical education.
 23 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
 24 workforce development in carrying out the state board's duties
 25 under this section.
 26 Sec. 7. (a) The state board may do the following:
 27 (1) Make recommendations, including recommendations for
 28 policies to encourage involvement of minority groups in the
 29 career and technical education system in Indiana, to:
 30 (A) the governor;
 31 (B) the general assembly, in an electronic format under
 32 IC 5-14-6; and
 33 (C) the various agencies, commissions, or organizations
 34 that administer career and technical education programs
 35 concerning all facets of career and technical education
 36 programming.
 37 (2) Establish a regional planning and coordination system for
 38 career and technical education and employment training that
 39 will, either in whole or in part, serve career and technical
 40 education and employment training in Indiana.
 41 (3) Appoint advisory committees whenever necessary.
 42 (4) Contract for services necessary to carry out this chapter.



1 (5) Provide information and advice on career and technical
2 education to a business, an industry, or a labor organization
3 operating a job training program in the private sector.

4 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
5 workforce development in making recommendations, establishing
6 a regional planning and coordination system, or providing
7 information and advice under subsection (a).

8 Sec. 8. (a) The state board shall adopt statewide systems or
9 policies concerning the following as the systems or policies relate
10 to the implementation of career and technical education programs:

11 (1) Student records.

12 (2) Data processing at the secondary level.

13 (3) An evaluation system that must be conducted by the state
14 board at least annually and that evaluates the following as
15 each relates to the career and technical education programs
16 and courses offered at the secondary level:

17 (A) Graduation rates.

18 (B) Student placement rates.

19 (C) Retention rates.

20 (D) Enrollment.

21 (E) Student transfer rates to postsecondary educational
22 institutions.

23 (F) When applicable, student performance on state
24 licensing examinations or other external certification
25 examinations.

26 (G) Cost data study.

27 (4) A system of financial audits to be conducted at least
28 biennially at the secondary level.

29 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
30 workforce development in adopting statewide systems or policies
31 under subsection (a).

32 Sec. 9. (a) The state board shall establish career and technical
33 education evaluation criteria.

34 (b) Using the criteria established under subsection (a), the state
35 board shall evaluate the effectiveness of career and technical
36 education relative to the goals of the long range plan developed
37 under section 4 of this chapter.

38 (c) The state board shall use data from the department of
39 workforce development in establishing career and technical
40 education evaluation criteria under subsection (a).

41 Sec. 10. (a) The state board shall develop a definition for and
42 report biennially to:



1 (1) the general assembly; and
2 (2) the governor;
3 on attrition and persistence rates by students enrolled in secondary
4 career and technical education. A biennial report under this section
5 to the general assembly must be in an electronic format under
6 IC 5-14-6.

7 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
8 workforce development in developing a definition and a report
9 under subsection (a).

10 Sec. 11. Upon request of the budget director, the state board
11 shall prepare a legislative budget request for state funds for
12 secondary and postsecondary career and technical education. The
13 budget director shall determine the period to be covered by the
14 budget request. This budget request must be made available to the
15 commission for higher education before the request's review by the
16 budget committee.

17 Sec. 12. (a) The state board shall review the legislative budget
18 requests for secondary and postsecondary career and technical
19 education prepared by the state educational institutions.

20 (b) After the review under subsection (a) and a review of any
21 recommendations from the commission for higher education, the
22 state board shall make recommendations to the budget committee
23 concerning the appropriation of state funds for secondary and
24 postsecondary career and technical education. The state board's
25 recommendations concerning appropriations and allocations for
26 secondary and postsecondary career and technical education by
27 secondary schools and state educational institutions must specify:

28 (1) the categories of expenditures and the distribution plan or
29 formula for secondary schools; and

30 (2) the categories of expenditures for each state educational
31 institution.

32 (c) After reviewing the state board's recommendations, and
33 each agency's budget request, the budget committee shall make
34 recommendations to the general assembly for funding to
35 implement secondary and postsecondary career and technical
36 education. The general assembly shall biennially appropriate state
37 funds for secondary and postsecondary career and technical
38 education and allocate federal funds available under 20 U.S.C.
39 2301 et seq. for secondary and postsecondary career and technical
40 education. At least sixty percent (60%) of the federal funds
41 available under 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq. must be allocated to
42 secondary level career and technical education to implement the



1 long range state plan developed under section 4 of this chapter.

2 (d) The budget agency, with the advice of the state board, and
3 the budget committee, may augment or proportionately reduce an
4 allocation of federal funds made under subsection (c).

5 (e) The state board shall use data from the department of
6 workforce development in making a recommendation under this
7 section.

8 Sec. 13. The state board shall distribute state funds made
9 available for secondary and postsecondary career and technical
10 education that have been appropriated by the general assembly
11 and in accordance with the plan prepared by:

12 (1) the state board under section 5 of this chapter; and

13 (2) the commission for higher education.

14 Sec. 14. (a) The state board may employ any staff necessary to
15 perform the duties imposed by this chapter and fix the
16 compensation and terms of that employment, subject to approval
17 by the budget agency.

18 (b) The state board may authorize the department, whenever
19 practical or necessary, to assist the state board in carrying out the
20 duties prescribed by this chapter.

21 Sec. 15. (a) An emancipated student or the parent of a student
22 enrolled in a career or technical education course may voluntarily
23 release information, on a form prescribed by the department,
24 pertaining to the student's enrollment in the career and technical
25 education course to potential employers that contact the school to
26 recruit students with particular career and technical skills. A
27 school must provide a copy of the form described in this subsection
28 to the emancipated student or the parent of the student when the
29 student enrolls in the career and technical education course.

30 (b) If an emancipated student or the parent of a student
31 described in subsection (a) voluntarily releases information under
32 subsection (a), the school shall also provide the department of
33 workforce development a copy of the student's voluntarily released
34 enrollment information. The department of workforce
35 development may provide the student's voluntarily released
36 enrollment information to potential employers that contact the
37 department of workforce development to recruit students with
38 particular career and technical skills.

39 (c) The form prescribed in subsection (a) must comply with the
40 federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g
41 et seq.).

42 Sec. 16. The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 as



1 necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this chapter.

2 **Chapter 11. Insurance Coverage for Work Based Learning**

3 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "work based learning course"
4 has the meaning set forth in IC 20-43-8-0.7.

5 **Sec. 2. (a)** The department shall maintain a:

6 (1) contract with a company to provide; or

7 (2) memorandum of understanding:

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

10 (B) that provides that the entity agrees to facilitate the
11 procurement of;

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

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

17 **Sec. 3. (a)** Subject to subsection (b), an employer that employs
18 a student in a work based learning course may purchase employer
19 liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage described
20 in section 2 of this chapter for the student.

21 (b) An employer is responsible for any costs associated with the
22 purchase of employer liability and worker's compensation
23 insurance coverage under this chapter.

24 **Sec. 4.** If the department is unable to maintain a contract or
25 memorandum of understanding under section 2(a) of this chapter,
26 the department is not required to maintain a contract with a
27 company or a memorandum of understanding as provided under
28 section 2 of this chapter.

29 **Sec. 5.** The employer liability and worker's compensation
30 insurance coverage provided under this chapter must be approved
31 by the department of insurance.

32 **Sec. 6.** The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
33 implement this chapter.

34 **Chapter 12. Operational Efficiency Reviews**

35 **Sec. 1.** A school corporation shall submit to the department any
36 information the department determines is necessary to:

37 (1) evaluate the school corporation's current operations; and

38 (2) recommend operational efficiencies and financial savings
39 for the school corporation.

40 **Chapter 13. Restraint and Seclusion Commission**

41 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "behavioral intervention plan"
42 means a plan that is agreed upon by the case conference committee



1 (as defined in IC 20-35-9-3) and incorporated into a student's
 2 individualized education program (as defined in IC 20-18-2-9) and
 3 that describes the following:

4 (1) The pattern of behavior that impedes the student's
 5 learning or the learning of others.

6 (2) The purpose or function of the behavior as identified in a
 7 functional behavioral assessment.

8 (3) The positive interventions and supports, and other
 9 strategies, to:

10 (A) address the behavior; and

11 (B) maximize consistency of implementation across people
 12 and settings in which the student is involved.

13 (4) If applicable, the skills that will be taught and monitored
 14 in an effort to change a specific pattern of behavior of the
 15 student.

16 The behavioral intervention plan seeks to maximize consistency of
 17 implementation across people and settings in which the student is
 18 involved.

19 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "chemical restraint" means the
 20 administration of a drug or medication to manage a student's
 21 behavior or restrict a student's freedom of movement that is not a
 22 standard treatment and dosage for the student's medical or
 23 psychiatric condition.

24 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the
 25 commission on seclusion and restraint in schools established by
 26 section 11 of this chapter.

27 Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter, "mechanical restraint" means
 28 the use of:

29 (1) a mechanical device;

30 (2) a material; or

31 (3) equipment;

32 attached or adjacent to a student's body that the student cannot
 33 remove and that restricts the freedom of movement of all or part
 34 of the student's body or restricts normal access to the student's
 35 body.

36 (b) The term does not include:

37 (1) mechanical devices;

38 (2) a material; or

39 (3) equipment;

40 used as prescribed by a doctor.

41 Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "physical restraint" means
 42 physical contact between a school employee and a student:



1 (1) in which the student unwillingly participates; and
 2 (2) that involves the use of a manual hold to restrict freedom
 3 of movement of all or part of a student's body or to restrict
 4 normal access to the student's body.

5 (b) The term does not include:

6 (1) briefly holding a student without undue force in order to
 7 calm or comfort the student, or to prevent unsafe behavior,
 8 such as running into traffic or engaging in a physical
 9 altercation;

10 (2) physical escort; or

11 (3) physical contact intended to gently assist or prompt a
 12 student in performing a task or to guide or assist a student
 13 from one (1) area to another.

14 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "positive behavior intervention
 15 and support" means a systematic approach that:

16 (1) uses evidence based practices and data driven decision
 17 making to improve school climate and culture; and

18 (2) includes a range of systematic and individualized
 19 strategies to reinforce desired behavior and diminish
 20 reoccurrence of problem behavior;

21 to achieve improved academic and social outcomes and increase
 22 learning for all students.

23 Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "school corporation" includes a
 24 charter school that is not a virtual charter school.

25 Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "school employee" means an
 26 individual employed by a school corporation or a state accredited
 27 nonpublic school.

28 Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "seclusion" means the
 29 confinement of a student alone in a room or area from which the
 30 student physically is prevented from leaving. The term does not
 31 include a supervised time-out or scheduled break, as described in
 32 a student's individualized education program, in which an adult is
 33 continuously present in the room with the student.

34 Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "time-out" means a behavior
 35 reduction procedure in which access to reinforcement is withdrawn
 36 for a certain period of time. Time-out occurs when the ability of a
 37 student to receive normal reinforcement in the school environment
 38 is restricted. The term does not include a supervised time-out or
 39 scheduled break, as described in a student's individualized
 40 education program.

41 Sec. 11. (a) The commission on seclusion and restraint in schools
 42 is established.



1 **(b) The commission has the following ten (10) members:**

2 **(1) The designee of the secretary of education, who serves at**
3 **the pleasure of the secretary of education.**

4 **(2) A representative of the Autism Society of Indiana, chosen**
5 **by the organization, who serves a two (2) year term.**

6 **(3) A representative of the Arc of Indiana, chosen by the**
7 **organization, who serves a two (2) year term.**

8 **(4) A representative of the Indiana Council of Administrators**
9 **of Special Education, chosen by the organization, who serves**
10 **a two (2) year term.**

11 **(5) A representative of Mental Health America of Indiana,**
12 **chosen by the organization, who serves a two (2) year term.**

13 **(6) A parent of a student with a disability, nominated by a**
14 **member described in subdivisions (2), (3), and (5) and**
15 **approved by a majority of the members described in**
16 **subdivisions (1) through (5) and (8) through (10), who serves**
17 **a two (2) year term.**

18 **(7) A parent of a student who does not have a disability,**
19 **nominated by a member described in subdivisions (2), (3), and**
20 **(5) and approved by a majority of the members described in**
21 **subdivisions (1) through (5) and (8) through (10), who serves**
22 **a two (2) year term.**

23 **(8) One (1) state accredited nonpublic school administrator**
24 **nominated by the Indiana Non-public Education Association,**
25 **who serves a two (2) year term.**

26 **(9) One (1) public school superintendent nominated by the**
27 **Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, who**
28 **serves a two (2) year term.**

29 **(10) One (1) member of the Indiana School Resource Officers**
30 **Association chosen by the organization, who serves a two (2)**
31 **year term.**

32 **(c) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee**
33 **is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by**
34 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). A member who is not a state employee is also**
35 **entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other**
36 **expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties,**
37 **as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established**
38 **by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the**
39 **budget agency.**

40 **Sec. 12. (a) The designee of the secretary of education under**
41 **section 11(b)(1) of this chapter serves as chairperson of the**
42 **commission.**



1 **(b) The commission shall meet at least biannually on the call of**
 2 **the chairperson, and may meet as often as is necessary. The**
 3 **chairperson shall provide not less than fourteen (14) days notice of**
 4 **a meeting to the members of the commission and to the public.**

5 **(c) The affirmative votes of at least five (5) members of the**
 6 **commission are necessary for the commission to take action. The**
 7 **votes of the commission must be recorded.**

8 **(d) All commission meetings shall be open to the public, and**
 9 **each meeting must include opportunities for public comment.**

10 **(e) The department shall provide staff support for the**
 11 **commission.**

12 **Sec. 13. (a) The commission has the following duties:**

13 **(1) To adopt rules concerning the following:**

14 **(A) The use of restraint and seclusion in a school**
 15 **corporation or a state accredited nonpublic school, with an**
 16 **emphasis on eliminating or minimizing the use of restraint**
 17 **and seclusion.**

18 **(B) The prevention of the use of types of restraint or**
 19 **seclusion that may harm a student, a school employee, a**
 20 **school volunteer, or the educational environment of the**
 21 **school.**

22 **(C) Requirements for notifying parents.**

23 **(D) Training regarding the use of restraint and seclusion,**
 24 **including the frequency of training and what employees**
 25 **must be trained.**

26 **(E) The distribution of the seclusion and restraint policy to**
 27 **parents and the public.**

28 **(F) Requirements for the reporting of incidents of restraint**
 29 **and seclusion in the annual school performance report,**
 30 **including incidents of restraint and seclusion involving**
 31 **school resource officers (as defined in IC 20-26-18.2-1).**

32 **(G) Circumstances that may require more timely incident**
 33 **reporting and the requirements for such reporting.**

34 **(2) To develop, maintain, and revise a model restraint and**
 35 **seclusion plan for schools that includes the following**
 36 **elements:**

37 **(A) A statement on how students will be treated with**
 38 **dignity and respect and how appropriate student behavior**
 39 **will be promoted and taught.**

40 **(B) A statement ensuring that the school will use**
 41 **prevention, positive behavior intervention and support,**
 42 **and conflict de-escalation to eliminate or minimize the**



- 1 need for use of any of the following:
- 2 (i) Seclusion.
- 3 (ii) Chemical restraint.
- 4 (iii) Mechanical restraint.
- 5 (iv) Physical restraint.
- 6 (v) Time-out.
- 7 (C) A statement ensuring that any behavioral intervention
- 8 used will be consistent with the student's most current
- 9 behavioral intervention plan, or individualized education
- 10 program, if applicable.
- 11 (D) Definitions for restraint and seclusion, as defined in
- 12 this chapter.
- 13 (E) A statement ensuring that if a procedure listed in
- 14 clause (B) is used, the procedure will be used:
- 15 (i) as a last resort safety procedure, employed only after
- 16 another, less restrictive procedure has been implemented
- 17 without success; and
- 18 (ii) in a situation in which there is an imminent risk of
- 19 injury to the student, other students, school employees,
- 20 or visitors to the school.
- 21 (F) An indication that restraint or seclusion may be used
- 22 only for a short time period, or until the imminent risk of
- 23 injury has passed.
- 24 (G) A documentation and recording requirement
- 25 governing instances in which procedures listed in clause
- 26 (B) are used, including:
- 27 (i) how every incident will be documented and debriefed;
- 28 (ii) how responsibilities will be assigned to designated
- 29 employees for evaluation and oversight; and
- 30 (iii) designation of a school employee to be the keeper of
- 31 such documents.
- 32 (H) A requirement that the student's parent must be
- 33 notified as soon as possible when an incident involving the
- 34 student occurs that includes use of procedures listed in
- 35 clause (B).
- 36 (I) A requirement that a copy of an incident report must be
- 37 sent to the student's parent after the student is subject to
- 38 a procedure listed in clause (B).
- 39 (J) Required recurrent training for appropriate school
- 40 employees on the appropriate use of effective alternatives
- 41 to physical restraint and seclusion, including the use of
- 42 positive behavioral intervention and support and conflict



1 de-escalation. The training must include the safe use of
 2 physical restraint and seclusion in incidents involving
 3 imminent danger or serious harm to the student, school
 4 employees, or others. Consideration must be given to
 5 available school resources and the time commitments of
 6 school employees.

7 (3) To accept and review reports from the public and make
 8 nonbinding recommendations to the department of any
 9 suggested action to be taken.

10 (4) To biannually provide a report to the state advisory
 11 council on the education of children with disabilities
 12 appointed under IC 20-35-3-1 regarding the:

13 (A) execution of the commission's duties under this section;
 14 and

15 (B) review of incident reports under section 15 of this
 16 chapter.

17 (b) The model policy developed by the commission must take
 18 into consideration that implementation and reporting
 19 requirements for state accredited nonpublic schools may vary, and
 20 the model plan must provide state accredited nonpublic schools
 21 flexibility with regards to accountability under and implementation
 22 of the plan adopted by a state accredited nonpublic school under
 23 section 16 of this chapter.

24 Sec. 14. If the department has been advised of a discrepancy in
 25 a report under section 13(a)(3) of this chapter, the department
 26 shall require the school to provide a written explanation of the
 27 discrepancy to the department which must comply with the federal
 28 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g and
 29 34 CFR Part 99).

30 Sec. 15. (a) The department shall biannually review incident
 31 reports under rules established by the commission under IC 4-22-2
 32 and submit summary findings to the commission in compliance
 33 with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20
 34 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99).

35 (b) The commission shall biannually review summary findings
 36 submitted by the department under subsection (a) and may make
 37 nonbinding recommendations to the department or other entities.

38 (c) If the department receives a recommendation from the
 39 commission under subsection (b), the department shall provide the
 40 commission a response with regard to the commission's
 41 recommendation in a manner prescribed by the department within
 42 a reasonable time after the department receives the



1 recommendation from the commission.

2 **Sec. 16. (a)** A school corporation or state accredited nonpublic
3 school shall adopt a restraint and seclusion plan that incorporates,
4 at a minimum, the elements of the model plan developed under
5 section 13 of this chapter. The school corporation's or state
6 accredited nonpublic school's plan must become effective not later
7 than July 1, 2014.

8 **(b)** The department has the authority to require schools to
9 submit plans developed in accordance with section 13 of this
10 chapter.

11 **Sec. 17. (a)** Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prevent
12 a school employee from stopping a physical altercation, acting to
13 prevent physical harm to a student or another individual, or acting
14 to address an emergency until the emergency is over, whether or
15 not the school employee has received training under this chapter.

16 **(b)** This chapter may not be construed to give rise to a cause of
17 action, either civil or criminal, against the state, the department, a
18 school corporation, a state accredited nonpublic school, the
19 commission, or a member of the commission.

20 **(c)** In all matters relating to the plan adopted under section 16
21 of this chapter, school corporation or state accredited nonpublic
22 school personnel have qualified immunity with respect to an action
23 taken to promote student conduct under a plan adopted under
24 section 16 of this chapter if the action is taken in good faith and is
25 reasonable.

26 **Sec. 18.** The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
27 carry out the purposes of this chapter.

28 **Chapter 14. Dual Language Pilot Program**

29 **Sec. 1.** The department, with the approval of the state board,
30 shall establish and maintain a dual language immersion program
31 to provide grants, in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars
32 (\$50,000), to school corporations and charter schools that establish
33 dual language immersion programs in:

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

38 **Sec. 2.** A school corporation or charter school may be eligible to
39 receive a grant under this chapter if:

- 40 (1) the school corporation or charter school uses an
41 instructional model that provides at least fifty percent (50%)
42 of its instruction in English and fifty percent (50%) of its



- 1 instruction in a language described in section 1 of this
 2 chapter;
 3 (2) the program that uses an instructional model described in
 4 subdivision (1) begins either in kindergarten or in grade 1;
 5 and
 6 (3) the program described in subdivision (2) meets any other
 7 requirements established by the department, with the
 8 approval of the state board.
- 9 **Sec. 3.** A school corporation or charter school desiring to receive
 10 a grant under this chapter shall apply to the department for a
 11 grant in the manner and on a form prescribed by the department.
- 12 **Sec. 4.** (a) The dual language immersion program fund is
 13 established to be used to provide grants under this chapter.
 14 (b) The fund consists of:
 15 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly; and
 16 (2) gifts and donations to the fund.
 17 (c) The fund shall be administered by the department.
 18 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
 19 money in the fund.
 20 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 21 revert to the state general fund.
 22 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 23 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 24 manner as other public funds may be invested.
- 25 **Sec. 5.** The state board may establish rules necessary to
 26 administer this chapter.
- 27 **Chapter 15. System for Teacher and Student Advancement**
 28 **Grant Fund and Program**
- 29 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the system for
 30 teacher and student advancement grant fund established by section
 31 3 of this chapter.
- 32 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "program" refers to a teacher
 33 performance model program described in section 4 of this chapter.
- 34 **Sec. 3.** (a) The system for teacher and student advancement
 35 grant fund is established for the purpose of providing grants to
 36 school corporations and charter schools to implement programs
 37 described in section 4 of this chapter.
 38 (b) The fund consists of the following:
 39 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.
 40 (2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the commission
 41 for higher education to achieve the purposes of the fund.
 42 (c) The state board, in consultation with the department, shall



- 1 administer the fund.
- 2 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
3 money in the fund.
- 4 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
5 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
6 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
7 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 8 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
9 revert to the state general fund.
- 10 Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "literacy coach" has the
11 meaning set forth in IC 20-20.5-20-4.
- 12 (b) A school corporation or charter school may receive a grant
13 to implement the following:
- 14 (1) The System for Teacher and Student Advancement (TAP)
15 teacher performance model program.
- 16 (2) The Opportunity Culture teacher performance model.
- 17 (3) A model teacher performance program approved by a
18 national school employee organization.
- 19 (4) A teacher performance model program that includes the
20 implementation of all the following elements:
- 21 (A) A comprehensive pay progression for teacher leaders
22 based on demonstrated skill development, escalating levels
23 of responsibility and duties, and demonstrated academic
24 leadership.
- 25 (B) A quality teacher assessment system that measures the
26 effectiveness of teachers' practice.
- 27 (C) A pay system that supports early career educators by
28 incentivizing the following:
- 29 (i) Mentoring and coaching.
- 30 (ii) Reducing teaching loads or providing release time for
31 teacher leaders to support professional learning.
- 32 (iii) Reviewing professional portfolios and student
33 performance.
- 34 (D) Eligibility for all teachers rated effective and highly
35 effective.
- 36 (E) Connection to high quality professional development,
37 including release time for teacher leaders providing
38 professional development and instructional coaching, that
39 provides teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to
40 advance student learning.
- 41 (F) A rigorous and transparent advancement criterion that
42 is locally developed and implemented with teacher



- 1 involvement.
- 2 (G) A pay system providing competitive base pay.
- 3 (H) Evidence of teacher support for the proposed teacher
- 4 leadership and pay system, including support from the
- 5 local school employee organization (if applicable).
- 6 (I) Plans for ongoing evaluation of the pay system.
- 7 (J) A sustainable pay system.
- 8 (K) A plan for how teacher leadership positions and
- 9 ongoing training for teacher leaders will improve student
- 10 achievement.
- 11 (5) A literacy coaching model program that includes and
- 12 implements the following elements:
- 13 (A) A system that supports literacy coaches by
- 14 incentivizing the following:
- 15 (i) Mentoring and training of literacy coaches.
- 16 (ii) Reducing literacy coaching loads or providing release
- 17 time for literacy coaches to support professional
- 18 learning.
- 19 (iii) Reviewing professional portfolios and student
- 20 performance.
- 21 (B) Connection to high quality professional development,
- 22 including release time for literacy coaches providing
- 23 professional development and instructional coaching, that
- 24 provides literacy coaches with the knowledge and skills
- 25 needed to advance the learning of teachers, administrators,
- 26 and students.
- 27 (c) To receive a grant, a:
- 28 (1) school corporation, in consultation with the school
- 29 corporation's school employee organization; or
- 30 (2) charter school, in consultation with the charter school's
- 31 school employee organization (if applicable);
- 32 shall apply for the grant in a manner prescribed by the
- 33 department. The department shall establish eligibility
- 34 requirements. However, the department may not award grants to
- 35 more than thirty (30) school corporations or charter schools during
- 36 any school year. When awarding grants under this chapter, the
- 37 department shall select a geographically diverse set of school
- 38 corporations and charter schools, including school corporations
- 39 and charter schools located in urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- 40 (d) A school corporation or charter school that is awarded a
- 41 grant under this chapter shall receive a grant for three (3)
- 42 consecutive school years. The amount of the grant may not exceed



1 the costs incurred by the school corporation or charter school to
 2 implement the program. A school corporation or charter school
 3 may receive a matching grant from a corporation, foundation, or
 4 any other entity in addition to a grant awarded under this chapter.

5 **Chapter 16. Next Level Computer Science Program**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible entity" means:**

- 7 (1) a postsecondary educational institution; or
 8 (2) any organization that provides a nationally recognized and
 9 high quality professional development training program in
 10 computer science education.

11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the next level**
 12 **computer science fund established by section 7 of this chapter.**

13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "postsecondary educational**
 14 **institution" refers to any state educational institution (as defined**
 15 **in IC 21-7-13-32) or private postsecondary educational institution**
 16 **that receives state or federal funds.**

17 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the next**
 18 **level computer science grant program established by section 5 of**
 19 **this chapter.**

20 **Sec. 5. The next level computer science grant program is**
 21 **established to provide grants to:**

- 22 (1) eligible entities to develop and implement high quality
 23 teacher professional development programs in computer
 24 science; and
 25 (2) state accredited schools to:
 26 (A) provide teachers with high quality teacher professional
 27 development programs in computer science; and
 28 (B) develop and implement sustainable computer science
 29 curricular programs.

30 **Sec. 6. The department, in consultation with the governor's**
 31 **office, shall develop guidelines to award grants to eligible entities**
 32 **and state accredited schools. The guidelines developed by the**
 33 **department must include:**

- 34 (1) the ability of an eligible entity to provide effective training
 35 for a teacher who does not have previous exposure to teaching
 36 computer science;
 37 (2) the ability of an eligible entity to implement effective
 38 practices for providing professional development in computer
 39 science that include:
 40 (A) the eligible entity's ability to provide a teacher with
 41 practical training in teaching computer science that is
 42 founded on evidence based research; and



- 1 **(B) the eligible entity's ability to tailor the professional**
 2 **development program to the needs of the teacher and the**
 3 **students the teacher serves; and**
 4 **(3) any other criteria the department considers relevant.**
 5 **Sec. 7. The next level computer science fund is established. The**
 6 **department must use money in the fund to provide grants from the**
 7 **fund to:**
 8 **(1) eligible entities to develop and implement high quality**
 9 **teacher professional development programs in computer**
 10 **science; and**
 11 **(2) state accredited schools for the purposes described in**
 12 **section 5(2) of this chapter.**
 13 **Sec. 8. (a) The fund consists of the following:**
 14 **(1) Appropriations from the general assembly.**
 15 **(2) Gifts to the fund.**
 16 **(3) Grants, including grants from private entities.**
 17 **(4) Other state funds that are transferred to the fund.**
 18 **(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 19 **money in the fund.**
 20 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 21 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 22 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
 23 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.**
 24 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
 25 **revert to the state general fund.**
 26 **Sec. 9. The department shall administer the program and fund.**
 27 **Sec. 10. Notwithstanding any other law or policy to the**
 28 **contrary, the secretary of education shall enter into and maintain**
 29 **a contract for professional development services with an**
 30 **organization that provides a nationally recognized training**
 31 **program for professional development in computer science**
 32 **education from early learning through postsecondary education.**
 33 **Sec. 11. An eligible entity or state accredited school may apply**
 34 **to the department to receive a grant from the fund on a form**
 35 **provided by the department.**
 36 **Sec. 12. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
 37 **implement this chapter.**
 38 **Chapter 17. Robotics Competition Program**
 39 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "allowable expenses" means:**
 40 **(1) payment of a stipend for a robotics team mentor;**
 41 **(2) fees, kits, and supplies required to:**
 42 **(A) establish or maintain a robotics team; or**



- 1 **(B) participate in a robotics competition; and**
 2 **(3) event registrations, materials, transportation costs, travel**
 3 **costs, and other expenses associated with a robotics**
 4 **competition.**
- 5 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible school" means a:**
 6 **(1) public school, including a charter school (as defined in**
 7 **IC 20-24-1-4);**
 8 **(2) state accredited nonpublic school; or**
 9 **(3) nonpublic school accredited by a national or regional**
 10 **accreditation agency that is recognized by the state board.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible team" means a robotics**
 12 **competition team consisting of:**
 13 **(1) students in kindergarten through grade 12 who are:**
 14 **(A) enrolled in an eligible school; or**
 15 **(B) on a community based robotics competition team; and**
 16 **(2) at least one (1) adult who is a team mentor and team**
 17 **coach.**
- 18 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the robotics**
 19 **competition program fund established by section 8 of this chapter.**
- 20 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the robotics**
 21 **competition program established by section 7 of this chapter.**
- 22 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "robotics competition" means a**
 23 **competition that:**
 24 **(1) requires participating teams to design, construct,**
 25 **program, and operate robots; and**
 26 **(2) is sponsored by a nonstock, nonprofit corporation,**
 27 **described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue**
 28 **Code and exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the**
 29 **Internal Revenue Code, that has as one (1) of its**
 30 **organizational purposes the goal of encouraging young people**
 31 **to develop an interest in science, technology, engineering, and**
 32 **mathematics (STEM).**
- 33 **Sec. 7. The robotics competition program is established to**
 34 **provide grants to eligible teams to expand opportunities to increase**
 35 **interest and improve skills in science, technology, engineering, and**
 36 **mathematics (STEM) through participation in competitive robotics**
 37 **programs that:**
 38 **(1) provide hands on learning experiences;**
 39 **(2) establish community partnerships to increase awareness**
 40 **of local workforce and postsecondary opportunities;**
 41 **(3) highlight career opportunities through adult mentors; and**
 42 **(4) prioritize a connection to manufacturing, machining, and**



- 1 fabrication skills for students in grades 9 through 12.
- 2 **Sec. 8. The robotics competition program fund is established.**
- 3 **The department shall use money in the fund to provide grants to**
- 4 **eligible teams to develop and implement competitive robotics**
- 5 **programs.**
- 6 **Sec. 9. (a) The fund consists of the following:**
- 7 (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.
- 8 (2) Gifts to the fund.
- 9 (3) Grants, including grants from private entities.
- 10 (4) Other state funds that are transferred to the fund.
- 11 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
- 12 money in the fund.
- 13 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
- 14 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 15 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
- 16 accrues from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.
- 17 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
- 18 revert to the state general fund.
- 19 **Sec. 10. Subject to appropriation by the general assembly, the**
- 20 **department shall administer the program and fund.**
- 21 **Sec. 11. (a) An eligible team may apply to the department to**
- 22 **receive a grant from the fund on a form provided by the**
- 23 **department.**
- 24 (b) To receive a grant, an eligible team must show proof of the
- 25 following in its application:
- 26 (1) A partnership for the purposes of a robotics competition
- 27 with at least one (1) sponsor, business entity, higher education
- 28 institution, or technical school.
- 29 (2) An adult robotics team mentor.
- 30 (3) A spending plan.
- 31 (4) A commitment to compete in a robotics competition.
- 32 (5) For grades 9 through 12, a commitment to creating an
- 33 original, iteratively designed robot.
- 34 (6) A local in kind or cash match from other private or local
- 35 funds in an amount equal to at least twenty-five percent
- 36 (25%) of the amount of the awarded grant.
- 37 **Sec. 12. (a) The department shall develop guidelines to award**
- 38 **grants to eligible teams for allowable expenses. The guidelines**
- 39 **developed by the department must include a maximum grant**
- 40 **award allotment for each eligible team based on the:**
- 41 (1) level of programming;
- 42 (2) level of competition; and



1 **(3) number of participants;**
 2 **of various robotics competitions as determined by the department.**

3 **(b) The department shall award grants in a manner that**
 4 **maximizes the number of eligible teams that will be able to receive**
 5 **funds, with an emphasis on increasing the number of high school**
 6 **teams, and that expands the geographical distribution of eligible**
 7 **teams.**

8 **(c) The department shall award grants under this chapter for**
 9 **each school year not later than August 1 of the applicable school**
 10 **year.**

11 **Sec. 13. The department shall establish guidelines to**
 12 **accommodate the participation of students with disabilities on an**
 13 **eligible team or in a robotics competition.**

14 **Sec. 14. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
 15 **implement this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 15. The program and any participation by a team mentor**
 17 **and team coach in the program is not subject to collective**
 18 **bargaining.**

19 **Chapter 18. Connecting Students With Careers Fund**

20 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "career fair" means an event at**
 21 **which employers and labor organizations can meet with high**
 22 **school students to discuss future career opportunities.**

23 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the connecting**
 24 **students with careers fund established by section 6 of this chapter.**

25 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "intermediary" has the meaning**
 26 **set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5.**

27 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "labor organization" has the**
 28 **meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5.**

29 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "school" means the following:**

30 **(1) A school maintained by a school corporation.**

31 **(2) A charter school.**

32 **Sec. 6. The connecting students with careers fund is established.**
 33 **The department must use money in the fund to provide grants to**
 34 **schools for the purpose of hosting career fairs in accordance with**
 35 **IC 20-30-5.6.**

36 **Sec. 7. (a) The fund consists of the following:**

37 **(1) Gifts to the fund.**

38 **(2) Grants, including grants from private entities.**

39 **(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 40 **money in the fund.**

41 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 42 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**



1 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
2 accrues from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.

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

5 Sec. 8. The department shall develop guidelines to award grants
6 to schools under section 6 of this chapter.

7 Sec. 9. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
8 implement this chapter.

9 **Chapter 19. Teacher Higher Education and Industry**
10 **Collaboration Grant Program and Fund**

11 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "approved postsecondary
12 educational institution" has the meaning set forth in
13 IC 21-7-13-6(a).

14 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "approved teacher education
15 course or program" means a teacher education course or program
16 that has been approved by the department under section 8 of this
17 chapter.

18 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible applicant" means any
19 of the following:

- 20 (1) A school corporation.
- 21 (2) A public school, including a charter school.
- 22 (3) A state accredited nonpublic school.
- 23 (4) A teacher employed by a:
 - 24 (A) school corporation; or
 - 25 (B) school listed in subdivision (2) or (3).

26 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the teacher
27 higher education and industry collaboration grant program fund
28 established by section 7 of this chapter.

29 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the teacher
30 higher education and industry collaboration grant program
31 established by section 6 of this chapter.

32 Sec. 6. (a) There is established a teacher higher education and
33 industry collaboration grant program for the purpose of funding
34 through grants teacher participation in approved teacher
35 education courses or programs.

36 (b) The department shall administer the program.

37 Sec. 7. (a) The teacher higher education and industry
38 collaboration grant program fund is established for the purposes
39 of implementing the program described in section 6 of this chapter.

40 (b) The fund consists of the following:

- 41 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- 42 (2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (e).



- 1 (c) The department shall administer the fund.
- 2 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
3 money in the fund.
- 4 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
5 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
6 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
7 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 8 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year reverts to
9 the state general fund.
- 10 **Sec. 8. (a) The department, in consultation with the commission**
11 **for higher education, shall approve teacher education courses or**
12 **programs that meet the criteria established under subsection (b).**
- 13 **(b) The department may only approve a teacher education**
14 **course or program under subsection (a) that:**
- 15 **(1) is designed to:**
- 16 **(A) engage teachers with approved postsecondary**
17 **educational institutions and employers for the purpose of**
18 **connecting daily classroom lessons with innovations in**
19 **workplace practices and postsecondary education**
20 **research; and**
- 21 **(B) improve a teacher's:**
- 22 **(i) content area knowledge; and**
23 **(ii) familiarity with the application of the content area in**
24 **postsecondary education research and the workplace;**
- 25 **(2) is offered:**
- 26 **(A) by an approved postsecondary educational institution;**
27 **(B) by an employer; or**
28 **(C) jointly, by an approved postsecondary educational**
29 **institution and employer; and**
- 30 **(3) meets any other requirements established by the**
31 **department.**
- 32 **Sec. 9. (a) To be eligible for a grant under the program, an**
33 **eligible applicant must do the following:**
- 34 **(1) Apply to the department in the manner and on a form**
35 **prescribed by the department.**
- 36 **(2) If the eligible applicant is a school corporation or school**
37 **described in section 3(1) through 3(3) of this chapter, include**
38 **in the eligible applicant's application the following:**
- 39 **(A) The number of teachers employed by the eligible**
40 **applicant who intend to voluntarily participate in an**
41 **approved teacher education course or program.**
- 42 **(B) The amount of funding that the eligible applicant is**



- 1 requesting for each teacher who intends to voluntarily
 2 participate in an approved teacher education course or
 3 program.
 4 (C) The timeline by which teachers will complete the
 5 approved teacher education course or program.
 6 (3) Agree to use the grant funds for teacher participation in
 7 an approved teacher education course or program.
 8 (4) Meet any other requirements established by the
 9 department.
 10 (b) Subject to available funding, the department may award a
 11 grant under this chapter to an eligible applicant that meets the
 12 requirements under subsection (a) in an amount that does not
 13 exceed:
 14 (1) the cost for one (1) or more teachers, as applicable, to
 15 enroll in and complete an approved teacher education course
 16 or program; plus
 17 (2) a stipend for one (1) or more teachers described in
 18 subdivision (1) in an amount determined by the department.
 19 Sec. 10. The successful completion of an approved teacher
 20 course or program may count towards professional growth
 21 experience points required to renew a practitioner license or an
 22 accomplished practitioner license, as determined by the
 23 department.
 24 Sec. 11. The department shall establish and maintain an online
 25 platform that allows teachers to access and share information
 26 regarding connecting daily classroom lessons with innovations in
 27 workplace practices and postsecondary education research.
 28 Sec. 12. Not later than July 1 of each year, the department shall:
 29 (1) collect and compile information concerning the program
 30 under this chapter; and
 31 (2) submit the report described in subdivision (1) to the
 32 following:
 33 (A) The governor.
 34 (B) The legislative council, in an electronic format under
 35 IC 5-14-6.
 36 Sec. 13. The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
 37 necessary to implement this chapter.
 38 Chapter 20. Science of Reading Grant
 39 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "charter school" has the meaning
 40 set forth in IC 20-24-1-4.
 41 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "elementary school" means a
 42 public elementary school, including a charter school.



1 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "grant" refers to a grant**
 2 **awarded under section 7 of this chapter.**

3 **Sec. 4. (a) This subsection applies before July 1, 2027. As used**
 4 **in this chapter, "literacy coach" refers to an individual whose**
 5 **primary responsibility is to provide literacy training and support**
 6 **to administrators and teachers. This subsection expires July 1,**
 7 **2027.**

8 **(b) This subsection applies after June 30, 2027. As used in this**
 9 **chapter, "literacy coach" means an individual:**

- 10 **(1) whose primary responsibility is to provide literacy**
 11 **training and support to administrators and teachers; and**
 12 **(2) who has received the literacy endorsement described in**
 13 **IC 20-28-5-19.7.**

14 **Sec. 5. A literacy coach shall prioritize the following:**

- 15 **(1) Modeling effective instructional strategies for teachers.**
 16 **(2) Facilitating study groups.**
 17 **(3) Training teachers in:**
 18 **(A) data analysis; and**
 19 **(B) using data to differentiate instruction.**
 20 **(4) Coaching and mentoring colleagues.**
 21 **(5) Working with teachers to ensure that evidence based**
 22 **reading programs, which include:**
 23 **(A) comprehensive core reading programs;**
 24 **(B) supplemental reading programs; and**
 25 **(C) comprehensive intervention reading programs;**
 26 **are implemented with fidelity.**
 27 **(6) Training teachers to diagnose and address a reading**
 28 **deficiency.**
 29 **(7) Working with teachers in applying evidence based reading**
 30 **strategies in other content areas, including:**
 31 **(A) prioritizing time spent on those teachers;**
 32 **(B) activities and roles that will have the greatest impact**
 33 **on student achievement; and**
 34 **(C) prioritizing coaching and mentoring in classrooms.**
 35 **(8) Helping to increase instructional density to meet the needs**
 36 **of all students.**
 37 **(9) Working with students through:**
 38 **(A) whole and small group instruction; or**
 39 **(B) tutoring;**
 40 **in the context of modeling and coaching in or outside of a**
 41 **teacher's classroom.**

42 **Sec. 6. Money allocated for grants under this chapter must be**



- 1 used for the following:
- 2 (1) Placing literacy coaches in elementary schools for the
- 3 purposes of training and supporting teachers and
- 4 administrators in order to improve instruction related to the
- 5 science of reading.
- 6 (2) Training teachers and school principals in instructional
- 7 practices aligned with the science of reading.
- 8 (3) Increasing instructional time, including summer literacy
- 9 programs or high-dosage tutoring, for students who have been
- 10 identified as struggling readers based on a diagnostic
- 11 screening authorized by the department under IC 20-35.5-2-2.
- 12 (4) Elementary schools and school corporations purchasing
- 13 curricular materials that:
- 14 (A) align with science of reading; and
- 15 (B) receive approval by the department.
- 16 (5) Covering costs for teachers to obtain a literacy
- 17 endorsement described in IC 20-28-5-19.7.
- 18 Sec. 7. (a) Subject to section 8 of this chapter, the department
- 19 may award a grant under this chapter to a school corporation or
- 20 charter school that does the following:
- 21 (1) Applies for a grant on a form provided by the department.
- 22 (2) Submits a detailed description of a plan that:
- 23 (A) must include:
- 24 (i) placing literacy coaches in elementary schools for the
- 25 purposes of training and supporting teachers and
- 26 administrators in order to improve instruction related to
- 27 the science of reading; and
- 28 (ii) training teachers and school principals in
- 29 instructional practices aligned with the science of
- 30 reading; and
- 31 (B) may include, if the school corporation or charter school
- 32 is requesting grant funds for the purpose described in
- 33 section 6(3) or 6(4) of this chapter the following, as
- 34 applicable:
- 35 (i) Increasing instructional time, including summer
- 36 literacy programs or high-dosage tutoring, for students
- 37 who have been identified as struggling readers based on
- 38 a diagnostic screening authorized by the department
- 39 under IC 20-35.5-2-2.
- 40 (ii) Elementary schools and school corporations
- 41 purchasing curricular materials that align with the
- 42 science of reading and receive approval by the



- 1 department.
- 2 (3) Submits the following information:
- 3 (A) Evidence supporting the school corporation's or
- 4 charter school's plan under subdivision (2).
- 5 (B) The number of elementary school teachers and literacy
- 6 coaches employed by the school corporation or charter
- 7 school.
- 8 (C) Any other pertinent information required by the
- 9 department.
- 10 (b) Any instruction under a plan that includes increasing
- 11 instructional time as described in subsection (a)(2)(B)(i) must align
- 12 with the science of reading.
- 13 Sec. 8. Upon review of applications received under section 7 of
- 14 this chapter, the department may award grants to school
- 15 corporations and charter schools subject to available money and
- 16 in accordance with the following priorities:
- 17 (1) To the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance
- 18 throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and
- 19 rural school corporations.
- 20 (2) To address a documented need for literacy coaches,
- 21 additional science of reading training, or compliance with
- 22 IC 20-26-12-24.5.
- 23 (3) To provide targeted support for Indiana students
- 24 experiencing the greatest reading challenges.
- 25 Sec. 9. The department:
- 26 (1) may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this
- 27 chapter; and
- 28 (2) shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 regarding the following:
- 29 (A) Distribution of award amounts under this chapter.
- 30 (B) Prioritizing grants for the purposes described in
- 31 section 6(1) and 6(2) of this chapter.
- 32 Chapter 21. Indiana Teacher Recruitment Program
- 33 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana
- 34 teacher recruitment program established by section 2 of this
- 35 chapter.
- 36 Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana teacher recruitment program is
- 37 established. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to
- 38 training and recruitment programs for teachers in critical shortage
- 39 areas, as determined by the department, based on data contained
- 40 in the educator supply and demand marketplace maintained on the
- 41 department's website.
- 42 (b) The department shall administer the program.



1 **Sec. 3. The department shall do the following:**
2 (1) **Create an application and approval process for training**
3 **and recruitment programs.**
4 (2) **Determine guidelines for awarding grants under the**
5 **program.**
6 **Sec. 4. This chapter expires June 30, 2027.**
7 **Chapter 22. Centralized School Facilities Pilot Program and**
8 **Local Boards**
9 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "local board" refers to a:**
10 (1) **local centralized school facilities board established under**
11 **section 6(a) of this chapter; or**
12 (2) **if applicable, local centralized school facilities and**
13 **transportation board established under section 6(e) of this**
14 **chapter.**
15 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the**
16 **centralized school facilities pilot program established by section 4**
17 **of this chapter.**
18 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" means a:**
19 (1) **charter school; or**
20 (2) **nonpublic school with at least one (1) employee.**
21 **Sec. 4. (a) The centralized school facilities pilot program is**
22 **established to provide innovative approaches concerning the use,**
23 **operation, and management of school facilities to promote:**
24 (1) **enhanced learning environments;**
25 (2) **unique learning opportunities; and**
26 (3) **improved student academic and health outcomes;**
27 **in accordance with the plan submitted to the general assembly by**
28 **the secretary of education under IC 20-19-3-32 (before its repeal).**
29 **(b) The pilot program is established for a three (3) year period**
30 **consisting of the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school**
31 **years.**
32 **Sec. 5. (a) A school corporation or school, in partnership with**
33 **other school corporations, schools, or both other school**
34 **corporations and schools, may apply to the department to**
35 **participate in the pilot program.**
36 **(b) The department:**
37 (1) **may approve not more than a total of three (3)**
38 **applications under this section to participate in the pilot**
39 **program; and**
40 (2) **shall establish the application process and criteria to**
41 **participate in the pilot program.**
42 **(c) The criteria established under subsection (b)(2) must require**



1 that school corporations and schools include information
 2 concerning the geographic boundaries of the area to which the
 3 application to participate in the pilot program applies.

4 Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided under subsection (e), not later
 5 than October 31, 2025, a local centralized school facilities board is
 6 established for participating school corporations and schools.

7 (b) Each local board must be independent from any school
 8 corporation and school.

9 (c) The local board consists of seven (7) members who:

10 (1) are proportionately appointed as either representatives of
 11 participating school corporations, charter schools, or
 12 nonpublic schools described in section 3(2) of this chapter
 13 based on:

14 (A) the total pupil enrollment of the participating school
 15 corporations;

16 (B) the total pupil enrollment of participating charter
 17 schools; and

18 (C) the total pupil enrollment of participating nonpublic
 19 schools;

20 that are partnering under the pilot program; and

21 (2) are members of the:

22 (A) governing body of a participating school corporation;

23 (B) charter school board of a participating charter school;
 24 or

25 (C) equivalent of a governing body for a participating
 26 nonpublic school;

27 described in subdivision (1).

28 (d) Each local board must collaborate with individuals or
 29 entities that have expertise in the following:

30 (1) Facility management, construction, or real estate.

31 (2) Public finance or public debt issuance.

32 (3) Demographic analysis and urban planning.

33 (4) Organizational effectiveness, operations management, and
 34 implementing best practices.

35 (5) Government contracts.

36 (6) Budget development and oversight.

37 (e) If a school corporation or school, in partnership with other
 38 school corporations, schools, or both other school corporations and
 39 schools, receives approval to participate in the:

40 (1) pilot program; and

41 (2) student transportation pilot program under IC 20-20.5-23;
 42 the school corporation or schools may elect to establish, not later



1 than October 31, 2025, one (1) local centralized school facilities and
 2 transportation board consisting of the members described in
 3 subsection (c) that has the powers and duties and is subject to the
 4 requirements of a local centralized school facilities board under
 5 this chapter and local student transportation board under
 6 IC 20-20.5-23.

7 **Sec. 7.** Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, each local
 8 board shall, during the pilot program, provide oversight and
 9 management of school facilities with a focus on best use and
 10 upkeep of assets funded by taxpayers.

11 **Sec. 8. (a)** Each local board shall create and implement a pilot
 12 program plan that includes measures to:

13 (1) determine the:

14 (A) term lengths of the members; and

15 (B) member replacement processes;

16 for the local board;

17 (2) conduct school facility assessments for all applicable
 18 school facilities;

19 (3) establish a process for the transfer to and receipt of funds,
 20 as applicable, by the local board from the participating school
 21 corporations and schools;

22 (4) accept and use donations, gifts, or bequests for the
 23 purposes of this chapter;

24 (5) improve the health and safety of students and teachers;

25 (6) allow for additional flexibility and creativity in terms of
 26 what is considered a school facility, including considerations
 27 surrounding colocation with other schools, governmental
 28 entities, or community organizations;

29 (7) enter into revenue sharing agreements and asset use
 30 agreements for all school facilities within the geographic
 31 boundaries described in the application under section 5(c) of
 32 this chapter for the three (3) year period of the pilot program;

33 (8) address any existing excess capacity in school facilities;

34 (9) inspire opportunities for partnership with other
 35 governmental entities or local nonprofit organizations to
 36 transform school facilities into broader community assets for
 37 residents;

38 (10) implement best practices in facilities management and
 39 operations;

40 (11) track qualitative and quantitative data to gauge the
 41 success of the pilot program;

42 (12) collect and report data in a manner prescribed by the



- 1 department regarding school facilities included in the pilot
 2 program; and
 3 (13) implement a maintenance plan and contract with
 4 vendors, as needed, for the duration of the pilot program.
 5 (b) Not later than July 1, 2028, each local board shall develop
 6 and submit to the department an implementation plan that
 7 includes the following:
 8 (1) Whether at the conclusion of the pilot program the:
 9 (A) participating school corporations and schools, as
 10 applicable, elect to continue operating with a local board;
 11 and
 12 (B) local board established under section 6 of this chapter
 13 should be maintained or a new local board should be
 14 established.
 15 (2) If a new local board should be established, the following
 16 components:
 17 (A) The appointment of members to the new local board,
 18 including the appointing authority for the members.
 19 (B) The term lengths of the members.
 20 (C) The member replacement process.
 21 (3) A process to ensure that the powers and duties under this
 22 chapter are maintained by the local board or transferred to
 23 the new local board after completion of the pilot program.
 24 (4) The transfer of all assets and related funding regarding
 25 school facilities to the local board or new local board.
 26 (5) The development and implementation of a long term asset
 27 management and sustainability plan.
 28 **Sec. 9.** Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, beginning
 29 with the 2026-2027 school year, each local board established under
 30 section 6 of this chapter:
 31 (1) shall exercise the full powers and duties provided under
 32 the pilot program plan created under section 8(a) of this
 33 chapter; and
 34 (2) shall make recommendations regarding property tax levies
 35 approved by the governing bodies of the applicable
 36 participating school corporations.
 37 **Sec. 10.** Each local board may contract with outside individuals
 38 and entities to create and implement the pilot program plan
 39 described in section 8(a) of this chapter.
 40 **Sec. 11.** Subject to any agreement entered into by a school
 41 corporation or school, a school corporation or school may at any
 42 time opt out of participating in the pilot program if the school



1 corporation or school provides notice to all school corporations
 2 and schools that the school corporation or school partnered with
 3 under this chapter at least one (1) year before the school
 4 corporation or school intends to terminate the partnership and its
 5 participation under this chapter.

6 **Sec. 12.** Not later than November 1, 2027, the department of
 7 local government finance, in consultation with the department,
 8 shall do the following:

9 (1) Prepare a report that includes recommendations
 10 regarding legislation and procedures to transfer the duties
 11 and powers of a participating school corporation to a local
 12 board or new local board as described in section 8(b) of this
 13 chapter.

14 (2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic
 15 format under IC 5-14-6.

16 **Sec. 13.** Not later than November 1, 2028, the department shall
 17 do the following:

18 (1) Prepare a report that includes the following:

19 (A) A summary regarding the:

20 (i) school corporations and schools participating in the
 21 pilot program;

22 (ii) implementation of the pilot program by each local
 23 board;

24 (iii) results and outcomes regarding the pilot program;
 25 and

26 (iv) implementation plans submitted by the local boards
 27 under section 8(b) of this chapter.

28 (B) Any recommendations regarding:

29 (i) legislation or procedures to further carry out the
 30 purposes of this chapter and an implementation plan
 31 submitted under section 8(b) of this chapter; and

32 (ii) whether to extend the pilot program to additional
 33 applicants.

34 (C) A plan to adopt best practices from the pilot program
 35 statewide.

36 (2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic
 37 format under IC 5-14-6.

38 **Sec. 14.** The department shall waive any state law or rule
 39 requirement necessary to exempt participating school corporations
 40 and schools from requirements for purposes of participation in the
 41 pilot program under this chapter.

42 **Sec. 15.** This chapter shall be liberally construed to effect the



1 purposes of this chapter.

2 Sec. 16. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, to the
3 extent the provisions of this chapter are inconsistent with the
4 provisions of any other general, special, or local law, the provisions
5 of this chapter are controlling, and compliance with this chapter
6 shall be treated as compliance with the conflicting law.

7 Chapter 23. Student Transportation Pilot Program and Local
8 Boards

9 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "local board" refers to a:

- 10 (1) local student transportation board established under
11 section 6(a) of this chapter; or
12 (2) if applicable, local centralized school facilities and
13 transportation board established under section 6(e) of this
14 chapter.

15 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" refers to the
16 student transportation pilot program established by section 4 of
17 this chapter.

18 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" means a:

- 19 (1) charter school; or
20 (2) nonpublic school with at least one (1) employee.

21 Sec. 4. (a) The student transportation pilot program is
22 established to provide transportation to all students attending:

- 23 (1) school corporations;
24 (2) charter schools; and
25 (3) nonpublic schools with at least one (1) employee;

26 within the geographic boundaries described in the application
27 under section 5(c) of this chapter.

28 (b) The pilot program is established for a three (3) year period
29 consisting of the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school
30 years.

31 Sec. 5. (a) A school corporation or school, in partnership with
32 other school corporations, schools, or both school corporations and
33 schools, may apply to the department to participate in the pilot
34 program.

35 (b) The department:

- 36 (1) may approve not more than a total of three (3)
37 applications under this section to participate in the pilot
38 program; and
39 (2) shall establish the application process and criteria to
40 participate in the pilot program.

41 (c) The criteria established under subsection (b)(2) must require
42 that school corporations and schools include information



1 concerning the geographic boundaries of the area to which the
2 application to participate in the pilot program applies.

3 **Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided under subsection (e), not later**
4 **than October 31, 2025, a local student transportation board is**
5 **established for participating school corporations and schools.**

6 **(b) Each local board must be independent from any school**
7 **corporation and school.**

8 **(c) The local board consists of seven (7) members who:**

9 **(1) are proportionately appointed as either representatives of**
10 **participating school corporations, charter schools, or**
11 **nonpublic schools described in section 3(2) of this chapter**
12 **based on:**

13 **(A) the total pupil enrollment of the participating school**
14 **corporations;**

15 **(B) the total pupil enrollment of participating charter**
16 **schools; and**

17 **(C) the total pupil enrollment of participating nonpublic**
18 **schools;**

19 **that are partnering under the pilot program; and**

20 **(2) are members of the:**

21 **(A) governing body of a participating school corporation;**

22 **(B) charter school board of a participating charter school;**

23 **or**

24 **(C) equivalent of a governing body for a participating**
25 **nonpublic school;**

26 **described in subdivision (1).**

27 **(d) Each local board must collaborate with individuals or**
28 **entities that have expertise in the following:**

29 **(1) Transportation logistics, particularly involving movement**
30 **of passengers.**

31 **(2) Finance and business.**

32 **(3) Organizational effectiveness, operations management, and**
33 **implementing best practices.**

34 **(4) Government contracts.**

35 **(5) Budget development and oversight.**

36 **(e) If a school corporation or school, in partnership with other**
37 **school corporations, schools, or both other school corporations and**
38 **schools, receives approval to participate in the:**

39 **(1) pilot program; and**

40 **(2) centralized school facilities pilot program under**
41 **IC 20-20.5-22;**

42 **the school corporation or schools may elect to establish, not later**



1 than October 31, 2025, one (1) local centralized school facilities and
 2 transportation board that has the powers and duties and is subject
 3 to the requirements of a local centralized school facilities board
 4 under IC 20-20.5-22 and local student transportation board under
 5 this chapter.

6 Sec. 7. Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, each local
 7 board shall be responsible for the oversight and management of the
 8 transportation of students described in section 4 of this chapter in
 9 a safe and efficient manner in accordance with the plan submitted
 10 to the general assembly by the secretary of education under
 11 IC 20-19-3-33 (before its repeal).

12 Sec. 8. (a) Each local board shall create and implement a pilot
 13 program plan that includes measures to:

14 (1) determine the:

15 (A) term lengths of the members; and

16 (B) member replacement processes;

17 for the local board;

18 (2) allow for additional flexibility and creativity to
 19 accommodate student needs throughout the school day,
 20 including transportation:

21 (A) to and from school;

22 (B) for before and after school opportunities;

23 (C) for work based learning experiences;

24 (D) for extracurricular activities; and

25 (E) for specialized educational opportunities;

26 (3) improve safety and efficiency for students;

27 (4) increase collaboration between school corporations,
 28 schools, governmental entities, and community organizations;

29 (5) track qualitative and quantitative data to gauge the
 30 success of the pilot program;

31 (6) collect and report data in a manner prescribed by the
 32 department regarding the pilot program;

33 (7) provide uninterrupted transportation services for
 34 homeless students or students in foster care as provided by
 35 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance
 36 Improvements Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.);

37 (8) inspire opportunities for public-private partnerships or
 38 partnerships with other governmental entities or local
 39 nonprofit organizations;

40 (9) enter into revenue sharing agreements and asset use
 41 agreements with participating school corporations and
 42 schools for the duration of the three (3) year period of the



- 1 pilot program;
- 2 (10) establish a process for the transfer to and receipt of
- 3 funds, as applicable, by the local board from the participating
- 4 school corporations and schools;
- 5 (11) accept and use donations, gifts, or bequests for the
- 6 purposes of this chapter; and
- 7 (12) implement purchasing and maintenance plans and
- 8 contracts with vendors, as needed, for the three (3) year
- 9 period of the pilot program.
- 10 (b) Not later than July 1, 2028, each local board shall develop
- 11 and submit to the department an implementation plan that
- 12 includes the following:
- 13 (1) Whether at the conclusion of the pilot program the:
- 14 (A) participating school corporations and schools, as
- 15 applicable, elect to continue operating with a local board;
- 16 and
- 17 (B) local board established under section 6 of this chapter
- 18 should be maintained or a new local board should be
- 19 established.
- 20 (2) If a new local board should be established, the following
- 21 components:
- 22 (A) The appointment of members to the new local board,
- 23 including the appointing authority for the members.
- 24 (B) The term lengths of the members.
- 25 (C) The member replacement process.
- 26 (3) A process to ensure that the powers and duties under this
- 27 chapter are maintained by the local board or transferred to
- 28 the new local board after completion of the pilot program.
- 29 (4) The transfer of all assets and related funding regarding
- 30 school transportation to the local board or new local board.
- 31 (5) The development and implementation of a long term asset
- 32 management and sustainability plan.
- 33 Sec. 9. Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, beginning
- 34 with the 2026-2027 school year, each local board established under
- 35 section 6 of this chapter:
- 36 (1) shall exercise the full powers and duties provided under
- 37 the pilot program plan created under section 8(a) of this
- 38 chapter; and
- 39 (2) shall make recommendations regarding property tax levies
- 40 approved by the governing bodies of the applicable
- 41 participating school corporations.
- 42 Sec. 10. Each local board may contract with outside entities to



1 create and implement the pilot program plan described in section
2 8(a) of this chapter.

3 Sec. 11. Subject to any agreement entered into by a school
4 corporation or school, a school corporation or school may at any
5 time opt out of participating in the pilot program if the school
6 corporation or school provides notice to all school corporations
7 and schools that the school corporation or school partnered with
8 under this chapter at least one (1) year before the school
9 corporation or school intends to terminate the partnership and its
10 participation under this chapter.

11 Sec. 12. Not later than November 1, 2027, the department of
12 local government finance, in consultation with the department,
13 shall do the following:

14 (1) Prepare a report that includes recommendations
15 regarding legislation and procedures to transfer the duties
16 and powers of a participating school corporation to a local
17 board or new local board as described in section 8(b) of this
18 chapter.

19 (2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic
20 format under IC 5-14-6.

21 Sec. 13. Not later than November 1, 2028, the department shall
22 do the following:

23 (1) Prepare a report that includes the following:

24 (A) A summary regarding the:

25 (i) school corporations and schools participating in the
26 pilot program;

27 (ii) implementation of the pilot program by each local
28 board;

29 (iii) results and outcomes regarding the pilot program;
30 and

31 (iv) implementation plans submitted by the local boards
32 under section 8(b) of this chapter.

33 (B) Any recommendations regarding:

34 (i) legislation or procedures to further carry out the
35 purposes of this chapter and an implementation plan
36 submitted under section 8(b) of this chapter; and

37 (ii) whether to extend the pilot program to additional
38 applicants.

39 (C) A plan to adopt best practices from the pilot program
40 statewide.

41 (2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic
42 format under IC 5-14-6.



1 **Sec. 14.** The department shall waive any state law or rule
2 requirement necessary to exempt participating school corporations
3 and schools from requirements for purposes of participation in the
4 pilot program under this chapter.

5 **Sec. 15.** This chapter shall be liberally construed to effect the
6 purposes of this chapter.

7 **Sec. 16.** Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, to the
8 extent the provisions of this chapter are inconsistent with the
9 provisions of any other general, special, or local law, the provisions
10 of this chapter are controlling, and compliance with this chapter
11 shall be treated as compliance with the conflicting law.

12 **Chapter 24. Mastery Based Education Pilot Program**

13 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "mastery" means evidenced
14 attainment of predefined, rigorous learning objectives that:

- 15 (1) are transferable; and
- 16 (2) qualify a student for advancement to subsequent
17 educational levels or competencies.

18 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "mastery based education"
19 means an innovative, learner centered approach to teaching and
20 learning that focuses on the mastery of specific skills or knowledge
21 areas rather than the amount of time spent in a classroom.

22 **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "pilot program" refers to the
23 mastery based education pilot program established by section 4 of
24 this chapter.

25 **Sec. 4. (a)** The mastery based education pilot program is
26 established to support a school corporation or charter school that
27 is selected by the department under subsection (b) in implementing
28 mastery based education.

29 **(b)** The department:

- 30 (1) shall administer the pilot program; and
- 31 (2) may select school corporations and charter schools that
32 meet the requirements under this chapter to participate in the
33 pilot program.

34 **Sec. 5. (a)** To apply for participation in the pilot program, a
35 school corporation or charter school shall do the following:

- 36 (1) Apply on a form and in a manner established by the
37 department.
- 38 (2) Develop and submit a plan to the department that includes
39 the following:

40 **(A)** A description of the following:

- 41 (i) The educational programming the school corporation
42 or charter school intends to offer, including specific goals



1 and the measurable student outcomes to be obtained by
2 the school corporation or charter school.

3 (ii) How mastery based student performance will be
4 used, measured, evaluated, and reported by the school
5 corporation or charter school.

6 (iii) Any business, postsecondary educational institutions,
7 or community partners with which the school
8 corporation or charter school intends to work.

9 (B) If the school corporation or charter school intends to
10 suspend any requirements under IC 20-28 as listed in
11 section 8(a)(2) of this chapter, the school corporation's or
12 charter school's criteria and goals for teacher quality,
13 training, and compensation.

14 (b) The department shall do the following:

15 (1) Subject to subdivision (2), approve or deny an application
16 and plan submitted by a school corporation or charter school
17 under this section.

18 (2) Approve an application and plan only if the department
19 determines that the plan:

20 (A) will promote innovative educational approaches to
21 student learning; and

22 (B) is likely to improve student performance and outcomes.

23 Sec. 6. If a school corporation or charter school participates in
24 the pilot program, the school corporation or charter school shall
25 post the school corporation's or charter school's plan approved by
26 the department under section 5 of this chapter on the school
27 corporation's or charter school's website.

28 Sec. 7. (a) The department may make reasonable requests for
29 information from a school corporation or charter school
30 participating in the pilot program for the purpose of assessing the
31 effectiveness of the plan.

32 (b) A school corporation or charter school shall respond to a
33 request for information under subsection (a) in a form, manner,
34 and frequency determined by the department.

35 Sec. 8. (a) Any of the following may be suspended for a school
36 corporation or charter school in accordance with the school
37 corporation's or charter school's plan approved under section 5 of
38 this chapter:

39 (1) Any statute or rule that may be suspended under
40 IC 20-26.5-2-3.

41 (2) Any provision under the following:

42 (A) IC 20-28-4.



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(B) IC 20-28-11.5.

(C) IC 20-30-2-2.

(D) IC 20-30-4.

(3) Subject to subsection (b), any provisions under the statewide assessment program under IC 20-32-5.1.

(b) A statewide assessment program test requirement may not be suspended under subsection (a)(3) unless a school corporation or charter school agrees to administer an assessment that can be used to compare the performance of students who attend the school corporation or charter with the performance of students who take the statewide summative assessment.

(c) After a school corporation or charter school has participated for at least three (3) years in the pilot program, the department may:

(1) revoke the suspension of any statute or rule under subsection (a) for the school corporation or charter school; or

(2) terminate the participation of the school corporation or charter school in the pilot program;

if the department determines that the school corporation or charter school has not met the specific goals and the measurable student outcomes in the school corporation's or charter school's plan approved under section 5 of this chapter.

Sec. 9. This chapter expires June 30, 2035.

SECTION 35. IC 20-24-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.244-2017, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) An annual grant program is established to provide funding to a school for the following:

(1) Capital improvements for the school, including the renovation or expansion of a facility, or for debt or lease payments owed on a facility, including advances from the common school fund under IC 20-49-9.

(2) The purposes for which the school corporation's operations fund may be used by a school corporation under IC 20-40-18.

(3) The purposes for which a technology grant from the Senator David C. Ford educational technology fund may be used by a school corporation under ~~IC 20-20-13-6~~. **IC 20-20.5-6-4.**

(b) The program shall be administered by the state board.

(c) The state board shall establish a written application and procedure for providing grants under this chapter to a school described in section 5 of this chapter.

SECTION 36. IC 20-24.2-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025, SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as specifically provided in this
 2 article and section 4 of this chapter, the following provisions of this
 3 title and a rule or guideline adopted by the state board under one (1) of
 4 the following provisions of this title do not apply to a qualified district
 5 or qualified high school:

6 (1) Provisions that do not apply to school corporations in general.

7 (2) ~~IC 20-20~~ **IC 20-20.5** (programs administered by the state),
 8 except for ~~IC 20-20-1~~ **IC 20-20.5-1** (educational service centers).

9 (3) IC 20-28 (school teachers), except for IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher
 10 continuing education), IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to
 11 teaching participants; restrictions), IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to
 12 teaching participants; school corporation or subject area;
 13 transition to teaching permit), IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain
 14 felonies or misdemeanors; notice and hearing; permanent
 15 revocation of license; data base of school employees who have
 16 been reported), IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts), IC 20-28-7.5
 17 (cancellation of teacher contracts), IC 20-28-8 (contracts with
 18 school administrators), IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related
 19 payments), IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment), and
 20 IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).

21 (4) IC 20-30 (curriculum), except for IC 20-30-3-2 and
 22 IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative observances),
 23 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements), and
 24 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).

25 (5) IC 20-32 (student standards, assessments, and performance),
 26 except for IC 20-32-4 (graduation requirements), IC 20-32-5
 27 (Indiana statewide testing for educational progress for a school
 28 year ending before July 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (statewide
 29 assessment program for a school year beginning after June 30,
 30 2018), and IC 20-32-8.5 (reading improvement and remediation
 31 plans).

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

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

39 SECTION 37. IC 20-24.2-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 40 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. The following provisions of this title and rules
 42 and guidelines adopted under the following provisions of this title



- 1 apply to a qualified district or qualified high school:
- 2 ~~IC 20-20-1~~ **IC 20-20.5-1** (educational service centers).
- 3 IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).
- 4 IC 20-26 (school corporation general administrative provisions).
- 5 IC 20-27 (school transportation).
- 6 IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher continuing education).
- 7 IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to teaching participants;
- 8 restrictions).
- 9 IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to teaching participants; school
- 10 corporation or subject area; transition to teaching permit).
- 11 IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies or misdemeanors;
- 12 notice and hearing; permanent revocation of license; data base of
- 13 school employees who have been reported).
- 14 IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts).
- 15 IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of teacher contracts).
- 16 IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school administrators).
- 17 IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments).
- 18 IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment).
- 19 IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).
- 20 IC 20-29 (collective bargaining for teachers).
- 21 IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
- 22 observances).
- 23 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements).
- 24 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).
- 25 IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
- 26 improvement).
- 27 IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5 (for a school year beginning before July
- 28 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (assessment), or any other statute, rule, or
- 29 guideline related to standardized assessments.
- 30 IC 20-32-8.5 (reading improvement and remediation plans).
- 31 IC 20-33 (students: general provisions).
- 32 IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
- 33 IC 20-35 (special education).
- 34 IC 20-35.5 (dyslexia screening and intervention).
- 35 IC 20-36 (high ability students).
- 36 IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).
- 37 IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
- 38 IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
- 39 IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction and
- 40 learning).
- 41 IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
- 42 IC 20-44 (property tax levies).



- 1 IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 2 IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease agreements).
 3 IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 4 IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
 5 advances and loans).
 6 IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 7 SECTION 38. IC 20-24.2-4-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 8 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: (a) A qualified district may display the words "Indiana
 9 Performance Qualified School District" on the qualified district's
 10 correspondence, Internet web site, and any other communications
 11 representing the qualified district.
 12 (b) A qualified high school may display the words "Indiana
 13 Performance Qualified High School" on the high school's
 14 correspondence, Internet web site, and any other communications
 15 representing the high school.
 16 SECTION 39. IC 20-24.5-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
 17 SECTION 237, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. A laboratory school that:
 19 (1) is operated without an agreement; and
 20 (2) has an ADM in the fall count of a school year of not more than
 21 seven hundred fifty (750);
 22 must be treated as a charter school for purposes of funding under
 23 ~~IC 20-20-33~~ **IC 20-20.5-9** and IC 20-43.
 24 SECTION 40. IC 20-25-4-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2020,
 25 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. (a) The general school laws of Indiana and all
 27 laws and parts of laws applicable to the general system of common
 28 schools in school cities, so far as not inconsistent with this chapter and
 29 other provisions of this article, and unless made inapplicable by this
 30 article, are in full force and effect in a school city to which this chapter
 31 applies.
 32 (b) ~~Notwithstanding IC 20-25-13,~~ Staff performance evaluation
 33 plans in a school city shall be developed and implemented as provided
 34 in IC 20-28-11.5-4.
 35 SECTION 41. IC 20-25-9-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 36 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The board shall use the student performance
 38 improvement levels established under IC 20-25-11 to:
 39 (1) implement the board's plan;
 40 (2) evaluate school performance; **and**
 41 (3) publish annual reports. **and**
 42 ~~(4) determine academic receivership under IC 20-25-15.~~



1 SECTION 42. IC 20-25-9-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2 2026]. ~~Sec. 4. The board shall use student performance improvement~~
3 ~~levels to determine whether to place a school in academic receivership~~
4 ~~under IC 20-25-15.~~

5 SECTION 43. IC 20-25-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
6 2026]. (Staff Performance Evaluations).

7 SECTION 44. IC 20-25-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
8 2026]. (Academic Receivership).

9 SECTION 45. IC 20-26-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.135-2025,
10 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) In carrying out the school purposes of a
12 school corporation, the governing body acting on the school
13 corporation's behalf has the following specific powers:

14 (1) In the name of the school corporation, to sue and be sued and
15 to enter into contracts in matters permitted by applicable law.
16 However, a governing body may not use funds received from the
17 state to bring or join in an action against the state, unless the
18 governing body is challenging an adverse decision by a state
19 agency, board, or commission.

20 (2) To take charge of, manage, and conduct the educational affairs
21 of the school corporation and to establish, locate, and provide the
22 necessary schools, school libraries, other libraries where
23 permitted by law, other buildings, facilities, property, and
24 equipment.

25 (3) To appropriate from the school corporation's ~~general fund~~
26 ~~(before January 1, 2019) or the school corporation's operations~~
27 ~~fund (after December 31, 2018)~~ an amount, not to exceed the
28 greater of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per budget year or one
29 dollar (\$1) per pupil, not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred
30 dollars (\$12,500), based on the school corporation's ADM of the
31 previous year (as defined in IC 20-43-1-7) to promote the best
32 interests of the school corporation through:

33 (A) the purchase of meals, decorations, memorabilia, or
34 awards;

35 (B) provision for expenses incurred in interviewing job
36 applicants; or

37 (C) developing relations with other governmental units.

38 (4) To do the following:

39 (A) Acquire, construct, erect, maintain, hold, and contract for
40 construction, erection, or maintenance of real estate, real estate
41 improvements, or an interest in real estate or real estate
42 improvements, as the governing body considers necessary for



- 1 school purposes, including buildings, parts of buildings,
 2 additions to buildings, rooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums,
 3 playgrounds, playing and athletic fields, facilities for physical
 4 training, buildings for administrative, office, warehouse, repair
 5 activities, or housing school owned buses, landscaping, walks,
 6 drives, parking areas, roadways, easements and facilities for
 7 power, sewer, water, roadway, access, storm and surface
 8 water, drinking water, gas, electricity, other utilities and
 9 similar purposes, by purchase, either outright for cash (or
 10 under conditional sales or purchase money contracts providing
 11 for a retention of a security interest by the seller until payment
 12 is made or by notes where the contract, security retention, or
 13 note is permitted by applicable law), by exchange, by gift, by
 14 devise, by eminent domain, by lease with or without option to
 15 purchase, or by lease under IC 20-47-2, IC 20-47-3, or
 16 IC 20-47-5.
- 17 (B) Repair, remodel, remove, or demolish, or to contract for
 18 the repair, remodeling, removal, or demolition of the real
 19 estate, real estate improvements, or interest in the real estate
 20 or real estate improvements, as the governing body considers
 21 necessary for school purposes.
- 22 (C) Provide for conservation measures through utility
 23 efficiency programs or under a guaranteed savings contract as
 24 described in IC 36-1-12.5.
- 25 (5) To acquire personal property or an interest in personal
 26 property as the governing body considers necessary for school
 27 purposes, including buses, motor vehicles, equipment, apparatus,
 28 appliances, books, furniture, and supplies, either by cash purchase
 29 or under conditional sales or purchase money contracts providing
 30 for a security interest by the seller until payment is made or by
 31 notes where the contract, security, retention, or note is permitted
 32 by applicable law, by gift, by devise, by loan, or by lease with or
 33 without option to purchase and to repair, remodel, remove,
 34 relocate, and demolish the personal property. All purchases and
 35 contracts specified under the powers authorized under subdivision
 36 (4) and this subdivision are subject solely to applicable law
 37 relating to purchases and contracting by municipal corporations
 38 in general and to the supervisory control of state agencies as
 39 provided in section 6 of this chapter.
- 40 (6) To sell or exchange real or personal property or interest in real
 41 or personal property that, in the opinion of the governing body, is
 42 not necessary for school purposes, in accordance with IC 20-26-7



1 and IC 20-26-7.1, to demolish or otherwise dispose of the
 2 property if, in the opinion of the governing body, the property is
 3 not necessary for school purposes and is worthless, and to pay the
 4 expenses for the demolition or disposition.

5 (7) Except as provided under subsections (c) and (d), to lease any
 6 school property for a rental that the governing body considers
 7 reasonable or to permit the free use of school property for:

8 (A) civic or public purposes; or

9 (B) the operation of a school age child care program for
 10 children who are at least five (5) years of age and less than
 11 fifteen (15) years of age that operates before or after the school
 12 day, or both, and during periods when school is not in session;

13 if the school property continues to be used primarily for
 14 classroom instruction by the school corporation, is not subject to
 15 closure under IC 20-26-7-47, and is not a covered school building
 16 that must be made available for lease or purchase under
 17 IC 20-26-7.1. Under this subdivision, the governing body may
 18 enter into a lease or use agreement with a nonprofit corporation,
 19 community service organization, or other governmental entity, if
 20 the corporation, organization, or other governmental entity will
 21 use the property to be leased for civic or public purposes or for a
 22 school age child care program. However, if payment for the
 23 property subject to a lease or use agreement is made from money
 24 in the school corporation's debt service fund, all proceeds from
 25 the lease or use agreement must be deposited in the school
 26 corporation's debt service fund so long as payment for the
 27 property has not been made. The governing body may, at the
 28 governing body's option, use the procedure specified in
 29 IC 36-1-11-10 in leasing property under this subdivision. If the
 30 school property is not being used primarily for classroom
 31 instruction or is subject to closure under IC 20-26-7-47, the
 32 governing body must first comply with IC 20-26-7 and
 33 IC 20-26-7.1 before leasing the school property under this
 34 subdivision.

35 (8) To do the following:

36 (A) Employ, contract for, and discharge superintendents,
 37 supervisors, principals, teachers, librarians, athletic coaches
 38 (whether or not they are otherwise employed by the school
 39 corporation and whether or not they are licensed under
 40 IC 20-28-5), business managers, superintendents of buildings
 41 and grounds, janitors, engineers, architects, physicians,
 42 dentists, nurses, accountants, teacher aides performing



- 1 noninstructional duties, educational and other professional
 2 consultants, data processing and computer service for school
 3 purposes, including the making of schedules, the keeping and
 4 analyzing of grades and other student data, the keeping and
 5 preparing of warrants, payroll, and similar data where
 6 approved by the state board of accounts as provided below,
 7 and other personnel or services as the governing body
 8 considers necessary for school purposes.
- 9 (B) Fix and pay the salaries and compensation of persons and
 10 services described in this subdivision that are consistent with
 11 IC 20-28-9-1.5.
- 12 (C) Classify persons or services described in this subdivision
 13 and to adopt a compensation plan with a salary range that is
 14 consistent with IC 20-28-9-1.5.
- 15 (D) Determine the number of the persons or the amount of the
 16 services employed or contracted for as provided in this
 17 subdivision.
- 18 (E) Determine the nature and extent of the duties of the
 19 persons described in this subdivision.
- 20 The compensation, terms of employment, and discharge of
 21 teachers are, however, subject to and governed by the laws
 22 relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and discharge
 23 of teachers. The compensation, terms of employment, and
 24 discharge of bus drivers are subject to and governed by laws
 25 relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and discharge
 26 of bus drivers.
- 27 (9) Notwithstanding the appropriation limitation in subdivision
 28 (3), when the governing body by resolution considers a trip by an
 29 employee of the school corporation or by a member of the
 30 governing body to be in the interest of the school corporation,
 31 including attending meetings, conferences, or examining
 32 equipment, buildings, and installation in other areas, to permit the
 33 employee to be absent in connection with the trip without any loss
 34 in pay and to reimburse the employee or the member the
 35 employee's or member's reasonable lodging and meal expenses
 36 and necessary transportation expenses. To pay teaching personnel
 37 for time spent in sponsoring and working with school related trips
 38 or activities.
- 39 (10) Subject to IC 20-27-13, to transport children to and from
 40 school, when in the opinion of the governing body the
 41 transportation is necessary, including considerations for the safety
 42 of the children. The transportation must be otherwise in



- 1 accordance with applicable law.
- 2 (11) To provide a lunch program for a part or all of the students
- 3 attending the schools of the school corporation, including the
- 4 establishment of kitchens, kitchen facilities, kitchen equipment,
- 5 lunch rooms, the hiring of the necessary personnel to operate the
- 6 lunch program, and the purchase of material and supplies for the
- 7 lunch program, charging students for the operational costs of the
- 8 lunch program, fixing the price per meal or per food item. To
- 9 operate the lunch program as an extracurricular activity, subject
- 10 to the supervision of the governing body. To participate in a
- 11 surplus commodity or lunch aid program.
- 12 (12) To:
- 13 (A) purchase curricular materials and to furnish curricular
- 14 materials without cost; and
- 15 (B) assess and collect a reasonable fee for lost or significantly
- 16 damaged curricular materials.
- 17 (13) To accept students transferred from other school corporations
- 18 and to transfer students to other school corporations in accordance
- 19 with applicable law.
- 20 (14) To make budgets, to appropriate funds, and to disburse the
- 21 money of the school corporation in accordance with applicable
- 22 law. To borrow money against current tax collections and
- 23 otherwise to borrow money, in accordance with IC 20-48-1.
- 24 (15) To purchase insurance or to establish and maintain a
- 25 program of self-insurance relating to the liability of the school
- 26 corporation or the school corporation's employees in connection
- 27 with motor vehicles or property and for additional coverage to the
- 28 extent permitted and in accordance with IC 34-13-3-20. To
- 29 purchase additional insurance or to establish and maintain a
- 30 program of self-insurance protecting the school corporation and
- 31 members of the governing body, employees, contractors, or agents
- 32 of the school corporation from liability, risk, accident, or loss
- 33 related to school property, school contract, school or school
- 34 related activity, including the purchase of insurance or the
- 35 establishment and maintenance of a self-insurance program
- 36 protecting persons described in this subdivision against false
- 37 imprisonment, false arrest, libel, or slander for acts committed in
- 38 the course of the persons' employment, protecting the school
- 39 corporation for fire and extended coverage and other casualty
- 40 risks to the extent of replacement cost, loss of use, and other
- 41 insurable risks relating to property owned, leased, or held by the
- 42 school corporation. In accordance with IC 20-26-17, to:



- 1 (A) participate in a state employee health plan under
 2 IC 5-10-8-6.7;
 3 (B) purchase insurance; or
 4 (C) establish and maintain a program of self-insurance;
 5 to benefit school corporation employees, including accident,
 6 sickness, health, or dental coverage, provided that a plan of
 7 self-insurance must include an aggregate stop-loss provision.
- 8 **(16) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more other school**
 9 **corporations for a cooperative program of self-insurance**
 10 **protecting the school corporations and members of the**
 11 **governing bodies, employees, contractors, or agents of the**
 12 **school corporations from liability, risk, accident, or loss**
 13 **related to school property, school contract, school or school**
 14 **related activity, including maintenance of a cooperative**
 15 **self-insurance program protecting persons described in this**
 16 **subdivision against false imprisonment, false arrest, libel, or**
 17 **slander for acts committed in the course of the persons'**
 18 **employment, protecting the school corporation for fire and**
 19 **extended coverage and other casualty risks to the extent of**
 20 **replacement cost, loss of use, and other insurable risks**
 21 **relating to property owned, leased, or held by the school**
 22 **corporations. This subdivision does not authorize a governing**
 23 **body to enter into agreements with one (1) or more school**
 24 **corporations for the provision of health insurance coverage.**
- 25 ~~(16)~~ **(17)** To make all applications, to enter into all contracts, and
 26 to sign all documents necessary for the receipt of aid, money, or
 27 property from the state, the federal government, or from any other
 28 source.
- 29 ~~(17)~~ **(18)** To defend a member of the governing body or any
 30 employee of the school corporation in any suit arising out of the
 31 performance of the member's or employee's duties for or
 32 employment with, the school corporation, if the governing body
 33 by resolution determined that the action was taken in good faith.
 34 To save any member or employee harmless from any liability,
 35 cost, or damage in connection with the performance, including the
 36 payment of legal fees, except where the liability, cost, or damage
 37 is predicated on or arises out of the bad faith of the member or
 38 employee, or is a claim or judgment based on the member's or
 39 employee's malfeasance in office or employment.
- 40 ~~(18)~~ **(19)** To prepare, make, enforce, amend, or repeal rules,
 41 regulations, and procedures:
 42 (A) for the government and management of the schools,



- 1 property, facilities, and activities of the school corporation, the
 2 school corporation's agents, employees, and pupils and for the
 3 operation of the governing body; and
 4 (B) that may be designated by an appropriate title such as
 5 "policy handbook", "bylaws", or "rules and regulations".
- 6 ~~(19)~~ **(20)** To ratify and approve any action taken by a member of
 7 the governing body, an officer of the governing body, or an
 8 employee of the school corporation after the action is taken, if the
 9 action could have been approved in advance, and in connection
 10 with the action to pay the expense or compensation permitted
 11 under IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-26-12-1,
 12 IC 20-40-12, and IC 20-48-1 or any other law.
- 13 ~~(20)~~ **(21)** To exercise any other power and make any expenditure
 14 in carrying out the governing body's general powers and purposes
 15 provided in this chapter or in carrying out the powers delineated
 16 in this section which is reasonable from a business or educational
 17 standpoint in carrying out school purposes of the school
 18 corporation, including the acquisition of property or the
 19 employment or contracting for services, even though the power or
 20 expenditure is not specifically set out in this chapter. The specific
 21 powers set out in this section do not limit the general grant of
 22 powers provided in this chapter except where a limitation is set
 23 out in IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-40-12,
 24 IC 20-40-18 (after December 31, 2018), and IC 20-48-1 by
 25 specific language or by reference to other law.
- 26 (b) A superintendent hired under subsection (a)(8):
 27 (1) is not required to hold a teacher's license under IC 20-28-5;
 28 and
 29 (2) is preferred to have obtained at least a master's degree from an
 30 accredited postsecondary institution.
- 31 (c) The governing body acting on the school corporation's behalf
 32 may renew a lease or memorandum of understanding described in
 33 IC 20-26-7.1-3(d) with a nonprofit organization as described in
 34 IC 20-26-7.1-3(d).
- 35 (d) The governing body acting on the school corporation's behalf
 36 may lease any school property for a rental to one (1) or both of the
 37 following:
 38 (1) The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 39 established by IC 20-21-2-1.
 40 (2) The Indiana School for the Deaf established by IC 20-22-2-1.
 41 This subsection expires June 30, 2030.
 42 SECTION 46. IC 20-26-5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,



1 SECTION 389, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to a:

- 3 (1) school corporation;
 4 (2) charter school; or
 5 (3) nonpublic school that employs one (1) or more employees.

6 (b) A school corporation, a charter school, and a nonpublic school
 7 shall adopt a policy concerning criminal history information for
 8 individuals who:

- 9 (1) apply for:
 10 (A) employment with the school corporation, charter school,
 11 or nonpublic school; or
 12 (B) employment with an entity with which the school
 13 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school contracts for
 14 services;
 15 (2) seek to enter into a contract to provide services to the school
 16 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school; or
 17 (3) are employed by an entity that seeks to enter into a contract to
 18 provide services to the school corporation, charter school, or
 19 nonpublic school;

20 if the individuals are likely to have direct, ongoing contact with
 21 children within the scope of the individuals' employment.

22 (c) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g), a school
 23 corporation, a charter school, and a nonpublic school shall administer
 24 a policy adopted under this section uniformly for all individuals to
 25 whom the policy applies.

26 (d) A policy adopted under this section must require that the school
 27 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school conduct an expanded
 28 criminal history check concerning each applicant for employment who
 29 is likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope
 30 of the individual's employment before or not later than thirty (30) days
 31 after the start date of the applicant's employment by the school
 32 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. If a vendor providing
 33 an expanded criminal history check offers more than one (1) type of
 34 expanded criminal history check, the policy shall require that the
 35 school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school evaluate all
 36 available types of criminal history checks and determine whether a
 37 more comprehensive expanded criminal history check would better
 38 protect the students.

39 (e) A policy adopted under this section:

- 40 (1) must require that the school corporation, charter school, or
 41 nonpublic school conduct an Indiana expanded child protection
 42 index check; and



1 (2) may require that the school corporation, charter school, or
2 nonpublic school conduct an expanded child protection index
3 check in other states;

4 concerning each applicant for employment who is likely to have direct,
5 ongoing contact with children within the scope of the individual's
6 employment. An Indiana expanded child protection index check must
7 be completed before or not later than sixty (60) days after the start date
8 of the applicant's employment by the school corporation, charter
9 school, or nonpublic school.

10 (f) A policy adopted under this section must state that the school
11 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school requires an expanded
12 criminal history check concerning an employee of the school
13 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school who is likely to have
14 direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the
15 employee's employment. The checks must be conducted every five (5)
16 years. A school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may
17 adopt a policy to require an employee to obtain an expanded child
18 protection index check every five (5) years.

19 (g) In implementing subsection (f), and subject to subsection (j), a
20 school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may update the
21 checks required under subsection (f) for employees who are employed
22 by the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school as of
23 July 1, 2017, over a period not to exceed five (5) years by annually
24 conducting updated expanded criminal history checks and expanded
25 child protection index checks for at least one-fifth (1/5) of the number
26 of employees who are employed by the school corporation, charter
27 school, or nonpublic school on July 1, 2017.

28 (h) An applicant or employee may be required to provide a written
29 consent for the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
30 to request an expanded criminal history check and an expanded child
31 protection index check concerning the individual before the
32 individual's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or
33 nonpublic school. The school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
34 school may require the individual to provide a set of fingerprints and
35 pay any fees required for the expanded criminal history check and
36 expanded child protection index check. Each applicant for employment
37 or employee described in subsection (f) may be required:

38 (1) at the time the individual applies or updates an expanded
39 criminal history check under subsection (f); or

40 (2) while an expanded criminal history check or expanded child
41 protection index check is being conducted;

42 to answer questions concerning the individual's expanded criminal



1 history check and expanded child protection index check. The failure
 2 to answer honestly questions asked under this subsection is grounds for
 3 termination of the employee's employment.

4 (i) An applicant is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining
 5 the expanded criminal history check and expanded child protection
 6 index check unless the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
 7 school agrees to pay the costs. A school corporation, charter school, or
 8 nonpublic school may agree to pay the costs associated with obtaining
 9 an expanded criminal history background check for an employee. An
 10 employee of a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
 11 may not be required to pay the costs of an expanded child protection
 12 index check.

13 (j) An applicant or employee may not be required by a school
 14 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to obtain an expanded
 15 criminal history check more than one (1) time during a five (5) year
 16 period. However, a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
 17 school may obtain an expanded criminal history check or an expanded
 18 child protection index check at any time if the school corporation,
 19 charter school, or nonpublic school has reason to believe that the
 20 applicant or employee:

21 (1) is the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse or
 22 neglect; or

23 (2) has been charged with or convicted of a crime listed in section
 24 11.2(b) of this chapter or ~~IC 20-28-5-8(c)~~. **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**.

25 (k) As used in this subsection, "offense requiring license revocation"
 26 means an offense listed in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(c)~~. **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**. A policy
 27 adopted under this section must prohibit a school corporation, charter
 28 school, or nonpublic school from:

29 (1) hiring;

30 (2) continuing the employment of;

31 (3) contracting with; or

32 (4) continuing to contract with;

33 a person who has been convicted of an offense requiring license
 34 revocation, unless the conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set
 35 aside on appeal.

36 (l) Information obtained under this section must be used in
 37 accordance with law.

38 SECTION 47. IC 20-26-5-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 39 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 18: For purposes of section 1 of this chapter and under
 40 the powers of section 4(a)(20) of this chapter, the governing body of
 41 any school corporation may join and associate with groups of other
 42 school corporations within Indiana in regional school study councils to~~



1 examine common school problems and exchange educational
 2 information of mutual benefit; and dues to the study councils shall be
 3 paid by the school corporation from the operations fund:

4 SECTION 48. IC 20-26-5-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 5 1, 2026]. Sec. 19: A governing body under its powers to fix and pay the
 6 salaries and compensation of employees of the school corporation and
 7 to contract for services under section 4(a)(8) of this chapter may
 8 distribute payroll based on contractual and compensation plan
 9 commitments instead of payroll estimates approved in advance by the
 10 governing body:

11 SECTION 49. IC 20-26-5-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2026]. Sec. 23: Public school corporations may enter into agreements
 13 with postsecondary educational institutions to provide teaching
 14 experience for students of the institutions preparing for the educational
 15 profession and for the services of persons working jointly for the school
 16 corporation and an institution:

17 SECTION 50. IC 20-26-5-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 18 1, 2026]. Sec. 24: (a) An agreement under section 23 of this chapter
 19 must set out the responsibilities and rights of the public school
 20 corporations; the institutions; and the students or persons who
 21 supervise the students and who are working jointly for a school
 22 corporation and an institution:

23 (b) An agreement must contain:

24 (1) a provision for the payment of an honorarium for consulting
 25 services by the postsecondary educational institution directly to
 26 the supervisor;

27 (2) a provision that, if the sum paid by the institution to the
 28 supervisor should ever be lawfully determined to be a wage rather
 29 than an honorarium by an instrumentality of the United States;
 30 then the postsecondary educational institution shall be considered
 31 under the agreement to be the supervisor's part-time employer;
 32 and

33 (3) a provision requiring a student to be supervised by a
 34 certificated employee:

35 (c) The provision required by subsection (b)(3) must be included in
 36 an agreement entered into or renewed under this chapter after June 30,
 37 2015: Public school corporations and postsecondary educational
 38 institutions shall revise agreements in effect on July 1, 2015, to include
 39 the provisions required by subsection (b):

40 SECTION 51. IC 20-26-5-29 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 41 1, 2026]. Sec. 29: A school corporation may establish and maintain
 42 nursery schools from the same revenue in the same manner as other



1 grades and departments in the common schools of the school
 2 corporation are provided for and may apply for and receive from any
 3 state or federal governmental agency any funds as may be made
 4 available through the agencies for that purpose.

5 SECTION 52. IC 20-26-5-30 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 6 1, 2026]. Sec. 30: A school corporation may use funds under
 7 IC 36-12-15-4 for the aid, maintenance, and support of nursery schools
 8 conducted by an association incorporated to operate a nursery school.

9 SECTION 53. IC 20-26-5-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 10 1, 2026]. Sec. 32: The department shall:

- 11 (1) create a list of best practices to reduce student discipline; and
 12 (2) post the list on the department's website.

13 SECTION 54. IC 20-26-5-32.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 14 1, 2026]. Sec. 32.4: The Department of Education shall create a
 15 document explaining aspects of autism including behaviors that
 16 students with autism may exhibit. Said document is to be distributed to
 17 school corporations for distribution to noncertificated employees (as
 18 defined in IC 20-29-2-11).

19 SECTION 55. IC 20-26-5-33 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 20 1, 2026]. Sec. 33: A school corporation may offer classes, instruction,
 21 or programs regarding the potential risks and consequences of creating
 22 and sharing sexually suggestive or explicit materials through cellular
 23 telephones, social networking web sites, computer networks, and other
 24 digital media.

25 SECTION 56. IC 20-26-5-36, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2015,
 26 SECTION 167, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 36. (a) Each school year, the
 28 governing body of a school corporation may spend an amount for
 29 remediation programs for students enrolled in kindergarten through
 30 grade 12 not to exceed one percent (1%) of the state tuition support that
 31 the school corporation receives for the school year.

32 (b) (a) A remediation program for any subset of students enrolled
 33 in kindergarten through grade 12 must be in writing and adopted at a
 34 public hearing of the governing body of the school corporation before
 35 the governing body may spend money for the remediation program.

36 (c) (b) After the governing body of a school corporation adopts a
 37 remediation program under subsection (b); (a), the school corporation
 38 shall promptly file the adopted plan with the department. The
 39 department shall review a plan for a remediation program adopted by
 40 the governing body of a school corporation and may comment on the
 41 plan.

42 SECTION 57. IC 20-26-5-40.5, AS AMENDED BY THE



1 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 2 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.5. (a) ~~Not later than January 1, 2022~~, Each
 4 school corporation and charter school shall adopt and implement an
 5 Internet use policy that:

6 (1) prohibits the sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading of
 7 materials that are harmful to minors (as described in
 8 IC 35-49-2-2) on computers and other technology related devices
 9 owned by the school corporation or charter school;

10 (2) provides for the use of hardware or installation of software on
 11 computers and other technology related devices described in
 12 subdivision (1) to filter or block Internet access to materials that
 13 are harmful to minors; and

14 (3) establishes appropriate disciplinary measures to be taken
 15 against persons violating the policy established under this section.

16 (b) ~~Not later than January 1, 2022~~, Each school corporation and
 17 charter school shall use hardware or install software on computers and
 18 other technology related devices described in subsection (a)(1) to filter
 19 or block Internet access to materials that are harmful to minors.

20 (c) ~~Each school corporation and charter school shall post on the~~
 21 ~~school corporation's or charter school's website the Internet use policy~~
 22 ~~established under subsection (a).~~

23 SECTION 58. IC 20-26-5-40.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.24-2024,
 24 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.7. (a) As used in this section, "instructional
 26 time" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-30-2-1.

27 (b) As used in this section, "wireless communication device" means
 28 any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice,
 29 messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more
 30 parties, including a:

- 31 (1) cellular telephone;
- 32 (2) tablet computer;
- 33 (3) laptop computer; or
- 34 (4) gaming device.

35 (c) Each school corporation and charter school shall adopt and
 36 implement a wireless communication device policy that:

37 (1) except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) and subsection
 38 (d), prohibits a student from using a wireless communication
 39 device during instructional time;

40 (2) authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless
 41 communication device for educational purposes during
 42 instructional time; and



1 (3) permits a student to use a wireless communication device in
2 the event of an emergency or to manage the student's health care.

3 (d) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection (c) may
4 not prohibit a student from using a wireless communication device
5 during instructional time if the use of the wireless communication
6 device is included in the student's:

- 7 (1) individualized education program; or
8 (2) plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation
9 Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.

10 (e) Each school corporation and charter school shall publish on its
11 website the wireless communication device policy established under
12 subsection (c):

13 SECTION 59. IC 20-26-5-41, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2025,
14 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 41. The governing body of a school corporation
16 **or the equivalent for a charter school** may enter into a public-private
17 agreement for the construction or renovation of school buildings under
18 IC 5-23.

19 SECTION 60. IC 20-26-5-42.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
20 1, 2026]. Sec. 42.1: (a) Not later than April 15 of each year, each
21 school corporation and charter school shall report to the department the
22 number of students who meet the following conditions during the
23 student's expected graduation year (as defined in IC 20-26-13-4):

24 (1) The student was enrolled in the school corporation on the fall
25 count day of ADM established under IC 20-43-4-3:

26 (2) The student successfully completed Indiana high school
27 graduation requirements before the day in February fixed by the
28 state board for the spring count of students under IC 20-43-4-3:

29 (3) The student was not enrolled in the school corporation on the
30 day in February fixed by the state board for the spring count of
31 students under IC 20-43-4-3:

32 (b) In addition to the number provided under subsection (a), each
33 school corporation and charter school shall submit information
34 prescribed by the department that is necessary to verify the number
35 reported under subsection (a):

36 SECTION 61. IC 20-26-5-43 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
37 1, 2026]. Sec. 43: Each school corporation shall publish on the school
38 corporation's website the graduation rate for each high school in the
39 school corporation.

40 SECTION 62. IC 20-26-5-46, AS ADDED BY P.L.165-2025,
41 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 46. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, each school



- 1 corporation shall ensure at least one (1) employee in each school
- 2 building that is used for classroom instruction:
- 3 (1) has obtained nonviolent crisis intervention training; and
- 4 (2) is present in the school building during the school year while
- 5 school is in session.
- 6 (b) An employee described in subsection (a) shall be available:
- 7 (1) for de-escalation and to respond to instances where
- 8 de-escalation is needed; and
- 9 (2) to respond to any use of:
- 10 (A) a chemical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-2~~;
- 11 **IC 20-20.5-13-2**);
- 12 (B) a mechanical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-4~~;
- 13 **IC 20-20.5-13-4**);
- 14 (C) physical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-5~~;
- 15 **IC 20-20.5-13-5**);
- 16 (D) seclusion (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-9~~); **IC 20-20.5-13-9**);
- 17 or
- 18 (E) time-out (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-10~~;
- 19 **IC 20-20.5-13-10**).

20 SECTION 63. IC 20-26-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
 21 SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. If a ~~common~~ school corporation
 23 has acquired or acquires any personal property or real estate by gift,
 24 devise, or bequest concerning which the donor or testator, at the time
 25 of making the gift, bequest, or devise, does not include conditions or
 26 directions concerning the gift, bequest, or devise inconsistent with this
 27 section, the principal of the gifts, devises, and bequests is inviolate, but
 28 the interest, rents, incomes, issues, and profits thereof may be expended
 29 by the school corporation.

30 SECTION 64. IC 20-26-7-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 31 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. If:

- 33 (1) the trustees of school corporations of a city or town believe;
 - 34 or
 - 35 (2) the township trustee of a township believes;
- 36 it is necessary to purchase any real estate on which to build a
 37 ~~schoolhouse~~, **school**, or for any other purpose connected with the real
 38 estate, the township trustee or school trustees, or a majority of them,
 39 may file a petition in the circuit court of the county asking for the
 40 appointment of appraisers to appraise and assess the value of the real
 41 estate.

42 SECTION 65. IC 20-26-7-26, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,



1 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26. (a) A ~~common~~ school corporation:

3 (1) has the same powers; and

4 (2) is subject to the same duties and liabilities;

5 concerning municipal assessments for the cost of public improvements
6 affecting the common school corporation's real estate that private
7 owners of real estate possess or to which private owners of real estate
8 are subject.

9 (b) The real estate of a ~~common~~ school corporation is subject to
10 liens for municipal assessments for public improvements if the real
11 estate:

12 (1) had been owned by a private owner; and

13 (2) would have been subject to a lien at the time the lien was
14 attached.

15 (c) A penalty or an attorney's fee concerning a municipal assessment
16 may not be collected from a school corporation.

17 SECTION 66. IC 20-26-7-36 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
18 1, 2026]. Sec. 36. Before the governing body exercises power granted
19 by any law to spend more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to
20 build, repair, or alter school buildings that would be financed by:

21 (1) entering into a lease agreement under IC 20-47-2-11 through
22 IC 20-47-2-14 or IC 20-47-3-9 through IC 20-47-3-12;

23 (2) issuing bonds under IC 20-48-1; or

24 (3) any other available method;

25 the governing body may order the preparation and pay the costs of a
26 feasibility study.

27 SECTION 67. IC 20-26-9-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
28 1, 2026]. Sec. 41. The secretary of education may, to the extent that
29 funds are available and in cooperation with other appropriate agencies
30 and organizations, do the following:

31 (1) Conduct studies of methods of improving and expending
32 school lunch programs and promoting nutritional education in the
33 schools:

34 (2) Conduct appraisals of the nutritive benefits of school lunch
35 programs:

36 (3) Report the findings and recommendations periodically to the
37 governor:

38 SECTION 68. IC 20-26-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007,
39 SECTION 104, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in sections 2 through 9
41 of this chapter, "joint program" means the joint employment of
42 personnel, joint purchase of supplies or other material, or joint



1 purchase or lease of equipment, joint lease of land or buildings, or
 2 both, or joint construction of, remodeling of, or additions to school
 3 buildings, by two (2) or more school corporations, for a particular
 4 program or purpose. The term includes the joint investment of money
 5 under IC 5-13, data processing operations, career and technical
 6 education, psychological services, audiovisual services, guidance
 7 services, special education, and joint purchasing related to the
 8 acquisition of supplies or equipment that are not to be used jointly.

9 SECTION 69. IC 20-26-10-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 10 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in sections 3 through 9 of this chapter,
 12 "participating school corporations" means all school corporations
 13 engaging in a joint program.

14 SECTION 70. IC 20-26-10-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 15 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: (a) A teacher employed in a joint program who does
 16 not have existing years of service in one (1) of the member
 17 corporations of the joint program is considered to have been employed
 18 as a teacher by the governing body that is administering the joint
 19 program at the time that the teacher is first employed by the joint
 20 program.

21 (b) The teacher is entitled to the same rights and privileges as set
 22 forth in IC 20-28-6 through IC 20-28-10 as if employed as a regular
 23 teacher by the governing body that is administering the joint program
 24 at the time that the teacher is first employed by the joint program.

25 SECTION 71. IC 20-26-10-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2026]. Sec. 6: A teacher who has existing years of service in one (1)
 27 of the member school corporations of the joint program shall retain the
 28 same rights and privileges as set forth in IC 20-28-6 through
 29 IC 20-28-10 as if still employed as a teacher in the school corporation
 30 in which the teacher has already acquired years of service.

31 SECTION 72. IC 20-26-10-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 32 1, 2026]. Sec. 7: (a) A teacher who loses the teacher's job in a joint
 33 program because of:

- 34 (1) a reduction in services;
- 35 (2) a reorganization;
- 36 (3) the discontinuance of the joint program; or
- 37 (4) a withdrawal in whole or in part of a participating school from
 38 the joint program;

39 shall be accorded the same rights that are provided under
 40 IC 20-35-5-11 for teachers from special education cooperatives:

- 41 (b) A teacher who:
- 42 (1) is employed in a joint program under this chapter;



1 (2) loses the teacher's job in the joint program as described in
 2 subsection (a); and

3 (3) subsequently is employed by a participating school
 4 corporation as described in subsection (a);

5 retains the rights and privileges under IC 20-28-6 through IC 20-28-10
 6 that the teacher held at the time the teacher lost the job in the joint
 7 program as described in subdivision (2).

8 SECTION 73. IC 20-26-10-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2026]. Sec. 9: (a) The governing bodies of participating school
 10 corporations may pay into a joint fund; to be known as the joint
 11 investment fund; all or part of the money the governing bodies may
 12 otherwise invest under IC 5-13-9. The fund shall be administered by
 13 the governing body of the school corporation designated in the written
 14 agreement under section 3 of this chapter. The designated governing
 15 body shall receive, invest, maintain an account for, and disburse the
 16 fund in the same manner as prescribed for other funds for the
 17 governing body representing money available for investment and in
 18 accordance with the written agreement.

19 (b) With respect to an investment described in IC 5-13-9, quotes
 20 may be solicited and received orally, and the investment shall be made
 21 with the designated depository that submitted the highest quote. If two
 22 (2) or more designated depositories submit the highest quote, the
 23 investment shall be made either:

24 (1) by dividing the investment among the depositories so as not
 25 to lose the benefits of the quotes received; or

26 (2) if division is not practicable, by lot.

27 (c) The designated depository holding the investment shall remit to
 28 the governing body administering the joint program any money due
 29 under the investment on the date the investment matures and in the
 30 manner directed by the governing body. A designated depository
 31 participating in an agreement for joint investment of money under
 32 IC 5-13 shall provide a detailed accounting of the transactions as
 33 required for audit purposes by the state board of accounts.

34 SECTION 74. IC 20-26-10-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 35 1, 2026]. Sec. 12: The purchasing of equipment, supplies, and materials
 36 shall be under the same laws and regulations as the purchasing would
 37 be if it were by a single school corporation. However, the bids shall be
 38 submitted by the superintendent of county schools to the participating
 39 corporations for approval.

40 SECTION 75. IC 20-26-11-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 41 SECTION 212, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A student who is the child



1 .of a state employee who resides on state owned property; resides on
 2 state owned property; or is the child of a full-time employee of a state
 3 educational institution; who resides on property owned or operated by
 4 the state educational institution and used for educational, research, or
 5 public service programs is considered a transferred student if:

6 (1) the student attends a public school in the school corporation
 7 located nearest to the student's residence within the county in
 8 which all or a part of either the state owned property; or the
 9 property owned or operated by the state supported postsecondary
 10 institution; is located; or

11 (2) the state owned property is the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's
 12 Home and the student attends a public school in the county in
 13 which the home is located or in an adjacent county.

14 Transfer tuition for a student transferred under this subsection shall be
 15 paid by the state. However, this subsection does not apply to children
 16 of state employees residing in student housing on property owned by
 17 any state educational institution.

18 (b) A foreign student visiting in Indiana under any student exchange
 19 program approved by the state board is considered a resident student
 20 with legal settlement in the school corporation where the foreign
 21 exchange student resides. The student may attend a school in the school
 22 corporation in which the family with whom the student is living
 23 resides. A school corporation that receives a foreign student may not
 24 be paid any transfer tuition. The school corporation shall include the
 25 foreign student in computations to determine the amount of state aid
 26 that it is entitled to receive.

27 SECTION 76. IC 20-26-11-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 28 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) The state board shall hear the following:

30 (1) All appeals from an order expelling a child under
 31 IC 20-33-8-17.

32 (2) (1) All appeals provided in this chapter.

33 (3) (2) All disputes on the following:

34 (A) Legal settlement.

35 (B) Right to transfer.

36 (C) Right to attend school in any school corporation.

37 (D) Amount of transfer tuition.

38 (E) Any other matter arising under this chapter.

39 The board shall hold a hearing on the timely written application of any
 40 interested party.

41 (b) The state board shall make its determination under the following
 42 procedure:



- 1 (1) A hearing shall be held on each matter presented.
- 2 (2) Each interested party, including where appropriate, the
- 3 parents, the student, the transferor corporation, the transferee
- 4 corporation, or the state, shall be given at least ten (10) days
- 5 notice of the hearing by certified mail or by personal delivery.
- 6 (3) The date of giving the notice is the date of mailing or delivery.
- 7 (4) Any interested party may appear at the hearing in person or by
- 8 counsel, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present
- 9 in writing or orally summary statements of position.
- 10 (5) A written or recorded transcript of the hearing shall be made.
- 11 (6) The hearing may be held by the state board or by a hearing
- 12 examiner appointed by it who must be a state employee.
- 13 (7) The hearing, at the option of the state board or hearing
- 14 examiner, may be held at any place in Indiana.
- 15 (8) The hearing examiner shall make written findings of fact and
- 16 recommendations.
- 17 (9) The determination of the state board must be made on the
- 18 basis of the record, summaries, and findings, but it is required to
- 19 examine only those parts of the entire record as it considers
- 20 necessary.
- 21 (c) The hearing and proceedings are not governed by IC 4-21.5.
- 22 (d) The determination of the state board is final and binding on the
- 23 parties to the proceeding.
- 24 (e) A notice of the state board's determination shall be mailed to
- 25 each party by certified mail. An action to contest the validity of the
- 26 decision may not be instituted more than thirty (30) days after the
- 27 mailing of the notice.
- 28 SECTION 77. IC 20-26-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
- 29 SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) but
- 31 notwithstanding any other law, each governing body of a school
- 32 corporation and each organizer of a charter school shall purchase from
- 33 a publisher, either individually or through a purchasing cooperative of
- 34 school corporations, as applicable, the curricular materials selected by
- 35 the proper local officials, and shall provide at no cost the curricular
- 36 materials to each student enrolled in the school corporation or charter
- 37 school. Curricular materials provided to a student under this section
- 38 remain the property of the governing body of the school corporation or
- 39 organizer of the charter school.
- 40 (b) This section does not prohibit a governing body of a school
- 41 corporation or an organizer of a charter school from assessing and
- 42 collecting a reasonable fee for lost or significantly damaged curricular



1 materials, in accordance with rules established by the state board under
 2 ~~subsection (d)~~. Fees collected under this subsection must be deposited
 3 in the:
 4 (1) education fund of the school corporation; or
 5 (2) education fund of the charter school, or, if the charter school
 6 does not have an education fund, the same fund into which state
 7 tuition support is deposited for the charter school;
 8 in which the student was enrolled at the time the fee was imposed.
 9 (c) This section does not prohibit a governing body of a school
 10 corporation or an organizer of a charter school from assessing and
 11 collecting a reasonable fee for supplies and materials that:
 12 (1) are not curricular materials; and
 13 (2) supplement the instruction in a particular course of study.
 14 ~~(d) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement~~
 15 ~~this section:~~
 16 SECTION 78. IC 20-26-12-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 23: A school corporation may:~~
 18 ~~(1) borrow money to buy curricular materials; and~~
 19 ~~(2) issue notes, maturing serially in not more than four (4) years~~
 20 ~~and payable from its education fund; to secure the loan:~~
 21 SECTION 79. IC 20-26-12-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.243-2023,
 22 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 24. (a) Except as provided in section 24.5 of this
 24 chapter, the superintendent, after approval from the governing body,
 25 shall establish procedures for adoption of curricular materials.
 26 (b) Except as provided in section 24.5 of this chapter, the governing
 27 body, after reviewing any recommendations from the superintendent,
 28 shall adopt curricular materials for use in teaching each subject in the
 29 school corporation.
 30 (c) A special committee of teachers and parents may also be
 31 appointed to review books, magazines, and audiovisual material used
 32 or proposed for use in the classroom to supplement state adopted
 33 curricular materials and may make recommendations to the
 34 superintendent and the governing body concerning the use of these
 35 materials.
 36 (d) The governing body may, if the governing body considers it
 37 appropriate, retain curricular materials adopted under this section and
 38 authorize the purchase of supplemental materials to ensure continued
 39 alignment with academic standards adopted by the state board.
 40 (e) The superintendent, advisory committee, and governing body
 41 may consider using the list of curricular materials provided by the
 42 department under ~~IC 20-20-5.5: IC 20-20.5-4.~~



1 (f) A governing body may not purchase curricular materials from a
 2 publisher unless the publisher agrees, in accordance with Sections
 3 612(a)(23)(A) and 674(e)(4) of the Individuals with Disabilities
 4 Education Improvement Act 2004 (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), to provide
 5 or grant a license to the school corporation to allow for the
 6 reproduction of adopted curricular materials in:

- 7 (1) large type;
 8 (2) Braille; and
 9 (3) audio format.

10 SECTION 80. IC 20-26-14-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2020,
 11 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The department shall notify the association
 13 of any license revocation or suspension involving a licensed teacher (as
 14 defined in IC 20-18-2-22) under IC 20-28-5-8 who:

15 (1) has:

- 16 (A) been convicted of an offense described in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~;
 17 **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**; or
 18 (B) committed misconduct described in IC 20-28-5-7(1) or
 19 IC 20-28-5-7(2); and

20 (2) is also a coach accredited by the association.

21 (b) A school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high
 22 school with at least one (1) employee must report to the association, in
 23 a manner prescribed by the association, when a nonteaching or
 24 volunteer coach accredited by the association has been convicted of an
 25 offense described in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~: **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**.

26 (c) The association shall develop a rule, as soon as practicable, to
 27 suspend or revoke the coaching accreditation of a teacher who has been
 28 reported to the association under subsection (a) for committing
 29 misconduct described in IC 20-28-5-7(1) or IC 20-28-5-7(2).

30 (d) The association shall revoke the accreditation of any coach who
 31 has been convicted of an offense described in IC 20-28-5-8. The
 32 association may, after holding a hearing on the matter, reinstate the
 33 accreditation of an individual whose accreditation has been revoked by
 34 the association if the individual's conviction has been reversed,
 35 vacated, or set aside on appeal.

36 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
 37 association from revoking a coaching accreditation or otherwise
 38 imposing any other form of discipline for misconduct not described in
 39 IC 20-28-5-7(1), IC 20-28-5-7(2), or IC 20-28-5-8.

40 (f) The:

- 41 (1) association or its employees;
 42 (2) department or its employees; or



1 (3) school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high
 2 school with at least one (1) employee or its employees;
 3 are immune from civil liability for any act done or omitted under this
 4 section or section 9 of this chapter unless the action constitutes gross
 5 negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

6 SECTION 81. IC 20-26-17-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2016,
 7 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The following apply with respect to a school
 9 corporation's employee health coverage program:

10 (1) If the school corporation pays a commission, a bonus, an
 11 override, a contingency fee, or any other compensation to an
 12 insurance producer or other adviser in connection with the health
 13 coverage, the school corporation shall:

14 (A) specify the commission, bonus, override, contingency fee,
 15 or other compensation in the school corporation's annual
 16 budget fixed under IC 6-1.1-17; and

17 (B) make the information specified under clause (A) available
 18 to the public upon request.

19 ~~(2) The school corporation may allow:~~

20 ~~(A) members of the school corporation's governing body; or~~

21 ~~(B) an attorney of the school corporation's governing body;~~

22 ~~to be covered under the school corporation's employee health~~
 23 ~~coverage program.~~

24 ~~(3) (2) Except as provided in subsection (b), all individuals~~
 25 ~~insured under the school corporation's employee health coverage~~
 26 ~~program:~~

27 ~~(A) are eligible for the same coverage as all other individuals~~
 28 ~~insured under the program; and~~

29 ~~(B) to the extent allowed by federal law, may pay different~~
 30 ~~amounts for the coverage.~~

31 (b) Except as provided in IC 5-10-8-6.7(b), a school corporation:

32 (1) may:

33 (A) make an assignment of wages upon the request of a school
 34 corporation employee in accordance with IC 22-2-6-2 to pay
 35 the school corporation employee's share of premiums for
 36 health insurance that is available to the school corporation
 37 employee as a result of a collective bargaining agreement:

38 (i) negotiated with the school corporation by a labor
 39 organization; and

40 (ii) under which the school corporation employee is covered;
 41 and

42 (B) pay the school corporation's share of premiums for the



1 bargained health insurance; and
 2 (2) is not required to make the bargained health insurance
 3 available to all school corporation employees.
 4 SECTION 82. IC 20-26-18.2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,
 5 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A school corporation, a state accredited
 7 nonpublic school, or a charter school shall report all instances of:
 8 (1) seclusion (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-9~~; **IC 20-20.5-13-9**);
 9 (2) chemical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-2~~;
 10 **IC 20-20.5-13-2**);
 11 (3) mechanical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-4~~;
 12 **IC 20-20.5-13-4**); and
 13 (4) physical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-5~~;
 14 **IC 20-20.5-13-5**);
 15 involving a school resource officer in accordance with the restraint and
 16 seclusion plan adopted by the school corporation, state accredited
 17 nonpublic school, or charter school under ~~IC 20-20-40-14~~.
 18 **IC 20-20.5-13-16.**
 19 SECTION 83. IC 20-26-20-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2022,
 20 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A public school shall conduct an expanded
 22 criminal history check of a representative of an organization before the
 23 representative may provide information to students at a public school
 24 as described in section 4 of this chapter. The representative may be
 25 required to provide a written consent for the public school to conduct
 26 the expanded criminal history check. The representative of the
 27 organization is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the
 28 expanded criminal history check.
 29 (b) A public school may refuse to allow a representative to provide
 30 information as described in section 4 of this chapter if the
 31 representative has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor listed in
 32 **IC 20-28-5-8(b) or IC 20-28-5-8(c).** ~~or IC 20-28-5-8(d).~~
 33 SECTION 84. IC 20-27-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2012,
 34 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The governing body of a school corporation
 36 may provide transportation for students to and from school.
 37 (b) If the governing body of a school corporation:
 38 (1) provides transportation; or
 39 (2) contracts with an educational service center (as defined by
 40 ~~IC 20-20-1-2~~) **IC 20-20.5-1-3**) to provide transportation;
 41 no fee may be charged to a parent or student for transportation to and
 42 from school. However, a fee may be charged for transportation to and



1 from an athletic, a social, or another school sponsored function.
 2 SECTION 85. IC 20-27-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2012,
 3 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to:
 5 (1) a nonpublic school or to a nonpublic school bus driver
 6 contract executed for a nonpublic school; or
 7 (2) an educational service center (as defined by ~~IC 20-20-1-2~~)
 8 **IC 20-20.5-1-3**) or a school bus driver contract executed for an
 9 educational service center.
 10 SECTION 86. IC 20-27-12.1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2024,
 11 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "career and technical
 13 education" refers to:
 14 (1) an apprenticeship program (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.3);
 15 (2) a career and technical education (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-38-1~~)
 16 **IC 20-20.5-10-1**) program;
 17 (3) a modern youth apprenticeship (as defined in
 18 IC 20-51.4-2-9.5); and
 19 (4) a work based learning course (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.7).
 20 SECTION 87. IC 20-28-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,
 21 SECTION 142, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (c) and
 23 in addition to the powers and duties set forth in this article, the state
 24 board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:
 25 (1) Set standards for teacher licensing and for the administration
 26 of a professional licensing and certification process by the
 27 department.
 28 (2) Approve or disapprove teacher preparation programs.
 29 (3) Set fees to be charged in connection with teacher licensing.
 30 (4) Suspend, revoke, or reinstate teacher licenses.
 31 (5) Enter into agreements with other states to acquire reciprocal
 32 approval of teacher preparation programs.
 33 (6) Set standards for teacher licensing concerning new subjects of
 34 study.
 35 (7) Evaluate work experience and military service concerning
 36 postsecondary education and experience equivalency.
 37 (8) Perform any other action that
 38 (A) relates to the improvement of instruction in the public
 39 schools through teacher education and professional
 40 development through continuing education. ~~and~~
 41 (B) attracts qualified candidates for teacher education from
 42 among the high school graduates of Indiana.



1 (9) Set standards for endorsement of school psychologists as
2 independent practice school psychologists under IC 20-28-12.

3 (10) Before July 1, 2011, set standards for sign language
4 interpreters who provide services to children with disabilities in
5 an educational setting and an enforcement mechanism for the
6 interpreter standards.

7 ~~(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), an individual is entitled to~~
8 ~~one (1) year of occupational experience for purposes of obtaining an~~
9 ~~occupational specialist certificate under this article for each year the~~
10 ~~individual holds a license under IC 25-8-6.~~

11 ~~(c) (b) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish~~
12 ~~procedures to expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement under~~
13 ~~this article of a license or certificate of a:~~

14 ~~(1) person who; or~~

15 ~~(2) person whose spouse;~~

16 ~~serves on active duty (as defined in IC 25-1-12-2) and is assigned to a~~
17 ~~duty station in Indiana.~~

18 SECTION 88. IC 20-28-2-11, AS AMENDED BY THE
19 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. The department shall ~~collaborate with~~
22 ~~nonprofit entities, the commission for higher education, and state~~
23 ~~educational institutions to develop and implement initiatives focusing~~
24 ~~on the recruitment and retention of qualified educators from~~
25 ~~underrepresented populations. The initiatives should include, but are~~
26 ~~not limited to, the following activities:~~

27 ~~(1) Development of a recruitment plan for underrepresented and~~
28 ~~teacher shortage areas.~~

29 ~~(2) Production of a web site as a communication tool that~~
30 ~~provides resource information and scholarship opportunities.~~

31 ~~(3) Development of a research agenda and network support~~
32 ~~system at each state educational institution to remove barriers and~~
33 ~~address challenges faced by students of underrepresented~~
34 ~~populations in order to recruit, retain, and graduate these students.~~

35 SECTION 89. IC 20-28-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2015,
36 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) An accredited school or department may use
38 the word "accredited" in advertising approved courses and the types of
39 teachers the school or department is accredited to prepare. ~~An~~
40 ~~accredited school or department may enter into the student teaching~~
41 ~~agreements specified in IC 20-26-5-23.~~

42 (b) The department shall revoke the right to use the word



1 "accredited" when an accredited school or department refuses to abide
2 by the advisory board's rules.

3 SECTION 90. IC 20-28-5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
4 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies when a
6 prosecuting attorney knows that a licensed employee of a public school
7 or a nonpublic school has been convicted of an offense listed in
8 subsection ~~(c)~~: **(b)**. The prosecuting attorney shall immediately give
9 written notice of the conviction to the following:

10 (1) The secretary of education.

11 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), the superintendent of
12 the school corporation that employs the licensed employee or the
13 equivalent authority if a nonpublic school employs the licensed
14 employee.

15 (3) The presiding officer of the governing body of the school
16 corporation that employs the licensed employee, if the convicted
17 licensed employee is the superintendent of the school corporation.

18 ~~(b) The superintendent of a school corporation, presiding officer of~~
19 ~~the governing body, or equivalent authority for a nonpublic school shall~~
20 ~~immediately notify the secretary of education when the individual~~
21 ~~knows that a current or former licensed employee of the public school~~
22 ~~or nonpublic school has been convicted of an offense listed in~~
23 ~~subsection (c), or when the governing body or equivalent authority for~~
24 ~~a nonpublic school takes any final action in relation to an employee~~
25 ~~who engaged in any offense listed in subsection (c):~~

26 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** Except as provided in section 8.5 of this chapter, the
27 department shall permanently revoke the license of a person who is
28 known by the department to have been convicted of any of the
29 following:

30 (1) The following felonies:

31 (A) A sex crime under IC 35-42-4 (including criminal deviate
32 conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal)).

33 (B) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).

34 (C) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3).

35 (D) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).

36 (E) Dealing in or manufacturing cocaine or a narcotic drug (IC
37 35-48-4-1).

38 (F) Dealing in methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.1).

39 (G) Manufacturing methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.2).

40 (H) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance (IC
41 35-48-4-2).

42 (I) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance (IC



- 1 35-48-4-3).
2 (J) Dealing in a schedule V controlled substance (IC
3 35-48-4-4).
4 (K) Dealing in a counterfeit substance (IC 35-48-4-5).
5 (L) Dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a
6 felony (IC 35-48-4-10).
7 (M) An offense under IC 35-48-4 involving the manufacture
8 or sale of a synthetic drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321), a
9 synthetic drug lookalike substance (as defined in
10 IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019)) under
11 IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019), a
12 controlled substance analog (as defined in IC 35-48-1.1-8), or
13 a substance represented to be a controlled substance (as
14 described in IC 35-48-4-4.6).
15 (N) Homicide (IC 35-42-1).
16 (O) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).
17 (P) Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).
18 (Q) Battery as any of the following:
19 (i) A Class A felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
20 2014) or a Level 2 felony (for a crime committed after June
21 30, 2014).
22 (ii) A Class B felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
23 2014) or a Level 3 felony (for a crime committed after June
24 30, 2014).
25 (iii) A Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
26 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime committed after June
27 30, 2014).
28 (R) Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).
29 (S) Robbery (IC 35-42-5-1).
30 (T) Carjacking (IC 35-42-5-2) (before its repeal).
31 (U) Arson as a Class A felony or Class B felony (for a crime
32 committed before July 1, 2014) or as a Level 2, Level 3, or
33 Level 4 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014) (IC
34 35-43-1-1(a)).
35 (V) Burglary as a Class A felony or Class B felony (for a crime
36 committed before July 1, 2014) or as a Level 1, Level 2, Level
37 3, or Level 4 felony (for a crime committed after June 30,
38 2014) (IC 35-43-2-1).
39 (W) Human trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5).
40 (X) Dealing in a controlled substance resulting in death (IC
41 35-42-1-1.5).
42 (Y) Attempt under IC 35-41-5-1 to commit an offense listed in



1 this subsection.
 2 (Z) Conspiracy under IC 35-41-5-2 to commit an offense listed
 3 in this subsection.
 4 (2) Public indecency (IC 35-45-4-1) committed:
 5 (A) after June 30, 2003; or
 6 (B) before July 1, 2003, if the person committed the offense
 7 by, in a public place:
 8 (i) engaging in sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct
 9 (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);
 10 (ii) appearing in a state of nudity with the intent to arouse
 11 the sexual desires of the person or another person, or being
 12 at least eighteen (18) years of age, with the intent to be seen
 13 by a child less than sixteen (16) years of age; or
 14 (iii) fondling the person's genitals or the genitals of another
 15 person.
 16 ~~(d)~~ (c) The department shall permanently revoke the license of a
 17 person who is known by the department to have been convicted of a
 18 federal offense or an offense in another state that is comparable to a
 19 felony or misdemeanor listed in subsection ~~(c)~~; **(b)**.
 20 ~~(e)~~ (d) A license may be suspended by the secretary of education as
 21 specified in IC 20-28-7.5.
 22 ~~(f)~~ (e) The department shall develop a data base of information on
 23 school corporation employees who have been reported to the
 24 department under this section.
 25 ~~(g)~~ (f) Upon receipt of information from the office of judicial
 26 administration in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3 concerning persons
 27 convicted of an offense listed in subsection ~~(e)~~; **(b)**, the department
 28 shall:
 29 (1) cross check the information received from the office of
 30 judicial administration with information concerning licensed
 31 teachers (as defined in IC 20-18-2-22(b)) maintained by the
 32 department; and
 33 (2) if a licensed teacher (as defined in IC 20-18-2-22(b)) has been
 34 convicted of an offense described in subsection ~~(e)~~; **(b)**, revoke
 35 the licensed teacher's license.
 36 SECTION 91. IC 20-28-5-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 37 SECTION 118, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 27. (a) In an effort to fill a vacant
 39 teaching position, offer a new program or class, or supplement a
 40 program currently being offered, the governing body of a school
 41 corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school or
 42 nonpublic school may issue an adjunct teacher permit to an individual



1 if the following minimum requirements are met:

- 2 (1) The individual has at least four (4) years of experience in the
 3 content area in which the individual intends to teach.
 4 (2) The school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
 5 conducts an expanded criminal history check and expanded child
 6 protection index check concerning the individual as required
 7 under IC 20-26-5-10.
 8 (3) The individual has not been convicted of a felony listed in
 9 section ~~8(c)~~ **8(b)** of this chapter or described in section ~~8(d)~~ **8(c)**
 10 of this chapter or the individual's conviction has been reversed,
 11 vacated, or set aside on appeal.

12 However, the governing body or equivalent authority may establish
 13 stricter requirements than the requirements prescribed by this
 14 subsection.

15 (b) If a governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent
 16 authority for a charter school or nonpublic school issues an adjunct
 17 teacher permit to an individual under subsection (a):

- 18 (1) the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
 19 may enter into an employment agreement for employment with
 20 the individual as a part-time or full-time teacher of the school
 21 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school;
 22 (2) the individual who holds the adjunct permit may teach in any
 23 content area, including a career and technical education content
 24 area, in which the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
 25 school allows the individual to teach based on the individual's
 26 experience described in subsection (a);
 27 (3) the individual must be assigned a teacher mentor for support
 28 in pedagogy; and
 29 (4) the individual must complete the following training within the
 30 first ninety (90) days of employment:

- 31 (A) Bullying prevention.
 32 (B) Child abuse and neglect.
 33 (C) Youth suicide awareness and prevention.
 34 (D) Human trafficking.

35 ~~The training described in subdivision (4)(D) may be completed through~~
 36 ~~the online platform described in IC 20-19-3-29.~~

37 (c) An adjunct teacher may not provide special education
 38 instruction.

39 (d) The salary of an adjunct teacher under an employment
 40 agreement described in IC 20-28-6-7.3 is not subject to the
 41 requirements under IC 20-28-9-1.5 or a local compensation plan
 42 established by a school corporation as described in IC 20-28-9-1.5.



1 (e) Except as otherwise provided in a collective bargaining
 2 agreement entered into or renewed before July 1, 2022, an employment
 3 agreement entered into under this section is not subject to a collective
 4 bargaining agreement entered into under IC 20-29.

5 (f) It is not an unfair practice for a school corporation to enter into
 6 an employment agreement under this section.

7 ~~(g) Each school corporation or charter school that hires an adjunct~~
 8 ~~teacher under this section shall report to the department the following~~
 9 ~~information:~~

10 ~~(1) The number of adjunct teachers who hold a permit issued~~
 11 ~~under this section that the school corporation or charter school~~
 12 ~~has hired each school year, disaggregated by the grade level and~~
 13 ~~subject area taught by the adjunct teacher.~~

14 ~~(2) The following information for each adjunct teacher described~~
 15 ~~in subdivision (1):~~

16 ~~(A) The name of the adjunct teacher.~~

17 ~~(B) The subject matter the adjunct teacher is permitted to~~
 18 ~~teach.~~

19 ~~(C) A description of the adjunct teacher's experience described~~
 20 ~~in subsection (a)(1).~~

21 ~~(D) The adjunct teacher's total salary and any other~~
 22 ~~compensation paid to the adjunct teacher during the school~~
 23 ~~year.~~

24 ~~(E) The number of previous adjunct teaching employment~~
 25 ~~agreements the adjunct teacher has entered into with the~~
 26 ~~school corporation or charter school or any other school~~
 27 ~~corporation or charter school.~~

28 ~~(h) (g) A school corporation or charter school shall post a vacant~~
 29 ~~adjunct teacher position on the department's online adjunct teacher~~
 30 ~~portal established under IC 20-19-3-25.~~

31 ~~(i) (h) A school corporation may notify the parents of students~~
 32 ~~enrolled in the school corporation of a vacant adjunct teacher position.~~

33 ~~(j) (i) The governing body of a school corporation shall announce~~
 34 ~~any vacant adjunct teacher positions at meetings of the governing body.~~

35 SECTION 92. IC 20-28-5.5-1.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 36 1, 2026]. See: 1.5. After June 30, 2024, if an online platform is
 37 established or licensed for use under IC 20-19-3-29, the training
 38 described in any of the following statutes must be provided through the
 39 online platform:

40 IC 20-26-5-34.4.

41 IC 20-26-9-8.

42 IC 20-28-3-4.5.



1 ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1.~~
 2 ~~IC 20-34-7-6.~~
 3 ~~IC 20-34-7-7.~~
 4 ~~IC 20-34-8-9.~~
 5 ~~IC 20-35.5.~~
 6 SECTION 93. IC 20-28-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2023,
 7 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided under section 7.3 of this
 9 chapter, a contract entered into by a teacher and a school corporation
 10 must:
 11 (1) be in writing;
 12 (2) be signed by both parties; and
 13 (3) contain the:
 14 (A) beginning date of the school term as determined annually
 15 by the school corporation;
 16 (B) number of days in the school term as determined annually
 17 by the school corporation;
 18 (C) total salary to be paid to the teacher during the school year;
 19 **and**
 20 (D) number of salary payments to be made to the teacher
 21 during the school year. ~~and~~
 22 ~~(E) number of hours per day the teacher is expected to work.~~
 23 (b) The contract may provide for the annual determination of the
 24 teacher's annual compensation based on a local compensation plan
 25 specifying a salary range, which is part of the contract. The
 26 compensation plan may be changed by the school corporation before
 27 the later of May 1 of a year, with the changes effective the next school
 28 year, or the date specified in a collective bargaining agreement
 29 applicable to the next school year. A teacher affected by the changes
 30 shall be furnished with printed copies of the changed compensation
 31 plan not later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of the
 32 compensation plan.
 33 (c) A contract under this section is also governed by the following
 34 statutes:
 35 (1) IC 20-28-9-5 through IC 20-28-9-6.
 36 (2) IC 20-28-9-9 through IC 20-28-9-11.
 37 (3) IC 20-28-9-13.
 38 (4) IC 20-28-9-14.
 39 (d) A governing body shall provide the blank contract forms,
 40 carefully worded by the secretary of education, and have them signed.
 41 The contracts are public records open to inspection by the residents of
 42 each school corporation.



1 (e) An action may be brought on a contract that conforms with
 2 subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (d).

3 SECTION 94. IC 20-28-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
 4 SECTION 206, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A temporary teacher's
 6 contract shall be used only for employing:

7 (1) a teacher to serve in the absence of a teacher who has been
 8 granted a leave of absence by the school corporation for:

9 (A) engaging in defense service or in service auxiliary to
 10 defense service;

11 (B) professional study or advancement;

12 (C) exchange teaching;

13 (D) extended disability to which a licensed physician has
 14 attested; or

15 (E) serving in the general assembly; ~~or~~

16 (2) a new teacher for a position:

17 (A) that is funded by a grant outside the school funding
 18 formula for which funding is available only for a specified
 19 period or purpose; or

20 (B) vacated by a teacher who is under a regular contract and
 21 who temporarily accepts a teacher position that is funded by a
 22 grant outside the school funding formula for which funding is
 23 available only for a specified period or purpose; ~~or~~

24 **(3) a teacher who has been issued an emergency permit by the**
 25 **department.**

26 (b) The temporary teacher's contract must contain:

27 (1) the provisions of the regular teacher's contract except those
 28 providing for continued tenure of position;

29 (2) a blank space for the name of the teacher granted the leave,
 30 which may not be used on another temporary teacher's contract
 31 for the same leave of absence; and

32 (3) an expiration date that:

33 (A) is the date of the return of the teacher on leave; and

34 (B) is not later than the end of the school year.

35 (c) If a teacher is employed on the temporary teacher's contract for
 36 at least sixty (60) days in a school year, the teacher may, on request,
 37 receive the service credit that the teacher would otherwise receive with
 38 regard to the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund.

39 (d) A school corporation is not required to use a temporary teacher's
 40 contract for employing a teacher to serve in the absence of a teacher
 41 who has been granted a leave of absence.

42 SECTION 95. IC 20-28-6-7.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,



1 SECTION 122, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.5. (a) A teacher who is subject to
 3 section 8 of this chapter is not subject to this section.

4 (b) A teacher who:

5 (1) serves under contract as a teacher in a ~~public~~ school
 6 corporation;

7 (2) is in the teacher's first or second year of full-time teaching ~~in~~
 8 ~~a classroom;~~ **with a school corporation;** and

9 (3) has not at any time before July 1, 2012, entered into a teaching
 10 contract for further service with the school corporation;

11 shall be considered a probationary teacher.

12 (c) A teacher who:

13 (1) is not a probationary teacher under subsection (b); and

14 (2) enters into a contract described in section 2 of this chapter;

15 becomes a professional teacher.

16 SECTION 96. IC 20-28-7.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2023,
 17 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to a teacher in a school
 19 corporation (as defined in IC 20-18-2-16(a)).

20 (b) A contract with a teacher may be canceled immediately in the
 21 manner set forth in sections 2 through 4 of this chapter for any of the
 22 following reasons:

23 (1) Immorality.

24 (2) Insubordination, which means a willful refusal to obey the
 25 state school laws or reasonable rules adopted for the governance
 26 of the school building or the school corporation.

27 (3) Repeated ineffective performance, as determined by the
 28 school corporation.

29 (4) Neglect of duty.

30 (5) A conviction of an offense listed in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(c).~~
 31 **IC 20-28-5-8(b).**

32 (6) Other good or just cause.

33 (c) In addition to the reasons set forth in subsection (b), a
 34 probationary teacher's contract may be canceled for any reason relevant
 35 to the school corporation's interest in the manner set forth in sections
 36 2 through 4 of this chapter.

37 (d) ~~After June 30, 2012;~~ The cancellation of teacher's contracts due
 38 to a justifiable decrease in the number of teaching positions shall be
 39 determined on the basis of performance rather than seniority. In cases
 40 where teachers are placed in the same performance category, any of the
 41 items in IC 20-28-9-1.5(b) may be considered.

42 (e) Only the governing body may terminate, cancel, or otherwise



1 refuse to renew a contract of a superintendent or assistant
2 superintendent. Notice of the contract cancellation or the refusal to
3 renew the individual's contract must be provided in the manner
4 provided in IC 20-28-8-3(a).

5 SECTION 97. IC 20-28-7.5-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
6 1, 2026]. Sec. 8: (a) This section does not apply to an individual who
7 works at a conversion charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-5) for
8 purposes of the individual's employment with the school corporation
9 that sponsored the conversion charter school.

10 (b) A contract between a school corporation and a teacher is void if
11 the teacher, at the time of signing the contract, is bound by a previous
12 contract to teach in a public school and the contract is entered into at
13 any time during the school year or less than fourteen (14) days before
14 the day on which the teacher must report for work at that school.
15 However, another contract may be signed by the teacher that will be
16 effective if the teacher:

17 (1) furnishes the principal a release by the first employer; or

18 (2) shows proof that thirty (30) days written notice was delivered
19 by the teacher to the first employer.

20 (c) A principal may request from a teacher, at the time of
21 contracting, a written statement as to whether the teacher has signed
22 another teaching contract. However, the teacher's failure to provide the
23 statement is not a cause for subsequently voiding the contract.

24 SECTION 98. IC 20-28-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
25 SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. A contract of employment shall be entered into
27 between the governing body of the school corporation and a principal
28 or assistant principal subject to the following conditions:

29 (1) The basic contract must be the regular teacher's contract as
30 prescribed by the secretary of education.

31 (2) (1) This subdivision applies to contracts entered into or
32 renewed after June 30, 2019. The initial contract must be for a
33 term of at least one (1) year and not more than three (3) years.
34 However, a contract may be extended for not more than an
35 additional three (3) years beyond the term of the original contract.

36 (3) (2) The contract may be altered, modified, or rescinded in
37 favor of a new contract at any time by mutual consent of the
38 governing body of the school corporation and the principal or
39 assistant principal, if the contract, when reduced to writing, is
40 consistent with this chapter.

41 SECTION 99. IC 20-28-8-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
42 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. A contract of employment shall be entered
 2 into between the managing body and a local director subject to the
 3 following conditions:

4 (1) The basic contract must be the regular teacher's contract as
 5 prescribed by the secretary of education.

6 (2) (1) The minimum term of the initial contract must be the
 7 equivalent of two (2) school years.

8 (3) (2) The contract may be altered, modified, or rescinded in
 9 favor of a new contract at any time by mutual consent of the
 10 managing body and the local director if the written contract is
 11 consistent with this chapter.

12 SECTION 100. IC 20-28-9-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 13 1, 2026]. Sec. 24: (a) This section applies to an examination that is
 14 required for teacher licensure under this chapter.

15 (b) If an individual does not demonstrate the level of proficiency
 16 required to receive a license on all or a part of an examination, the
 17 examination's scorer must provide the individual with the individual's
 18 test scores, including subscores for each area tested.

19 SECTION 101. IC 20-28-9-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 20 1, 2026]. Sec. 25: For purposes of the federal teacher loan forgiveness
 21 program provided under 34 CFR 682.216(a)(4), "secondary school"
 22 includes any eligible elementary or secondary school at which a highly
 23 qualified teacher in a high needs area (as defined in 34 CFR
 24 682.216(b)) is employed.

25 SECTION 102. IC 20-29-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.75-2025,
 26 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. "Deficit financing" for a budget year

28 (1) means except as provided in subdivision (2); actual
 29 expenditures exceeding the employer's current year actual
 30 education fund revenue and, for a school employer for which the
 31 voters have passed an operating referendum tax levy under
 32 IC 20-46-1 or a school safety referendum tax levy under
 33 IC 20-46-9, the amount of revenue certified by the department of
 34 local government finance, excluding money distributed to a
 35 charter school under IC 20-46-1-21 or IC 20-46-9-22. or

36 (2) means, in the case of any distressed school corporation, the
 37 Gary Community School Corporation, or the Muncie Community
 38 school corporation, actual expenditures plus additional payments
 39 against any outstanding debt obligations exceeding the employer's
 40 current year actual education fund revenue; and, for a school
 41 employer for which the voters have passed an operating
 42 referendum tax levy under IC 20-46-1 or a school safety



1 referendum tax levy under IC 20-46-9, excluding money
 2 distributed to a charter school under IC 20-46-1-21 or
 3 IC 20-46-9-22; the amount of revenue certified by the department
 4 of local government finance.

5 Except as provided in IC 20-29-6-3(c), revenue does not include money
 6 estimated to be or actually transferred from the school corporation's
 7 operations fund to its education fund. Revenue does not include money
 8 allocated for supplemental payments in a resolution passed under
 9 IC 20-29-6-3(d).

10 SECTION 103. IC 20-29-6-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
 11 SECTION 174, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) For a contract entered into
 13 after June 30, 2011, a school employer may not bargain collectively
 14 with the exclusive representative on the following:

- 15 (1) The school calendar.
- 16 (2) Teacher dismissal procedures and criteria.
- 17 (3) Restructuring options available to a school employer under
 18 federal or state statutes, regulations, or rules because of the failure
 19 of the school corporation or a school to meet federal or state
 20 accountability standards.
- 21 (4) The ability of a school employer to contract, partner, or
 22 operate jointly with an educational entity that provides
 23 postsecondary credits to students of the school employer or dual
 24 credits from the school employer and the educational entity.
- 25 (5) Contract costs for curricular materials (as defined in
 26 IC 20-18-2-2.7).
- 27 **(6) Teacher evaluation procedures and criteria.**
- 28 ~~(6)~~ **(7)** Any subject not expressly listed in section 4 of this
 29 chapter.

30 (b) For a contract entered into after January 1, 2015, for a school
 31 year beginning after June 30, 2015, a school employer may not bargain
 32 collectively with the exclusive representative for the following:

- 33 (1) A matter described in subsection (a).
- 34 (2) A matter that another statute specifies is not subject to
 35 collective bargaining, including IC 20-28-9-1.5 and IC 20-43-16.

36 (c) A subject set forth in subsection (a) or (b) that may not be
 37 bargained collectively may not be included in an agreement entered
 38 into under this article.

39 SECTION 104. IC 20-29-6-4.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.48-2011,
 40 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.7. ~~(a) A school employer may not bargain~~
 42 ~~collectively with the exclusive representative on teacher evaluation~~



1 procedures and criteria after this section has been enacted into law:

2 ~~(b)~~ A contract entered into between a school employer and an
 3 exclusive representative ~~after this section has been enacted into law~~
 4 may not extend past the end of a state budget biennium.

5 SECTION 105. IC 20-30-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2021,
 6 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) In consultation with the student's school
 8 counselor, ~~after seeking consultation with each student's parents~~, and
 9 not later than the date on which the student completes grade 8, each
 10 student shall develop a graduation plan that is a part of the student's
 11 permanent school record and accessible to a parent of the student in
 12 accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20
 13 U.S.C. 1232g et seq.).

14 (b) The graduation plan developed under subsection (a) must
 15 include the following:

16 (1) A statement of intent to graduate from high school.

17 (2) An acknowledgment of the importance of:

18 (A) good citizenship;

19 (B) school attendance; and

20 (C) diligent study habits.

21 (3) The subject and skill areas of interest to the student.

22 (4) The postsecondary goals of the student aligned with the
 23 graduation pathway requirements under IC 20-32-4-1.5.

24 (5) A program of study under the college/technology preparation
 25 curriculum adopted by the state board under IC 20-30-10-2 for
 26 grades 10, 11, and 12 that meets the interests, aptitude, and
 27 postsecondary goals of the student.

28 (6) Assurances that, upon satisfactory fulfillment of the plan, the
 29 student:

30 (A) is entitled to graduate; and

31 (B) will have taken at least the minimum variety and number
 32 of courses necessary to gain admittance to a state educational
 33 institution.

34 (7) An indication of assessments (other than the statewide
 35 assessment program and the graduation examination (before July
 36 1, 2018)) that the student plans to take voluntarily during grade 10
 37 through grade 12 and which may include any of the following:

38 (A) The SAT Reasoning Test.

39 (B) The ACT test.

40 (C) Advanced placement exams.

41 (D) College readiness exams approved by the department.

42 (E) Workforce readiness exams approved by the department of



- 1 workforce development established under IC 22-4.1-2.
- 2 (F) Cambridge International examinations.
- 3 **(c) A school corporation shall:**
- 4 **(1) provide a copy of a student's graduation plan developed**
- 5 **under this section to a parent of the student; and**
- 6 **(2) provide the parent described in subdivision (1) an**
- 7 **opportunity to consult with the school corporation on the**
- 8 **student's graduation plan.**

9 SECTION 106. IC 20-30-5-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 10 SECTION 139, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) Each public school shall
 12 include in the public school's curriculum age appropriate, research
 13 based instruction as provided under ~~IC 10-21-1-14(d)~~ **IC 10-21-1-14(e)**
 14 focusing on bullying prevention for all students in grades 1 through 12.

15 (b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists
 16 and school counselors, shall prepare outlines or materials for the
 17 instruction described in subsection (a). ~~and incorporate the instruction~~
 18 ~~in grades 1 through 12.~~

19 ~~(c) Instruction on bullying prevention may be delivered by a teacher,~~
 20 ~~school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other person with~~
 21 ~~training and expertise in the area of bullying prevention and~~
 22 ~~intervention.~~

23 SECTION 107. IC 20-30-5-5.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 24 SECTION 140, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.7. (a) Each public school,
 26 including a charter school, and state accredited nonpublic school shall
 27 include in the school's curriculum age appropriate:

- 28 (1) research and evidence based; or
- 29 (2) research or evidence based;
- 30 instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in
- 31 kindergarten through grade 12.

32 (b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists,
 33 school counselors, school social workers, or school psychologists, shall
 34 identify outlines or materials for the instruction described in subsection
 35 (a). ~~and incorporate the instruction in kindergarten through grade 12.~~

36 (c) Any outlines and materials identified under subsection (b) must
 37 be demonstrated to be effective and promising.

38 ~~(d) Instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse may be~~
 39 ~~delivered by a teacher, school safety specialist, school counselor, or any~~
 40 ~~other person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and~~
 41 ~~child sexual abuse.~~

42 SECTION 108. IC 20-30-5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,



1 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~For kindergarten through grade 12~~; The
3 governing body of each school corporation shall provide **at least two**
4 **(2) times in kindergarten through grade 8 and one (1) time in**
5 **grades 9 through 12** instruction concerning the effects that:

- 6 (1) alcoholic beverages;
- 7 (2) tobacco, **including tobacco alternatives and nicotine**
8 **products**;
- 9 (3) prescription drugs; and
- 10 (4) controlled substances;

11 have on the human body and society at large.

12 (b) The state board shall make available to all school corporations
13 a list of appropriate available instructional material on the matters
14 described in subsection (a).

15 (c) The department shall develop curriculum guides to assist
16 teachers assigned to teach the material described in subsection (a).

17 (d) The state board shall approve drug education curricula for ~~every~~
18 ~~grade from kindergarten through grade 12~~: **instruction required under**
19 **subsection (a)**.

20 (e) ~~The department shall provide assistance to each school~~
21 ~~corporation to train at least one (1) teacher in the school corporation in~~
22 ~~drug education~~.

23 SECTION 109. IC 20-30-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
24 SECTION 180, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) Each school corporation
26 shall:

- 27 (1) include in the school corporation's curriculum instruction
28 concerning the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and
- 29 (2) integrate this effort to the extent possible with instruction on
30 other serious communicable diseases.

31 (b) Literature that is distributed to school children and young adults
32 under this section must include information required by IC 20-34-3-17.

33 (c) The department **shall do the following**:
34 (1) In consultation with the Indiana department of health, ~~shall~~
35 develop HIV educational materials.
36 (2) ~~The department shall~~ Make the materials ~~developed under this~~
37 ~~section described in subdivision (1)~~ available to school
38 corporations.

39 SECTION 110. IC 20-30-5-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024,
40 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 23. (a) Each public high school, including each
42 charter school, shall offer at least one (1) computer science course as



1 a one (1) semester elective in the public high school's curriculum at
 2 least once each school year for high school students. This subsection
 3 expires July 1, 2028.

4 (b) After June 30, 2028, each public high school, including each
 5 charter school, shall offer at least once each school year at least one (1)
 6 computer science course as a separate subject in the public high
 7 school's curriculum that:

8 (1) satisfies the computer science instruction content
 9 requirements; and

10 (2) beginning in 2029, enables high school students to
 11 successfully complete instruction on computer science to be
 12 eligible to graduate from high school under the requirements;
 13 set forth in IC 20-32-4-18.

14 (c) Each public school, including each charter school, shall include
 15 computer science in the public school's curriculum for students in
 16 kindergarten through grade 12. Before July 1, 2028, a public high
 17 school fulfills the requirements under this subsection by meeting the
 18 requirements under subsection (a). After June 30, 2028, a public high
 19 school fulfills the requirements under this subsection by meeting the
 20 requirements under subsection (b).

21 (d) If a public school fails to comply with this section, the
 22 department shall assist the public school in meeting the requirements
 23 under this section.

24 (e) The department shall:

25 (1) prepare an annual report concerning the implementation of
 26 computer science courses in public schools, including charter
 27 schools, that includes the information described in subsection (f);
 28 and

29 (2) submit, before December 1 of each year, the report to the
 30 following:

31 (A) The state board.

32 (B) The general assembly.

33 (C) The commission for higher education.

34 The department shall submit the written report to the general assembly
 35 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

36 (f) The report under subsection (e) must include the following
 37 information:

38 (1) The total number and percentage of computer science unique
 39 student course enrollments and course completions for each:

40 (A) public elementary school, including each charter school,
 41 for students in grade 8; and

42 (B) public high school, including each charter school;



- 1 by each course title approved by the department.
- 2 (2) The number and percentage of unique student enrollments and
- 3 course completions in a computer science course by each course
- 4 title approved by the department and disaggregated by:
- 5 (A) race;
- 6 (B) gender;
- 7 (C) grade;
- 8 (D) ethnicity;
- 9 (E) limited English language proficiency;
- 10 (F) free or reduced price lunch status; and
- 11 (G) eligibility for special education.
- 12 (3) The number of computer science instructors at each school
- 13 disaggregated by:
- 14 (A) gender;
- 15 (B) certification, if applicable; and
- 16 (C) academic degree.
- 17 **(4) The number of public schools, including charter schools,**
- 18 **that offer courses in digital literacy.**
- 19 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** Any other pertinent matters.
- 20 (g) The department shall post the report described in subsections (e)
- 21 and (f) on the department's website.
- 22 SECTION 111. IC 20-30-5-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 23 1, 2026]. Sec. 25. ~~(a)~~ This section applies to a high school that is:
- 24 (1) a public school, including a charter school;
- 25 (2) a state accredited nonpublic school; or
- 26 (3) an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7):
- 27 ~~(b)~~ Each high school shall do one (1) of the following:
- 28 (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, offer the Indiana
- 29 college core developed under IC 21-42-3 in the high school's
- 30 curriculum for high school students:
- 31 (2) Not later than October 1, 2024, submit an implementation
- 32 plan to the commission for higher education, in a manner
- 33 prescribed by the commission for higher education, to offer the
- 34 Indiana college core developed under IC 21-42-3 in the high
- 35 school's curriculum for high school students by the 2025-2026
- 36 school year.
- 37 (3) Not later than October 1, 2024, submit a detailed
- 38 implementation plan to the commission for higher education, in
- 39 a manner prescribed by the commission for higher education, to
- 40 offer the Indiana college core developed under IC 21-42-3 in the
- 41 high school's curriculum for high school students by the
- 42 2026-2027 school year.



1 (4) Not later than October 1, 2024, submit an Indiana college core
 2 feasibility report to the commission for higher education in
 3 accordance with IC 21-42-3-6 if the high school does not plan to
 4 offer the Indiana college core by the 2026-2027 school year.

5 (c) This section expires July 1, 2026.

6 SECTION 112. IC 20-30-6.1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.150-2024,
 7 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "online challenge"
 9 means an Internet trend that encourages individuals to copy behaviors
 10 or actions that may cause harm to the individual.

11 (b) Each school corporation may:

12 (1) include instruction regarding Internet safety in the school
 13 corporation's curriculum; and

14 (2) offer instruction or programs regarding the potential risks
 15 and consequences of creating and sharing sexually suggestive
 16 or explicit materials through cellular telephones, social
 17 networking websites, computer networks, and other digital
 18 media.

19 (c) Not later than July 1, 2025, the department shall approve
 20 previously developed curricula for use by school corporations under
 21 subsection (b).

22 (d) Each curriculum approved under subsection (c) must include age
 23 appropriate instruction regarding the following:

24 (1) Thinking critically about the possible provenance, reliability,
 25 and intended effect of online information before acting on the
 26 information.

27 (2) Acting ethically in the student's interactions with others
 28 online, and reacting appropriately to unethical behavior such as:

29 (A) cyberbullying (as described in IC 20-19-3-11.5); and

30 (B) promotion of dangerous behavior, including self-harm or
 31 participation in an online challenge;

32 that is directed at the student by others online.

33 (3) Considering the uncertainties inherent in interacting with
 34 others online, particularly with regard to the ability of an
 35 individual to misrepresent the individual's identity online.

36 (4) Recognizing the economics of providing Internet content and
 37 social media services, including:

38 (A) the economic relationship between:

39 (i) users; and

40 (ii) providers;

41 of Internet content and social media services;

42 (B) the economic incentives of a provider to influence the



- 1 behavior of a user when the user is interacting with the
- 2 provider's content or services; and
- 3 (C) methods used by providers to influence user behavior.
- 4 (5) Practicing cybersecurity, including recognizing:
- 5 (A) the danger of:
- 6 (i) identity theft; and
- 7 (ii) financial fraud;
- 8 when interacting with others online, accessing Internet
- 9 content, or using social media services; and
- 10 (B) the potential for information shared online to remain
- 11 accessible to others in perpetuity.

12 SECTION 113. IC 20-30-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 13 SECTION 96, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The program organizer may request the
 15 approval from the department for the following:

- 16 (1) To receive the grant for alternative education programs under
- 17 ~~IC 20-20-33~~; **IC 20-20.5-9**.
- 18 (2) To be granted waivers from rules adopted by the state board
- 19 that may otherwise interfere with the objectives of the alternative
- 20 education program, including waivers of:
- 21 (A) certain high school graduation requirements;
- 22 (B) the length of the student instructional day as set forth in
- 23 IC 20-30-2-2;
- 24 (C) required curriculum and curricular materials;
- 25 (D) teacher certification requirements; and
- 26 (E) physical facility requirements.

27 SECTION 114. IC 20-30-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2006,
 28 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Before a program organizer
 30 is eligible for the funding under ~~IC 20-20-33~~, **IC 20-20.5-9**, a program
 31 organizer must have the grant for the program approved by both:

- 32 (1) the department; and
- 33 (2) the budget agency after review by the budget committee.
- 34 (b) A school corporation may initiate the program and waiver
- 35 approval process under section 7 of this chapter and the grant approval
- 36 process under this section by submitting an application for the
- 37 proposed alternative education program, on forms developed by the
- 38 department, to the department. The application must include the
- 39 following information:
- 40 (1) The number of eligible students expected to participate in the
- 41 alternative education program.
- 42 (2) A description of the proposed alternative education program,



- 1 including a description of the nature of the alternative education
- 2 program curriculum.
- 3 (3) The extent to which the manner of instruction at the
- 4 alternative education program differs from the manner of
- 5 instruction available in the traditional school setting.
- 6 (4) A description of specific progressive disciplinary procedures
- 7 that:
- 8 (A) are reasonably designed to modify disruptive behavior in
- 9 the traditional school learning environment without
- 10 necessitating admission to an alternative education program;
- 11 and
- 12 (B) will be used before admitting a disruptive student to an
- 13 alternative education program.
- 14 (5) Any other pertinent information required by the department.
- 15 (c) The term of a grant may not exceed one (1) school year. If a
- 16 school corporation fails to conduct an alternative education program in
- 17 conformity with:
- 18 (1) this chapter;
- 19 (2) the rules adopted by the state board; or
- 20 (3) the terms of the approved grant;
- 21 the department or the budget agency, after review by the budget
- 22 committee, may terminate funding for the alternative education
- 23 program before the grant expires.
- 24 SECTION 115. IC 20-31-8-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
- 25 SECTION 395, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) Not later than July 1, 2024,
- 27 the state board shall do the following:
- 28 (1) Establish a compilation of longitudinal data indicating school
- 29 performance success in various selected and enumerated program
- 30 areas.
- 31 (2) Present the data described in subdivision (1) for each school
- 32 in a manner that:
- 33 (A) can be conveniently and easily accessed from a single web
- 34 page on the state board's website; and
- 35 (B) is commonly known as an Internet dashboard.
- 36 (b) The dashboard must include the following:
- 37 (1) Indicators of student performance in elementary school,
- 38 including schools for grades 6 through 8, and high school.
- 39 (2) The school's graduation rate, as applicable.
- 40 (3) The percentage of high school graduates who earned college
- 41 credit before graduating, as applicable.
- 42 (4) The pass rate of the statewide assessment program tests (as



- 1 defined in IC 20-32-2-2.3), as applicable.
 2 (5) The growth data of the statewide assessment program tests (as
 3 defined in IC 20-32-2-2.3), as applicable.
 4 (6) The attendance rate.
 5 (7) State, national, and international comparisons for the
 6 indicators, if applicable.
 7 (8) The school's grade 3 reading proficiency rate, as applicable.
 8 (9) The school's disciplinary incident data.
 9 (10) Data regarding the school's socioeconomic status and poverty
 10 rate.
 11 (11) The school's proportion of fully licensed teachers.
 12 (c) The dashboard may include any other data indicating school
 13 performance success that the state board determines is relevant.
 14 (d) Each school shall post **conspicuously** on a web page maintained
 15 on the school's website ~~the exact same data and in a similar format as~~
 16 ~~the data presented for the school on the state board's website. However,~~
 17 ~~the school may include custom indicators on the web page described~~
 18 ~~in this subsection: the link to the school's web page on the Internet~~
 19 ~~dashboard.~~
 20 SECTION 116. IC 20-31-8-8, AS AMENDED BY THE
 21 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 22 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. ~~(a) Before July 1, 2018, the state board shall~~
 24 ~~establish a definition of a high mobility school for schools with a high~~
 25 ~~concentration of mobile students.~~
 26 ~~(b) For each school year, beginning after June 30, 2018, the~~
 27 ~~department shall make a report regarding the performance of high~~
 28 ~~mobility schools, as defined by the state board. The report shall be~~
 29 ~~posted on the department's Internet web site website each year on a~~
 30 ~~date determined by the department.~~
 31 SECTION 117. IC 20-31-12-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 32 SECTION 107, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The department may not
 34 establish criteria for a **state accredited** nonpublic school **or eligible**
 35 **school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7)** to be eligible for a recognition
 36 program that are different from the criteria established for a public
 37 school of the same grade levels.
 38 SECTION 118. IC 20-32-5.1-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024,
 39 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The governing body of each school
 41 corporation or the equivalent authority for each charter school, eligible
 42 school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7), or state accredited nonpublic



1 school is entitled to acquire at no charge from the department:

2 (1) the assessments under the statewide assessment program; and

3 (2) the scoring reports used by the department.

4 (b) A state accredited nonpublic school or an eligible school (as
5 defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) shall

6 ~~(1) administer the statewide assessment program's assessment or~~
7 ~~assessments, as applicable, to its students at the same time or~~
8 ~~times that school corporations administer the program's~~
9 ~~assessment or assessments, as applicable, under section 7 of this~~
10 ~~chapter; and~~

11 ~~(2) make available to the department the results of the statewide~~
12 ~~assessment program's assessment or assessments, as applicable.~~

13 SECTION 119. IC 20-32-7-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
14 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: The department shall make available to schools~~
15 ~~optional student diagnostic tools such as actual assessment instruments~~
16 ~~or computer banks containing appropriate essential skills items to assist~~
17 ~~schools in implementing the diagnostic assessments.~~

18 SECTION 120. IC 20-32-7-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
19 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 4: After a governing body holds a public hearing on a~~
20 ~~proposed portfolio program, the governing body may establish a~~
21 ~~portfolio program to maintain a portfolio of a student's work at grade~~
22 ~~levels designated by the governing body.~~

23 SECTION 121. IC 20-32-7-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
24 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5: The governing body shall develop guidelines for the~~
25 ~~portfolio program, including guidelines governing the appropriate~~
26 ~~contents of the portfolios.~~

27 SECTION 122. IC 20-33-2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
28 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1: The legislative intent for this chapter is to provide an~~
29 ~~efficient and speedy means of insuring that students receive a proper~~
30 ~~education whenever it is reasonably possible.~~

31 SECTION 123. IC 20-33-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2025,
32 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. ~~(a) This section and sections 15 through 17.8~~
34 ~~of this chapter apply to a student who attends either a public school or~~
35 ~~a nonpublic school.~~

36 ~~(b)~~ (a) The governing body of each school corporation shall adopt
37 a policy:

38 (1) outlining the conditions for excused and unexcused absences;
39 and

40 (2) providing for the categorization of excused absences in
41 accordance with the categorization framework established by the
42 department under IC 20-19-3-12.4.



- 1 (e) **(b)** The governing body of each school corporation shall have a
- 2 policy regarding the participation of a habitually truant in
- 3 extracurricular and co-curricular activities.
- 4 (d) **(c)** The policy under subsection **(b) (a)** must include the grounds
- 5 for excused absences required by ~~sections~~ **section 15 through 17.8** of
- 6 this chapter or another law.
- 7 (e) **(d)** Any absence that results in a person not attending at least one
- 8 hundred eighty (180) days in a school year must be in accordance with
- 9 the governing body's policy under subsection **(b) (a)** to qualify as an
- 10 excused absence.
- 11 (f) ~~Service as a page for or as an honoree of the general assembly is~~
- 12 ~~a lawful excuse for a student to be absent from school, when verified~~
- 13 ~~by a certificate of the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the~~
- 14 ~~house of representatives. A student excused from school attendance~~
- 15 ~~under this section may not be recorded as being absent on any date for~~
- 16 ~~which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school~~
- 17 ~~in any manner.~~
- 18 SECTION 124. IC 20-33-2-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
- 19 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) ~~The governing body of a~~ **Each** school
- 21 corporation, **charter school**, and the chief administrative official of a
- 22 **accredited** nonpublic secondary school system shall authorize the
- 23 absence and excuse of each secondary school student who serves:
- 24 (1) on the precinct election board; or
- 25 (2) as a helper to a political candidate or to a political party on the
- 26 date of each general, city or town, special, and primary election
- 27 at which the student works.
- 28 (b) Before the date of the election, the student must submit a
- 29 document signed by one (1) of the student's parents giving permission
- 30 to participate in the election as provided in this section, and the student
- 31 must verify to school authorities the performance of services by
- 32 submitting a document signed by the candidate, political party
- 33 chairman, campaign manager, or precinct officer generally describing
- 34 the duties of the student on the date of the election. A student excused
- 35 from school attendance under this section may not be recorded as being
- 36 absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be
- 37 penalized by the school in any manner. **is absent for any of the**
- 38 **following:**
- 39 **(1) The student serves as a page for or as an honoree of the**
- 40 **general assembly.**
- 41 **(2) The student serves on the precinct election board.**
- 42 **(3) The student works as a helper to a political candidate or to**



1 a political party on the date of each general, city or town,
2 special, and primary election at which the student works.

3 (4) The student appears in court in response to a subpoena to
4 appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding.

5 (5) The student is:

6 (A) not a habitual truant; and

7 (B) ordered to active duty with the armed forces of the
8 United States, including their reserve components, or the
9 Indiana National Guard for not more than fifteen (15)
10 instructional days in a school year.

11 However, the school corporation, charter school, or
12 accredited nonpublic school may authorize additional excused
13 absences for a student ordered to active duty.

14 (6) The student is:

15 (A) a member of the Indiana wing of the civil air patrol;
16 and

17 (B) participating in a civil air patrol:

18 (i) international air cadet exchange program for the
19 length of the program; or

20 (ii) emergency service operation for not more than five
21 (5) instructional days in a school year.

22 (7) The student participates or exhibits in the Indiana state
23 fair for educational purposes. However, the number of
24 excused absences a student may receive under this subdivision
25 may not exceed five (5) instructional days in a school year.

26 (8) The student participates in a scheduled competition,
27 exhibition, or event offered by the National FFA
28 Organization. However, the number of excused absences a
29 student may receive under this subdivision may not exceed six
30 (6) instructional days in a school year.

31 (9) The student participates in a scheduled competition,
32 exhibition, or event offered by the Indiana FFA Association.
33 However, the number of excused absences a student may
34 receive under this subdivision may not exceed six (6)
35 instructional days in a school year.

36 (10) The student participates in a scheduled competition,
37 exhibition, or event offered by a 4-H club. However, the
38 number of excused absences a student may receive under this
39 subdivision may not exceed six (6) instructional days in a
40 school year.

41 (b) If a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
42 nonpublic school authorizes the absence and excuse of a student for



1 a nonclassroom related activity that is organized or facilitated by
 2 the school, the school shall send, at least one (1) full school day
 3 before the nonclassroom related activity occurs, a parent of the
 4 student a written notification regarding the nonclassroom related
 5 activity that includes:

- 6 (1) a description of the activity; and
 7 (2) the anticipated date and time that the activity is scheduled
 8 to occur.

9 (c) For a student to receive an excused absence under subsection
 10 (a)(6) through (a)(10), the student must be in good academic
 11 standing, as determined by the school corporation, charter school,
 12 or accredited nonpublic school.

13 (d) A student excused from school attendance under this
 14 subsection (a) may not be recorded as being absent on any date for
 15 which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the
 16 school in any manner.

17 (e) The appropriate school authority shall request relevant
 18 documentation verifying a student's participation in an activity
 19 listed in subsection (a).

20 SECTION 125. IC 20-33-2-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 21 1, 2026]. Sec. 16: The governing body of a school corporation or the
 22 chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall
 23 authorize the absence and excuse of a student who is issued a subpoena
 24 to appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding. A student
 25 excused under this section shall not be recorded as being absent on any
 26 date for which the excuse is operative and shall not be penalized by the
 27 school in any manner. The appropriate school authority may require
 28 that the student submit the subpoena to the appropriate school authority
 29 for verification.

30 SECTION 126. IC 20-33-2-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 31 1, 2026]. Sec. 17: The governing body of a school corporation, the
 32 organizer of a charter school, or the chief administrative officer of a
 33 nonpublic school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of each
 34 secondary school student who is:

- 35 (1) not a habitual truant (as defined in IC 20-18-2-6.5); and
 36 (2) ordered to active duty with the armed forces of the United
 37 States, including their reserve components, or the Indiana
 38 National Guard for at least fifteen (15) days in a school year.

39 However, the governing body of a school corporation, the organizer of
 40 a charter school, or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic
 41 school system may authorize additional excused absences for
 42 additional military training. For verification, the student must submit



1 to school authorities a copy of the orders to active duty and a copy of
 2 the orders releasing the student from active duty. A student excused
 3 from school attendance under this section may not be recorded as being
 4 absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be
 5 penalized by the school in any manner.

6 SECTION 127. IC 20-33-2-17.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 17-2: The governing body of a school corporation
 8 or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall
 9 authorize the absence and excuse of each secondary school student who
 10 is a member of the Indiana wing of the civil air patrol and who is
 11 participating in a civil air patrol:

12 (1) international air cadet exchange program; for the length of the
 13 program; or

14 (2) emergency service operation; including:

15 (A) search and rescue missions designated by the Air Force
 16 Rescue Coordination Center;

17 (B) disaster relief; when requested by the Federal Emergency
 18 Management Agency or the department of homeland security
 19 established by IC 10-19-2-1;

20 (C) humanitarian services; when requested by the Federal
 21 Emergency Management Agency or the department of
 22 homeland security established by IC 10-19-2-1;

23 (D) United States Air Force support designated by the First Air
 24 Force; North American Aerospace Defense Command; or

25 (E) United States Air Force military flights; if the flights are
 26 not available on days when school is not in session;

27 for not more than five (5) days in a school year;

28 if the student submits to school authorities appropriate documentation
 29 from the Indiana wing of the civil air patrol detailing the reason for the
 30 student's absence. A student excused from school attendance under this
 31 section may not be recorded as being absent on any date to which the
 32 excuse applies and may not be penalized by the school in any manner.

33 SECTION 128. IC 20-33-2-17.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 17-5: (a) The governing body of a school
 35 corporation may authorize the absence and excuse of a student who
 36 attends any educationally related nonclassroom activity. Any
 37 educationally related nonclassroom activity and nonclassroom activity
 38 must meet all the following conditions:

39 (1) Is consistent with and promotes the educational philosophy
 40 and goals of the school corporation and the state board.

41 (2) Facilitates the attainment of specific educational objectives.

42 (3) Is a part of the goals and objectives of an approved course or



1 curriculum:

2 (4) Represents a unique educational opportunity:

3 (5) Cannot reasonably occur without interrupting the school day:

4 (6) Is approved in writing by the school principal:

5 (b) A student excused from school attendance under this section
6 may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse
7 is operative and may not be penalized by the school in any manner:

8 SECTION 129. IC 20-33-2-17.7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17.7: (a) Except as provided in subsection (b); the
10 governing body of a school corporation or the chief administrative
11 officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize the absence and
12 excuse of each school student if the student or a member of the
13 student's household participates or exhibits in the Indiana state fair for
14 educational purposes; as evidenced in writing by the student's parent
15 and as approved in writing by the student's school principal: The
16 number of excused absences a student may receive under this section
17 may not exceed five (5) instructional days in a school year: A student
18 excused from school attendance under this section may not be recorded
19 as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may
20 not be penalized by the school in any manner:

21 (b) In order for a student to receive an excused absence under
22 subsection (a); the student must be in good academic standing; as
23 determined by the school corporation:

24 SECTION 130. IC 20-33-2-17.8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17.8: (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
26 (c); the governing body of a school corporation or the chief
27 administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize the
28 absence and excuse of each school student if the student participates in
29 a scheduled competition, exhibition, or event offered by:

30 (1) the National FFA Organization;

31 (2) the Indiana FFA Association; or

32 (3) a 4-H club;

33 for educational purposes as evidenced in writing by the student's parent
34 and as approved in writing by the student's school principal: A student
35 excused from school attendance under this section may not be recorded
36 as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may
37 not be penalized by the school in any manner:

38 (b) The number of excused absences a student may receive under
39 subsection (a) may not exceed six (6) instructional days in a school
40 year:

41 (c) In order for a student to receive an excused absence under
42 subsection (a); the student must be in good academic standing; as



1 ~~determined by the school corporation or nonpublic school.~~

2 SECTION 131. IC 20-33-8-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
3 SECTION 261, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section,
5 "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

6 (b) As used in this section, "deadly weapon" has the meaning set
7 forth in IC 35-31.5-2-86. The term does not include a firearm or
8 destructive device.

9 (c) As used in this section, "destructive device" has the meaning set
10 forth in IC 35-47.5-2-4.

11 (d) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is:

12 (1) identified as bringing a firearm or destructive device to school
13 or on school property; or

14 (2) in possession of a firearm or destructive device on school
15 property;

16 must be expelled for at least one (1) calendar year, with the return of
17 the student to be at the beginning of the first school semester after the
18 end of the one (1) year period.

19 (e) The superintendent **or principal of the applicable school** may,
20 on a case by case basis, modify the period of expulsion under
21 subsection (d) for a student who is expelled under this section.

22 (f) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is:

23 (1) identified as bringing a deadly weapon to school or on school
24 property; or

25 (2) in possession of a deadly weapon on school property;

26 may be expelled for not more than one (1) calendar year.

27 (g) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall
28 immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having
29 jurisdiction over the property where the school is located if a student
30 engages in a behavior described in subsection (d). ~~The superintendent~~
31 ~~may give similar notice if the student engages in a behavior described~~
32 ~~in subsection (f).~~ Upon receiving notification under this subsection, the
33 law enforcement agency shall begin an investigation and take
34 appropriate action.

35 (h) A student with a disability (as defined in IC 20-35-1-8) who
36 possesses a firearm on school property is subject to procedural
37 safeguards under 20 U.S.C. 1415.

38 SECTION 132. IC 20-33-8-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
39 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 17: A student may be expelled from school if the~~
40 ~~student's legal settlement is not in the attendance area of the school~~
41 ~~corporation where the student is enrolled.~~



1 SECTION 133. IC 20-33-8-23, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 2 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 23. The superintendent or the person designated
 4 by the superintendent under section 19(a) of this chapter may continue
 5 suspension of a student for more than the ten (10) school day period of
 6 the principal's suspension and until the time of the expulsion decision
 7 under section 19 of this chapter if the superintendent or the designated
 8 person determines that the student's continued suspension will prevent
 9 or substantially reduce the risk of:

- 10 (1) interference with an educational function or school purposes;
 11 or
 12 (2) a physical injury to the student, other students, school
 13 employees, or visitors to the school.

14 ~~However, a student may not be suspended from school pending a~~
 15 ~~meeting on a student's proposed expulsion if the expulsion is ordered~~
 16 ~~under section 17 of this chapter.~~

17 SECTION 134. IC 20-33-8-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
 18 SECTION 263, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 30. (a) This section applies to the
 20 following:

- 21 (1) A student who:
 22 (A) is expelled from a school corporation or charter school
 23 under this chapter; or
 24 (B) withdraws from a school corporation or charter school to
 25 avoid expulsion.
 26 (2) A student who:
 27 (A) is required to separate for disciplinary reasons from a
 28 nonpublic school or a school in a state other than Indiana by
 29 the administrative authority of the school; or
 30 (B) withdraws from a nonpublic school or a school in a state
 31 other than Indiana in order to avoid being required to separate
 32 from the school for disciplinary reasons by the administrative
 33 authority of the school.

34 (b) The student referred to in subsection (a) may enroll in another
 35 school corporation or charter school during the period of the actual or
 36 proposed expulsion or separation if:

- 37 (1) the student's parent informs the school corporation in which
 38 the student seeks to enroll and also:
 39 (A) in the case of a student withdrawing from a charter school
 40 that is not a conversion charter school to avoid expulsion, the
 41 conversion charter school; or
 42 (B) in the case of a student withdrawing from a conversion



1 charter school to avoid expulsion:
 2 (i) the conversion charter school; and
 3 (ii) the school corporation that sponsored the conversion
 4 charter school;
 5 of the student's expulsion, separation, or withdrawal to avoid
 6 expulsion or separation;
 7 (2) the school corporation (and, in the case of a student
 8 withdrawal described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B), the charter
 9 school) consents to the student's enrollment; and
 10 (3) the student agrees to the terms and conditions of enrollment
 11 established by the school corporation (or, in the case of a student
 12 withdrawal described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B), the charter
 13 school or conversion charter school).
 14 (c) If:
 15 (1) a student's parent fails to inform the school corporation of the
 16 expulsion or separation or withdrawal to avoid expulsion or
 17 separation; or
 18 (2) a student fails to follow the terms and conditions of enrollment
 19 under subsection (b)(3);
 20 the school corporation or charter school may withdraw consent and
 21 prohibit the student's enrollment during the period of the actual or
 22 proposed expulsion or separation.
 23 ~~(d) This section does not apply to a student who is expelled under~~
 24 ~~section 17 of this chapter.~~
 25 SECTION 135. IC 20-34-3-26, AS ADDED BY P.L.241-2019,
 26 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26. (a) As used in this section, "school nurse" has
 28 the meaning set forth in ~~IC 20-34-5-9. IC 20-34-4.5-0.8.~~
 29 (b) If a school corporation or charter school receives a seizure
 30 management and treatment plan for a student that was developed by the
 31 student's health care provider, the following requirements must be met:
 32 (1) The school corporation or charter school shall maintain the
 33 seizure management and treatment plan on file at the school that
 34 the student attends.
 35 (2) The school nurse for the school corporation or charter school
 36 shall develop an individual health plan for the student that applies
 37 to the student during the school day or while the student is
 38 participating in a school-sponsored activity.
 39 (3) A school nurse, or the school nurse's designee, shall be
 40 available to perform the tasks necessary to implement the
 41 student's individual health plan during the school day or while the
 42 student is participating in a school-sponsored activity.



1 (c) The department shall identify resources, from nationally
 2 recognized organizations, such as the Epilepsy Foundation of America,
 3 the National Association of School Nurses, the Centers for Disease
 4 Control and Prevention, or a comparable organization, to assist public
 5 schools in implementing individual health plans for students with
 6 seizure disorders.

7 SECTION 136. IC 20-34-4.5-0.8, AS ADDED BY P.L.117-2017,
 8 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.8. As used in this chapter, "school nurse" ~~has the~~
 10 ~~meaning set forth in IC 20-34-5-9:~~ **refers to an individual who:**

- 11 **(1) is employed by a school;**
 12 **(2) is licensed as a registered nurse under IC 25-23; and**
 13 **(3) meets the requirements set forth in 515 IAC 8-1-47.**

14 SECTION 137. IC 20-34-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 15 2026]. (Care of Students With Diabetes).

16 SECTION 138. IC 20-34-8-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2026]. Sec. 9: (a) ~~This section applies to:~~

- 18 ~~(1) a head coach or assistant coach who coaches an athletic~~
 19 ~~activity;~~
 20 ~~(2) a marching band leader;~~
 21 ~~(3) a drama or musical leader; or~~
 22 ~~(4) a leader of an extracurricular activity in which students have~~
 23 ~~an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest activity as determined~~
 24 ~~by the department in consultation with an organization that~~
 25 ~~specializes in the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest.~~

26 (b) ~~An individual described in subsection (a) shall complete the~~
 27 ~~sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by~~
 28 ~~the department in a manner specified by the state board under~~
 29 ~~IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5.~~

30 (c) ~~An individual described in subsection (a) who complies with this~~
 31 ~~section and provides coaching or leadership services in good faith is~~
 32 ~~not personally liable for damages in a civil action as a result of a~~
 33 ~~sudden cardiac arrest incurred by an applicable student participating in~~
 34 ~~an event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac~~
 35 ~~arrest for which the head coach, assistant coach, marching band leader,~~
 36 ~~drama or musical leader, or other applicable leader provided coaching~~
 37 ~~or leadership services, except for an act or omission by the individual~~
 38 ~~described in subsection (a) that constitutes gross negligence or willful~~
 39 ~~or wanton misconduct.~~

40 (d) ~~An individual described in subsection (a) shall ensure that an~~
 41 ~~operational automated external defibrillator (AED) is present at each~~
 42 ~~event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest~~



1 for which the individual described in subsection (a) is providing
 2 coaching or leadership.
 3 (e) At each event in which students have an increased risk of sudden
 4 cardiac arrest, an individual described in subsection (a) shall inform all
 5 individuals who are coaching or providing leadership at the event in
 6 which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest of the
 7 location of the automated external defibrillator (AED).
 8 (f) A school corporation, charter school, and state accredited
 9 nonpublic school shall do the following:
 10 (1) Develop a venue specific emergency action plan for sudden
 11 cardiac arrest that includes elements recommended by the
 12 American Heart Association, Heart Safe Schools Program, or
 13 another similar nationally recognized evidence based program.
 14 (2) Share the plan described in subdivision (1) with each
 15 individual described in subsection (a).
 16 (3) Before the beginning of the season of each event in which
 17 students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest, share the
 18 plan described in subdivision (1) with all applicable students.
 19 (g) A school corporation, a charter school, a state accredited
 20 nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school (as defined in
 21 IC 10-21-1-1) may apply for a grant under IC 10-21-1-2(a)(1)(C)(viii)
 22 to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) if the school
 23 corporation, charter school, state accredited nonpublic school or
 24 accredited nonpublic school develops a venue specific emergency
 25 action plan for sudden cardiac arrest.
 26 SECTION 139. IC 20-34-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 27 2026]. (Student and Parent Support Services Grant Program).
 28 SECTION 140. IC 20-35-5-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 29 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) A teacher who:
 31 (1) has not retained a status as a semipermanent, permanent, or
 32 nonpermanent teacher with a participating school corporation;
 33 and
 34 (2) loses the teacher's job in a special education cooperative
 35 because of a reduction in services or discontinuance of the
 36 cooperative;
 37 shall be considered for any job opening for which the teacher is
 38 qualified that occurs in any of the participating school corporations in
 39 the school year immediately following the reduction in services or
 40 discontinuance of the cooperative.
 41 (b) A teacher employed under this section has the same rights and
 42 privileges as teachers employed under IC 20-26-10-5 and



1 ~~IC 20-26-10-6.~~

2 SECTION 141. IC 20-38-2-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 6. On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially~~
4 ~~thereafter, the education commission of the states shall submit a report~~
5 ~~to the executive director of the legislative services agency; in an~~
6 ~~electronic format under IC 5-14-6; for review by the interim committee~~
7 ~~on government in accordance with IC 1-1-15.5-4 and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g).~~
8 ~~The report shall describe:~~

9 ~~(1) official action taken; and~~

10 ~~(2) actionable items considered;~~

11 ~~by the education commission of the states during the preceding two (2)~~
12 ~~years.~~

13 SECTION 142. IC 20-40-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
14 2026]. (Funds Established Outside IC 20-40).

15 SECTION 143. IC 20-40-18-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
16 SECTION 198, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This section sets forth an
18 exclusive list of the expenditures that may be made from the operations
19 fund under section 5(1) of this chapter, as set forth in the school
20 corporation's plan or amended plan.

21 (b) Subject to the expenditures that are identified in the school
22 corporation's plan or amended plan, the operations fund shall be used
23 for the following:

24 (1) Site acquisition.

25 (2) Site development.

26 (3) Building acquisition, construction, replacement, renovation,
27 remodeling, improvement, and maintenance, including building
28 materials and employment services described in subsection (c).

29 (4) Rental of real estate, buildings, facilities, and equipment.
30 However, the fund may not be used for payments authorized
31 under IC 20-47-2 and IC 20-47-3.

32 (5) To repair and replace buildings and to repair and replace
33 building fixtures that are:

34 (A) owned or leased by the school corporation; and

35 (B) of a type constituting loss capable of being covered by
36 casualty insurance.

37 (6) Purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of equipment,
38 including maintenance vehicles to be used by the school
39 corporation. However, the fund may not be used to pay for the
40 following:

41 (A) The purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of vehicles
42 that are not maintenance vehicles.



- 1 (B) Except as provided in subdivision (7), equipment to be
 2 used primarily for interscholastic or extracurricular activities.
- 3 (7) Service contracts for janitorial and custodial services,
 4 maintenance services, snow and ice removal services, trash
 5 removal services, mowing and lawn care services, pest control
 6 services, and any other routine services normally required in the
 7 maintenance or upkeep of school facilities.
- 8 (8) Repair, replacement, or site acquisition that is necessitated by
 9 an emergency.
- 10 (9) Construction, repair, replacement, remodeling, or maintenance
 11 of a school sports facility. However, the maximum expenditures
 12 under this subdivision in a calendar year may not exceed two and
 13 seven-tenths percent (2.7%) of the property tax revenues levied
 14 for the fund in the calendar year.
- 15 (10) Utilities.
- 16 (11) Property and casualty insurance.
- 17 (12) Purchase, lease, upgrade, maintain, or repair technology that
 18 will not be allocated to student instruction and learning under
 19 IC 20-42.5, including the following:
- 20 (A) Computer hardware, computer software, wiring and
 21 computer networks, and communication access systems used
 22 to connect with computer networks or electronic gateways.
- 23 (B) Services of full-time or part-time computer maintenance
 24 employees.
- 25 (C) Conducting nonrecurring inservice technology training of
 26 school employees.
- 27 (D) Implementing the technology preparation curriculum.
- 28 (E) Participating in a program to provide educational
 29 technologies, including
- 30 (i) computers in the homes of students (commonly referred
 31 to as "the buddy system project") under IC 20-20-13-6;
- 32 (ii) the 4R's technology program; or
- 33 (iii) any other program under the educational technology
 34 program described in ~~IC 20-20-13~~. **IC 20-20.5-6.**
- 35 (F) Obtaining any combination of equipment or services
 36 described in clauses (D) and (E).
- 37 (13) To pay advances, together with interest on the advances,
 38 from the common school fund for educational technology
 39 programs under IC 20-49-4.
- 40 (14) To pay for energy saving contracts entered into by a school
 41 corporation under IC 36-1-12.5.
- 42 (15) To maintain a joint school established with a school



- 1 corporation in an adjacent state under IC 20-23-11 as is otherwise
- 2 provided by law for maintaining the public schools in Indiana.
- 3 (16) To pay a judgment rendered against the school corporation,
- 4 or rendered against an officer or employee of the school
- 5 corporation for which the school corporation is liable under
- 6 IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, or IC 34-13-4 (or IC 34-4-16.5,
- 7 IC 34-4-16.6, or IC 34-4-16.7 before their repeal).
- 8 (17) To pay a claim or settlement for which the school corporation
- 9 is liable under IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, or IC 34-13-4 (or
- 10 IC 34-4-16.5, IC 34-4-16.6, or IC 34-4-16.7 before their repeal).
- 11 (18) To pay a premium, management fee, claim, or settlement for
- 12 which the school corporation is liable under a federal or state
- 13 statute, including IC 22-3 and IC 22-4.
- 14 (19) To pay a settlement or claim for which insurance coverage
- 15 is permitted under IC 20-26-5-4(a)(15).
- 16 (20) All other lawful expenses that are not expenses described in
- 17 IC 20-40-2-4.
- 18 (21) To pay for expenses incurred as a result of unusual
- 19 circumstances.
- 20 (c) The fund shall be used to pay for services of school corporation
- 21 employees who perform services considered to be a skilled trade by the
- 22 United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training
- 23 Administration. For purposes of this subsection, skilled trade services
- 24 do not include janitorial or comparable routine services normally
- 25 provided in the daily operation of school facilities or equipment.
- 26 Payment may be made for employee services only if the employees
- 27 perform:
- 28 (1) construction of;
- 29 (2) renovation of;
- 30 (3) remodeling of;
- 31 (4) repair of; or
- 32 (5) maintenance on;
- 33 the facilities and equipment of the school corporation.
- 34 SECTION 144. IC 20-40-18-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2024,
- 35 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) A school corporation shall use the
- 37 operations fund to pay the transportation costs attributable to
- 38 transportation of school children as specified in subsection (b).
- 39 (b) Only the following costs are payable from the fund:
- 40 (1) Salaries paid to bus drivers, transportation supervisors,
- 41 mechanics and garage employees, clerks, and other transportation
- 42 related employees.



- 1 (2) Contracted transportation services.
- 2 (3) Wages of independent contractors.
- 3 (4) Contracts with common carriers.
- 4 (5) Student fares.
- 5 (6) Transportation related insurance.
- 6 (7) Transportation of school children to:
 - 7 (A) an apprenticeship program (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.3);
 - 8 (B) a career and technical education (as defined in
 - 9 ~~IC 20-20-38-1~~) **IC 20-20.5-10-1**) program;
 - 10 (C) a modern youth apprenticeship (as defined in
 - 11 IC 20-51.4-2-9.5); and
 - 12 (D) a work based learning course (as defined in
 - 13 IC 20-43-8-0.7).
- 14 (8) Other expenses of operating the school corporation's
- 15 transportation service, including gasoline, lubricants, tires,
- 16 repairs, contracted repairs, parts, supplies, equipment, and other
- 17 related expenses.

18 (c) Percentages or parts of salaries of teaching personnel or
 19 principals are not attributable to transportation. However, parts of
 20 salaries of instructional aides who are assigned to assist with the school
 21 transportation program are attributable to transportation. The costs
 22 described in this subsection (other than instructional aide costs) may
 23 not be budgeted for payment or paid from the fund.

24 (d) Costs for a calendar year are those costs attributable to
 25 transportation for students during the school year ending in the
 26 calendar year.

27 SECTION 145. IC 20-40-18-10.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2025,
 28 SECTION 214, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.5. (a) This section applies only
 30 to eligible charter schools that receive amounts distributed under
 31 IC 20-46-8-11.2 or IC 20-46-8-12.

32 (b) For purposes of this section, "charter board" means the
 33 governing body of the organizer (as defined in IC 20-24-1-7) of an
 34 eligible charter school.

- 35 (c) The operations fund may be used only to do the following:
- 36 (1) Carry out a capital projects plan under the following
 - 37 conditions:
 - 38 (A) The plan must include all proposed expenditures that
 - 39 exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and are for:
 - 40 (i) capital assets; or
 - 41 (ii) projects that are considered capital in nature, including
 - 42 technology related projects.



1 (B) If a charter school wants to use money in the operations
2 fund during the year to pay for any items listed in clause (E)
3 that are considered capital in nature, the charter board must
4 approve a plan following a public hearing. The charter school
5 shall post the proposed plan or proposed amended plan on the
6 charter school's website before the hearing. The charter school
7 shall submit the proposed capital projects plan to the
8 department of local government finance's computer gateway
9 at least ten (10) days before the public hearing. The
10 department of local government finance shall make the
11 proposed plan available at least ten (10) days before the
12 hearing, through the department's computer gateway. If an
13 amendment to a capital projects plan is proposed, the charter
14 board must declare the nature of and need for the amendment
15 in the plan amendment.

16 (C) If a charter board adopts a plan under clause (B), the
17 charter school must then submit the plan to the department of
18 local government finance for inclusion on the department's
19 computer gateway not later than thirty (30) days after adoption
20 of the plan. The department of local government finance shall
21 immediately make the proposed plan available through the
22 gateway website.

23 (D) This clause applies to an amendment to a plan that is
24 required because of an emergency that results in costs that
25 exceed the amount accumulated in the fund for repair,
26 replacement, or site acquisition that is necessitated by an
27 emergency. The charter board is not required to comply with
28 clause (C). If the charter board determines that an emergency
29 exists, the governing body may adopt an amendment to the
30 plan. An amendment to a plan is not subject to the deadline
31 and procedures for adoption of a plan described in this
32 subdivision.

33 (E) This clause sets forth an exclusive list of the expenditures
34 that may be made from the operations fund under clause (B),
35 as set forth in the charter board's plan or amended plan.
36 Subject to the expenditures that are identified in the charter
37 school's plan or amended plan, the operations fund shall be
38 used for the following:

- 39 (i) Site acquisition.
40 (ii) Site development.
41 (iii) Building acquisition, construction, replacement,
42 renovation, remodeling, improvement, and maintenance,



- 1 including building materials and employment services.
 2 (iv) Rental of real estate, buildings, facilities, and
 3 equipment.
 4 (v) To repair and replace buildings and to repair and replace
 5 building fixtures that are owned or leased by the charter
 6 school and of a type constituting loss capable of being
 7 covered by casualty insurance.
 8 (vi) Purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of equipment,
 9 including maintenance vehicles to be used by the charter
 10 school. However, the fund may not be used to pay for the
 11 purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of vehicles that are
 12 not maintenance vehicles, or equipment to be used primarily
 13 for interscholastic or extracurricular activities.
 14 (vii) Service contracts for janitorial and custodial services,
 15 maintenance services, snow and ice removal services, trash
 16 removal services, mowing and lawn care services, pest
 17 control services, and any other routine services normally
 18 required in the maintenance or upkeep of charter school
 19 facilities.
 20 (viii) Repair, replacement, or site acquisition that is
 21 necessitated by an emergency.
 22 (ix) Construction, repair, replacement, remodeling, or
 23 maintenance of a school sports facility.
 24 (x) Utilities.
 25 (xi) Property and casualty insurance.
 26 (xii) Purchase, lease, upgrade, maintenance, or repair
 27 technology that will not be allocated to student instruction
 28 and learning, to include computer hardware, computer
 29 software, wiring and computer networks, and
 30 communication access systems used to connect with
 31 computer networks or electronic gateways; services of
 32 full-time or part-time computer maintenance employees;
 33 conducting nonrecurring inservice technology training of
 34 school employees; implementing the technology preparation
 35 curriculum; participating in a program to provide
 36 educational technologies, including computers in the homes
 37 of students (commonly referred to as "the buddy system
 38 project") under IC 20-20-13-6, the 4R's technology program,
 39 or any other program under the educational technology
 40 program described in ~~IC 20-20-13~~; **IC 20-20.5-6**; and
 41 obtaining any combination of equipment or services in the
 42 preceding two (2) categories of this item.



- 1 (xiii) Services of charter school employees who perform
 2 services considered to be a skilled trade by the United States
 3 Department of Labor, Employment and Training
 4 Administration. For purposes of this item, skilled trade
 5 services do not include janitorial or comparable routine
 6 services normally provided in the daily operation of school
 7 facilities or equipment. Payment may be made for employee
 8 services only if the employees perform construction of,
 9 renovation of, remodeling of, repair of, or maintenance on
 10 the facilities and equipment of the charter school.
- 11 (2) Pay transportation costs under the following conditions:
- 12 (A) A charter school shall use the operations fund to pay the
 13 transportation costs attributable to transportation of school
 14 children as specified in clause (B).
- 15 (B) Only the following costs are payable from the fund:
- 16 (i) Salaries paid to bus drivers, transportation supervisors,
 17 mechanics and garage employees, clerks, and other
 18 transportation related employees.
- 19 (ii) Contracted transportation services.
- 20 (iii) Wages of independent contractors.
- 21 (iv) Contracts with common carriers.
- 22 (v) Student fares.
- 23 (vi) Transportation related insurance.
- 24 (vii) Other expenses of operating the school corporation's
 25 transportation service, including gasoline, lubricants, tires,
 26 repairs, contracted repairs, parts, supplies, equipment, and
 27 other related expenses.
- 28 (C) Percentages or parts of salaries of teaching personnel or
 29 principals are not attributable to transportation. However, parts
 30 of salaries of instructional aides who are assigned to assist
 31 with the school transportation program are attributable to
 32 transportation. The costs described in this clause (other than
 33 instructional aide costs) may not be budgeted for payment or
 34 paid from the fund.
- 35 (D) Costs for a calendar year are those costs attributable to
 36 transportation for students during the school year ending in the
 37 calendar year.
- 38 (3) Carry out a school bus replacement plan approved by the
 39 charter school board under the following conditions:
- 40 (A) Before a charter school may use money in the operations
 41 fund for replacing school buses, a resolution approving the
 42 school bus replacement plan or amended plan must be



1 submitted to the department of local government finance.

2 (B) The department of local government finance shall
3 prescribe the format of the plan. A plan must apply to at least
4 the five (5) budget years immediately following the year the
5 plan is adopted and include at least an estimate for each year
6 to which it applies of the nature and amount of proposed
7 expenditures from the fund, and if the school corporation is
8 seeking to acquire or contract for transportation services that
9 will provide additional school buses or school buses with a
10 larger seating capacity as compared with the number and type
11 of school buses from the prior school year, evidence of a
12 demand for increased transportation services within the school
13 corporation. However, the evidence requirement regarding a
14 contract for transportation services does not apply if contracted
15 transportation services are not paid from the fund.

16 (C) If the charter school is seeking to require a contractor to
17 replace a school bus, evidence that the need exists for the
18 replacement of the school bus. This clause does not apply if
19 contracted transportation services are not paid from the
20 operations fund.

21 (D) Evidence that the charter school that seeks to acquire
22 additional school buses under this subdivision is acquiring or
23 contracting for the school buses only for the purposes
24 specified in clause (B) or for replacement purposes.

25 (E) If a charter school wants to use money in the operations
26 fund during the year to pay for school bus replacement, the
27 governing body must adopt a resolution approving the bus
28 replacement plan or amended plan. The charter school shall
29 post the proposed plan or proposed amended plan on the
30 charter school's website before the hearing. The governing
31 body must hold a hearing on the adoption of the plan. The
32 charter school shall submit the proposed school bus
33 replacement plan or amended plan to the department of local
34 government finance's computer gateway at least ten (10) days
35 before the hearing on the adoption of the plan. The department
36 of local government finance shall make the proposed plan
37 available to taxpayers, at least ten (10) days before the hearing,
38 through the department's computer gateway. If an amendment
39 to a bus replacement plan is being proposed, the charter school
40 must declare the nature of and the need for the amendment in
41 the resolution to adopt the amendment to the plan.

42 (4) Pay expenses that are allocated to overhead and operational



1 expenditures.

2 (5) Establish, maintain, and equip a public playground.

3 SECTION 146. IC 20-42.5-2-0.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.126-2017,
4 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "applicable nonpublic
6 school" has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 20-20-1-0.5~~. **IC 20-20.5-1-1.**

7 SECTION 147. IC 20-42.5-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.126-2017,
8 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Educational service centers established
10 under ~~IC 20-20-1~~ **IC 20-20.5-1** shall support and facilitate actions by
11 school corporations and charter schools under this article, including by
12 the use of an educational service center's existing cooperative
13 agreements.

14 (b) School corporations, charter schools, and educational service
15 centers may use the division of finance of the department and the office
16 of management and budget to provide technical assistance under this
17 article.

18 (c) Not later than August 31 of each year, the educational service
19 centers shall report to the state board the results of the efforts of the
20 educational service centers under this article during the preceding
21 school year.

22 SECTION 148. IC 20-42.5-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.130-2018,
23 SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) For each school year using the 2005-2006
25 school year as a baseline:

26 (1) the office of management and budget shall analyze and report
27 to the state board, the governor, and the general assembly
28 concerning the progress or lack of progress of each school
29 corporation; of all school corporations in each educational service
30 center's area; and in Indiana as a whole in improving the ratio of
31 student instructional expenditures to all other expenditures for the
32 previous school year; **and**

33 (2) the state board shall recognize publicly each school
34 corporation and educational service center that has an improved
35 ratio of student instructional expenditures to all other
36 expenditures during the previous school year;

37 (3) the office of management and budget and the division of
38 finance of the department shall be available to consult with and
39 provide technical assistance to each school corporation that did
40 not have an improved ratio of student instructional expenditures
41 to all other expenditures during the previous school year; and

42 ~~(4)~~ **(2)** each school corporation shall **submit a report or make**



1 available to the department in a form and manner determined
2 by the department the following information to the public in the
3 school corporation's annual performance report and to the
4 members of the general assembly whose districts include the
5 school corporation:

6 (A) the percentage of resources spent by the school
7 corporation during the previous school year on each of the
8 following categories of expenditures:

- 9 (i) (A) Student academic achievement expenditures.
- 10 (ii) (B) Student instructional support expenditures.
- 11 (iii) (C) Overhead and operational expenditures.
- 12 (iv) (D) Nonoperational expenditures.

13 (B) The trend line for each category described in clause (A).
14 (C) Whether the school corporation did or did not make
15 progress in improving the ratio of student instructional
16 expenditures to all other expenditures during the previous
17 school year.

18 (b) The reports to the general assembly under subsection (a)(1) and
19 to individual members of the general assembly under subsection (a)(4)
20 must be submitted to the executive director of the legislative services
21 agency in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

22 SECTION 149. IC 20-42.5-3-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.130-2018,
23 SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The chart of accounts used by school
25 corporations must:

- 26 (1) coincide with the categories of expenditures described in
- 27 section ~~5(a)(4)(A)~~ **5(a)(2)** of this chapter; and
- 28 (2) provide the ability to determine expenditures made at and for
- 29 each individual school building of a school corporation.

30 Each school corporation shall ~~on January 1, 2019~~, **begin using** use the
31 chart of accounts developed under this section.

32 (b) The state board of accounts may, in consultation with the
33 department and the office of management and budget, modify the chart
34 of accounts as necessary to make the chart of accounts coincide with
35 the categories of expenditures described in section ~~5(a)(4)(A)~~ **5(a)(2)**
36 of this chapter.

37 SECTION 150. IC 20-42.5-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
38 1, 2026]. (Emergency Measures to Maintain Instruction and Learning
39 Programs).

40 SECTION 151. IC 20-43-8-7.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
41 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
42 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.5. (a) The department of workforce development
 2 shall designate each career and technical education program as:
 3 (1) an apprenticeship program;
 4 (2) a cooperative education program;
 5 (3) a work based learning program;
 6 (4) a high value program;
 7 (5) a moderate value program;
 8 (6) a less than moderate value program;
 9 (7) an introductory program; or
 10 (8) a foundational career and technical education course.

11 The designation of career and technical education programs by the
 12 department of workforce development under this section must be
 13 reviewed and approved by the state board as provided in this section.

14 (b) Not later than December 1, 2019, and each December 1
 15 thereafter, the department of workforce development shall designate
 16 each career and technical education program as:

17 (1) an apprenticeship program;
 18 (2) a work based learning program;
 19 (3) a high value level 1 program;
 20 (4) a high value level 2 program;
 21 (5) a moderate value level 1 program;
 22 (6) a moderate value level 2 program;
 23 (7) a less than moderate value level 1 program;
 24 (8) a less than moderate value level 2 program;
 25 (9) a planning for college and career course; or
 26 (10) an introductory program.

27 The designation of career and technical education programs by the
 28 department of workforce development under this section must be
 29 reviewed and approved by the state board as provided in this section.

30 (c) If a new career and technical education program is created by
 31 rule, the department of workforce development shall determine the
 32 category in which the program is designated under subsection (a) or
 33 (b). A career and technical education program must be approved by the
 34 department of workforce development in order for a school corporation
 35 to be eligible to receive a grant amount for the career and technical
 36 education program under section 15 of this chapter.

37 (d) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department of
 38 workforce development shall provide a report to the state board that
 39 includes the following information:

40 (1) A list of the career and technical education courses for the
 41 next school year that are designated by the department of
 42 workforce development under this section.



1 (2) The labor market demand used to designate each career and
 2 technical education program under this section.
 3 (3) The average wage level used to designate each career and
 4 technical education program under this section.
 5 (4) If applicable, the labor market demand and average wage level
 6 data for specific regions, counties, and municipalities.
 7 (5) Any other information pertinent to the methodology used by
 8 the department of workforce development to designate each
 9 career and technical education program under this section.
 10 (e) Not later than January 1 of each year, the state board shall
 11 review and approve the report provided by the department of workforce
 12 development under subsection (d) at a public meeting to ensure that the
 13 list of courses is in compliance with the long range state plan
 14 developed under ~~IC 20-20-38-4~~. **IC 20-20.5-10-4**. Not later than
 15 January 1 of each year, the state board shall send its determination to
 16 the department of workforce development. Upon receipt of the state
 17 board's determination, the department of workforce development shall
 18 provide the approved report to the department.
 19 (f) The department of workforce development shall publish the
 20 approved report under subsection (e) on the department of workforce
 21 development's ~~Internet web site~~; **website**, including the following:
 22 (1) The list of career and technical education programs that are
 23 designated by the department of workforce development under
 24 this section.
 25 (2) The labor market demand used to designate each career and
 26 technical education program under this section.
 27 (3) The average wage level used to designate each career and
 28 technical education program under this section.
 29 (4) If applicable, the labor market demand and average wage level
 30 data for specific regions, counties, and municipalities.
 31 (5) Any other information pertinent to the methodology used by
 32 the department of workforce development to designate each
 33 career and technical education program under this section.
 34 In addition, the department shall notify all school corporations of the
 35 state board's approval of the report under subsection (e) and provide a
 36 link within the notice to the approved report published on the
 37 department of workforce development's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** under
 38 this subsection.
 39 SECTION 152. IC 20-49-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2023,
 40 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. The state board may advance money to school
 42 corporations and charter schools to be used for:



1 (1) school building construction programs; and
 2 (2) ~~subject to IC 20-20-13-7~~, educational technology programs;
 3 as provided in this chapter.

4 SECTION 153. IC 21-13-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.232-2025,
 5 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. "Fund":

7 (1) for purposes of IC 21-13-2, refers to the William A. Crawford
 8 minority teacher scholarship fund established by IC 21-13-2-1;

9 (2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, refers to the National Guard
 10 tuition supplement program fund established by IC 21-13-4-1;

11 (3) for purposes of IC 21-13-5, refers to the National Guard
 12 scholarship extension fund established by IC 21-13-5-1;

13 ~~(4) for purposes of IC 21-13-6, refers to the primary care
 14 physician loan forgiveness fund established by IC 21-13-6-3;~~

15 ~~(5) (4)~~ for purposes of IC 21-13-6.5, refers to the medical
 16 residency education fund established by IC 21-13-6.5-1; and

17 ~~(6) (5)~~ for purposes of IC 21-13-12, refers to the county deputy
 18 prosecuting attorney and public defender scholarship fund
 19 established by IC 21-13-12-6.

20 SECTION 154. IC 21-13-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 21 2026]. (Primary Care Physician Loan Forgiveness Program).

22 SECTION 155. IC 21-18-21-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,
 23 SECTION 251, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The commission shall biennially
 25 prepare a plan for implementing postsecondary career and technical
 26 education programming after considering the long range state plan
 27 developed under ~~IC 20-20-38-4~~ **IC 20-20.5-10-4**. The commission
 28 shall submit the plan to the state board for its review and
 29 recommendations. The commission shall specifically report on how the
 30 plan addresses preparation for employment.

31 SECTION 156. IC 21-18-21-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,
 32 SECTION 251, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The commission may make
 34 recommendations to the state board concerning the legislative budget
 35 requests prepared under ~~IC 20-20-38-12~~ **IC 20-20.5-10-12** by state
 36 educational institutions for state funds for career and technical
 37 education.

38 SECTION 157. IC 21-18.5-6-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 39 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: The cost of performing a team onsite investigation for
 40 purposes of section 8 of this chapter shall be paid by the applicant
 41 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution.
 42 However, the total cost of an inspection, including room, board, and~~



1 mileage that does not require travel outside Indiana; may not exceed
 2 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any one (†) postsecondary credit
 3 bearing proprietary educational institution.

4 SECTION 158. IC 21-38-1-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 5 1, 2026]. Sec. 9. "Endowment" refers to an endowment described in
 6 ~~IC 21-38-8-2.~~

7 SECTION 159. IC 21-38-1-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 8 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. "Fund",

10 (†) for purposes of IC 21-38-7, refers to the Indiana state teachers'
 11 retirement fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-1. and

12 (2) for purposes of ~~IC 21-38-8~~, refers to the Indiana excellence in
 13 teaching endowment established under ~~IC 21-38-8-2.~~

14 SECTION 160. IC 21-38-1-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 15 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. "Fund member", for purposes
 17 of IC 21-38-7, means an individual who qualifies for membership in
 18 the fund described in section ~~13(†)~~ 13 of this chapter under
 19 IC 5-10.4-4-1.

20 SECTION 161. IC 21-38-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 21 2026]. (Indiana Excellence in Teaching Endowment).

22 SECTION 162. IC 21-42-3-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.94-2024,
 23 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The definitions in IC 20-18-2 apply
 25 throughout this section.

26 (b) This section applies to a high school that is:

- 27 (1) a public school, including a charter school;
- 28 (2) a state accredited nonpublic school; or
- 29 (3) an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).

30 (c) ~~If a high school submits to the commission for higher education~~
 31 ~~an Indiana college core feasibility report under IC 20-30-5-25, the high~~
 32 ~~school shall submit the report, in a manner prescribed by the~~
 33 ~~commission for higher education, not later than October 1, 2024.~~

34 (d) (c) The commission for higher education, in collaboration with
 35 the department, shall:

- 36 (1) review each feasibility report submitted by each high school;
- 37 and
- 38 (2) provide guidance to the applicable high school on removing
 39 any barriers that prevent or hinder the high school from offering
 40 the Indiana college core.

41 (e) ~~Not later than December 1, 2025, the commission for higher~~
 42 ~~education shall do the following:~~



- 1 (1) Prepare a report regarding the following:
- 2 (A) The number of high schools that offer and the number of
- 3 high schools that do not offer the Indiana college core.
- 4 (B) The outcomes of students who earn the Indiana college
- 5 core.
- 6 (2) Submit the report prepared under subdivision (1) to the:
- 7 (A) governor; and
- 8 (B) legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

9 SECTION 163. IC 24-4-24.4-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.228-2025,
 10 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "massage
 12 establishment" means a facility where massage therapy is provided.
 13 The term does not include the following:

- 14 (1) The office of a licensed health care practitioner, ~~(as defined in~~
- 15 ~~IC 20-34-5-4)~~, if the licensed health care practitioner employs a
- 16 massage therapist to perform massage therapy on the patients of
- 17 the licensed health care practitioner.
- 18 (2) A public lodging establishment, if the massage therapy is
- 19 provided for persons at the public lodging establishment.
- 20 (3) The residence of a massage therapist who provides massage
- 21 therapy at the therapist's residence, if the massage therapist is the
- 22 only person providing massage therapy at the residence.

23 (b) For purposes of this section, "licensed health care
 24 practitioner" means an individual who:

- 25 (1) is licensed to provide health care services; and
- 26 (2) has prescriptive authority;

27 under IC 25.

28 SECTION 164. IC 31-16-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.263-2019,
 29 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The duty to support a child under this
 31 chapter, which does not include support for educational needs, ceases
 32 when the child becomes nineteen (19) years of age unless any of the
 33 following conditions occurs:

- 34 (1) The child is emancipated before becoming nineteen (19) years
- 35 of age. In this case the child support, except for the educational
- 36 needs outlined in section 2(a)(1) of this chapter, terminates at the
- 37 time of emancipation, although an order for educational needs
- 38 may continue in effect until further order of the court.
- 39 (2) The child is incapacitated. In this case the child support
- 40 continues during the incapacity or until further order of the court.
- 41 (3) The child:
- 42 (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;



- 1 (B) has not attended a secondary school or postsecondary
 2 educational institution for the prior four (4) months and is not
 3 enrolled in a secondary school or postsecondary educational
 4 institution; and
 5 (C) is or is capable of supporting himself or herself through
 6 employment.
- 7 In this case the child support terminates upon the court's finding
 8 that the conditions prescribed in this subdivision exist. However,
 9 if the court finds that the conditions set forth in clauses (A)
 10 through (C) are met but that the child is only partially supporting
 11 or is capable of only partially supporting himself or herself, the
 12 court may order that support be modified instead of terminated.
- 13 (4) The child is a full-time student in a secondary school (as
 14 defined in ~~IC 20-18-2-18(a)~~ **IC 20-18-2-18** and a parent or
 15 guardian of the child files notice under subsection (c) advising the
 16 court that the child continues or will continue to be enrolled in
 17 secondary school. In this case, the child support:
- 18 (1) continues until; and
 19 (2) terminates upon;
 20 the child's graduation from secondary school.
- 21 (b) For purposes of determining if a child is emancipated under
 22 subsection (a)(1), if the court finds that the child:
- 23 (1) is on active duty in the United States armed services;
 24 (2) has married; or
 25 (3) is not under the care or control of:
 26 (A) either parent; or
 27 (B) an individual or agency approved by the court;
- 28 the court shall find the child emancipated and terminate the child
 29 support.
- 30 (c) Notice under subsection (a)(4) must:
- 31 (1) be filed with the court and provided to each party to the child
 32 support proceeding:
 33 (A) not earlier than the date on which the child becomes
 34 seventeen (17) years of age; and
 35 (B) not later than the date on which the child becomes
 36 nineteen (19) years of age; and
 37 (2) include:
 38 (A) proof of the child's enrollment; and
 39 (B) the child's expected graduation date.
- 40 (d) If:
 41 (1) a parent or guardian files a notice under subsection (a)(4); and
 42 (2) an objection or request for a hearing is not filed by a party to



1 the child support proceeding not later than thirty (30) days after
 2 the party receives the notice;
 3 the court may, without holding a hearing, issue an order continuing
 4 child support through the date on which the child is expected to
 5 graduate.

6 (e) If a court has established a duty to support a child in a court
 7 order issued before July 1, 2012, the:

- 8 (1) parent or guardian of the child; or
- 9 (2) child;

10 may file a petition for educational needs until the child becomes
 11 twenty-one (21) years of age.

12 (f) If a court has established a duty to support a child in a court
 13 order issued after June 30, 2012, the:

- 14 (1) parent or guardian of the child; or
- 15 (2) child;

16 may file a petition for educational needs until the child becomes
 17 nineteen (19) years of age.

18 (g) If:

- 19 (1) an order was issued after June 30, 2012, that denied support
 20 for educational needs to a child who was less than twenty-one
 21 (21) years of age at the time the petition for educational needs
 22 was filed; and

- 23 (2) support for educational needs was denied based on the fact
 24 that the child was older than eighteen (18) years of age;

25 notwithstanding any other law, a parent or guardian of the child or the
 26 child may file with the court a subsequent petition for educational
 27 needs. The court shall consider the petition on the merits in accordance
 28 with this section and may not consider the absence of subsection (e)
 29 from law at the time of the initial filing.

30 SECTION 165. IC 33-24-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2025,
 31 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The office of judicial administration shall
 33 do the following:

- 34 (1) Examine the administrative and business methods and systems
 35 employed in the offices of the clerks of court and other offices
 36 related to and serving the courts and make recommendations for
 37 necessary improvement.

- 38 (2) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on
 39 the judicial work of the courts in Indiana. All justices of the
 40 supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, judges of all trial
 41 courts, and any city or town courts, whether having general or
 42 special jurisdiction, court clerks, court reporters, and other



1 officers and employees of the courts shall, upon notice by the
 2 chief administrative officer and in compliance with procedures
 3 prescribed by the chief administrative officer, furnish the chief
 4 administrative officer the information as is requested concerning
 5 the nature and volume of judicial business. The information must
 6 include the following:

7 (A) The volume, condition, and type of business conducted by
 8 the courts.

9 (B) The methods of procedure in the courts.

10 (C) The work accomplished by the courts.

11 (D) The receipt and expenditure of public money by and for
 12 the operation of the courts.

13 (E) The methods of disposition or termination of cases.

14 (3) Prepare and publish reports, not less than one (1) or more than
 15 two (2) times per year, on the nature and volume of judicial work
 16 performed by the courts as determined by the information
 17 required in subdivision (2).

18 (4) Serve the judicial nominating commission and the judicial
 19 qualifications commission in the performance by the commissions
 20 of their statutory and constitutional functions.

21 (5) Administer the civil legal aid fund as required by IC 33-24-12.

22 (6) Administer the court technology fund established by section
 23 12 of this chapter.

24 (7) By December 31, 2013, develop and implement a standard
 25 protocol for sending and receiving court data:

26 (A) between the protective order registry, established by
 27 IC 5-2-9-5.5, and county court case management systems;

28 (B) at the option of the prosecuting attorney, for:

29 (i) a prosecuting attorney's case management system;

30 (ii) a county court case management system; and

31 (iii) a county court case management system developed and
 32 operated by the office of judicial administration;

33 to interface with the electronic traffic tickets, as defined by
 34 IC 9-30-3-2.5; and

35 (C) between county court case management systems and the
 36 case management system developed and operated by the office
 37 of judicial administration.

38 The standard protocol developed and implemented under this
 39 subdivision shall permit private sector vendors, including vendors
 40 providing service to a local system and vendors accessing the
 41 system for information, to send and receive court information on
 42 an equitable basis and at an equitable cost, and for a case



1 management system developed and operated by the office of
 2 judicial administration, must include a searchable field for the
 3 name and bail agent license number, if applicable, of the bail
 4 agent or a person authorized by the surety that pays bail for an
 5 individual as described in IC 35-33-8-3.2.

6 (8) Establish and administer an electronic system for receiving
 7 information that relates to certain individuals who may be
 8 prohibited from possessing a firearm for the purpose of:

9 (A) transmitting this information to the Federal Bureau of
 10 Investigation for inclusion in the NICS; and

11 (B) beginning July 1, 2021, compiling and publishing certain
 12 statistics related to the confiscation and retention of firearms
 13 as described under section 14 of this chapter.

14 (9) Establish and administer an electronic system for receiving
 15 drug related felony conviction information from courts. The office
 16 of judicial administration shall notify NPLeX of each drug related
 17 felony entered after June 30, 2012, and do the following:

18 (A) Provide NPLeX with the following information:

19 (i) The convicted individual's full name.

20 (ii) The convicted individual's date of birth.

21 (iii) The convicted individual's driver's license number, state
 22 personal identification number, or other unique number, if
 23 available.

24 (iv) The date the individual was convicted of the felony.

25 Upon receipt of the information from the office of judicial
 26 administration, a stop sale alert must be generated through
 27 NPLeX for each individual reported under this clause.

28 (B) Notify NPLeX if the felony of an individual reported under
 29 clause (A) has been:

30 (i) set aside;

31 (ii) reversed;

32 (iii) expunged; or

33 (iv) vacated.

34 Upon receipt of information under this clause, NPLeX shall
 35 remove the stop sale alert issued under clause (A) for the
 36 individual.

37 (10) After July 1, 2018, establish and administer an electronic
 38 system for receiving from courts felony or misdemeanor
 39 conviction information for each felony or misdemeanor described
 40 in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~ **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**. The office of judicial
 41 administration shall notify the department of education at least
 42 one (1) time each week of each felony or misdemeanor described



1 in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(c)~~ **IC 20-28-5-8(b)** entered after July 1, 2018,
 2 and do the following:

3 (A) Provide the department of education with the following
 4 information:

5 (i) The convicted individual's full name.

6 (ii) The convicted individual's date of birth.

7 (iii) The convicted individual's driver's license number, state
 8 personal identification number, or other unique number, if
 9 available.

10 (iv) The date the individual was convicted of the felony or
 11 misdemeanor.

12 (B) Notify the department of education if the felony or
 13 misdemeanor of an individual reported under clause (A) has
 14 been:

15 (i) set aside;

16 (ii) reversed; or

17 (iii) vacated.

18 (11) Perform legal and administrative duties for the justices as
 19 determined by the justices.

20 (12) Provide staff support for the judicial conference of Indiana
 21 established in IC 33-38-9.

22 (13) Work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 23 to identify and address the needs of veterans in the court system.

24 (14) If necessary for purposes of IC 35-47-16-1, issue a retired
 25 judicial officer an identification card identifying the retired
 26 judicial officer as a retired judicial officer.

27 (15) Establish and administer the statewide juvenile justice data
 28 aggregation plan established under section 12.5 of this chapter.

29 (16) Create and make available an application for detention to be
 30 used in proceedings under IC 12-26-5 (mental health detention,
 31 commitment, and treatment).

32 (17) Create and make available a uniform form to assist a court in
 33 making an indigency determination under IC 35-33-7-6.5.

34 (18) Before July 1, 2025, establish and administer an electronic
 35 system for:

36 (A) receiving a request for a chronological case summary
 37 from; and

38 (B) transmitting a chronological case summary to;

39 the state police department for purposes of expungement or
 40 sealing of records.

41 (b) All forms to be used in gathering data must be approved by the
 42 supreme court and shall be distributed to all judges and clerks before



1 the start of each period for which reports are required.

2 (c) The office of judicial administration may adopt rules to
3 implement this section.

4 SECTION 166. IC 34-13-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
5 SECTION 182, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A governmental entity or an
7 employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment is not
8 liable if a loss results from the following:

9 (1) The natural condition of unimproved property.

10 (2) The condition of a reservoir, dam, canal, conduit, drain, or
11 similar structure when used by a person for a purpose that is not
12 foreseeable.

13 (3) The temporary condition of a public thoroughfare or extreme
14 sport area that results from weather.

15 (4) The condition of an unpaved road, trail, or footpath, the
16 purpose of which is to provide access to a recreation or scenic
17 area.

18 (5) The design, construction, control, operation, or normal
19 condition of an extreme sport area, if all entrances to the extreme
20 sport area are marked with:

21 (A) a set of rules governing the use of the extreme sport area;

22 (B) a warning concerning the hazards and dangers associated
23 with the use of the extreme sport area; and

24 (C) a statement that the extreme sport area may be used only
25 by persons operating extreme sport equipment.

26 This subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a governmental
27 entity from liability for the continuing duty to maintain extreme
28 sports areas in a reasonably safe condition.

29 (6) The initiation of a judicial or an administrative proceeding.

30 (7) The performance of a discretionary function; however, the
31 provision of medical or optical care as provided in IC 34-6-2.1-54
32 shall be considered as a ministerial act.

33 (8) The adoption and enforcement of or failure to adopt or
34 enforce:

35 (A) a law (including rules and regulations); or

36 (B) in the case of a public school or charter school, a policy;
37 unless the act of enforcement constitutes false arrest or false
38 imprisonment.

39 (9) An act or omission performed in good faith and without
40 malice under the apparent authority of a statute which is invalid
41 if the employee would not have been liable had the statute been
42 valid.



- 1 (10) The act or omission of anyone other than the governmental
2 entity or the governmental entity's employee.
- 3 (11) The issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of, or failure
4 or refusal to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license,
5 certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization, where the
6 authority is discretionary under the law.
- 7 (12) Failure to make an inspection, or making an inadequate or
8 negligent inspection, of any property, other than the property of
9 a governmental entity, to determine whether the property
10 complied with or violates any law or contains a hazard to health
11 or safety.
- 12 (13) Entry upon any property where the entry is expressly or
13 impliedly authorized by law.
- 14 (14) Misrepresentation if unintentional.
- 15 (15) Theft by another person of money in the employee's official
16 custody, unless the loss was sustained because of the employee's
17 own negligent or wrongful act or omission.
- 18 (16) Injury to the property of a person under the jurisdiction and
19 control of the department of correction if the person has not
20 exhausted the administrative remedies and procedures provided
21 by section 7 of this chapter.
- 22 (17) Injury to the person or property of a person under supervision
23 of a governmental entity and who is:
- 24 (A) on probation;
- 25 (B) assigned to an alcohol and drug services program under
26 IC 12-23, a minimum security release program under
27 IC 11-10-8, a pretrial conditional release program under
28 IC 35-33-8, or a community corrections program under
29 IC 11-12; or
- 30 (C) subject to a court order requiring the person to be escorted
31 by a county police officer while on or in a government
32 building (as defined in IC 36-9-13-3) owned by a county
33 building authority under IC 36-9-13, unless the injury is the
34 result of an act or omission amounting to:
- 35 (i) gross negligence;
- 36 (ii) willful or wanton misconduct; or
- 37 (iii) intentional misconduct.
- 38 (18) Design of a highway (as defined in IC 9-13-2-73), toll road
39 project (as defined in IC 8-15-2-4(4)), tollway (as defined in
40 IC 8-15-3-7), or project (as defined in IC 8-15.7-2-14) if the
41 claimed loss occurs at least twenty (20) years after the public
42 highway, toll road project, tollway, or project was designed or



- 1 substantially redesigned; except that this subdivision shall not be
 2 construed to relieve a responsible governmental entity from the
 3 continuing duty to provide and maintain public highways in a
 4 reasonably safe condition.
- 5 (19) Development, adoption, implementation, operation,
 6 maintenance, or use of an enhanced emergency communication
 7 system.
- 8 (20) Injury to a student or a student's property by an employee of
 9 a school corporation if the employee is acting reasonably under a:
 10 (A) discipline policy adopted under IC 20-33-8-12; or
 11 (B) restraint and seclusion plan adopted under ~~IC 20-20-40-14~~
 12 **IC 20-20.5-13-16.**
- 13 (21) An act or omission performed in good faith under the
 14 apparent authority of a court order described in IC 35-46-1-15.1
 15 or IC 35-46-1-15.3 that is invalid, including an arrest or
 16 imprisonment related to the enforcement of the court order, if the
 17 governmental entity or employee would not have been liable had
 18 the court order been valid.
- 19 (22) An act taken to investigate or remediate hazardous
 20 substances, petroleum, or other pollutants associated with a
 21 brownfield (as defined in IC 13-11-2-19.3) unless:
 22 (A) the loss is a result of reckless conduct; or
 23 (B) the governmental entity was responsible for the initial
 24 placement of the hazardous substances, petroleum, or other
 25 pollutants on the brownfield.
- 26 (23) The operation of an off-road vehicle (as defined in
 27 IC 14-8-2-185) by a nongovernmental employee, or by a
 28 governmental employee not acting within the scope of the
 29 employment of the employee, on a public highway in a county
 30 road system outside the corporate limits of a city or town, unless
 31 the loss is the result of an act or omission amounting to:
 32 (A) gross negligence;
 33 (B) willful or wanton misconduct; or
 34 (C) intentional misconduct.
- 35 This subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a governmental
 36 entity from liability for the continuing duty to maintain highways
 37 in a reasonably safe condition for the operation of motor vehicles
 38 licensed by the bureau of motor vehicles for operation on public
 39 highways.
- 40 (24) Any act or omission rendered in connection with a request,
 41 investigation, assessment, or opinion provided under
 42 IC 36-9-28.7.



1 (b) This subsection applies to a cause of action that accrues during
 2 a period of a state disaster emergency declared under IC 10-14-3-12 to
 3 respond to COVID-19, if the state of disaster emergency was declared
 4 after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022. A governmental
 5 entity or an employee acting within the scope of the employee's
 6 employment is not liable for an act or omission arising from COVID-19
 7 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or
 8 wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. If a claim
 9 described in this subsection is:

10 (1) a claim for injury or death resulting from medical malpractice;

11 and

12 (2) not barred by the immunity provided under this subsection;
 13 the claimant is required to comply with all of the provisions of
 14 IC 34-18 (medical malpractice act).

15 SECTION 167. IC 34-30-2.1-269, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 16 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 269. ~~IC 20-20-40-15~~ **IC 20-20.5-13-17**
 18 (Concerning actions taken to promote student conduct under a restraint
 19 and seclusion plan).

20 SECTION 168. IC 34-30-2.1-286 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 286. IC 20-34-8-9 (Concerning coaches and~~
 22 ~~assistant coaches, marching band leaders, or other extracurricular~~
 23 ~~activity leaders).~~

24 SECTION 169. IC 34-30-14-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-2011,
 25 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. A school nurse:

27 (1) who meets the requirement of ~~IC 20-34-5-9~~; **IC 20-34-4.5-0.8**;

28 and

29 (2) who:

30 (A) performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation on;

31 (B) performs the Heimlich maneuver on;

32 (C) removes a foreign body that is obstructing an airway of; or

33 (D) uses an automated external defibrillator on;

34 another person in the course of employment as a school nurse;
 35 is not liable in a civil action for damages resulting from an act or
 36 omission occurring during the provision of emergency assistance under
 37 this section, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or
 38 willful and wanton misconduct.

39 SECTION 170. IC 35-50-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
 40 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section,
 42 "offense requiring license revocation" means an offense listed in



1 ~~IC 20-28-5-8(c)~~. **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**.

2 (b) If an individual is or was a teacher in a school corporation,
3 charter school, or nonpublic school and is convicted of an offense
4 requiring license revocation, the judge who presided over the trial or
5 accepted a plea agreement shall give written notice of the conviction
6 to the secretary of education and the chief administrative officer of the
7 school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school, or, if the
8 individual is employed in a public school, the superintendent of the
9 school district in which the individual is employed.

10 (c) Notice under subsection (b) must occur not later than seven (7)
11 days after the date the judgment is entered.

12 (d) The notification sent to a school or school district under
13 subsection (b) must include only the felony for which the individual
14 was convicted.

15 (e) If a judge later modifies the individual's sentence after giving
16 notice under this section, the judge shall notify the school or the school
17 district of the modification.

18 (f) After receiving a notification under subsection (b), the secretary
19 of education shall initiate procedures to revoke the individual's license
20 to teach.

21 SECTION 171. IC 36-1-7-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
22 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 13. Whenever an agreement authorized by this chapter~~
23 ~~is between school corporations, teachers employed under the~~
24 ~~agreement have the same rights and privileges as teachers employed~~
25 ~~under IC 20-26-10-5, IC 20-26-10-6, and IC 20-26-10-7.~~

