



SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Engrossed House Bill 1004 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 157, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 20-33-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]:
6 **Chapter 14. Student Searches**
7 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a public school, including a**
8 **charter school.**
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "body cavity search" means the**
10 **visual inspection or manual search of an individual's anal or**
11 **vaginal cavity.**
12 **Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "school employee or**
13 **contractor" means an individual who is employed or contracted by**
14 **a school.**
15 **(b) The term does not include a school resource officer.**
16 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "school resource officer" refers**
17 **to a school resource officer as defined in IC 20-26-18.2-1.**
18 **Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "strip search" means a search**
19 **that includes the removal or rearrangement an individual's**
20 **clothing for the purpose of visual inspection of the individual's**
21 **undergarments, buttocks, anus, genitals, or breasts.**
22 **(b) The term does not include the removal or rearrangement of**
23 **clothing reasonably required to render medical treatment or**
24 **assistance, or the removal of articles of outer clothing including**
25 **coats, ties, belts, or shoes.**
26 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "student" means an individual**
27 **enrolled in a school.**
28 **Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a school**

- 1 **employee or contractor may not strip search a student.**
- 2 **(b) The strip search of a student is permissible only if the**
- 3 **following conditions are met:**
- 4 **(1) There is reasonable suspicion that the student possesses an**
- 5 **item that poses a threat of imminent bodily harm to the**
- 6 **student or another individual.**
- 7 **(2) All other less intrusive methods of discovering or**
- 8 **removing the item have been exhausted, including the use of**
- 9 **alternative search techniques that may be performed while**
- 10 **the student is fully clothed.**
- 11 **(3) The student has been given notice, in a manner that is**
- 12 **consistent with the student's primary language and**
- 13 **developmental state, including accommodations for any**
- 14 **disability, that the student:**
- 15 **(A) will be strip searched; and**
- 16 **(B) has the opportunity to reveal any item that:**
- 17 **(i) the student is in possession of; and**
- 18 **(ii) poses a threat of imminent bodily harm to the student**
- 19 **or another individual;**
- 20 **instead of being strip searched.**
- 21 **(c) A strip search conducted under subsection (b) must be**
- 22 **conducted:**
- 23 **(1) by an individual who is the same sex as the student who is**
- 24 **being strip searched; and**
- 25 **(2) in the least intrusive manner possible.**
- 26 **Sec. 8. A school employee or contractor may not conduct a body**
- 27 **cavity search of a student.**
- 28 **Sec. 9. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit a**
- 29 **law enforcement officer or a school resource officer from**
- 30 **conducting a strip search of a student in accordance with state and**
- 31 **federal law."**
- 32 **Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.**
(Reference is to EHB 1004 as printed February 20, 2026.)

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