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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 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**

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- 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
 37 fiscal 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.

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- 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 20-20.5-6-5**.
- 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
- 13 must be submitted by the municipal employee.
- 14 (C) Reimbursement from the wages of the municipal
- 15 employee if the municipal employee does not submit the
- 16 required invoices and documentation.
- 17 (3) A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13) may
- 18 make advance payments to contractors to enable the contractors
- 19 to 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
- 22 this subdivision must include the following information:
- 23 (A) That the political subdivision will make advance
- 24 payments to contractors to enable contractors to purchase
- 25 materials.
- 26 (B) Any limitations on the amount of advance payments that
- 27 will be made.
- 28 (C) Requirements for documentation relating to making
- 29 advance payments to contractors for materials.
- 30 (D) Any other information about advance payment for
- 31 materials the political subdivision considers useful to
- 32 contractors that make offers.
- 33 (4) A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13) may
- 34 make advance payments for goods or services before the goods
- 35 are delivered or services are completed if the fiscal body of the
- 36 political subdivision authorizes making advance payments. If the
- 37 fiscal body of the political subdivision authorizes making
- 38 advance payments, the local fiscal officer or the local fiscal
- 39 officer's designee must do all of the following when advance
- 40 payments are made:
- 41 (A) Track prepayments by defining the prepayment on a
- 42 purchase order.

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

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1 sanitary manner of liquid and solid waste, sewage, night soil, and
2 industrial waste.

3 (14) The department of financial institutions established by
4 IC 28-11-1-1.

5 (15) The insurance commissioner in retaining an examiner for
6 purposes of IC 27-1-3.1-9.

7 (16) The department of natural resources for the procurement of
8 supplies purchased for resale at properties owned or managed by
9 the department of natural resources.

10 (17) The Indiana horse racing commission in making an
11 expenditure under IC 4-31-3-15(b).

12 (18) An entity that has entered into a memorandum of
13 understanding with the department of education under
14 ~~IC 20-20-38.5-2(a)(2)~~. **IC 20-20.5-11-2(a)(2)**.

15 SECTION 4. IC 6-2.5-5-38.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2024,
16 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 38.1. (a) As used in this section, "service center"
18 means an educational service center established under ~~IC 20-20-1-~~
19 **IC 20-20.5-1**.

20 (b) As used in this section, "school" means a public or private
21 elementary or secondary school containing students in any grade from
22 grade 1 through grade 12.

23 (c) As used in this chapter, "qualified computer equipment" means
24 computer equipment, including hardware and software, specified by the
25 state board of education under IC 6-3.1-15-10 (as in effect on January
26 1, 2012).

27 (d) Sales of qualified computer equipment are exempt from the
28 state gross retail tax, if:

29 (1) the seller is a service center or school;

30 (2) the purchaser is a parent or guardian of a student who is
31 enrolled in a school; and

32 (3) the qualified computer equipment is sold to the parent or
33 guardian under IC 6-3.1-15-12 (as in effect on January 1, 2012).

34 SECTION 5. IC 9-18.5-15-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
35 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The fees collected under this chapter shall be
37 distributed as follows:

38 (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) to the secretary of education to
39 administer the school intervention and career counseling
40 development program and fund under ~~IC 20-20-17-~~
41 **IC 20-20.5-7**.

42 (2) Seventy-five percent (75%) as provided under section 6 of

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1 this chapter.
2 SECTION 6. IC 10-19-2-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The definitions in IC 20-18-2 apply to this
5 section.

6 (b) The department, in collaboration with the state police
7 department, shall:

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

12 (c) The best practices and educational materials described in
13 subsection (a) must include information on:

- 14 (1) firearm access;
- 15 (2) firearm handling;
- 16 (3) firearm storage;
- 17 (4) ammunition access; and
- 18 (5) ammunition storage.

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

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

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

33 (1) matching grants to school corporations, charter schools, and
34 accredited nonpublic schools, where the matching grants may be
35 used to:

- 36 (A) employ a school resource officer, employ a law
37 enforcement officer, or enter into a contract or a
38 memorandum of understanding with a:
 - 39 (i) local law enforcement agency;
 - 40 (ii) private entity; or
 - 41 (iii) nonprofit corporation;
- 42 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement

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

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- 1 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and
- 2 lodging, related to:
- 3 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
- 4 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat
- 5 assessments;
- 6 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
- 7 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities;
- 8 (G) provide funding for school resource officers or law
- 9 enforcement officers described in clause (A) to receive
- 10 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and
- 11 lodging, related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs
- 12 and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
- 13 otherwise provide protection for students and school
- 14 employees;
- 15 (H) purchase student safety management technology;
- 16 (I) design and construct additions or renovations on school
- 17 property if the primary purpose of the construction project
- 18 is to enhance the physical security of the school building; **or**
- 19 (J) implement a bullying prevention program; **or and**
- 20 ~~(K) develop, implement, and carry out a Stop the Bleed~~
- 21 ~~program required by IC 20-34-3-24, including for the~~
- 22 ~~purchase of bleeding control kits; and~~
- 23 (2) one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter
- 24 schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the
- 25 county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
- 26 accredited nonpublic school is located, to provide the initial set
- 27 up costs for an active event warning system.
- 28 (b) A school corporation or charter school may use money
- 29 received under a matching grant for a purpose listed in subsection (a)
- 30 to provide a response to a threat in a manner that the school corporation
- 31 or charter school sees fit, including firearms training or other
- 32 self-defense training.
- 33 (c) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland
- 34 security.
- 35 (d) The fund consists of:
- 36 (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 37 (2) federal grants;
- 38 (3) amounts deposited from any other public or private source;
- 39 and
- 40 (4) amounts deposited under IC 33-37-9-4.
- 41 (e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
- 42 money in the fund.

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1 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 2 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 3 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
 4 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

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

7 SECTION 8. IC 10-21-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2023,
 8 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to
 10 enable a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
 11 school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) to:

12 (1) employ a school resource officer, employ a law enforcement
 13 officer, or enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding
 14 with a:

- 15 (A) local law enforcement agency;
- 16 (B) private entity; or
- 17 (C) nonprofit corporation;

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

19 (2) conduct a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings
 20 within a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by
 21 a charter school or accredited nonpublic school;

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

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

- 26 (A) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
- 27 (B) assist with visitor management on school property;
- 28 (C) expedite notification of first responders;
- 29 (D) expedite access to school property for first responders;
- 30 (E) provide staff with information about open or closed
 31 status of interior and exterior doors;
- 32 (F) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
- 33 (G) enhance emergency communications inside the school
 34 building; ~~or~~
- 35 (H) assist with emergency medical response on school
 36 property; **or**

37 **(I) monitor areas of school property used for student
 38 seclusion (as defined in IC 20-20.5-13-9) or time-out (as
 39 defined in IC 20-20.5-13-10) with audiovisual devices;**

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

42 (6) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect

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1 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
 2 otherwise provide protection for students and school employees
 3 and the canine shall:

- 4 (A) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
 5 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
- 6 (B) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
 7 enforcement officer described in subdivision (1)(A) who
 8 has received appropriate training for handling a canine
 9 trained to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or
 10 firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and
 11 school employees, including training regarding handling a
 12 canine in a school setting; and
- 13 (C) receive continuous training as appropriate;

14 (7) provide funding for:

- 15 (A) school employees to receive training, including
 16 expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:
 - 17 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
 - 18 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat
 19 assessments;
 - 20 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
 - 21 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities; or
- 22 (B) school resource officers or law enforcement officers
 23 described in subdivision (1)(A) to receive training,
 24 including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related
 25 to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal
 26 substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide
 27 protection for students and school employees;

28 (8) design and construct additions or renovations on school
 29 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to
 30 enhance the physical security of the school building;

31 (9) provide one (1) time grants to enable school corporations,
 32 charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the
 33 sheriff for the county in which the school corporation, charter
 34 school, or accredited nonpublic school is located to provide the
 35 initial set up costs for an active event warning system;

36 (10) implement a bullying prevention program; or

37 (11) purchase student safety management technology;

38 in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.

39 (b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter
 40 school, or accredited nonpublic school (or a coalition of schools
 41 applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a
 42 two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:

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- 1 (1) The total cost of the program established by the school
- 2 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or
- 3 the coalition of schools applying jointly).
- 4 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the following amounts:
- 5 (A) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per year, in the
- 6 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 7 nonpublic school that:
- 8 (i) has an ADM of at least one (1) and less than one
- 9 thousand one (1,001) students; and
- 10 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school
- 11 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 12 school.
- 13 (B) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of
- 14 a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 15 nonpublic school that:
- 16 (i) has an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) and
- 17 less than five thousand one (5,001) students; and
- 18 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school
- 19 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 20 school.
- 21 (C) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year, in the
- 22 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 23 nonpublic school that:
- 24 (i) has an ADM of more than five thousand (5,000) and
- 25 less than fifteen thousand one (15,001) students; and
- 26 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school
- 27 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 28 school.
- 29 (D) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in
- 30 the case of a school corporation, charter school, or
- 31 accredited nonpublic school that:
- 32 (i) has an ADM of more than fifteen thousand
- 33 (15,000); and
- 34 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school
- 35 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 36 school.
- 37 (E) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in
- 38 the case of a coalition of schools applying jointly.
- 39 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the match requirement
- 40 for a grant under this chapter is based on the ADM for the school
- 41 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or coalition
- 42 of schools applying jointly) that is the subject of the grant as follows:

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- 1 (1) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 2 nonpublic school with an ADM of less than five hundred one
- 3 (501) students, the grant match must be twenty-five percent
- 4 (25%) of the grant amount described in subsection (b).
- 5 (2) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 6 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than five hundred (500)
- 7 and less than one thousand one (1,001) students, the grant match
- 8 must be fifty percent (50%) of the grant amount described in
- 9 subsection (b).
- 10 (3) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 11 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than one thousand
- 12 (1,000) students or a coalition of schools applying jointly, the
- 13 grant match must be one hundred percent (100%) of the grant
- 14 amount described in subsection (b).
- 15 (d) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 16 school may be eligible to receive a grant of up to:
- 17 (1) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) if:
- 18 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 19 nonpublic school receives a grant match of one hundred
- 20 percent (100%) of the requested grant amount; and
- 21 (B) the board approves the grant request; or
- 22 (2) for a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 23 nonpublic school described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), a grant
- 24 of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) if:
- 25 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 26 nonpublic school receives a grant match of fifty percent
- 27 (50%) of the requested grant amount; and
- 28 (B) the board approves the grant request.
- 29 (e) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 30 school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each
- 31 year.
- 32 (f) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation,
- 33 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section unless
- 34 the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school
- 35 is in a county that has a county school safety commission, as described
- 36 in section 12 of this chapter.
- 37 SECTION 9. IC 12-14-2-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2007,
- 38 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) To retain eligibility for TANF assistance
- 40 under this article, a recipient of TANF assistance and a dependent child
- 41 who is a recipient of TANF assistance must attend school if all of the
- 42 following apply:

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- 1 (1) The recipient or the dependent child meets the compulsory
- 2 attendance requirements under IC 20-33-2.
- 3 (2) The recipient or the dependent child has not graduated from
- 4 a high school or has not obtained a high school equivalency
- 5 certificate (as defined in IC 12-14-5-2).
- 6 (3) The recipient or the dependent child is not excused from
- 7 attending school under IC 20-33-2-14 through ~~IC 20-33-2-17~~.
- 8 **IC 20-33-2-15.**
- 9 (4) The recipient or the dependent child does not have good
- 10 cause for failing to attend school, as determined by rules adopted
- 11 by the director under IC 4-22-2.
- 12 (5) If the recipient or the dependent child is the mother of a
- 13 child, a physician has not determined that the recipient or the
- 14 dependent child should delay returning to school after giving
- 15 birth.
- 16 (b) A recipient or the dependent child of a recipient described in
- 17 subsection (a) who has more than three (3) unexcused absences during
- 18 a school year is subject to revocation or suspension of assistance as
- 19 provided in section 18 of this chapter.
- 20 (c) The director, in consultation with the department of education,
- 21 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish a definition for the term
- 22 "unexcused absence".
- 23 SECTION 10. IC 12-15-1-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.35-2022,
- 24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) Each:
- 26 (1) school corporation; or
- 27 (2) school corporation's employed, licensed, or qualified
- 28 provider;
- 29 must enroll in a program to use federal funds under the Medicaid
- 30 program (IC 12-15-1 et seq.) with the intent to share the costs of
- 31 services that are reimbursable under the Medicaid program and that are
- 32 provided to eligible children by the school corporation. However, a
- 33 school corporation or a school corporation's employed, licensed, or
- 34 qualified provider is not required to file any claims or participate in the
- 35 program developed under this section.
- 36 (b) The secretary and the department of education may develop
- 37 policies and adopt rules to administer the program developed under this
- 38 section.
- 39 (c) The federal reimbursement for services provided under this
- 40 section must be distributed to the school corporation. The state shall
- 41 retain the nonfederal share of the reimbursement for Medicaid services
- 42 provided under this section.

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1 (d) The office of Medicaid policy and planning, with the approval
 2 of the budget agency and after consultation with the department of
 3 education, shall establish procedures for the timely distribution of
 4 federal reimbursement due to the school corporations. The distribution
 5 procedures may provide for offsetting reductions to distributions of
 6 state tuition support or other state funds to school corporations in the
 7 amount of the nonfederal reimbursements required to be retained by the
 8 state under subsection (c).

9 (e) The office may apply to the United States Department of
 10 Health and Human Services for a state plan amendment to allow school
 11 corporations to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary,
 12 school based Medicaid covered services that are provided under federal
 13 or state mandates. If the state plan amendment is approved and
 14 implemented, services may be provided by a qualified provider in a
 15 school setting to Medicaid enrolled students. Subject to subsection (f),
 16 the services may be pursuant to any of the following:

- 17 (1) An individualized education program (as defined in
 18 IC 20-18-2-9).
- 19 (2) A plan developed under Section 504 of the federal
 20 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. 794.
- 21 (3) A behavioral intervention plan (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-1~~;
 22 **IC 20-20.5-13-1**).
- 23 (4) A service plan developed under 511 IAC 7-34.
- 24 (5) An individualized health care plan.

25 The office may, in consultation with the department of education,
 26 develop any necessary state plan amendment under this subsection. The
 27 office may apply for any state plan amendment necessary to implement
 28 this subsection.

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

- 30 (1) An abortion.
- 31 (2) Counseling for abortion procedures.
- 32 (3) Referrals for abortion services.
- 33 (4) Abortifacients.
- 34 (5) Contraceptives.

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

- 38 (1) may only be performed by a qualified provider;
- 39 (2) must be within the qualified provider's scope of practice; and
- 40 (3) must be provided in accordance with this article and
 41 administrative rules concerning the Medicaid program.

42 SECTION 11. IC 20-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,

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- 1 2026]. (Effect of Recodification of Title 20).
 2 SECTION 12. IC 20-18-2-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 3 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) "Nonpublic school" means a school that is
 5 not:
 6 (1) maintained by a school corporation; or
 7 (2) a charter school.
 8 (b) The term includes a private school or parochial school.
 9 SECTION 13. IC 20-18-2-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2019,
 10 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) "School corporation", for purposes of this
 12 title (except ~~IC 20-20-33~~, **IC 20-20.5-9**, IC 20-26-1 through
 13 IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-26-7.1, IC 20-28-11.5, IC 20-30-8,
 14 IC 20-30-16, IC 20-43, and IC 20-50), means a public school
 15 corporation established by Indiana law. The term includes a:
 16 (1) school city;
 17 (2) school town;
 18 (3) consolidated school corporation;
 19 (4) metropolitan school district;
 20 (5) township school corporation;
 21 (6) county school corporation;
 22 (7) united school corporation; or
 23 (8) community school corporation.
 24 (b) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-26-1 through
 25 IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, and IC 20-26-7.1, has the meaning set forth in
 26 IC 20-26-2-4.
 27 (c) "School corporation", for purposes of ~~IC 20-20-33~~,
 28 **IC 20-20.5-9**, IC 20-26.5, IC 20-30-8, and IC 20-50, includes a charter
 29 school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4).
 30 (d) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-43, has the
 31 meaning set forth in IC 20-43-1-23.
 32 (e) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-28-11.5, has the
 33 meaning set forth in IC 20-28-11.5-3.
 34 (f) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-35, has the
 35 meaning set forth in IC 20-35-1-6.
 36 (g) "School corporation", for purposes of IC 20-30-16, has the
 37 meaning set forth in IC 20-30-16-4.
 38 SECTION 14. IC 20-18-2-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2016,
 39 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b)~~,
 41 "Secondary school" means a high school.
 42 (b) For purposes of ~~IC 20-28-9-25~~, "secondary school" has the

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1 meaning set forth in IC 20-28-9-25.

2 SECTION 15. IC 20-19-2-2.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
3 SECTION 160, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.2. (a) The state board consists of
5 the following members:

6 (1) The secretary of education.

7 (2) Eight (8) members appointed by the governor. The following
8 provisions apply to members of the state board appointed under
9 this subdivision:

10 (A) At least six (6) members appointed under this
11 subdivision must have professional experience in the field
12 of education as provided in subsection (b).

13 (B) Members shall be appointed from different parts of
14 Indiana with not more than one (1) member being appointed
15 from a particular congressional district.

16 (C) Not more than five (5) members of the state board may
17 be appointed from the membership of any one (1) political
18 party.

19 (D) ~~Subject to subsection (h)~~; At least one (1) member shall
20 be a practicing licensed special education teacher or special
21 education director at the time the member is appointed.

22 (3) One (1) member, who is not a member of the general
23 assembly, appointed by the speaker of the house of
24 representatives.

25 (4) One (1) member, who is not a member of the general
26 assembly, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

27 (b) For purposes of subsection (a), an individual is considered to
28 have professional experience in the field of education if the individual
29 has teaching or leadership experience at a postsecondary educational
30 institution or is currently employed as, or is retired from a position as:

31 (1) a teacher;

32 (2) a principal;

33 (3) an assistant superintendent; or

34 (4) a superintendent.

35 (c) A quorum consists of six (6) members of the state board. An
36 action of the state board is not official unless the action is authorized
37 by at least six (6) members.

38 (d) The members of the state board shall elect a chairperson and
39 vice chairperson annually from the members of the state board. The
40 vice chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the
41 chairperson.

42 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f), each member

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1 appointed under subsection (a)(2) through (a)(4) serves a four (4) year
2 term. The term begins on July 1.

3 (f) A member appointed under subsection (a)(2) through (a)(4)
4 may be removed from the state board by the member's appointing
5 authority for just cause. Vacancies in the appointments to the state
6 board shall be filled by the appointing authority. A member appointed
7 under this subsection serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.

8 (g) The state board shall meet at a minimum at least one (1) time
9 each year. The state board shall establish the date of the next meeting
10 during a meeting of the state board. In addition to the annual meeting
11 required under this subsection, the state board shall meet at the call of
12 the chairperson.

13 (h) ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2024. The governor shall~~
14 ~~appoint a member who has the qualifications described in subsection~~
15 ~~(a)(2)(D) for the first appointment made by the governor to fill a~~
16 ~~vacancy on the state board after March 31, 2020.~~

17 SECTION 16. IC 20-19-2-2.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
18 1, 2026]. Sec. 2.3: (a) ~~After May 31, 2015, a reference to the state~~
19 ~~board in a statute, rule, or other document is considered a reference to~~
20 ~~the state board established by section 2.1 of this chapter.~~

21 (b) ~~After May 31, 2015, a rule adopted by the state board~~
22 ~~established by section 2 of this chapter (expired June 1, 2015) is~~
23 ~~considered a rule adopted by the state board established by section 2.1~~
24 ~~of this chapter. However, a rule concerning driver education is~~
25 ~~considered a rule of the bureau of motor vehicles.~~

26 (c) ~~On June 1, 2015, the property and obligations of the state board~~
27 ~~established by section 2 of this chapter (expired June 1, 2015) are~~
28 ~~transferred to the state board established by section 2.1 of this chapter.~~

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

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

- 36 (1) Establish the educational goals of the state, developing
37 standards and objectives for local school corporations.
- 38 (2) Assess the attainment of the established goals.
- 39 (3) Assure compliance with established standards and objectives.
- 40 (4) ~~Coordinate with the commission for higher education~~
41 ~~(IC 21-18-1) and the department of workforce development~~
42 ~~(IC 22-4.1-2) to develop entrepreneurship education programs~~

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1 for elementary and secondary education; higher education; and
 2 individuals in the work force.
 3 ~~(5)~~ (4) Make recommendations to the governor and general
 4 assembly concerning the educational needs of the state,
 5 including financial needs.
 6 ~~(6)~~ (5) Provide for reviews to ensure the validity and reliability
 7 of the statewide assessment program.
 8 SECTION 18. IC 20-19-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.269-2019,
 9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall:
 11 (1) perform the duties required by statute;
 12 (2) implement the policies and procedures established by the
 13 state board;
 14 (3) conduct analytical research to assist the state board in
 15 determining the state's educational policy;
 16 (4) compile statistics concerning the ethnicity, gender, and
 17 disability status of students in Indiana schools, including
 18 statistics for all information that the department receives from
 19 school corporations on enrollment, number of suspensions, and
 20 number of expulsions; and
 21 (5) provide technical assistance to school corporations.
 22 (b) In compiling statistics by gender, ethnicity, and disability
 23 status under subsection (a)(4), the department shall also categorize
 24 suspensions and expulsions by cause as follows:
 25 (1) Alcohol.
 26 (2) Drugs.
 27 (3) Deadly weapons (other than firearms).
 28 (4) Handguns.
 29 (5) Rifles or shotguns.
 30 (6) Other firearms.
 31 (7) Tobacco.
 32 (8) Attendance.
 33 (9) Destruction of property.
 34 (10) Legal settlement. ~~(under IC 20-33-8-17)~~.
 35 (11) Fighting (incident does not rise to the level of battery).
 36 (12) A battery offense included in IC 35-42-2.
 37 (13) Intimidation (IC 35-45-2-1).
 38 (14) Verbal aggression or profanity.
 39 (15) Defiance.
 40 (16) Other.
 41 (c) The department shall provide the state board any data,
 42 including fiscal data, as determined by the state board, in a reasonable

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1 time frame established by the state board after consultation with the
 2 department, necessary to conduct an audit or evaluation of any federal
 3 or state supported program principally engaged in the provision of
 4 education, including, but not limited to:

- 5 (1) early childhood education;
- 6 (2) elementary and secondary education;
- 7 (3) postsecondary education;
- 8 (4) special education;
- 9 (5) job training;
- 10 (6) career and technical education; and
- 11 (7) adult education;

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

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

21 (e) The department shall develop guidelines necessary to
 22 implement this section.

23 SECTION 19. IC 20-19-3-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2026]. Sec. 8: (a) The department may not approve or disapprove
 25 plans and specifications for the construction, alteration, or repair of
 26 school buildings; except as necessary under the terms of a federal grant
 27 or a federal law.

28 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the department shall establish
 29 a central clearinghouse for access by school corporations that may want
 30 to use a prototype design in the construction of school facilities. The
 31 department shall compile necessary publications and may establish a
 32 computer data base to distribute information on prototype designs to
 33 school corporations. Architects and engineers registered to practice in
 34 Indiana may submit plans and specifications for a prototype design to
 35 the clearinghouse. The plans and specifications may be accessed by any
 36 person. However, the following provisions apply to a prototype design
 37 submitted to the clearinghouse:

- 38 (1) The original architect of record or engineer of record retains
 39 ownership of and liability for a prototype design.
- 40 (2) A school corporation or other person may not use a prototype
 41 design without the site-specific, written permission of the
 42 original architect of record or engineer of record.

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1 (3) An architect's or engineer's liability under subdivision (1) is
2 subject to the requirements of subdivision (2).
3 The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this
4 subsection.

5 SECTION 20. IC 20-19-3-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.83-2010,
6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The department, in collaboration with
8 organizations that have expertise in dating violence, domestic violence,
9 and sexual abuse, shall identify or develop:

- 10 (1) model dating violence educational materials; and
- 11 (2) a model for dating violence response policies and reporting.
- 12 ~~Not later than July 1, 2011,~~ The department shall make the models
13 developed or identified under this section available to assist schools
14 with the implementation of dating violence education programs in
15 grades 6 through 12 and dating violence response policies.

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

- 18 (1) Warning signs of dating violence.
- 19 (2) The basic principles of dating violence prevention.
- 20 (3) Methods of parental education and outreach.

21 SECTION 21. IC 20-19-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.25-2016,
22 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) The department, in collaboration with the
24 Indiana criminal justice institute, the department of child services, the
25 center for evaluation and education policy at Indiana University, the
26 state police department, and any organization that has expertise in
27 providing criminal organization education, prevention, or intervention
28 that the department determines to be appropriate, shall:

- 29 (1) identify or develop evidence based model educational
30 materials on criminal organization activity; and
- 31 (2) develop and maintain a model policy to address criminal
32 organizations and criminal organization activity in schools.

33 (b) ~~Not later than July 1, 2015,~~ The department shall make the
34 model policy developed under subsection (a)(2) available to assist
35 schools. ~~in the development and implementation of a criminal~~
36 ~~organization policy.~~

37 (c) The model educational materials on criminal organization
38 activity identified or developed under subsection (a)(1) must include
39 information:

- 40 (1) to educate students and parents on the extent to which
41 criminal organization activity exists;
- 42 (2) regarding the negative societal impact that criminal

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- 1 organizations have on the community;
- 2 (3) on methods to discourage participation in criminal
- 3 organizations; and
- 4 (4) on methods of providing intervention to a child suspected of
- 5 participating in criminal organization activity.
- 6 (d) The model criminal organization policy developed under
- 7 subsection (a)(2) must include:
- 8 (1) a statement prohibiting criminal organization activity in
- 9 schools;
- 10 (2) a statement prohibiting reprisal or retaliation against an
- 11 individual who reports suspected criminal organization activity;
- 12 (3) definitions of "criminal organization" as set forth in
- 13 IC 35-45-9-1 and "criminal organization activity";
- 14 (4) model procedures for:
- 15 (A) reporting suspected criminal organization activity; and
- 16 (B) the prompt investigation of suspected criminal
- 17 organization activity;
- 18 (5) information about the types of support services, including
- 19 family support services, available for a student suspected of
- 20 participating in criminal organization activity; and
- 21 (6) recommendations concerning criminal organization
- 22 prevention and intervention services and programs for students
- 23 that maximize community participation and the use of federal
- 24 funding.
- 25 SECTION 22. IC 20-19-3-20, AS AMENDED BY THE
- 26 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
- 27 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. The department shall publish the following
- 29 information on the department's ~~Internet web site:~~ **website:**
- 30 ~~(1) The information reported under IC 20-29-3-15(b)(20) in the~~
- 31 ~~most recent report prepared under IC 20-29-3-15.~~
- 32 ~~(2) (1) The number of emergency permits granted by each school~~
- 33 ~~corporation, categorized by content area, during the school year.~~
- 34 ~~or collective bargaining period covered by the most recent report~~
- 35 ~~prepared under IC 20-29-3-15.~~
- 36 ~~(3) (2) The total number of teaching candidates who:~~
- 37 (A) are currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program;
- 38 or
- 39 (B) have recently completed a teacher preparation program.
- 40 ~~(4) (3) The increase or decrease in kindergarten through grade~~
- 41 ~~12 student enrollments.~~
- 42 ~~(5) (4) The total number of teachers in Indiana.~~

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- 1 (6) (5) The teacher workforce growth.
 2 (7) (6) The administrator workforce growth.
 3 (8) (7) For each school corporation, the number of vacant
 4 teaching positions by:
 5 (A) grade;
 6 (B) subject; and
 7 (C) required credential;
 8 with critical shortage areas, as determined by unfilled vacancies,
 9 highlighted for each school corporation.
 10 SECTION 23. IC 20-19-3-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 11 1, 2026]. See: 23: (a) The department may adopt and provide to schools
 12 an early warning system or systems that:
 13 (1) provide actionable data on students as early as elementary
 14 school;
 15 (2) provide metrics based on student-level data to assist in
 16 identifying potential learning loss at the student, school, and
 17 district level;
 18 (3) research proven predictive analytics for on time high school
 19 graduation using local data to determine threshold based
 20 indicators; and
 21 (4) may include the following:
 22 (A) Recommendations regarding an actionable intervention
 23 plan for each student who, based on graduation indicators
 24 and multitiered systems of support, is not on track to
 25 graduate on time or prepared for postsecondary success.
 26 (B) Summative success data by each intervention plan used
 27 by each student, student group, and school.
 28 (b) The department may, not later than August 1, 2021, annually
 29 select one (1) or more vendors to make available an early warning
 30 system or systems described in subsection (a). The department may
 31 require that the vendor or vendors provide to the department, at least
 32 twice annually, a summary report in the aggregate regarding:
 33 (1) students who, based on graduation indicators, are not on
 34 track to graduate on time;
 35 (2) the intervention plans implemented for the students described
 36 in subdivision (1) in attempting to ensure the students graduate
 37 on time; and
 38 (3) whether the intervention plans described in subdivision (2)
 39 are, based on graduation indicators, successful in moving
 40 students to be on track to graduate on time and, if applicable,
 41 graduating on time for the purpose of evaluating the return on
 42 investment of intervention programs.

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1 The information provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) may be
2 disaggregated by grade level.

3 SECTION 24. IC 20-19-3-25, AS AMENDED BY THE
4 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 25. (a) The department shall establish an online
7 adjunct teacher portal on the department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** or
8 incorporate into the teacher referral system developed under ~~IC 20-20-3~~
9 **IC 20-20.5-2** a functionality to allow:

10 (1) a school corporation to post a vacant adjunct teacher
11 position; and

12 (2) an individual to:

13 (A) post a resume;

14 (B) post any other information requested by the school
15 corporation through the portal or system; **and**

16 (C) make inquiries to the school corporation through the
17 portal or system. **and**

18 ~~(D) view information relating to adjunct teachers employed~~
19 ~~by a particular school corporation reported to the~~
20 ~~department in accordance with IC 20-28-5-27(g).~~

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

24 SECTION 25. IC 20-19-3-27.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 27.5: The department shall establish and maintain~~
26 ~~on the department's website a public data base of information provided~~
27 ~~by each public school in accordance with IC 20-26-5-42 concerning~~
28 ~~employees of each public school who were physically injured while on~~
29 ~~the job by students of the public school:~~

30 SECTION 26. IC 20-19-3-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
31 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 28: Not later than September 1 of each year, the~~
32 ~~department shall do the following:~~

33 ~~(1) Compile and prepare a report regarding the information~~
34 ~~reported by school corporations and charter schools to the~~
35 ~~department under IC 20-26-5-42.1:~~

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

38 SECTION 27. IC 20-19-3-29 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
39 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 29: (a) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department may~~
40 ~~establish or license for use an online platform that:~~

41 ~~(1) provides information and training on each of the subjects and~~
42 ~~content described in IC 20-28-3-5.5 and IC 20-28-5.5-1.5;~~

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- 1 (2) is accessible by both teachers and students enrolled in a
- 2 teacher preparation program; and
- 3 (3) upon successful completion of the training, provides written
- 4 confirmation to a teacher or student described in subdivision (2)
- 5 that the teacher or student successfully completed the training.

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

- 9 (1) 29 CFR 1910.1030 concerning bloodborne pathogens.
- 10 (2) 29 CFR 1910.147 concerning lock out/tag out.
- 11 (3) 511 IAC 5-5-5 concerning assessment training.

12 (c) If a teacher successfully completes a training on the online
 13 platform, the training must count towards continuing education
 14 required for licensure renewal, as prescribed by the department.

15 SECTION 28. IC 20-19-3-30.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 30.4: (a) The department, in collaboration with the
 17 state police department, shall:

- 18 (1) identify a set of best practices; and
- 19 (2) develop a set of educational materials;
- 20 regarding recommendations for the safe possession and storage of a
 21 firearm in a home with a child.

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

- 24 (1) firearm access;
- 25 (2) firearm handling;
- 26 (3) firearm storage;
- 27 (4) ammunition access; and
- 28 (5) ammunition storage.

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

33 (d) The department shall maintain a public website that contains
 34 the best practices and educational materials described in subsection (a).
 35 The department shall publicize the website and promote the best
 36 practices and educational materials to all elementary and high schools
 37 operating in the state.

38 SECTION 29. IC 20-19-3-35 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 39 1, 2026]. Sec. 35: (a) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall
 40 do the following:

- 41 (1) Establish an online, self-paced professional development
 42 module to support educators in doing the following with regard

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- 1 to mathematics:
- 2 (A) Implementing the Indiana academic standards:
- 3 (B) Applying effective teaching strategies:
- 4 (C) Emphasizing contextual problem solving:
- 5 (D) Fostering collaborative learning environments:
- 6 (E) Using universal supports for students:
- 7 (2) Develop math descriptions correlated to proficiency level
- 8 descriptors to track proficiency at the student level that are:
- 9 (A) appropriately aligned to the Indiana academic
- 10 standards; and
- 11 (B) readily available to educators, parents, and students
- 12 across the state:
- 13 (3) Create and identify dedicated math resources for parents,
- 14 families, and educators to assist with intervention and
- 15 enrichment opportunities and instructional strategies:
- 16 (b) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall post the
- 17 resources created and identified under subsection (a)(3) on the
- 18 department's website:
- 19 (c) Not later than December 1, 2024, the department shall submit
- 20 a plan to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6
- 21 that includes:
- 22 (1) strategies for the early identification of students who are at
- 23 risk of not meeting grade level proficiency in mathematics; and
- 24 (2) recommendations for high quality intervention policies for
- 25 mathematics that focus on:
- 26 (A) providing data driven, systematic small group or
- 27 individualized instruction focused on building student
- 28 understanding through mathematical learning progressions;
- 29 (B) using materials aligned to daily core instruction; and
- 30 (C) using evidence based instructional strategies to
- 31 promote:
- 32 (i) conceptual understanding;
- 33 (ii) procedural fluency; and
- 34 (iii) real world problem solving.
- 35 This subsection expires July 1, 2025.
- 36 SECTION 30. IC 20-19-3-37 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 37 1, 2026]. Sec. 37. (a) The department shall do the following:
- 38 (1) Study the basis for student suspensions and expulsions
- 39 categorized as "other" by school corporations:
- 40 (2) Prepare a report that includes the following:
- 41 (A) Information concerning the study under subdivision (1).
- 42 (B) Any recommendation regarding expanding the

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1 suspension and expulsion category options.
 2 (3) Not later than November 1, 2025, submit the report prepared
 3 under subdivision (2) to the legislative council in an electronic
 4 format under IC 5-14-6.
 5 (b) This section expires July 1, 2026.
 6 SECTION 31. IC 20-19-3-37.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 37.4. Not later than October 1, 2025, the secretary
 8 of education shall compile and prepare a report concerning the
 9 feasibility of offering the school bus driver safety education training
 10 course described in IC 20-27-8-10 at several regional locations.
 11 SECTION 32. IC 20-19-3-38 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2026]. Sec. 38: (a) As used in this section:
 13 (1) "school health plan" refers to a school employee health plan
 14 offered under IC 20-26-17; and
 15 (2) "state health plan" refers to a state employee health plan
 16 offered under IC 5-10-8-6.7.
 17 (b) Before November 1, 2025, the department shall prepare and
 18 submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format under
 19 IC 5-14-6 that provides an analysis of the feasibility and cost of
 20 increasing school corporation employee health plan options.
 21 (c) The report described in subsection (b) must include the
 22 following:
 23 (1) An analysis of the feasibility and cost of allowing a school
 24 corporation employee to elect to participate in a state health plan
 25 if the state health plan is less expensive than the school health
 26 plan offered by the employee's school corporation.
 27 (2) An analysis of the feasibility and cost of allowing a school
 28 corporation employee who elects, as described in subdivision
 29 (1), to participate in a less expensive state health plan to apply
 30 the difference between the amount of the school health plan
 31 offered by the employee's school corporation and the amount of
 32 the state health plan to:
 33 (A) the employee's defined contribution account, if the
 34 employee maintains a defined contribution account; or
 35 (B) the employee's annual salary.
 36 (d) This section expires July 1, 2026.
 37 SECTION 33. IC 20-19-3-40 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 38 1, 2026]. Sec. 40: (a) Not later than December 1, 2025, the department
 39 shall submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format
 40 under IC 5-14-6 on the academic readiness of students who enroll in a
 41 virtual school or program. To the extent possible, the report must
 42 include course completion data and student performance data on the

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1 statewide assessment.
 2 (b) This section expires June 30, 2026.
 3 SECTION 34. IC 20-19-11-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 4 1, 2026]. Sec. 4. This chapter expires January 1, 2027.
 5 SECTION 35. IC 20-20 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 6 2026]. (Programs Administered by the State).
 7 SECTION 36. IC 20-20.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2026]:
 10 **ARTICLE 20.5. PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE**
 11 **STATE**
 12 **Chapter 1. Educational Service Centers**
 13 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicable nonpublic school"**
 14 **refers to a nonpublic school that has one (1) or more employees.**
 15 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the board of**
 16 **an educational service center described in section 8 of this chapter.**
 17 **Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "educational service center"**
 18 **means an extended agency of school corporations, charter schools,**
 19 **and applicable nonpublic schools that:**
 20 **(1) operates under rules established by the state board;**
 21 **(2) is the administrative and operational unit that serves a**
 22 **definitive geographical boundary, which, to the extent**
 23 **possible, must be aligned with the boundary of a regional**
 24 **works council's region established under IC 20-19-6 (before**
 25 **its expiration); and**
 26 **(3) allows school corporations, charter schools, and**
 27 **applicable nonpublic schools to voluntarily cooperate and**
 28 **share programs and services that the school corporations,**
 29 **charter schools, and applicable nonpublic schools cannot**
 30 **individually provide but collectively may implement.**
 31 **(b) Programs and services collectively implemented through**
 32 **an educational service center may include, but are not limited to,**
 33 **the following:**
 34 **(1) Curriculum development.**
 35 **(2) Pupil personnel and special education services.**
 36 **(3) In-service education.**
 37 **(4) State-federal liaison services.**
 38 **(5) Instructional materials and multimedia services.**
 39 **(6) Career and technical education.**
 40 **(7) Purchasing and financial management.**
 41 **(8) Needs assessment.**
 42 **(9) Computer use.**

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1 **(10) Research and development.**
2 **Sec. 4. The state board may provide for the establishment of**
3 **and procedures for the operation of educational service centers.**
4 **Sec. 5. (a) The state board shall do the following:**
5 **(1) Adopt a comprehensive plan to implement this chapter.**
6 **(2) Determine the areas in Indiana that will be served by an**
7 **educational service center.**
8 **(b) In determining the geographic area to be served by an**
9 **educational service center, the state board shall consider the**
10 **following:**
11 **(1) Physical factors.**
12 **(2) Socio-economic factors.**
13 **(3) Educational factors.**
14 **(4) Existing cooperative efforts and agreements.**
15 **Sec. 6. An educational service center must be established**
16 **under rules adopted by the state board to develop, provide, and**
17 **make available to participating schools, including participating**
18 **charter schools and applicable nonpublic schools, those services**
19 **requested by the participating school corporations, participating**
20 **charter schools, and applicable nonpublic schools and approved by**
21 **the state board.**
22 **Sec. 7. Educational service centers shall be located throughout**
23 **Indiana to allow each school corporation, charter school, and**
24 **applicable nonpublic school to have an opportunity to:**
25 **(1) be served by; and**
26 **(2) participate in;**
27 **an approved center on a voluntary basis by resolution of the**
28 **governing body of the school corporation, by the approval of an**
29 **organizer of a charter school, or by the approval of the governing**
30 **board or entity of an applicable nonpublic school.**
31 **Sec. 8. An educational service center shall be governed in its**
32 **local administration by a board selected by an assembly comprised**
33 **of the:**
34 **(1) superintendent or the superintendent's designee from**
35 **each participating school corporation;**
36 **(2) organizer of a charter school or the organizer's designee**
37 **from each participating charter school; and**
38 **(3) chief administrative officer of an applicable nonpublic**
39 **school or the chief administrative officer's designee.**
40 **Sec. 9. (a) The state board shall adopt uniform rules to provide**
41 **for the local selection, appointment, and continuity of membership**
42 **for boards.**

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

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

4 Sec. 10. A board may employ the following:

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

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

7 (A) carry out the functions of the educational service
8 center; and

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

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

14 (b) An educational service center may administer programs
15 and funds from any of the sources described in subsection (a). All
16 activities funded from federal sources must follow all applicable
17 federal guidelines, rules, and regulations.

18 Sec. 12. This chapter does not prohibit an educational service
19 center from receiving and using matching funds from federal
20 sources in any amount for which the educational service center
21 may be eligible.

22 Chapter 2. Teacher Referral System

23 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "referral system" refers to the
24 teacher employment opportunities referral system established by
25 section 2 of this chapter.

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

28 Sec. 3. The referral system must:

29 (1) be capable of identifying the available public school
30 teaching positions within Indiana;

31 (2) provide the pertinent information on individuals who are
32 seeking employment as teachers; and

33 (3) be accessible to school corporations, teachers, prospective
34 teachers, and state educational institutions.

35 Chapter 3. Teacher of the Year

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

38 (1) an Indiana postsecondary educational institution; or

39 (2) the department.

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

42 (1) Grant the teacher a one (1) year professional leave to

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1 provide service as described in section 1 of this chapter.

2 (2) Allow the teacher to return to the school from the
3 professional leave:

4 (A) to the same or a comparable position as the teacher
5 held before the professional leave; and

6 (B) without loss of accrued benefits or seniority.

7 (3) Continue to provide the teacher all benefits of
8 employment with the school other than salary.

9 (b) The department shall reimburse a school for the cost of
10 benefits provided by the school to a teacher under subsection
11 (a)(3).

12 Sec. 3. If a teacher of the year provides service for the
13 department or an Indiana postsecondary educational institution
14 under this chapter, the department or the Indiana postsecondary
15 educational institution shall pay the teacher's salary for the term
16 of the service and shall reimburse the teacher's regular employer
17 for the teacher's benefits during the term of service.

18 Chapter 4. Curricular Materials

19 Sec. 1. (a) Not later than July 1, 2027, and each July 1
20 thereafter, the department shall evaluate, approve, and publish a
21 list of high quality curricular materials for use in the following
22 subjects:

23 (1) Science.

24 (2) Technology.

25 (3) Engineering.

26 (4) Math.

27 (5) English/language arts.

28 The department shall post the list approved under this subsection
29 on the department's website.

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

31 (1) determine the:

32 (A) process for evaluating and approving curricular
33 materials under subsection (a); and

34 (B) requirements for curricular materials to be
35 approved and included on the list described in
36 subsection (a); and

37 (2) collaborate with teachers in evaluating and approving
38 high quality curricular materials in English/language arts
39 under subsection (a).

40 (c) The department shall publish an annual report that
41 describes the method used to conduct the evaluation required
42 under subsection (a) and that contains the results of the evaluation.



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- 1 **The report must do the following:**
- 2 **(1) Provide a list of each curricular material evaluated and**
- 3 **a summary of the evaluation for each curricular material.**
- 4 **(2) Provide a listing and summary review for the high quality**
- 5 **curricular materials approved by the department.**
- 6 **(3) Include any clarification or response from the publisher**
- 7 **of a curricular material related to the department's**
- 8 **summary review provided under subdivision (2).**
- 9 **(4) Include the written, exact, and standard statewide price**
- 10 **provided by the publisher of the curricular material under**
- 11 **subsection (e) for each high quality curricular material**
- 12 **approved by the department under this section.**
- 13 **(d) A governing body and superintendent may use the list**
- 14 **approved under subsection (a) in complying with IC 20-26-12-24.**
- 15 **(e) Before the department may approve curricular material**
- 16 **for inclusion on the list under subsection (a), the publisher of the**
- 17 **curricular material must:**
- 18 **(1) provide the department a written, exact, and standard**
- 19 **statewide price for each curricular material; and**
- 20 **(2) enter into a data share agreement with the department in**
- 21 **the manner prescribed by the department.**
- 22 **(f) A publisher may request that an update to the publisher's**
- 23 **curricular materials and corresponding prices replace the**
- 24 **information on the curricular materials set forth in the report**
- 25 **under subsection (c).**
- 26 **(g) At a minimum, the process for evaluating curricular**
- 27 **materials and the requirements for curricular materials to be**
- 28 **approved and included on the list described in subsection (a) must**
- 29 **include the following:**
- 30 **(1) The availability and use of benchmark, formative,**
- 31 **interim, or similar assessments to identify students that**
- 32 **require remediation or enrichment and provide**
- 33 **individualized instruction.**
- 34 **(2) The incorporation of experiential learning opportunities.**
- 35 **(3) An evaluation of the benchmark, formative, interim, or**
- 36 **similar assessment data provided by the publisher of the**
- 37 **curricular material pursuant to the data share agreement**
- 38 **described in subsection (e).**
- 39 **(4) The alignment of the curricular material to Indiana's**
- 40 **academic standards developed by the department under**
- 41 **IC 20-31-3-2.**
- 42 **(5) The age appropriateness of the content.**

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

4 **(1) the initial publication and annual update on the**
 5 **department's website of the report described in section 1(c)**
 6 **of this chapter, including the website address where the**
 7 **report is published; and**

8 **(2) updates of the following types of information in the**
 9 **report described in section 1(c) of this chapter:**

10 **(A) The addition of materials.**

11 **(B) The removal of materials.**

12 **(C) Changes in the per unit price of curricular materials**
 13 **that exceed five percent (5%).**

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

15 **(1) the reviews of curricular materials included in the report**
 16 **described in section 1(c) of this chapter are departmental**
 17 **reviews only; and**

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

20 **Chapter 5. High School Diploma Program for Eligible**
 21 **Veterans**

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

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

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

29 **(1) Served as a member of the armed forces of the United**
 30 **States at any time during at least one (1) of the following**
 31 **periods:**

32 **(A) Beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11,**
 33 **1918 (World War I).**

34 **(B) Beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December**
 35 **31, 1946 (World War II).**

36 **(C) Beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31,**
 37 **1955 (Korean Conflict).**

38 **(D) Beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975**
 39 **(Vietnam Conflict).**

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

41 **(A) attended a public or nonpublic high school in**
 42 **Indiana; and**

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- 1 (B) was a student in good standing at the high school
2 described in clause (A), to the satisfaction of the
3 department of veterans' affairs.
- 4 (3) Did not graduate or receive a diploma because of leaving
5 the high school described in subdivision (2) for the military
6 service described in subdivision (1).
- 7 (4) Was discharged from the armed forces of the United
8 States under conditions other than conditions set forth in
9 IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).
- 10 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the high
11 school diploma program for eligible veterans established by section
12 6 of this chapter.
- 13 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "school corporation" includes
14 a successor school corporation serving the area where a high
15 school that no longer exists was once located.
- 16 Sec. 6. The high school diploma program for eligible veterans
17 is established to provide for the issuance of high school diplomas
18 to certain veterans.
- 19 Sec. 7. (a) The department and the department of veterans'
20 affairs shall jointly design a form for the application for issuance
21 of a diploma under the program.
- 22 (b) The application form must require at least the following
23 information about an eligible veteran:
- 24 (1) Personal identification information.
- 25 (2) Military service information, including a copy of the
26 eligible veteran's discharge from military service under
27 conditions other than conditions set forth in
28 IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).
- 29 (3) High school information, including the following:
- 30 (A) Name and address, including county, of the last high
31 school attended.
- 32 (B) Whether the high school was a public or nonpublic
33 school.
- 34 (C) Years attended.
- 35 (D) Year of leaving high school to begin military service.
- 36 (E) Year in which the veteran would have graduated if
37 the veteran had not left high school to begin military
38 service.
- 39 (4) If the high school attended was a public school, whether
40 the veteran prefers receiving a diploma issued by:
- 41 (A) the state board; or
- 42 (B) the governing body of the school corporation

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governing the high school.

Sec. 8. The department of veterans' affairs shall do the following for individuals that the department of veterans' affairs has reason to believe may be eligible to apply for a diploma under the program:

- (1) Give notice of the program.
- (2) Describe the application procedure.
- (3) Furnish an application form.

Sec. 9. The following individuals may apply for the issuance of a diploma to an eligible veteran under the program:

- (1) An eligible veteran, including an eligible veteran who has received a general educational development (GED) diploma issued under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or IC 22-4.1-18, or a similar diploma.
- (2) An individual who is:
 - (A) the surviving spouse of; or
 - (B) otherwise related to;
 an eligible veteran who is deceased.

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

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

- (1) Verify the accuracy of the information in the application, in consultation with the department, if necessary.
- (2) Forward the verified application to the department.

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

- (1) If the applicant:
 - (A) expresses a preference in the application to receive a diploma issued by the state board; or
 - (B) attended a nonpublic high school before leaving high school for military service;
 the department shall present a diploma issued by the state board.
- (2) If the applicant expresses a preference for receiving a diploma from the governing body of the school corporation containing the public high school that the eligible veteran left for military service, the department shall direct the governing body of the affected school corporation to issue and present the diploma.

Sec. 13. (a) The department and governing bodies are

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1 encouraged but are not required to hold a ceremony to present a
2 diploma that is issued under the program.

3 (b) Upon request of a governing body, the department, in
4 cooperation with the department of veterans' affairs, shall assist
5 the governing body to develop a variety of formats for appropriate
6 ceremonies at which to award diplomas under the program.

7 Sec. 14. (a) The state board shall design a unique
8 commemorative diploma for the board to issue to eligible veterans
9 who:

10 (1) attended a public high school and express in the
11 application a preference for receiving a diploma that the
12 state board issues; or

13 (2) attended a nonpublic high school.

14 (b) The state board shall design a unique commemorative
15 diploma that a governing body may choose to issue under the
16 program.

17 Sec. 15. (a) A governing body may design a unique
18 commemorative diploma for the governing body to issue under the
19 program.

20 (b) A governing body that issues a diploma under the program
21 shall issue one (1) of the following types of diplomas:

22 (1) The diploma described in subsection (a).

23 (2) The diploma designed by the state board under section
24 14(b) of this chapter.

25 (3) The same diploma that the governing body issues to
26 current graduates.

27 Sec. 16. The department and the department of veterans'
28 affairs shall work cooperatively to jointly administer this chapter.

29 Sec. 17. A fee may not be charged to process an application or
30 to award a diploma under this chapter.

31 Sec. 18. The department and the department of veterans'
32 affairs may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

33 Chapter 6. Educational Technology Program and Grants

34 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Senator
35 David C. Ford educational technology fund established under
36 section 3 of this chapter.

37 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "technology equipment" means
38 computer hardware, computer software, related teacher training
39 services, related instructional manuals and materials, and
40 equipment servicing.

41 Sec. 3. (a) The Senator David C. Ford educational technology
42 fund is established to extend educational technologies to

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1 elementary and secondary schools. The fund may be used for:

2 (1) a school technology program developed by the
3 department. The program may include grants to school
4 corporations for the purchase of:

- 5 (A) equipment, hardware, and software;
6 (B) learning and teaching systems; and
7 (C) other materials;

8 that promote student learning, as determined by the
9 department;

10 (2) conducting educational technology training for teachers;
11 (3) other innovative educational technology programs; and
12 (4) providing professional learning opportunities for
13 educators regarding digital learning.

14 (b) The department may also use money in the fund under
15 contracts entered into with the office of technology established by
16 IC 4-13.1-2-1 to study the feasibility of establishing an information
17 telecommunications gateway that provides access to information
18 on employment opportunities, career development, and
19 instructional services from data bases operated by the state among
20 the following:

- 21 (1) Elementary and secondary schools.
22 (2) Postsecondary educational institutions.
23 (3) Career and technical educational centers and institutions
24 that are not postsecondary educational institutions.
25 (4) Libraries.
26 (5) Any other agencies offering education and training
27 programs.

28 (c) The fund consists of:

- 29 (1) state appropriations;
30 (2) private donations to the fund; or
31 (3) any combination of the amounts described in subdivisions
32 (1) and (2).

33 (d) The fund shall be administered by the department.

34 (e) Unexpended money appropriated to or otherwise available
35 in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the
36 state general fund but remains available to the department for use
37 under this chapter.

38 Sec. 4. Upon the approval of the governor and the budget
39 agency, the department may use funds available under this chapter
40 to provide or extend education technology to any school
41 corporation for purposes described in this chapter.

42 Sec. 5. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to



1 implement this chapter, including guidelines that require the
2 school corporation to use the laboratories to the fullest extent
3 possible.

4 Sec. 6. To be eligible to receive money this chapter, a school
5 corporation must apply to the department on forms provided by
6 the department.

7 Sec. 7. A school corporation that receives a grant under this
8 chapter must deposit the grant in the school corporation's
9 education fund.

10 Chapter 7. School Intervention and Career Counseling
11 Development Program and Fund

12 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the school
13 intervention and career counseling development fund established
14 by section 4 of this chapter.

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

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

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

22 Sec. 4. (a) As a result of a comprehensive study conducted by
23 the department on the role of school counselors, including the
24 expanding role of school counselors in career development under
25 workforce development programs that affect public schools, the
26 school intervention and career counseling development fund is
27 established. The money in the fund shall be used to develop
28 counseling models in a limited number of school corporations as
29 determined by the department under this chapter.

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

- 32 (1) agree to evaluate the impact and results of the school
33 corporation's program; and
34 (2) submit the school corporation's findings to the
35 department.

36 (c) The department shall administer the fund.

37 (d) The fund consists of:

- 38 (1) gifts to the fund;
39 (2) appropriations from the general assembly;
40 (3) grants, including grants from private entities; and
41 (4) a combination of the resources described in subdivisions
42 (1), (2), and (3).

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1 **Sec. 5. Subject to section 6 of this chapter, for a school**
2 **corporation to be eligible to receive a grant under this chapter, the**
3 **following must occur:**

4 **(1) The superintendent of the school corporation must apply**
5 **to the department for a grant on forms provided by the**
6 **department.**

7 **(2) The application for a grant must include the following**
8 **information:**

9 **(A) A detailed description of a proposal for initiating or**
10 **expanding a school intervention or career counseling**
11 **program.**

12 **(B) Evidence supporting the school corporation's need**
13 **to implement the school intervention or career**
14 **counseling program.**

15 **(C) The number of elementary school counselors**
16 **employed by the school corporation.**

17 **(D) The elementary school counselor/student ratio for**
18 **the school corporation.**

19 **(E) Any other pertinent information required by the**
20 **department, including evidence guaranteeing that if the**
21 **school corporation receives a grant under this chapter,**
22 **the school corporation has developed a plan to evaluate**
23 **the impact and results of the school corporation's**
24 **program.**

25 **Sec. 6. The department may award grants to school**
26 **corporations:**

27 **(1) upon review of the applications received under section 5**
28 **of this chapter;**

29 **(2) subject to available money; and**

30 **(3) in accordance with the following priorities:**

31 **(A) To the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance**
32 **throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and**
33 **rural school corporations.**

34 **(B) To address a documented need for new or expanded**
35 **school intervention or career counseling programs,**
36 **including considering the percentage of students within**
37 **the school corporation who are designated as at risk**
38 **students.**

39 **(C) To promote innovative methods for initiating or**
40 **expanding school intervention or career counseling**
41 **programs.**

42 **(D) To reward school corporations that propose school**

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1 intervention or career counseling programs that
2 demonstrate the greatest potential for replication and
3 implementation in Indiana.
4 (E) To lower school counselor/student ratios where the
5 ratios are excessively high.

6 Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the department shall
7 determine the amount of each grant that is awarded under this
8 chapter.

9 (b) A grant to a particular school corporation may not exceed:
10 (1) fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each full-time
11 counselor for each academic year, or seven thousand five
12 hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each full-time counselor for
13 each semester; and
14 (2) the following total grant awards as each relates to the
15 ADM of the school corporation at the time the school
16 corporation applies for the grant:

17 (A) For a school corporation with an ADM of not more
18 than five thousand (5,000), seventy-five thousand dollars
19 (\$75,000).

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

24 (C) For a school corporation with an ADM of at least ten
25 thousand (10,000), one hundred eighty thousand dollars
26 (\$180,000).

27 Sec. 8. A grant received by a school corporation may be
28 expended by the school corporation for a twenty-four (24) month
29 period.

30 Sec. 9. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to
31 implement this chapter.

32 Chapter 8. Early Childhood Programs

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

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

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

4 **Sec. 4.** A school corporation may enter into an agreement with
 5 a nonprofit corporation to provide early childhood education
 6 programs, preschool programs, or latch key programs. However,
 7 if a school corporation enters into a contract for a preschool
 8 program, the nonprofit corporation must operate a federally
 9 approved preschool program.

10 **Sec. 5.** The department shall develop guidelines necessary to
 11 implement this chapter.

12 **Chapter 9. Alternative Education Program Grants**

13 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "alternative education
 14 program" means an alternative education program (as defined in
 15 IC 20-30-8-1).

16 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "full-time equivalent students"
 17 means the number of students determined under IC 20-30-8-16.

18 **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "qualifying school corporation"
 19 means a school corporation, including a charter school, that has
 20 been approved under IC 20-30-8-8 to receive a grant under this
 21 chapter.

22 **Sec. 4.** A qualifying school corporation is eligible to receive a
 23 grant from the state for each full-time equivalent student who is
 24 enrolled in an alternative education program conducted for the
 25 school corporation.

26 **Sec. 5.** The maximum amount that may be granted to a
 27 qualifying school corporation in a school year is seven hundred
 28 fifty dollars (\$750) per full-time equivalent student.

29 **Sec. 6.** To receive a grant under this chapter, a school
 30 corporation must expend on alternative education programs in the
 31 school year a matching amount of at least one-third (1/3) of the
 32 amount of the state grant per full-time equivalent student, as
 33 determined under the rules adopted by the state board.

34 **Sec. 7. (a)** Except as provided in subsection (b), the department
 35 shall distribute a grant under this chapter to a qualifying school
 36 corporation not later than September 1. The grant must be for the
 37 number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in and attending
 38 an alternative education program from July 1 through June 30 of
 39 the immediately preceding school year and reported to the
 40 department under IC 20-30-8-15.

41 **(b)** The department may authorize additional distributions for
 42 approved programs if the total amount of the distributions to a

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1 school corporation during a school year under this subsection does
 2 not exceed a maximum amount of seven hundred fifty dollars
 3 (\$750) per full-time equivalent student reported under
 4 IC 20-30-8-15.

5 **Chapter 10. Career and Technical Education**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "career and technical**
 7 **education" means any secondary level vocational, agricultural,**
 8 **occupational, manpower, employment, or technical training or**
 9 **retraining that:**

10 (1) enhances an individual's career potential and further
 11 education; and

12 (2) is accessible to individuals who desire to explore and
 13 learn for economic and personal growth leading to
 14 employment opportunities.

15 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
 16 **commission for higher education established by IC 21-18-2-1.**

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

19 (1) The commission.

20 (2) The Indiana jobs training program.

21 (3) The department.

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

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

28 (1) the governor;

29 (2) the general assembly;

30 (3) the department of workforce development;

31 (4) the commission for higher education;

32 (5) the board for proprietary education; and

33 (6) any other appropriate state or federal agency.

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

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

39 (1) The preparation of each graduate for both employment
 40 and further education.

41 (2) Accessibility of career and technical education to
 42 individuals of all ages who desire to explore and learn for



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- 1 economic and personal growth.
- 2 (3) Projected employment opportunities in various career
- 3 and technical education fields.
- 4 (4) A study of the supply of and the demand for a labor force
- 5 skilled in particular career and technical education areas.
- 6 (5) A study of technological and economic change affecting
- 7 Indiana.
- 8 (6) An analysis of the private career and education sector in
- 9 Indiana.
- 10 (7) Recommendations for improvement in the state career
- 11 and technical education program.
- 12 (8) The educational levels expected of career and technical
- 13 education programs proposed to meet the projected
- 14 employment needs.
- 15 (d) When making any revisions to the plan, the state board
- 16 shall consider the workforce needs and training and education
- 17 needs identified in the occupational demand report prepared by the
- 18 department of workforce development under IC 22-4.1-4-10
- 19 (before its expiration).
- 20 (e) The state board shall use data from the department of
- 21 workforce development to develop and implement a plan or make
- 22 revisions to a plan under this section.
- 23 **Sec. 5. (a) The state board shall do the following:**
- 24 (1) Prepare biennially a plan for implementing career and
- 25 technical education.
- 26 (2) Implement, to the best of its ability, the career and
- 27 technical education plan prepared under subdivision (1).
- 28 (3) Investigate the funding of career and technical education
- 29 on a cost basis.
- 30 (4) Establish and monitor the operation of secondary level
- 31 career and technical education in Indiana in accordance with
- 32 the comprehensive long range state plan developed under
- 33 section 4 of this chapter.
- 34 (5) In consultation with the Indiana professional licensing
- 35 agency, adopt rules concerning secondary level career and
- 36 technical education programs, courses, and classes in the
- 37 areas of cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, barbering, and
- 38 manicuring.
- 39 (6) To comply with this section and any federal law or
- 40 regulation:
- 41 (A) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2; and
- 42 (B) develop policies and administrative procedures.

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

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

5 (1) Make recommendations to the general assembly
6 concerning the development, duplication, and accessibility of
7 employment training and career and technical education on
8 a regional and statewide basis.

9 (2) Consult with any state agency, commission, or
10 organization that supervises or administers programs of
11 career and technical education concerning the coordination
12 of career and technical education, including the following:

13 (A) The Indiana economic development corporation.

14 (B) A private industry council (as defined in 29 U.S.C.
15 1501 et seq.).

16 (C) The department of labor.

17 (D) The commission for higher education.

18 (E) The department of workforce development.

19 (F) The board for proprietary education.

20 (G) The department of veterans' affairs.

21 (3) Review and make recommendations concerning plans
22 submitted by the commission for higher education. The state
23 board may request the resubmission of plans or parts of
24 plans that:

25 (A) are not consistent with the long range state plan of
26 the state board;

27 (B) are incompatible with other plans within the system;
28 or

29 (C) duplicate existing services.

30 (4) Report to the general assembly on the state board's
31 conclusions and recommendations concerning interagency
32 cooperation, coordination, and articulation of career and
33 technical education and employment training. A report
34 under this subdivision must be in an electronic format under
35 IC 5-14-6.

36 (5) Study and develop a plan concerning the transition
37 between secondary level career and technical education and
38 postsecondary level career and technical education.

39 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
40 workforce development in carrying out the state board's duties
41 under this section.

42 Sec. 7. (a) The state board may do the following:

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- 1 (1) Make recommendations, including recommendations for
 2 policies to encourage involvement of minority groups in the
 3 career and technical education system in Indiana, to:
 4 (A) the governor;
 5 (B) the general assembly, in an electronic format under
 6 IC 5-14-6; and
 7 (C) the various agencies, commissions, or organizations
 8 that administer career and technical education
 9 programs concerning all facets of career and technical
 10 education programming.
- 11 (2) Establish a regional planning and coordination system for
 12 career and technical education and employment training that
 13 will, either in whole or in part, serve career and technical
 14 education and employment training in Indiana.
- 15 (3) Appoint advisory committees whenever necessary.
- 16 (4) Contract for services necessary to carry out this chapter.
- 17 (5) Provide information and advice on career and technical
 18 education to a business, an industry, or a labor organization
 19 operating a job training program in the private sector.
- 20 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of
 21 workforce development in making recommendations, establishing
 22 a regional planning and coordination system, or providing
 23 information and advice under subsection (a).
- 24 Sec. 8. (a) The state board shall adopt statewide systems or
 25 policies concerning the following as the systems or policies relate
 26 to the implementation of career and technical education programs:
 27 (1) Student records.
 28 (2) Data processing at the secondary level.
 29 (3) An evaluation system that must be conducted by the state
 30 board at least annually and that evaluates the following as
 31 each relates to the career and technical education programs
 32 and courses offered at the secondary level:
 33 (A) Graduation rates.
 34 (B) Student placement rates.
 35 (C) Retention rates.
 36 (D) Enrollment.
 37 (E) Student transfer rates to postsecondary educational
 38 institutions.
 39 (F) When applicable, student performance on state
 40 licensing examinations or other external certification
 41 examinations.
 42 (G) Cost data study.

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1 **(4) A system of financial audits to be conducted at least**
 2 **biennially at the secondary level.**

3 **(b) The state board shall use data from the department of**
 4 **workforce development in adopting statewide systems or policies**
 5 **under subsection (a).**

6 **Sec. 9. (a) The state board shall establish career and technical**
 7 **education evaluation criteria.**

8 **(b) Using the criteria established under subsection (a), the**
 9 **state board shall evaluate the effectiveness of career and technical**
 10 **education relative to the goals of the long range plan developed**
 11 **under section 4 of this chapter.**

12 **(c) The state board shall use data from the department of**
 13 **workforce development in establishing career and technical**
 14 **education evaluation criteria under subsection (a).**

15 **Sec. 10. (a) The state board shall develop a definition for and**
 16 **report biennially to:**

- 17 **(1) the general assembly; and**
 18 **(2) the governor;**

19 **on attrition and persistence rates by students enrolled in secondary**
 20 **career and technical education. A biennial report under this section**
 21 **to the general assembly must be in an electronic format under**
 22 **IC 5-14-6.**

23 **(b) The state board shall use data from the department of**
 24 **workforce development in developing a definition and a report**
 25 **under subsection (a).**

26 **Sec. 11. Upon request of the budget director, the state board**
 27 **shall prepare a legislative budget request for state funds for**
 28 **secondary and postsecondary career and technical education. The**
 29 **budget director shall determine the period to be covered by the**
 30 **budget request. This budget request must be made available to the**
 31 **commission for higher education before the request's review by the**
 32 **budget committee.**

33 **Sec. 12. (a) The state board shall review the legislative budget**
 34 **requests for secondary and postsecondary career and technical**
 35 **education prepared by the state educational institutions.**

36 **(b) After the review under subsection (a) and a review of any**
 37 **recommendations from the commission for higher education, the**
 38 **state board shall make recommendations to the budget committee**
 39 **concerning the appropriation of state funds for secondary and**
 40 **postsecondary career and technical education. The state board's**
 41 **recommendations concerning appropriations and allocations for**
 42 **secondary and postsecondary career and technical education by**

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1 secondary schools and state educational institutions must specify:

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

4 (2) the categories of expenditures for each state educational
5 institution.

6 (c) After reviewing the state board's recommendations, and
7 each agency's budget request, the budget committee shall make
8 recommendations to the general assembly for funding to
9 implement secondary and postsecondary career and technical
10 education. The general assembly shall biennially appropriate state
11 funds for secondary and postsecondary career and technical
12 education and allocate federal funds available under 20 U.S.C.
13 2301 et seq. for secondary and postsecondary career and technical
14 education. At least sixty percent (60%) of the federal funds
15 available under 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq. must be allocated to
16 secondary level career and technical education to implement the
17 long range state plan developed under section 4 of this chapter.

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

21 (e) The state board shall use data from the department of
22 workforce development in making a recommendation under this
23 section.

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

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

29 (2) the commission for higher education.

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

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

37 Sec. 15. (a) An emancipated student or the parent of a student
38 enrolled in a career or technical education course may voluntarily
39 release information, on a form prescribed by the department,
40 pertaining to the student's enrollment in the career and technical
41 education course to potential employers that contact the school to
42 recruit students with particular career and technical skills. A

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1 school must provide a copy of the form described in this subsection
2 to the emancipated student or the parent of the student when the
3 student enrolls in the career and technical education course.

4 (b) If an emancipated student or the parent of a student
5 described in subsection (a) voluntarily releases information under
6 subsection (a), the school shall also provide the department of
7 workforce development a copy of the student's voluntarily released
8 enrollment information. The department of workforce
9 development may provide the student's voluntarily released
10 enrollment information to potential employers that contact the
11 department of workforce development to recruit students with
12 particular career and technical skills.

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

16 Sec. 16. The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 as
17 necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this chapter.

18 Chapter 11. Insurance Coverage for Work Based Learning

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

21 Sec. 2. (a) The department shall maintain a:

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

23 (2) memorandum of understanding:

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

26 (B) that provides that the entity agrees to facilitate the
27 procurement of;

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

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

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

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

40 Sec. 4. If the department is unable to maintain a contract or
41 memorandum of understanding under section 2(a) of this chapter,
42 the department is not required to maintain a contract with a

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1 company or a memorandum of understanding as provided under
2 section 2 of this chapter.

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

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

8 **Chapter 12. Operational Efficiency Reviews**

9 Sec. 1. A school corporation shall submit to the department
10 any information the department determines is necessary to:

- 11 (1) evaluate the school corporation's current operations; and
- 12 (2) recommend operational efficiencies and financial savings
13 for the school corporation.

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

15 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "behavioral intervention plan"
16 means a plan that is agreed upon by the case conference committee
17 (as defined in IC 20-35-9-3) and incorporated into a student's
18 individualized education program (as defined in IC 20-18-2-9) and
19 that describes the following:

- 20 (1) The pattern of behavior that impedes the student's
21 learning or the learning of others.
- 22 (2) The purpose or function of the behavior as identified in
23 a functional behavioral assessment.
- 24 (3) The positive interventions and supports, and other
25 strategies, to:
 - 26 (A) address the behavior; and
 - 27 (B) maximize consistency of implementation across
28 people and settings in which the student is involved.
- 29 (4) If applicable, the skills that will be taught and monitored
30 in an effort to change a specific pattern of behavior of the
31 student.

32 The behavioral intervention plan seeks to maximize consistency of
33 implementation across people and settings in which the student is
34 involved.

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

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

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

- 3 **(1) a mechanical device;**
4 **(2) a material; or**
5 **(3) equipment;**

6 **attached or adjacent to a student's body that the student cannot**
7 **remove and that restricts the freedom of movement of all or part**
8 **of the student's body or restricts normal access to the student's**
9 **body.**

10 **(b) The term does not include:**

- 11 **(1) mechanical devices;**
12 **(2) a material; or**
13 **(3) equipment;**

14 **used as prescribed by a doctor.**

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

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

21 **(b) The term does not include:**

- 22 **(1) briefly holding a student without undue force in order to**
23 **calm or comfort the student, or to prevent unsafe behavior,**
24 **such as running into traffic or engaging in a physical**
25 **altercation;**
26 **(2) physical escort; or**
27 **(3) physical contact intended to gently assist or prompt a**
28 **student in performing a task or to guide or assist a student**
29 **from one (1) area to another.**

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

- 32 **(1) uses evidence based practices and data driven decision**
33 **making to improve school climate and culture; and**
34 **(2) includes a range of systematic and individualized**
35 **strategies to reinforce desired behavior and diminish**
36 **reoccurrence of problem behavior;**

37 **to achieve improved academic and social outcomes and increase**
38 **learning for all students.**

39 **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "school corporation" includes**
40 **a charter school that is not a virtual charter school.**

41 **Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "school employee" means an**
42 **individual employed by a school corporation or a state accredited**

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1 nonpublic school.

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

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

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

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

18 (1) The designee of the secretary of education, who serves at
19 the pleasure of the secretary of education.

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

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

24 (4) A representative of the Indiana Council of
25 Administrators of Special Education, chosen by the
26 organization, who serves a two (2) year term.

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

29 (6) A parent of a student with a disability, nominated by a
30 member described in subdivisions (2), (3), and (5) and
31 approved by a majority of the members described in
32 subdivisions (1) through (5) and (8) through (10), who serves
33 a two (2) year term.

34 (7) A parent of a student who does not have a disability,
35 nominated by a member described in subdivisions (2), (3),
36 and (5) and approved by a majority of the members
37 described in subdivisions (1) through (5) and (8) through
38 (10), who serves a two (2) year term.

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

42 (9) One (1) public school superintendent nominated by the



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1 **Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, who**
 2 **serves a two (2) year term.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **(e) The department shall provide staff support for the**
 27 **commission.**

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

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

30 **(A) The use of restraint and seclusion in a school**
 31 **corporation or a state accredited nonpublic school, with**
 32 **an emphasis on eliminating or minimizing the use of**
 33 **restraint and seclusion.**

34 **(B) The prevention of the use of types of restraint or**
 35 **seclusion that may harm a student, a school employee, a**
 36 **school volunteer, or the educational environment of the**
 37 **school.**

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

39 **(D) Training regarding the use of restraint and**
 40 **seclusion, including the frequency of training and what**
 41 **employees must be trained.**

42 **(E) The distribution of the seclusion and restraint policy**

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- 1 to parents and the public.
- 2 (F) Requirements for the reporting of incidents of
- 3 restraint and seclusion in the annual school performance
- 4 report, including incidents of restraint and seclusion
- 5 involving school resource officers (as defined in
- 6 IC 20-26-18.2-1).
- 7 (G) Circumstances that may require more timely
- 8 incident reporting and the requirements for such
- 9 reporting.
- 10 (2) To develop, maintain, and revise a model restraint and
- 11 seclusion plan for schools that includes the following
- 12 elements:
- 13 (A) A statement on how students will be treated with
- 14 dignity and respect and how appropriate student
- 15 behavior will be promoted and taught.
- 16 (B) A statement ensuring that the school will use
- 17 prevention, positive behavior intervention and support,
- 18 and conflict de-escalation to eliminate or minimize the
- 19 need for use of any of the following:
- 20 (i) Seclusion.
- 21 (ii) Chemical restraint.
- 22 (iii) Mechanical restraint.
- 23 (iv) Physical restraint.
- 24 (v) Time-out.
- 25 (C) A statement ensuring that any behavioral
- 26 intervention used will be consistent with the student's
- 27 most current behavioral intervention plan, or
- 28 individualized education program, if applicable.
- 29 (D) Definitions for restraint and seclusion, as defined in
- 30 this chapter.
- 31 (E) A statement ensuring that if a procedure listed in
- 32 clause (B) is used, the procedure will be used:
- 33 (i) as a last resort safety procedure, employed only
- 34 after another, less restrictive procedure has been
- 35 implemented without success; and
- 36 (ii) in a situation in which there is an imminent risk
- 37 of injury to the student, other students, school
- 38 employees, or visitors to the school.
- 39 (F) An indication that restraint or seclusion may be used
- 40 only for a short time period, or until the imminent risk
- 41 of injury has passed.
- 42 (G) A documentation and recording requirement

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1 governing instances in which procedures listed in clause
2 (B) are used, including:

3 (i) how every incident will be documented and
4 debriefed;

5 (ii) how responsibilities will be assigned to
6 designated employees for evaluation and oversight;
7 and

8 (iii) designation of a school employee to be the
9 keeper of such documents.

10 (H) A requirement that the student's parent must be
11 notified as soon as possible when an incident involving
12 the student occurs that includes use of procedures listed
13 in clause (B).

14 (I) A requirement that a copy of an incident report must
15 be sent to the student's parent after the student is
16 subject to a procedure listed in clause (B).

17 (J) Required recurrent training for appropriate school
18 employees on the appropriate use of effective
19 alternatives to physical restraint and seclusion,
20 including the use of positive behavioral intervention and
21 support and conflict de-escalation. The training must
22 include the safe use of physical restraint and seclusion in
23 incidents involving imminent danger or serious harm to
24 the student, school employees, or others. Consideration
25 must be given to available school resources and the time
26 commitments of school employees.

27 (3) To accept and review reports from the public and make
28 nonbinding recommendations to the department of any
29 suggested action to be taken.

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

33 (A) execution of the commission's duties under this
34 section; and

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

37 (b) The model policy developed by the commission must take
38 into consideration that implementation and reporting
39 requirements for state accredited nonpublic schools may vary, and
40 the model plan must provide state accredited nonpublic schools
41 flexibility with regards to accountability under and implementation
42 of the plan adopted by a state accredited nonpublic school under

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1 section 16 of this chapter.

2 Sec. 14. If the department has been advised of a discrepancy
3 in a report under section 13(a)(3) of this chapter, the department
4 shall require the school to provide a written explanation of the
5 discrepancy to the department which must comply with the federal
6 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g and
7 34 CFR Part 99).

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

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

16 (c) If the department receives a recommendation from the
17 commission under subsection (b), the department shall provide the
18 commission a response with regard to the commission's
19 recommendation in a manner prescribed by the department within
20 a reasonable time after the department receives the
21 recommendation from the commission.

22 Sec. 16. (a) A school corporation or state accredited nonpublic
23 school shall adopt a restraint and seclusion plan that incorporates,
24 at a minimum, the elements of the model plan developed under
25 section 13 of this chapter. The school corporation's or state
26 accredited nonpublic school's plan must become effective not later
27 than July 1, 2014.

28 (b) The department has the authority to require schools to
29 submit plans developed in accordance with section 13 of this
30 chapter.

31 Sec. 17. (a) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to
32 prevent a school employee from stopping a physical altercation,
33 acting to prevent physical harm to a student or another individual,
34 or acting to address an emergency until the emergency is over,
35 whether or not the school employee has received training under
36 this chapter.

37 (b) This chapter may not be construed to give rise to a cause
38 of action, either civil or criminal, against the state, the department,
39 a school corporation, a state accredited nonpublic school, the
40 commission, or a member of the commission.

41 (c) In all matters relating to the plan adopted under section 16
42 of this chapter, school corporation or state accredited nonpublic

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1 school personnel have qualified immunity with respect to an action
 2 taken to promote student conduct under a plan adopted under
 3 section 16 of this chapter if the action is taken in good faith and is
 4 reasonable.

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

7 Chapter 14. Dual Language Pilot Program

8 Sec. 1. The department, with the approval of the state board,
 9 shall establish and maintain a dual language immersion program
 10 to provide grants, in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars
 11 (\$50,000), to school corporations and charter schools that establish
 12 dual language immersion programs in:

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

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

- 19 (1) the school corporation or charter school uses an
 20 instructional model that provides at least fifty percent (50%)
 21 of its instruction in English and fifty percent (50%) of its
 22 instruction in a language described in section 1 of this
 23 chapter;
- 24 (2) the program that uses an instructional model described
 25 in subdivision (1) begins either in kindergarten or in grade
 26 1; and
- 27 (3) the program described in subdivision (2) meets any other
 28 requirements established by the department, with the
 29 approval of the state board.

30 Sec. 3. A school corporation or charter school desiring to
 31 receive a grant under this chapter shall apply to the department
 32 for a grant in the manner and on a form prescribed by the
 33 department.

34 Sec. 4. (a) The dual language immersion program fund is
 35 established to be used to provide grants under this chapter.

36 (b) The fund consists of:

- 37 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly; and
- 38 (2) gifts and donations to the fund.

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

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

42 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not

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1 revert to the state general fund.

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

5 Sec. 5. The state board may establish rules necessary to
6 administer this chapter.

7 Chapter 15. System for Teacher and Student Advancement
8 Grant Fund and Program

9 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the system for
10 teacher and student advancement grant fund established by section
11 3 of this chapter.

12 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to a teacher
13 performance model program described in section 4 of this chapter.

14 Sec. 3. (a) The system for teacher and student advancement
15 grant fund is established for the purpose of providing grants to
16 school corporations and charter schools to implement programs
17 described in section 4 of this chapter.

18 (b) The fund consists of the following:

19 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

20 (2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the commission
21 for higher education to achieve the purposes of the fund.

22 (c) The state board, in consultation with the department, shall
23 administer the fund.

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

26 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
27 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
28 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
29 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

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

32 Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "literacy coach" has the
33 meaning set forth in IC 20-20.5-20-4.

34 (b) A school corporation or charter school may receive a grant
35 to implement the following:

36 (1) The System for Teacher and Student Advancement (TAP)
37 teacher performance model program.

38 (2) The Opportunity Culture teacher performance model.

39 (3) A model teacher performance program approved by a
40 national school employee organization.

41 (4) A teacher performance model program that includes the
42 implementation of all the following elements:

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- 1 (A) A comprehensive pay progression for teacher
 2 leaders based on demonstrated skill development,
 3 escalating levels of responsibility and duties, and
 4 demonstrated academic leadership.
 5 (B) A quality teacher assessment system that measures
 6 the effectiveness of teachers' practice.
 7 (C) A pay system that supports early career educators
 8 by incentivizing the following:
 9 (i) Mentoring and coaching.
 10 (ii) Reducing teaching loads or providing release
 11 time for teacher leaders to support professional
 12 learning.
 13 (iii) Reviewing professional portfolios and student
 14 performance.
 15 (D) Eligibility for all teachers rated effective and highly
 16 effective.
 17 (E) Connection to high quality professional
 18 development, including release time for teacher leaders
 19 providing professional development and instructional
 20 coaching, that provides teachers with the knowledge and
 21 skills needed to advance student learning.
 22 (F) A rigorous and transparent advancement criterion
 23 that is locally developed and implemented with teacher
 24 involvement.
 25 (G) A pay system providing competitive base pay.
 26 (H) Evidence of teacher support for the proposed
 27 teacher leadership and pay system, including support
 28 from the local school employee organization (if
 29 applicable).
 30 (I) Plans for ongoing evaluation of the pay system.
 31 (J) A sustainable pay system.
 32 (K) A plan for how teacher leadership positions and
 33 ongoing training for teacher leaders will improve
 34 student achievement.
 35 (5) A literacy coaching model program that includes and
 36 implements the following elements:
 37 (A) A system that supports literacy coaches by
 38 incentivizing the following:
 39 (i) Mentoring and training of literacy coaches.
 40 (ii) Reducing literacy coaching loads or providing
 41 release time for literacy coaches to support
 42 professional learning.

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- 1 (iii) Reviewing professional portfolios and student
- 2 performance.
- 3 (B) Connection to high quality professional
- 4 development, including release time for literacy coaches
- 5 providing professional development and instructional
- 6 coaching, that provides literacy coaches with the
- 7 knowledge and skills needed to advance the learning of
- 8 teachers, administrators, and students.
- 9 (c) To receive a grant, a:
- 10 (1) school corporation, in consultation with the school
- 11 corporation's school employee organization; or
- 12 (2) charter school, in consultation with the charter school's
- 13 school employee organization (if applicable);
- 14 shall apply for the grant in a manner prescribed by the
- 15 department. The department shall establish eligibility
- 16 requirements. However, the department may not award grants to
- 17 more than thirty (30) school corporations or charter schools during
- 18 any school year. When awarding grants under this chapter, the
- 19 department shall select a geographically diverse set of school
- 20 corporations and charter schools, including school corporations
- 21 and charter schools located in urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- 22 (d) A school corporation or charter school that is awarded a
- 23 grant under this chapter shall receive a grant for three (3)
- 24 consecutive school years. The amount of the grant may not exceed
- 25 the costs incurred by the school corporation or charter school to
- 26 implement the program. A school corporation or charter school
- 27 may receive a matching grant from a corporation, foundation, or
- 28 any other entity in addition to a grant awarded under this chapter.
- 29 Chapter 16. Next Level Computer Science Program
- 30 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible entity" means:
- 31 (1) a postsecondary educational institution; or
- 32 (2) any organization that provides a nationally recognized
- 33 and high quality professional development training program
- 34 in computer science education.
- 35 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the next level
- 36 computer science fund established by section 7 of this chapter.
- 37 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "postsecondary educational
- 38 institution" refers to any state educational institution (as defined
- 39 in IC 21-7-13-32) or private postsecondary educational institution
- 40 that receives state or federal funds.
- 41 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the next
- 42 level computer science grant program established by section 5 of

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- 1 this chapter.
- 2 **Sec. 5. The next level computer science grant program is**
 3 **established to provide grants to:**
- 4 (1) eligible entities to develop and implement high quality
 5 teacher professional development programs in computer
 6 science; and
- 7 (2) state accredited schools to:
- 8 (A) provide teachers with high quality teacher
 9 professional development programs in computer
 10 science; and
- 11 (B) develop and implement sustainable computer science
 12 curricular programs.
- 13 **Sec. 6. The department, in consultation with the governor's**
 14 **office, shall develop guidelines to award grants to eligible entities**
 15 **and state accredited schools. The guidelines developed by the**
 16 **department must include:**
- 17 (1) the ability of an eligible entity to provide effective
 18 training for a teacher who does not have previous exposure
 19 to teaching computer science;
- 20 (2) the ability of an eligible entity to implement effective
 21 practices for providing professional development in
 22 computer science that include:
- 23 (A) the eligible entity's ability to provide a teacher with
 24 practical training in teaching computer science that is
 25 founded on evidence based research; and
- 26 (B) the eligible entity's ability to tailor the professional
 27 development program to the needs of the teacher and
 28 the students the teacher serves; and
- 29 (3) any other criteria the department considers relevant.
- 30 **Sec. 7. The next level computer science fund is established. The**
 31 **department must use money in the fund to provide grants from the**
 32 **fund to:**
- 33 (1) eligible entities to develop and implement high quality
 34 teacher professional development programs in computer
 35 science; and
- 36 (2) state accredited schools for the purposes described in
 37 section 5(2) of this chapter.
- 38 **Sec. 8. (a) The fund consists of the following:**
- 39 (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.
 40 (2) Gifts to the fund.
 41 (3) Grants, including grants from private entities.
 42 (4) Other state funds that are transferred to the fund.

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1 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
2 money in the fund.

3 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
4 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
5 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
6 accrues from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.

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

9 Sec. 9. The department shall administer the program and fund.

10 Sec. 10. Notwithstanding any other law or policy to the
11 contrary, the secretary of education shall enter into and maintain
12 a contract for professional development services with an
13 organization that provides a nationally recognized training
14 program for professional development in computer science
15 education from early learning through postsecondary education.

16 Sec. 11. An eligible entity or state accredited school may apply
17 to the department to receive a grant from the fund on a form
18 provided by the department.

19 Sec. 12. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
20 implement this chapter.

21 Chapter 17. Robotics Competition Program

22 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "allowable expenses" means:

- 23 (1) payment of a stipend for a robotics team mentor;
- 24 (2) fees, kits, and supplies required to:
 - 25 (A) establish or maintain a robotics team; or
 - 26 (B) participate in a robotics competition; and
- 27 (3) event registrations, materials, transportation costs, travel
28 costs, and other expenses associated with a robotics
29 competition.

30 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible school" means a:

- 31 (1) public school, including a charter school (as defined in
32 IC 20-24-1-4);
- 33 (2) state accredited nonpublic school; or
- 34 (3) nonpublic school accredited by a national or regional
35 accreditation agency that is recognized by the state board.

36 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible team" means a
37 robotics competition team consisting of:

- 38 (1) students in kindergarten through grade 12 who are:
 - 39 (A) enrolled in an eligible school; or
 - 40 (B) on a community based robotics competition team;
- 41 and
- 42 (2) at least one (1) adult who is a team mentor and team

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Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the robotics competition program fund established by section 8 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the robotics competition program established by section 7 of this chapter.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "robotics competition" means a competition that:

- (1) requires participating teams to design, construct, program, and operate robots; and
- (2) is sponsored by a nonstock, nonprofit corporation, described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, that has as one (1) of its organizational purposes the goal of encouraging young people to develop an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Sec. 7. The robotics competition program is established to provide grants to eligible teams to expand opportunities to increase interest and improve skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through participation in competitive robotics programs that:

- (1) provide hands on learning experiences;
- (2) establish community partnerships to increase awareness of local workforce and postsecondary opportunities;
- (3) highlight career opportunities through adult mentors; and
- (4) prioritize a connection to manufacturing, machining, and fabrication skills for students in grades 9 through 12.

Sec. 8. The robotics competition program fund is established. The department shall use money in the fund to provide grants to eligible teams to develop and implement competitive robotics programs.

Sec. 9. (a) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.
- (2) Gifts to the fund.
- (3) Grants, including grants from private entities.
- (4) Other state funds that are transferred to the fund.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 10. Subject to appropriation by the general assembly, the department shall administer the program and fund.

Sec. 11. (a) An eligible team may apply to the department to receive a grant from the fund on a form provided by the department.

(b) To receive a grant, an eligible team must show proof of the following in its application:

(1) A partnership for the purposes of a robotics competition with at least one (1) sponsor, business entity, higher education institution, or technical school.

(2) An adult robotics team mentor.

(3) A spending plan.

(4) A commitment to compete in a robotics competition.

(5) For grades 9 through 12, a commitment to creating an original, iteratively designed robot.

(6) A local in kind or cash match from other private or local funds in an amount equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the awarded grant.

Sec. 12. (a) The department shall develop guidelines to award grants to eligible teams for allowable expenses. The guidelines developed by the department must include a maximum grant award allotment for each eligible team based on the:

(1) level of programming;

(2) level of competition; and

(3) number of participants;

of various robotics competitions as determined by the department.

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

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

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

Sec. 14. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to

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- 1 implement this chapter.
- 2 **Sec. 15.** The program and any participation by a team mentor
3 and team coach in the program is not subject to collective
4 bargaining.
- 5 **Chapter 18. Connecting Students With Careers Fund**
- 6 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "career fair" means an event
7 at which employers and labor organizations can meet with high
8 school students to discuss future career opportunities.
- 9 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "fund" means the connecting
10 students with careers fund established by section 6 of this chapter.
- 11 **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "intermediary" has the
12 meaning set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5.
- 13 **Sec. 4.** As used in this chapter, "labor organization" has the
14 meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5.
- 15 **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "school" means the following:
16 (1) A school maintained by a school corporation.
17 (2) A charter school.
- 18 **Sec. 6.** The connecting students with careers fund is
19 established. The department must use money in the fund to provide
20 grants to schools for the purpose of hosting career fairs in
21 accordance with IC 20-30-5.6.
- 22 **Sec. 7. (a)** The fund consists of the following:
23 (1) Gifts to the fund.
24 (2) Grants, including grants from private entities.
25 **(b)** The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
26 money in the fund.
27 **(c)** The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
28 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
29 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
30 accrues from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.
31 **(d)** Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
32 revert to the state general fund.
- 33 **Sec. 8.** The department shall develop guidelines to award
34 grants to schools under section 6 of this chapter.
- 35 **Sec. 9.** The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
36 implement this chapter.
- 37 **Chapter 19. Teacher Higher Education and Industry**
38 **Collaboration Grant Program and Fund**
- 39 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "approved postsecondary
40 educational institution" has the meaning set forth in
41 IC 21-7-13-6(a).
- 42 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "approved teacher education

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1 **course or program" means a teacher education course or program**
 2 **that has been approved by the department under section 8 of this**
 3 **chapter.**

4 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible applicant" means any**
 5 **of the following:**

- 6 (1) **A school corporation.**
- 7 (2) **A public school, including a charter school.**
- 8 (3) **A state accredited nonpublic school.**
- 9 (4) **A teacher employed by a:**
 - 10 (A) **school corporation; or**
 - 11 (B) **school listed in subdivision (2) or (3).**

12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the teacher**
 13 **higher education and industry collaboration grant program fund**
 14 **established by section 7 of this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the teacher**
 16 **higher education and industry collaboration grant program**
 17 **established by section 6 of this chapter.**

18 **Sec. 6. (a) There is established a teacher higher education and**
 19 **industry collaboration grant program for the purpose of funding**
 20 **through grants teacher participation in approved teacher**
 21 **education courses or programs.**

22 (b) **The department shall administer the program.**

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

26 (b) **The fund consists of the following:**

- 27 (1) **Appropriations by the general assembly.**
- 28 (2) **Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (e).**
- 29 (c) **The department shall administer the fund.**
- 30 (d) **The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**

31 **money in the fund.**

32 (e) **The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 33 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 34 **manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that**
 35 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**

36 (f) **Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year reverts to**
 37 **the state general fund.**

38 **Sec. 8. (a) The department, in consultation with the**
 39 **commission for higher education, shall approve teacher education**
 40 **courses or programs that meet the criteria established under**
 41 **subsection (b).**

42 (b) **The department may only approve a teacher education**



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- 1 course or program under subsection (a) that:
- 2 (1) is designed to:
- 3 (A) engage teachers with approved postsecondary
- 4 educational institutions and employers for the purpose
- 5 of connecting daily classroom lessons with innovations
- 6 in workplace practices and postsecondary education
- 7 research; and
- 8 (B) improve a teacher's:
- 9 (i) content area knowledge; and
- 10 (ii) familiarity with the application of the content
- 11 area in postsecondary education research and the
- 12 workplace;
- 13 (2) is offered:
- 14 (A) by an approved postsecondary educational
- 15 institution;
- 16 (B) by an employer; or
- 17 (C) jointly, by an approved postsecondary educational
- 18 institution and employer; and
- 19 (3) meets any other requirements established by the
- 20 department.
- 21 **Sec. 9. (a) To be eligible for a grant under the program, an**
- 22 **eligible applicant must do the following:**
- 23 (1) Apply to the department in the manner and on a form
- 24 prescribed by the department.
- 25 (2) If the eligible applicant is a school corporation or school
- 26 described in section 3(1) through 3(3) of this chapter, include
- 27 in the eligible applicant's application the following:
- 28 (A) The number of teachers employed by the eligible
- 29 applicant who intend to voluntarily participate in an
- 30 approved teacher education course or program.
- 31 (B) The amount of funding that the eligible applicant is
- 32 requesting for each teacher who intends to voluntarily
- 33 participate in an approved teacher education course or
- 34 program.
- 35 (C) The timeline by which teachers will complete the
- 36 approved teacher education course or program.
- 37 (3) Agree to use the grant funds for teacher participation in
- 38 an approved teacher education course or program.
- 39 (4) Meet any other requirements established by the
- 40 department.
- 41 (b) Subject to available funding, the department may award a
- 42 grant under this chapter to an eligible applicant that meets the

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1 requirements under subsection (a) in an amount that does not
2 exceed:

- 3 (1) the cost for one (1) or more teachers, as applicable, to
- 4 enroll in and complete an approved teacher education course
- 5 or program; plus
- 6 (2) a stipend for one (1) or more teachers described in
- 7 subdivision (1) in an amount determined by the department.

8 **Sec. 10.** The successful completion of an approved teacher
9 course or program may count towards professional growth
10 experience points required to renew a practitioner license or an
11 accomplished practitioner license, as determined by the
12 department.

13 **Sec. 11.** The department shall establish and maintain an online
14 platform that allows teachers to access and share information
15 regarding connecting daily classroom lessons with innovations in
16 workplace practices and postsecondary education research.

17 **Sec. 12.** Not later than July 1 of each year, the department
18 shall:

- 19 (1) collect and compile information concerning the program
- 20 under this chapter; and
- 21 (2) submit the report described in subdivision (1) to the
- 22 following:
 - 23 (A) The governor.
 - 24 (B) The legislative council, in an electronic format under
 - 25 IC 5-14-6.

26 **Sec. 13.** The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
27 necessary to implement this chapter.

28 **Chapter 20. Science of Reading Grant**

29 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "charter school" has the
30 meaning set forth in IC 20-24-1-4.

31 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "elementary school" means a
32 public elementary school, including a charter school.

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

35 **Sec. 4. (a)** This subsection applies before July 1, 2027. As used
36 in this chapter, "literacy coach" refers to an individual whose
37 primary responsibility is to provide literacy training and support
38 to administrators and teachers. This subsection expires July 1,
39 2027.

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

- 42 (1) whose primary responsibility is to provide literacy

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- 1 training and support to administrators and teachers; and
 2 (2) who has received the literacy endorsement described in
 3 IC 20-28-5-19.7.
- 4 **Sec. 5. A literacy coach shall prioritize the following:**
- 5 (1) Modeling effective instructional strategies for teachers.
 6 (2) Facilitating study groups.
 7 (3) Training teachers in:
 8 (A) data analysis; and
 9 (B) using data to differentiate instruction.
 10 (4) Coaching and mentoring colleagues.
 11 (5) Working with teachers to ensure that evidence based
 12 reading programs, which include:
 13 (A) comprehensive core reading programs;
 14 (B) supplemental reading programs; and
 15 (C) comprehensive intervention reading programs;
 16 are implemented with fidelity.
 17 (6) Training teachers to diagnose and address a reading
 18 deficiency.
 19 (7) Working with teachers in applying evidence based
 20 reading strategies in other content areas, including:
 21 (A) prioritizing time spent on those teachers;
 22 (B) activities and roles that will have the greatest impact
 23 on student achievement; and
 24 (C) prioritizing coaching and mentoring in classrooms.
 25 (8) Helping to increase instructional density to meet the
 26 needs of all students.
 27 (9) Working with students through:
 28 (A) whole and small group instruction; or
 29 (B) tutoring;
 30 in the context of modeling and coaching in or outside of a
 31 teacher's classroom.
- 32 **Sec. 6. Money allocated for grants under this chapter must be**
 33 **used for the following:**
- 34 (1) Placing literacy coaches in elementary schools for the
 35 purposes of training and supporting teachers and
 36 administrators in order to improve instruction related to the
 37 science of reading.
 38 (2) Training teachers and school principals in instructional
 39 practices aligned with the science of reading.
 40 (3) Increasing instructional time, including summer literacy
 41 programs or high-dosage tutoring, for students who have
 42 been identified as struggling readers based on a diagnostic

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

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department.

(b) Any instruction under a plan that includes increasing instructional time as described in subsection (a)(2)(B)(i) must align with the science of reading.

Sec. 8. Upon review of applications received under section 7 of this chapter, the department may award grants to school corporations and charter schools subject to available money and in accordance with the following priorities:

- (1) To the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and rural school corporations.
- (2) To address a documented need for literacy coaches, additional science of reading training, or compliance with IC 20-26-12-24.5.
- (3) To provide targeted support for Indiana students experiencing the greatest reading challenges.

Sec. 9. The department:

- (1) may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter; and
- (2) shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 regarding the following:
 - (A) Distribution of award amounts under this chapter.
 - (B) Prioritizing grants for the purposes described in section 6(1) and 6(2) of this chapter.

Chapter 21. Indiana Teacher Recruitment Program

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana teacher recruitment program established by section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana teacher recruitment program is established. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to training and recruitment programs for teachers in critical shortage areas, as determined by the department, based on data contained in the educator supply and demand marketplace maintained on the department's website.

(b) The department shall administer the program.

Sec. 3. The department shall do the following:

- (1) Create an application and approval process for training and recruitment programs.
- (2) Determine guidelines for awarding grants under the program.

Sec. 4. This chapter expires June 30, 2027.

Chapter 22. Centralized School Facilities Pilot Program and

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1 **Local Boards**

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

- 3 (1) local centralized school facilities board established under
 4 section 6(a) of this chapter; or
 5 (2) if applicable, local centralized school facilities and
 6 transportation board established under section 6(e) of this
 7 chapter.

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the**
 9 **centralized school facilities pilot program established by section 4**
 10 **of this chapter.**

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

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

14 **Sec. 4. (a) The centralized school facilities pilot program is**
 15 **established to provide innovative approaches concerning the use,**
 16 **operation, and management of school facilities to promote:**

- 17 (1) enhanced learning environments;
 18 (2) unique learning opportunities; and
 19 (3) improved student academic and health outcomes;

20 **in accordance with the plan submitted to the general assembly by**
 21 **the secretary of education under IC 20-19-3-32 (before its repeal).**

22 **(b) The pilot program is established for a three (3) year period**
 23 **consisting of the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school**
 24 **years.**

25 **Sec. 5. (a) A school corporation or school, in partnership with**
 26 **other school corporations, schools, or both other school**
 27 **corporations and schools, may apply to the department to**
 28 **participate in the pilot program.**

29 **(b) The department:**

- 30 (1) may approve not more than a total of three (3)
 31 applications under this section to participate in the pilot
 32 program; and
 33 (2) shall establish the application process and criteria to
 34 participate in the pilot program.

35 **(c) The criteria established under subsection (b)(2) must**
 36 **require that school corporations and schools include information**
 37 **concerning the geographic boundaries of the area to which the**
 38 **application to participate in the pilot program applies.**

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

42 **(b) Each local board must be independent from any school**



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- 1 corporation and school.
- 2 (c) The local board consists of seven (7) members who:
- 3 (1) are proportionately appointed as either representatives
- 4 of participating school corporations, charter schools, or
- 5 nonpublic schools described in section 3(2) of this chapter
- 6 based on:
- 7 (A) the total pupil enrollment of the participating school
- 8 corporations;
- 9 (B) the total pupil enrollment of participating charter
- 10 schools; and
- 11 (C) the total pupil enrollment of participating nonpublic
- 12 schools;
- 13 that are partnering under the pilot program; and
- 14 (2) are members of the:
- 15 (A) governing body of a participating school
- 16 corporation;
- 17 (B) charter school board of a participating charter
- 18 school; or
- 19 (C) equivalent of a governing body for a participating
- 20 nonpublic school;
- 21 described in subdivision (1).
- 22 (d) Each local board must collaborate with individuals or
- 23 entities that have expertise in the following:
- 24 (1) Facility management, construction, or real estate.
- 25 (2) Public finance or public debt issuance.
- 26 (3) Demographic analysis and urban planning.
- 27 (4) Organizational effectiveness, operations management,
- 28 and implementing best practices.
- 29 (5) Government contracts.
- 30 (6) Budget development and oversight.
- 31 (e) If a school corporation or school, in partnership with other
- 32 school corporations, schools, or both other school corporations and
- 33 schools, receives approval to participate in the:
- 34 (1) pilot program; and
- 35 (2) student transportation pilot program under
- 36 IC 20-20.5-23;
- 37 the school corporation or schools may elect to establish, not later
- 38 than October 31, 2025, one (1) local centralized school facilities and
- 39 transportation board consisting of the members described in
- 40 subsection (c) that has the powers and duties and is subject to the
- 41 requirements of a local centralized school facilities board under
- 42 this chapter and local student transportation board under

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1 **IC 20-20.5-23.**

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

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

8 **(1) determine the:**

9 **(A) term lengths of the members; and**

10 **(B) member replacement processes;**

11 **for the local board;**

12 **(2) conduct school facility assessments for all applicable**
 13 **school facilities;**

14 **(3) establish a process for the transfer to and receipt of**
 15 **funds, as applicable, by the local board from the**
 16 **participating school corporations and schools;**

17 **(4) accept and use donations, gifts, or bequests for the**
 18 **purposes of this chapter;**

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

20 **(6) allow for additional flexibility and creativity in terms of**
 21 **what is considered a school facility, including considerations**
 22 **surrounding colocation with other schools, governmental**
 23 **entities, or community organizations;**

24 **(7) enter into revenue sharing agreements and asset use**
 25 **agreements for all school facilities within the geographic**
 26 **boundaries described in the application under section 5(c) of**
 27 **this chapter for the three (3) year period of the pilot**
 28 **program;**

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

30 **(9) inspire opportunities for partnership with other**
 31 **governmental entities or local nonprofit organizations to**
 32 **transform school facilities into broader community assets for**
 33 **residents;**

34 **(10) implement best practices in facilities management and**
 35 **operations;**

36 **(11) track qualitative and quantitative data to gauge the**
 37 **success of the pilot program;**

38 **(12) collect and report data in a manner prescribed by the**
 39 **department regarding school facilities included in the pilot**
 40 **program; and**

41 **(13) implement a maintenance plan and contract with**
 42 **vendors, as needed, for the duration of the pilot program.**

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1 (b) Not later than July 1, 2028, each local board shall develop
2 and submit to the department an implementation plan that
3 includes the following:

4 (1) Whether at the conclusion of the pilot program the:

5 (A) participating school corporations and schools, as
6 applicable, elect to continue operating with a local
7 board; and

8 (B) local board established under section 6 of this
9 chapter should be maintained or a new local board
10 should be established.

11 (2) If a new local board should be established, the following
12 components:

13 (A) The appointment of members to the new local board,
14 including the appointing authority for the members.

15 (B) The term lengths of the members.

16 (C) The member replacement process.

17 (3) A process to ensure that the powers and duties under this
18 chapter are maintained by the local board or transferred to
19 the new local board after completion of the pilot program.

20 (4) The transfer of all assets and related funding regarding
21 school facilities to the local board or new local board.

22 (5) The development and implementation of a long term asset
23 management and sustainability plan.

24 Sec. 9. Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, beginning
25 with the 2026-2027 school year, each local board established under
26 section 6 of this chapter:

27 (1) shall exercise the full powers and duties provided under
28 the pilot program plan created under section 8(a) of this
29 chapter; and

30 (2) shall make recommendations regarding property tax
31 levies approved by the governing bodies of the applicable
32 participating school corporations.

33 Sec. 10. Each local board may contract with outside
34 individuals and entities to create and implement the pilot program
35 plan described in section 8(a) of this chapter.

36 Sec. 11. Subject to any agreement entered into by a school
37 corporation or school, a school corporation or school may at any
38 time opt out of participating in the pilot program if the school
39 corporation or school provides notice to all school corporations
40 and schools that the school corporation or school partnered with
41 under this chapter at least one (1) year before the school
42 corporation or school intends to terminate the partnership and its

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1 participation under this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (A) A summary regarding the:

16 (i) school corporations and schools participating in
17 the pilot program;

18 (ii) implementation of the pilot program by each
19 local board;

20 (iii) results and outcomes regarding the pilot
21 program; and

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

24 (B) Any recommendations regarding:

25 (i) legislation or procedures to further carry out the
26 purposes of this chapter and an implementation
27 plan submitted under section 8(b) of this chapter;
28 and

29 (ii) whether to extend the pilot program to
30 additional applicants.

31 (C) A plan to adopt best practices from the pilot
32 program statewide.

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

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

39 Sec. 15. This chapter shall be liberally construed to effect the
40 purposes of this chapter.

41 Sec. 16. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, to
42 the extent the provisions of this chapter are inconsistent with the

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1 provisions of any other general, special, or local law, the provisions
 2 of this chapter are controlling, and compliance with this chapter
 3 shall be treated as compliance with the conflicting law.

4 **Chapter 23. Student Transportation Pilot Program and Local**
 5 **Boards**

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

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

12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" refers to the**
 13 **student transportation pilot program established by section 4 of**
 14 **this chapter.**

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

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

18 **Sec. 4. (a) The student transportation pilot program is**
 19 **established to provide transportation to all students attending:**

- 20 (1) school corporations;
 21 (2) charter schools; and
 22 (3) nonpublic schools with at least one (1) employee;

23 **within the geographic boundaries described in the application**
 24 **under section 5(c) of this chapter.**

25 **(b) The pilot program is established for a three (3) year period**
 26 **consisting of the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school**
 27 **years.**

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

32 **(b) The department:**

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

38 **(c) The criteria established under subsection (b)(2) must**
 39 **require that school corporations and schools include information**
 40 **concerning the geographic boundaries of the area to which the**
 41 **application to participate in the pilot program applies.**

42 **Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided under subsection (e), not later**

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1 than October 31, 2025, a local student transportation board is
 2 established for participating school corporations and schools.

3 (b) Each local board must be independent from any school
 4 corporation and school.

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

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

10 (A) the total pupil enrollment of the participating school
 11 corporations;

12 (B) the total pupil enrollment of participating charter
 13 schools; and

14 (C) the total pupil enrollment of participating nonpublic
 15 schools;

16 that are partnering under the pilot program; and

17 (2) are members of the:

18 (A) governing body of a participating school
 19 corporation;

20 (B) charter school board of a participating charter
 21 school; or

22 (C) equivalent of a governing body for a participating
 23 nonpublic school;

24 described in subdivision (1).

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

27 (1) Transportation logistics, particularly involving
 28 movement of passengers.

29 (2) Finance and business.

30 (3) Organizational effectiveness, operations management,
 31 and implementing best practices.

32 (4) Government contracts.

33 (5) Budget development and oversight.

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

37 (1) pilot program; and

38 (2) centralized school facilities pilot program under
 39 IC 20-20.5-22;

40 the school corporation or schools may elect to establish, not later
 41 than October 31, 2025, one (1) local centralized school facilities and
 42 transportation board that has the powers and duties and is subject

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1 to the requirements of a local centralized school facilities board
 2 under IC 20-20.5-22 and local student transportation board under
 3 this chapter.

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

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

12 (1) **determine the:**

13 (A) **term lengths of the members; and**

14 (B) **member replacement processes;**

15 **for the local board;**

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

19 (A) **to and from school;**

20 (B) **for before and after school opportunities;**

21 (C) **for work based learning experiences;**

22 (D) **for extracurricular activities; and**

23 (E) **for specialized educational opportunities;**

24 (3) **improve safety and efficiency for students;**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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- 1 **8(a) of this chapter.**
- 2 **Sec. 11. Subject to any agreement entered into by a school**
- 3 **corporation or school, a school corporation or school may at any**
- 4 **time opt out of participating in the pilot program if the school**
- 5 **corporation or school provides notice to all school corporations**
- 6 **and schools that the school corporation or school partnered with**
- 7 **under this chapter at least one (1) year before the school**
- 8 **corporation or school intends to terminate the partnership and its**
- 9 **participation under this chapter.**
- 10 **Sec. 12. Not later than November 1, 2027, the department of**
- 11 **local government finance, in consultation with the department,**
- 12 **shall do the following:**
- 13 **(1) Prepare a report that includes recommendations**
- 14 **regarding legislation and procedures to transfer the duties**
- 15 **and powers of a participating school corporation to a local**
- 16 **board or new local board as described in section 8(b) of this**
- 17 **chapter.**
- 18 **(2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an**
- 19 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- 20 **Sec. 13. Not later than November 1, 2028, the department shall**
- 21 **do the following:**
- 22 **(1) Prepare a report that includes the following:**
- 23 **(A) A summary regarding the:**
- 24 **(i) school corporations and schools participating in**
- 25 **the pilot program;**
- 26 **(ii) implementation of the pilot program by each**
- 27 **local board;**
- 28 **(iii) results and outcomes regarding the pilot**
- 29 **program; and**
- 30 **(iv) implementation plans submitted by the local**
- 31 **boards under section 8(b) of this chapter.**
- 32 **(B) Any recommendations regarding:**
- 33 **(i) legislation or procedures to further carry out the**
- 34 **purposes of this chapter and an implementation**
- 35 **plan submitted under section 8(b) of this chapter;**
- 36 **and**
- 37 **(ii) whether to extend the pilot program to**
- 38 **additional applicants.**
- 39 **(C) A plan to adopt best practices from the pilot**
- 40 **program statewide.**
- 41 **(2) Submit the report to the legislative council in an**
- 42 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

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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**
 8 **the 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
 33 the 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
 39 includes the following:

40 (A) A description of the following:

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

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- 1 including specific goals and the measurable student
- 2 outcomes to be obtained by the school corporation
- 3 or charter school.
- 4 (ii) How mastery based student performance will be
- 5 used, measured, evaluated, and reported by the
- 6 school corporation or charter school.
- 7 (iii) Any business, postsecondary educational
- 8 institutions, or community partners with which the
- 9 school corporation or charter school intends to
- 10 work.
- 11 (B) If the school corporation or charter school intends to
- 12 suspend any requirements under IC 20-28 as listed in
- 13 section 8(a)(2) of this chapter, the school corporation's
- 14 or charter school's criteria and goals for teacher quality,
- 15 training, and compensation.
- 16 (b) The department shall do the following:
- 17 (1) Subject to subdivision (2), approve or deny an application
- 18 and plan submitted by a school corporation or charter school
- 19 under this section.
- 20 (2) Approve an application and plan only if the department
- 21 determines that the plan:
- 22 (A) will promote innovative educational approaches to
- 23 student learning; and
- 24 (B) is likely to improve student performance and
- 25 outcomes.
- 26 Sec. 6. If a school corporation or charter school participates in
- 27 the pilot program, the school corporation or charter school shall
- 28 post the school corporation's or charter school's plan approved by
- 29 the department under section 5 of this chapter on the school
- 30 corporation's or charter school's website.
- 31 Sec. 7. (a) The department may make reasonable requests for
- 32 information from a school corporation or charter school
- 33 participating in the pilot program for the purpose of assessing the
- 34 effectiveness of the plan.
- 35 (b) A school corporation or charter school shall respond to a
- 36 request for information under subsection (a) in a form, manner,
- 37 and frequency determined by the department.
- 38 Sec. 8. (a) Any of the following may be suspended for a school
- 39 corporation or charter school in accordance with the school
- 40 corporation's or charter school's plan approved under section 5 of
- 41 this chapter:
- 42 (1) Any statute or rule that may be suspended under

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- 1 **IC 20-26.5-2-3.**
- 2 **(2) Any provision under the following:**
- 3 **(A) IC 20-28-4.**
- 4 **(B) IC 20-28-11.5.**
- 5 **(C) IC 20-30-2-2.**
- 6 **(D) IC 20-30-4.**
- 7 **(3) Subject to subsection (b), any provisions under the**
- 8 **statewide assessment program under IC 20-32-5.1.**
- 9 **(b) A statewide assessment program test requirement may not**
- 10 **be suspended under subsection (a)(3) unless a school corporation**
- 11 **or charter school agrees to administer an assessment that can be**
- 12 **used to compare the performance of students who attend the school**
- 13 **corporation or charter with the performance of students who take**
- 14 **the statewide summative assessment.**
- 15 **(c) After a school corporation or charter school has**
- 16 **participated for at least three (3) years in the pilot program, the**
- 17 **department may:**
- 18 **(1) revoke the suspension of any statute or rule under**
- 19 **subsection (a) for the school corporation or charter school;**
- 20 **or**
- 21 **(2) terminate the participation of the school corporation or**
- 22 **charter school in the pilot program;**
- 23 **if the department determines that the school corporation or**
- 24 **charter school has not met the specific goals and the measurable**
- 25 **student outcomes in the school corporation's or charter school's**
- 26 **plan approved under section 5 of this chapter.**
- 27 **Sec. 9. This chapter expires June 30, 2035.**
- 28 SECTION 37. IC 20-24-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.244-2017,
- 29 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) An annual grant program is established to
- 31 provide funding to a school for the following:
- 32 (1) Capital improvements for the school, including the
- 33 renovation or expansion of a facility, or for debt or lease
- 34 payments owed on a facility, including advances from the
- 35 common school fund under IC 20-49-9.
- 36 (2) The purposes for which the school corporation's operations
- 37 fund may be used by a school corporation under IC 20-40-18.
- 38 (3) The purposes for which a technology grant from the Senator
- 39 David C. Ford educational technology fund may be used by a
- 40 school corporation under ~~IC 20-20-13-6.~~ **IC 20-20.5-6-3.**
- 41 (b) The program shall be administered by the state board.
- 42 (c) The state board shall establish a written application and

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1 procedure for providing grants under this chapter to a school described
2 in section 5 of this chapter.

3 SECTION 38. IC 20-24.2-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
4 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as specifically provided in this
6 article and section 4 of this chapter, the following provisions of this
7 title and a rule or guideline adopted by the state board under one (1) of
8 the following provisions of this title do not apply to a qualified district
9 or qualified high school:

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

12 (2) ~~IC 20-20~~ IC 20-20.5 (programs administered by the state),
13 except for ~~IC 20-20-1~~ IC 20-20.5-1 (educational service
14 centers).

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

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

31 (5) IC 20-32 (student standards, assessments, and performance),
32 except for IC 20-32-4 (graduation requirements), IC 20-32-5
33 (Indiana statewide testing for educational progress for a school
34 year ending before July 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (statewide
35 assessment program for a school year beginning after June 30,
36 2018), and IC 20-32-8.5 (reading improvement and remediation
37 plans).

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

39 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a school corporation may not
40 receive a decrease in state funding based upon the school corporation's
41 status as a qualified district or the status of a high school within the
42 school corporation as a qualified high school, or because of the

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1 implementation of a waiver of a statute or rule that is allowed to be
 2 waived by a qualified district or qualified high school.
 3 SECTION 39. IC 20-24.2-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 4 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. The following provisions of this title and rules
 6 and guidelines adopted under the following provisions of this title
 7 apply to a qualified district or qualified high school:
 8 ~~IC 20-20-1~~ **IC 20-20.5-1** (educational service centers).
 9 IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).
 10 IC 20-26 (school corporation general administrative provisions).
 11 IC 20-27 (school transportation).
 12 IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher continuing education).
 13 IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to teaching participants;
 14 restrictions).
 15 IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to teaching participants; school
 16 corporation or subject area; transition to teaching permit).
 17 IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies or misdemeanors;
 18 notice and hearing; permanent revocation of license; data base
 19 of school employees who have been reported).
 20 IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts).
 21 IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of teacher contracts).
 22 IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school administrators).
 23 IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments).
 24 IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment).
 25 IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).
 26 IC 20-29 (collective bargaining for teachers).
 27 IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
 28 observances).
 29 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements).
 30 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).
 31 IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
 32 improvement).
 33 IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5 (for a school year beginning before July
 34 1, 2018), IC 20-32-5.1 (assessment), or any other statute, rule, or
 35 guideline related to standardized assessments.
 36 IC 20-32-8.5 (reading improvement and remediation plans).
 37 IC 20-33 (students: general provisions).
 38 IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
 39 IC 20-35 (special education).
 40 IC 20-35.5 (dyslexia screening and intervention).
 41 IC 20-36 (high ability students).
 42 IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).

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- 1 IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
 2 IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
 3 IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction and
 4 learning).
 5 IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
 6 IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
 7 IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 8 IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease agreements).
 9 IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 10 IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
 11 advances and loans).
 12 IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 13 SECTION 40. IC 20-24.2-4-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 14 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: (a) A qualified district may display the words "Indiana
 15 Performance Qualified School District" on the qualified district's
 16 correspondence, Internet web site, and any other communications
 17 representing the qualified district.
 18 (b) A qualified high school may display the words "Indiana
 19 Performance Qualified High School" on the high school's
 20 correspondence, Internet web site, and any other communications
 21 representing the high school.
 22 SECTION 41. IC 20-24.5-2-10, AS AMENDED BY
 23 P.L.205-2013, SECTION 237, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. A laboratory school
 25 that:
 26 (1) is operated without an agreement; and
 27 (2) has an ADM in the fall count of a school year of not more
 28 than seven hundred fifty (750);
 29 must be treated as a charter school for purposes of funding under
 30 ~~IC 20-20-33~~ IC 20-20.5-9 and IC 20-43.
 31 SECTION 42. IC 20-25-4-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2020,
 32 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. (a) The general school laws of Indiana and all
 34 laws and parts of laws applicable to the general system of common
 35 schools in school cities, so far as not inconsistent with this chapter and
 36 other provisions of this article, and unless made inapplicable by this
 37 article, are in full force and effect in a school city to which this chapter
 38 applies.
 39 (b) ~~Notwithstanding IC 20-25-13~~; Staff performance evaluation
 40 plans in a school city shall be developed and implemented as provided
 41 in IC 20-28-11.5-4.
 42 SECTION 43. IC 20-25-9-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,

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1 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The board shall use the student performance
3 improvement levels established under IC 20-25-11 to:

- 4 (1) implement the board's plan;
5 (2) evaluate school performance; **and**
6 (3) publish annual reports. ~~and~~
7 (~~4~~) ~~determine academic receivership under IC 20-25-15.~~

8 SECTION 44. IC 20-25-9-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
9 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 4. The board shall use student performance improvement
10 levels to determine whether to place a school in academic receivership
11 under IC 20-25-15.~~

12 SECTION 45. IC 20-25-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
13 1, 2026]. (Staff Performance Evaluations).

14 SECTION 46. IC 20-25-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2026]. (Academic Receivership).

16 SECTION 47. IC 20-26-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
17 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Regular meetings must be held by each
19 governing body at a time and place established by resolution of the
20 board or may be incorporated in the rules provided in IC 20-26-5-4. A
21 notice need not be given **to** a member for holding or taking any action
22 at a regular meeting.

23 (b) If a meeting is held according to a procedure set forth by
24 statute or rule and if publication of notice of the meeting is required,
25 notice of the meeting is not required and need not be given **to** a
26 member for holding or taking any action at the meeting contemplated
27 by the notice. The meeting must be held at the time and place specified
28 in the published notice.

29 (c) Special meetings of a governing body must be held on call by
30 the governing body's president or by the superintendent of the school
31 corporation. The call must be evidenced by a written notice specifying
32 the date, time, and place of the meeting, delivered to each member
33 personally or sent by mail or telegram so that each member has at least
34 seventy-two (72) hours notice of the special meeting. Special meetings
35 must be held at the regular meeting place of the board.

36 (d) All meetings of a governing body must be open to the public
37 to the extent required by IC 5-14-1.5. The governing body shall comply
38 with IC 5-14-1.5.

39 (e) If notice of a meeting is required and each member of a
40 governing body has waived notice of the meeting, as provided in this
41 subsection, notice of the meeting is not necessary. Waiver of notice of
42 a meeting by a member consists of the following:

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- 1 (1) The member's presence at the meeting.
 2 (2) The member's execution of a written notice waiving the date,
 3 time, and place of the meeting, executed either before or after
 4 the meeting. If a waiver specifies that the waiver was executed
 5 before the meeting, third persons are entitled to rely on the
 6 statement.
- 7 (f) At a meeting of the governing body, a majority of the members
 8 constitutes a quorum. Action may not be taken unless a quorum is
 9 present. Except where a larger vote is required by statute or rule with
 10 respect to any matter, a majority of the members present may adopt a
 11 resolution or take any action.
- 12 (g) All meetings of the governing body for the conduct of business
 13 must be held within the school corporation, except as follows:
 14 (1) Meetings may be held at the administrative offices of the
 15 school corporation if the offices are outside the geographic limits
 16 of the school corporation but are within a county where all or a
 17 part of the school corporation is located.
 18 (2) Meetings may be held at a place where the statute or rule
 19 according to which a statutory meeting is held permits meeting
 20 outside the school corporation. ~~as may occur when the meeting~~
 21 ~~is held jointly with another governing body.~~
 22 **(3) Meetings held jointly with another governing body must**
 23 **be held within the boundaries of one (1) of the school**
 24 **corporations.**
- 25 (h) A governing body may hold up to two (2) training sessions
 26 each year outside the school corporation. The sessions may be
 27 conducted as executive sessions under IC 5-14-1.5.
- 28 SECTION 48. IC 20-26-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.135-2025,
 29 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) In carrying out the school purposes of a
 31 school corporation, the governing body acting on the school
 32 corporation's behalf has the following specific powers:
 33 (1) In the name of the school corporation, to sue and be sued and
 34 to enter into contracts in matters permitted by applicable law.
 35 However, a governing body may not use funds received from the
 36 state to bring or join in an action against the state, unless the
 37 governing body is challenging an adverse decision by a state
 38 agency, board, or commission.
 39 (2) To take charge of, manage, and conduct the educational
 40 affairs of the school corporation and to establish, locate, and
 41 provide the necessary schools, school libraries, other libraries
 42 where permitted by law, other buildings, facilities, property, and

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- 1 equipment.
- 2 (3) To appropriate from the school corporation's ~~general fund~~
- 3 ~~(before January 1, 2019) or the school corporation's operations~~
- 4 ~~fund (after December 31, 2018)~~ an amount, not to exceed the
- 5 greater of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per budget year or one
- 6 dollar (\$1) per pupil, not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred
- 7 dollars (\$12,500), based on the school corporation's ADM of the
- 8 previous year (as defined in IC 20-43-1-7) to promote the best
- 9 interests of the school corporation through:
 - 10 (A) the purchase of meals, decorations, memorabilia, or
 - 11 awards;
 - 12 (B) provision for expenses incurred in interviewing job
 - 13 applicants; or
 - 14 (C) developing relations with other governmental units.
- 15 (4) To do the following:
 - 16 (A) Acquire, construct, erect, maintain, hold, and contract
 - 17 for construction, erection, or maintenance of real estate, real
 - 18 estate improvements, or an interest in real estate or real
 - 19 estate improvements, as the governing body considers
 - 20 necessary for school purposes, including buildings, parts of
 - 21 buildings, additions to buildings, rooms, gymnasiums,
 - 22 auditoriums, playgrounds, playing and athletic fields,
 - 23 facilities for physical training, buildings for administrative,
 - 24 office, warehouse, repair activities, or housing school
 - 25 owned buses, landscaping, walks, drives, parking areas,
 - 26 roadways, easements and facilities for power, sewer, water,
 - 27 roadway, access, storm and surface water, drinking water,
 - 28 gas, electricity, other utilities and similar purposes, by
 - 29 purchase, either outright for cash (or under conditional sales
 - 30 or purchase money contracts providing for a retention of a
 - 31 security interest by the seller until payment is made or by
 - 32 notes where the contract, security retention, or note is
 - 33 permitted by applicable law), by exchange, by gift, by
 - 34 devise, by eminent domain, by lease with or without option
 - 35 to purchase, or by lease under IC 20-47-2, IC 20-47-3, or
 - 36 IC 20-47-5.
 - 37 (B) Repair, remodel, remove, or demolish, or to contract for
 - 38 the repair, remodeling, removal, or demolition of the real
 - 39 estate, real estate improvements, or interest in the real estate
 - 40 or real estate improvements, as the governing body
 - 41 considers necessary for school purposes.
 - 42 (C) Provide for conservation measures through utility

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1 efficiency programs or under a guaranteed savings contract
 2 as described in IC 36-1-12.5.

3 (5) To acquire personal property or an interest in personal
 4 property as the governing body considers necessary for school
 5 purposes, including buses, motor vehicles, equipment, apparatus,
 6 appliances, books, furniture, and supplies, either by cash
 7 purchase or under conditional sales or purchase money contracts
 8 providing for a security interest by the seller until payment is
 9 made or by notes where the contract, security, retention, or note
 10 is permitted by applicable law, by gift, by devise, by loan, or by
 11 lease with or without option to purchase and to repair, remodel,
 12 remove, relocate, and demolish the personal property. All
 13 purchases and contracts specified under the powers authorized
 14 under subdivision (4) and this subdivision are subject solely to
 15 applicable law relating to purchases and contracting by
 16 municipal corporations in general and to the supervisory control
 17 of state agencies as provided in section 6 of this chapter.

18 (6) To sell or exchange real or personal property or interest in
 19 real or personal property that, in the opinion of the governing
 20 body, is not necessary for school purposes, in accordance with
 21 IC 20-26-7 and IC 20-26-7.1, to demolish or otherwise dispose
 22 of the property if, in the opinion of the governing body, the
 23 property is not necessary for school purposes and is worthless,
 24 and to pay the expenses for the demolition or disposition.

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

29 (A) civic or public purposes; or
 30 (B) the operation of a school age child care program for
 31 children who are at least five (5) years of age and less than
 32 fifteen (15) years of age that operates before or after the
 33 school day, or both, and during periods when school is not
 34 in session;

35 if the school property continues to be used primarily for
 36 classroom instruction by the school corporation, is not subject to
 37 closure under IC 20-26-7-47, and is not a covered school
 38 building that must be made available for lease or purchase under
 39 IC 20-26-7.1. Under this subdivision, the governing body may
 40 enter into a lease or use agreement with a nonprofit corporation,
 41 community service organization, or other governmental entity,
 42 if the corporation, organization, or other governmental entity will

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1 use the property to be leased for civic or public purposes or for
 2 a school age child care program. However, if payment for the
 3 property subject to a lease or use agreement is made from money
 4 in the school corporation's debt service fund, all proceeds from
 5 the lease or use agreement must be deposited in the school
 6 corporation's debt service fund so long as payment for the
 7 property has not been made. The governing body may, at the
 8 governing body's option, use the procedure specified in
 9 IC 36-1-11-10 in leasing property under this subdivision. If the
 10 school property is not being used primarily for classroom
 11 instruction or is subject to closure under IC 20-26-7-47, the
 12 governing body must first comply with IC 20-26-7 and
 13 IC 20-26-7.1 before leasing the school property under this
 14 subdivision.

- 15 (8) To do the following:
- 16 (A) Employ, contract for, and discharge superintendents,
 17 supervisors, principals, teachers, librarians, athletic coaches
 18 (whether or not they are otherwise employed by the school
 19 corporation and whether or not they are licensed under
 20 IC 20-28-5), business managers, superintendents of
 21 buildings and grounds, janitors, engineers, architects,
 22 physicians, dentists, nurses, accountants, teacher aides
 23 performing noninstructional duties, educational and other
 24 professional consultants, data processing and computer
 25 service for school purposes, including the making of
 26 schedules, the keeping and analyzing of grades and other
 27 student data, the keeping and preparing of warrants, payroll,
 28 and similar data where approved by the state board of
 29 accounts as provided below, and other personnel or services
 30 as the governing body considers necessary for school
 31 purposes.
 - 32 (B) Fix and pay the salaries and compensation of persons
 33 and services described in this subdivision that are consistent
 34 with IC 20-28-9-1.5.
 - 35 (C) Classify persons or services described in this
 36 subdivision and to adopt a compensation plan with a salary
 37 range that is consistent with IC 20-28-9-1.5.
 - 38 (D) Determine the number of the persons or the amount of
 39 the services employed or contracted for as provided in this
 40 subdivision.
 - 41 (E) Determine the nature and extent of the duties of the
 42 persons described in this subdivision.

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1 The compensation, terms of employment, and discharge of
 2 teachers are, however, subject to and governed by the laws
 3 relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and
 4 discharge of teachers. The compensation, terms of employment,
 5 and discharge of bus drivers are subject to and governed by laws
 6 relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and
 7 discharge of bus drivers.

8 (9) Notwithstanding the appropriation limitation in subdivision
 9 (3), when the governing body by resolution considers a trip by an
 10 employee of the school corporation or by a member of the
 11 governing body to be in the interest of the school corporation,
 12 including attending meetings, conferences, or examining
 13 equipment, buildings, and installation in other areas, to permit
 14 the employee to be absent in connection with the trip without
 15 any loss in pay and to reimburse the employee or the member the
 16 employee's or member's reasonable lodging and meal expenses
 17 and necessary transportation expenses. To pay teaching
 18 personnel for time spent in sponsoring and working with school
 19 related trips or activities.

20 (10) Subject to IC 20-27-13, to transport children to and from
 21 school, when in the opinion of the governing body the
 22 transportation is necessary, including considerations for the
 23 safety of the children. The transportation must be otherwise in
 24 accordance with applicable law.

25 (11) To provide a lunch program for a part or all of the students
 26 attending the schools of the school corporation, including the
 27 establishment of kitchens, kitchen facilities, kitchen equipment,
 28 lunch rooms, the hiring of the necessary personnel to operate the
 29 lunch program, and the purchase of material and supplies for the
 30 lunch program, charging students for the operational costs of the
 31 lunch program, fixing the price per meal or per food item. To
 32 operate the lunch program as an extracurricular activity, subject
 33 to the supervision of the governing body. To participate in a
 34 surplus commodity or lunch aid program.

35 (12) To:

36 (A) purchase curricular materials and to furnish curricular
 37 materials without cost; and

38 (B) assess and collect a reasonable fee for lost or
 39 significantly damaged curricular materials.

40 (13) To accept students transferred from other school
 41 corporations and to transfer students to other school corporations
 42 in accordance with applicable law.

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1 (14) To make budgets, to appropriate funds, and to disburse the
 2 money of the school corporation in accordance with applicable
 3 law. To borrow money against current tax collections and
 4 otherwise to borrow money, in accordance with IC 20-48-1.
 5 (15) To purchase insurance or to establish and maintain a
 6 program of self-insurance relating to the liability of the school
 7 corporation or the school corporation's employees in connection
 8 with motor vehicles or property and for additional coverage to
 9 the extent permitted and in accordance with IC 34-13-3-20. To
 10 purchase additional insurance or to establish and maintain a
 11 program of self-insurance protecting the school corporation and
 12 members of the governing body, employees, contractors, or
 13 agents of the school corporation from liability, risk, accident, or
 14 loss related to school property, school contract, school or school
 15 related activity, including the purchase of insurance or the
 16 establishment and maintenance of a self-insurance program
 17 protecting persons described in this subdivision against false
 18 imprisonment, false arrest, libel, or slander for acts committed
 19 in the course of the persons' employment, protecting the school
 20 corporation for fire and extended coverage and other casualty
 21 risks to the extent of replacement cost, loss of use, and other
 22 insurable risks relating to property owned, leased, or held by the
 23 school corporation. In accordance with IC 20-26-17, to:
 24 (A) participate in a state employee health plan under
 25 IC 5-10-8-6.7;
 26 (B) purchase insurance; or
 27 (C) establish and maintain a program of self-insurance;
 28 to benefit school corporation employees, including accident,
 29 sickness, health, or dental coverage, provided that a plan of
 30 self-insurance must include an aggregate stop-loss provision.
 31 **(16) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more other school**
 32 **corporations for a cooperative program of self-insurance**
 33 **protecting the school corporations and members of the**
 34 **governing bodies, employees, contractors, or agents of the**
 35 **school corporations from liability, risk, accident, or loss**
 36 **related to school property, school contract, school or school**
 37 **related activity, including maintenance of a cooperative**
 38 **self-insurance program protecting persons described in this**
 39 **subdivision against false imprisonment, false arrest, libel, or**
 40 **slander for acts committed in the course of the persons'**
 41 **employment, protecting the school corporation for fire and**
 42 **extended coverage and other casualty risks to the extent of**

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replacement cost, loss of use, and other insurable risks relating to property owned, leased, or held by the school corporations. This subdivision does not authorize a governing body to enter into agreements with one (1) or more school corporations for the provision of health insurance coverage.

~~(16)~~ **(17)** To make all applications, to enter into all contracts, and to sign all documents necessary for the receipt of aid, money, or property from the state, the federal government, or from any other source.

~~(17)~~ **(18)** To defend a member of the governing body or any employee of the school corporation in any suit arising out of the performance of the member's or employee's duties for or employment with, the school corporation, if the governing body by resolution determined that the action was taken in good faith. To save any member or employee harmless from any liability, cost, or damage in connection with the performance, including the payment of legal fees, except where the liability, cost, or damage is predicated on or arises out of the bad faith of the member or employee, or is a claim or judgment based on the member's or employee's malfeasance in office or employment.

~~(18)~~ **(19)** To prepare, make, enforce, amend, or repeal rules, regulations, and procedures:

(A) for the government and management of the schools, property, facilities, and activities of the school corporation, the school corporation's agents, employees, and pupils and for the operation of the governing body; and

(B) that may be designated by an appropriate title such as "policy handbook", "bylaws", or "rules and regulations".

~~(19)~~ **(20)** To ratify and approve any action taken by a member of the governing body, an officer of the governing body, or an employee of the school corporation after the action is taken, if the action could have been approved in advance, and in connection with the action to pay the expense or compensation permitted under IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-26-12-1, IC 20-40-12, and IC 20-48-1 or any other law.

~~(20)~~ **(21)** To exercise any other power and make any expenditure in carrying out the governing body's general powers and purposes provided in this chapter or in carrying out the powers delineated in this section which is reasonable from a business or educational standpoint in carrying out school purposes of the school corporation, including the acquisition of property or the

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1 employment or contracting for services, even though the power
 2 or expenditure is not specifically set out in this chapter. The
 3 specific powers set out in this section do not limit the general
 4 grant of powers provided in this chapter except where a
 5 limitation is set out in IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5,
 6 IC 20-26-7, IC 20-40-12, IC 20-40-18 (after December 31,
 7 2018), and IC 20-48-1 by specific language or by reference to
 8 other law.

9 (b) A superintendent hired under subsection (a)(8):

- 10 (1) is not required to hold a teacher's license under IC 20-28-5;
 11 and
 12 (2) is preferred to have obtained at least a master's degree from
 13 an accredited postsecondary institution.

14 (c) The governing body acting on the school corporation's behalf
 15 may renew a lease or memorandum of understanding described in
 16 IC 20-26-7.1-3(d) with a nonprofit organization as described in
 17 IC 20-26-7.1-3(d).

18 (d) The governing body acting on the school corporation's behalf
 19 may lease any school property for a rental to one (1) or both of the
 20 following:

- 21 (1) The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 22 established by IC 20-21-2-1.
 23 (2) The Indiana School for the Deaf established by IC 20-22-2-1.

24 This subsection expires June 30, 2030.

25 SECTION 49. IC 20-26-5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
 26 SECTION 389, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to a:

- 28 (1) school corporation;
 29 (2) charter school; or
 30 (3) nonpublic school that employs one (1) or more employees.

31 (b) A school corporation, a charter school, and a nonpublic school
 32 shall adopt a policy concerning criminal history information for
 33 individuals who:

- 34 (1) apply for:
 35 (A) employment with the school corporation, charter
 36 school, or nonpublic school; or
 37 (B) employment with an entity with which the school
 38 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school contracts
 39 for services;
 40 (2) seek to enter into a contract to provide services to the school
 41 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school; or
 42 (3) are employed by an entity that seeks to enter into a contract

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1 to provide services to the school corporation, charter school, or
2 nonpublic school;

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

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

9 (d) A policy adopted under this section must require that the
10 school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school conduct an
11 expanded criminal history check concerning each applicant for
12 employment who is likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children
13 within the scope of the individual's employment before or not later than
14 thirty (30) days after the start date of the applicant's employment by the
15 school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. If a vendor
16 providing an expanded criminal history check offers more than one (1)
17 type of expanded criminal history check, the policy shall require that
18 the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school evaluate all
19 available types of criminal history checks and determine whether a
20 more comprehensive expanded criminal history check would better
21 protect the students.

22 (e) A policy adopted under this section:

23 (1) must require that the school corporation, charter school, or
24 nonpublic school conduct an Indiana expanded child protection
25 index check; and

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

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

35 (f) A policy adopted under this section must state that the school
36 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school requires an expanded
37 criminal history check concerning an employee of the school
38 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school who is likely to have
39 direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the
40 employee's employment. The checks must be conducted every five (5)
41 years. A school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may
42 adopt a policy to require an employee to obtain an expanded child

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- 1 protection index check every five (5) years.
- 2 (g) In implementing subsection (f), and subject to subsection (j),
 3 a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may update
 4 the checks required under subsection (f) for employees who are
 5 employed by the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
 6 school as of July 1, 2017, over a period not to exceed five (5) years by
 7 annually conducting updated expanded criminal history checks and
 8 expanded child protection index checks for at least one-fifth (1/5) of
 9 the number of employees who are employed by the school corporation,
 10 charter school, or nonpublic school on July 1, 2017.
- 11 (h) An applicant or employee may be required to provide a written
 12 consent for the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
 13 to request an expanded criminal history check and an expanded child
 14 protection index check concerning the individual before the
 15 individual's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or
 16 nonpublic school. The school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
 17 school may require the individual to provide a set of fingerprints and
 18 pay any fees required for the expanded criminal history check and
 19 expanded child protection index check. Each applicant for employment
 20 or employee described in subsection (f) may be required:
- 21 (1) at the time the individual applies or updates an expanded
 22 criminal history check under subsection (f); or
- 23 (2) while an expanded criminal history check or expanded child
 24 protection index check is being conducted;
- 25 to answer questions concerning the individual's expanded criminal
 26 history check and expanded child protection index check. The failure
 27 to answer honestly questions asked under this subsection is grounds for
 28 termination of the employee's employment.
- 29 (i) An applicant is responsible for all costs associated with
 30 obtaining the expanded criminal history check and expanded child
 31 protection index check unless the school corporation, charter school,
 32 or nonpublic school agrees to pay the costs. A school corporation,
 33 charter school, or nonpublic school may agree to pay the costs
 34 associated with obtaining an expanded criminal history background
 35 check for an employee. An employee of a school corporation, charter
 36 school, or nonpublic school may not be required to pay the costs of an
 37 expanded child protection index check.
- 38 (j) An applicant or employee may not be required by a school
 39 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to obtain an expanded
 40 criminal history check more than one (1) time during a five (5) year
 41 period. However, a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic
 42 school may obtain an expanded criminal history check or an expanded

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1 child protection index check at any time if the school corporation,
 2 charter school, or nonpublic school has reason to believe that the
 3 applicant or employee:

4 (1) is the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse or
 5 neglect; or

6 (2) has been charged with or convicted of a crime listed in
 7 section 11.2(b) of this chapter or ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~.

8 **IC 20-28-5-8(b).**

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

13 (1) hiring;

14 (2) continuing the employment of;

15 (3) contracting with; or

16 (4) continuing to contract with;

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

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

22 SECTION 50. IC 20-26-5-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 23 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 18: For purposes of section 4 of this chapter and under
 24 the powers of section 4(a)(20) of this chapter, the governing body of
 25 any school corporation may join and associate with groups of other
 26 school corporations within Indiana in regional school study councils to
 27 examine common school problems and exchange educational
 28 information of mutual benefit; and dues to the study councils shall be
 29 paid by the school corporation from the operations fund.~~

30 SECTION 51. IC 20-26-5-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 31 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 19: A governing body under its powers to fix and pay the
 32 salaries and compensation of employees of the school corporation and
 33 to contract for services under section 4(a)(8) of this chapter may
 34 distribute payroll based on contractual and compensation plan
 35 commitments instead of payroll estimates approved in advance by the
 36 governing body.~~

37 SECTION 52. IC 20-26-5-23 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 38 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 23: Public school corporations may enter into agreements
 39 with postsecondary educational institutions to provide teaching
 40 experience for students of the institutions preparing for the educational
 41 profession and for the services of persons working jointly for the school
 42 corporation and an institution.~~

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1 SECTION 53. IC 20-26-5-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 2026]. Sec. 24: (a) An agreement under section 23 of this chapter
3 must set out the responsibilities and rights of the public school
4 corporations, the institutions, and the students or persons who
5 supervise the students and who are working jointly for a school
6 corporation and an institution:

7 (b) An agreement must contain:

8 (1) a provision for the payment of an honorarium for consulting
9 services by the postsecondary educational institution directly to
10 the supervisor;

11 (2) a provision that, if the sum paid by the institution to the
12 supervisor should ever be lawfully determined to be a wage
13 rather than an honorarium by an instrumentality of the United
14 States, then the postsecondary educational institution shall be
15 considered under the agreement to be the supervisor's part-time
16 employer; and

17 (3) a provision requiring a student to be supervised by a
18 certificated employee.

19 (c) The provision required by subsection (b)(3) must be included
20 in an agreement entered into or renewed under this chapter after June
21 30, 2015. Public school corporations and postsecondary educational
22 institutions shall revise agreements in effect on July 1, 2015, to include
23 the provisions required by subsection (b):

24 SECTION 54. IC 20-26-5-29 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
25 1, 2026]. Sec. 29: A school corporation may establish and maintain
26 nursery schools from the same revenue in the same manner as other
27 grades and departments in the common schools of the school
28 corporation are provided for and may apply for and receive from any
29 state or federal governmental agency any funds as may be made
30 available through the agencies for that purpose:

31 SECTION 55. IC 20-26-5-30 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
32 1, 2026]. Sec. 30: A school corporation may use funds under
33 IC 36-12-15-4 for the aid, maintenance, and support of nursery schools
34 conducted by an association incorporated to operate a nursery school:

35 SECTION 56. IC 20-26-5-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
36 1, 2026]. Sec. 32: The department shall:

37 (1) create a list of best practices to reduce student discipline; and

38 (2) post the list on the department's website.

39 SECTION 57. IC 20-26-5-32.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 32.4: The Department of Education shall create a
41 document explaining aspects of autism including behaviors that
42 students with autism may exhibit. Said document is to be distributed to

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1 school corporations for distribution to noncertificated employees (as
2 defined in IC 20-29-2-11).

3 SECTION 58. IC 20-26-5-33 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]. Sec. 33. A school corporation may offer classes, instruction,
5 or programs regarding the potential risks and consequences of creating
6 and sharing sexually suggestive or explicit materials through cellular
7 telephones, social networking web sites, computer networks, and other
8 digital media.

9 SECTION 59. IC 20-26-5-36, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2015,
10 SECTION 167, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 36. (a) Each school year, the
12 governing body of a school corporation may spend an amount for
13 remediation programs for students enrolled in kindergarten through
14 grade 12 not to exceed one percent (1%) of the state tuition support that
15 the school corporation receives for the school year.

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

20 (c) (b) After the governing body of a school corporation adopts a
21 remediation program under subsection (b); (a), the school corporation
22 shall promptly file the adopted plan with the department. The
23 department shall review a plan for a remediation program adopted by
24 the governing body of a school corporation and may comment on the
25 plan.

26 SECTION 60. IC 20-26-5-40.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
27 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.5. (a) ~~Not later than January 1, 2022~~; Each
30 school corporation and charter school shall adopt and implement an
31 Internet use policy that:

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

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

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

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

5 (c) ~~Each school corporation and charter school shall post on the~~
6 ~~school corporation's or charter school's website the Internet use policy~~
7 ~~established under subsection (a):~~

8 SECTION 61. IC 20-26-5-40.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.24-2024,
9 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.7. (a) As used in this section, "instructional
11 time" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-30-2-1.

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

- 16 (1) cellular telephone;
- 17 (2) tablet computer;
- 18 (3) laptop computer; or
- 19 (4) gaming device.

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

- 22 (1) except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) and subsection
- 23 (d), prohibits a student from using a wireless communication
- 24 device during instructional time;
- 25 (2) authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless
- 26 communication device for educational purposes during
- 27 instructional time; and
- 28 (3) permits a student to use a wireless communication device in
- 29 the event of an emergency or to manage the student's health care.

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

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

37 (e) ~~Each school corporation and charter school shall publish on its~~
38 ~~website the wireless communication device policy established under~~
39 ~~subsection (c):~~

40 SECTION 62. IC 20-26-5-41, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2025,
41 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 41. The governing body of a school corporation

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1 **or the equivalent for a charter school** may enter into a public-private
2 agreement for the construction or renovation of school buildings under
3 IC 5-23.

4 SECTION 63. IC 20-26-5-42 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2026]. Sec. 42: (a) This section applies to the following:

6 (1) A public school, including a charter school;

7 (2) Physical injuries that occur after June 30, 2023;

8 (b) Each public school shall provide to the department, in a
9 manner prescribed by the department, information concerning an
10 employee of the public school who was physically injured while on the
11 job by a student of the public school if the injury:

12 (1) is required to be reported to the public school's worker's
13 compensation carrier;

14 (2) causes the employee to miss all or part of one (1) or more
15 work days; or

16 (3) is required to be reported to the public school pursuant to the
17 public school's reporting policy.

18 (c) A public school may not provide information under subsection
19 (b) that identifies the employee or the student.

20 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a public
21 school from providing identifying information otherwise required by
22 law or rule.

23 SECTION 64. IC 20-26-5-42.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 42.1: (a) Not later than April 15 of each year, each
25 school corporation and charter school shall report to the department the
26 number of students who meet the following conditions during the
27 student's expected graduation year (as defined in IC 20-26-13-4):

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

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

33 (3) The student was not enrolled in the school corporation on the
34 day in February fixed by the state board for the spring count of
35 students under IC 20-43-4-3.

36 (b) In addition to the number provided under subsection (a), each
37 school corporation and charter school shall submit information
38 prescribed by the department that is necessary to verify the number
39 reported under subsection (a):

40 SECTION 65. IC 20-26-5-43 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
41 1, 2026]. Sec. 43: Each school corporation shall publish on the school
42 corporation's website the graduation rate for each high school in the

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1 school corporation:

2 SECTION 66. IC 20-26-5-46, AS ADDED BY P.L.165-2025,
3 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 46. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, each school
5 corporation shall ensure at least one (1) employee in each school
6 building that is used for classroom instruction:

- 7 (1) has obtained nonviolent crisis intervention training; and
- 8 (2) is present in the school building during the school year while
- 9 school is in session.

10 (b) An employee described in subsection (a) shall be available:

- 11 (1) for de-escalation and to respond to instances where
- 12 de-escalation is needed; and

13 (2) to respond to any use of:

- 14 (A) a chemical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-2~~;
- 15 **IC 20-20.5-13-2**);
- 16 (B) a mechanical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-4~~;
- 17 **IC 20-20.5-13-4**);
- 18 (C) physical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-5~~;
- 19 **IC 20-20.5-13-5**);
- 20 (D) seclusion (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-9~~;
- 21 **IC 20-20.5-13-9**); or
- 22 (E) time-out (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-10~~;
- 23 **IC 20-20.5-13-10**).

24 SECTION 67. IC 20-26-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
25 SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. If a ~~common~~ school corporation
27 has acquired or acquires any personal property or real estate by gift,
28 devise, or bequest concerning which the donor or testator, at the time
29 of making the gift, bequest, or devise, does not include conditions or
30 directions concerning the gift, bequest, or devise inconsistent with this
31 section, the principal of the gifts, devises, and bequests is inviolate, but
32 the interest, rents, incomes, issues, and profits thereof may be expended
33 by the school corporation.

34 SECTION 68. IC 20-26-7-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
35 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. If:

- 37 (1) the trustees of school corporations of a city or town believe;
- 38 or
- 39 (2) the township trustee of a township believes;

40 it is necessary to purchase any real estate on which to build a
41 ~~schoolhouse~~, **school**, or for any other purpose connected with the real
42 estate, the township trustee or school trustees, or a majority of them,

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1 may file a petition in the circuit court of the county asking for the
2 appointment of appraisers to appraise and assess the value of the real
3 estate.

4 SECTION 69. IC 20-26-7-26, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
5 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26. (a) A ~~common~~ school corporation:

- 7 (1) has the same powers; and
- 8 (2) is subject to the same duties and liabilities;
9 concerning municipal assessments for the cost of public improvements
10 affecting the common school corporation's real estate that private
11 owners of real estate possess or to which private owners of real estate
12 are subject.

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

- 16 (1) had been owned by a private owner; and
- 17 (2) would have been subject to a lien at the time the lien was
18 attached.

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

21 SECTION 70. IC 20-26-7-36 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
22 1, 2026]. Sec. 36. ~~Before the governing body exercises power granted
23 by any law to spend more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to
24 build, repair, or alter school buildings that would be financed by:~~

- 25 ~~(1) entering into a lease agreement under IC 20-47-2-11 through
26 IC 20-47-2-14 or IC 20-47-3-9 through IC 20-47-3-12;~~
- 27 ~~(2) issuing bonds under IC 20-48-1; or~~
- 28 ~~(3) any other available method;~~

29 ~~the governing body may order the preparation and pay the costs of a
30 feasibility study.~~

31 SECTION 71. IC 20-26-9-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
32 1, 2026]. Sec. 11. ~~The secretary of education may, to the extent that
33 funds are available and in cooperation with other appropriate agencies
34 and organizations, do the following:~~

- 35 ~~(1) Conduct studies of methods of improving and expending
36 school lunch programs and promoting nutritional education in
37 the schools.~~
- 38 ~~(2) Conduct appraisals of the nutritive benefits of school lunch
39 programs.~~
- 40 ~~(3) Report the findings and recommendations periodically to the
41 governor.~~

42 SECTION 72. IC 20-26-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007,

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1 SECTION 104, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in sections 2 through 9
 3 of this chapter, "joint program" means the joint employment of
 4 personnel, joint purchase of supplies or other material, or joint
 5 purchase or lease of equipment, joint lease of land or buildings, or
 6 both, or joint construction of, remodeling of, or additions to school
 7 buildings, by two (2) or more school corporations, for a particular
 8 program or purpose. The term includes the joint investment of money
 9 under IC 5-13, data processing operations, career and technical
 10 education, psychological services, audiovisual services, guidance
 11 services, special education, and joint purchasing related to the
 12 acquisition of supplies or equipment that are not to be used jointly.

13 SECTION 73. IC 20-26-10-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 14 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in sections 3 through 9 of this chapter,
 16 "participating school corporations" means all school corporations
 17 engaging in a joint program.

18 SECTION 74. IC 20-26-10-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 19 1, 2026]. Sec. 5: (a) A teacher employed in a joint program who does
 20 not have existing years of service in one (1) of the member
 21 corporations of the joint program is considered to have been employed
 22 as a teacher by the governing body that is administering the joint
 23 program at the time that the teacher is first employed by the joint
 24 program:

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

29 SECTION 75. IC 20-26-10-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 30 1, 2026]. Sec. 6: A teacher who has existing years of service in one (1)
 31 of the member school corporations of the joint program shall retain the
 32 same rights and privileges as set forth in IC 20-28-6 through
 33 IC 20-28-10 as if still employed as a teacher in the school corporation
 34 in which the teacher has already acquired years of service:

35 SECTION 76. IC 20-26-10-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 36 1, 2026]. Sec. 7: (a) A teacher who loses the teacher's job in a joint
 37 program because of:

- 38 (1) a reduction in services;
- 39 (2) a reorganization;
- 40 (3) the discontinuance of the joint program; or
- 41 (4) a withdrawal in whole or in part of a participating school
- 42 from the joint program;

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

3 (b) A teacher who:

4 (1) is employed in a joint program under this chapter;

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

7 (3) subsequently is employed by a participating school
 8 corporation as described in subsection (a);

9 retains the rights and privileges under IC 20-28-6 through IC 20-28-10
 10 that the teacher held at the time the teacher lost the job in the joint
 11 program as described in subdivision (2).

12 SECTION 77. IC 20-26-10-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 13 1, 2026]. Sec. 9: (a) The governing bodies of participating school
 14 corporations may pay into a joint fund; to be known as the joint
 15 investment fund; all or part of the money the governing bodies may
 16 otherwise invest under IC 5-13-9. The fund shall be administered by
 17 the governing body of the school corporation designated in the written
 18 agreement under section 3 of this chapter. The designated governing
 19 body shall receive; invest; maintain an account for; and disburse the
 20 fund in the same manner as prescribed for other funds for the
 21 governing body representing money available for investment and in
 22 accordance with the written agreement.

23 (b) With respect to an investment described in IC 5-13-9, quotes
 24 may be solicited and received orally; and the investment shall be made
 25 with the designated depository that submitted the highest quote. If two
 26 (2) or more designated depositories submit the highest quote, the
 27 investment shall be made either:

28 (1) by dividing the investment among the depositories so as not
 29 to lose the benefits of the quotes received; or

30 (2) if division is not practicable; by lot.

31 (c) The designated depository holding the investment shall remit
 32 to the governing body administering the joint program any money due
 33 under the investment on the date the investment matures and in the
 34 manner directed by the governing body. A designated depository
 35 participating in an agreement for joint investment of money under
 36 IC 5-13 shall provide a detailed accounting of the transactions as
 37 required for audit purposes by the state board of accounts.

38 SECTION 78. IC 20-26-10-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 12: The purchasing of equipment, supplies; and
 40 materials shall be under the same laws and regulations as the
 41 purchasing would be if it were by a single school corporation.
 42 However, the bids shall be submitted by the superintendent of county

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1 schools to the participating corporations for approval.

2 SECTION 79. IC 20-26-11-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 3 SECTION 212, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A student who is the child of
 5 a state employee who resides on state owned property; resides on state
 6 owned property; or is the child of a full-time employee of a state
 7 educational institution; who resides on property owned or operated by
 8 the state educational institution and used for educational, research, or
 9 public service programs is considered a transferred student if:

10 (1) the student attends a public school in the school corporation
 11 located nearest to the student's residence within the county in
 12 which all or a part of either the state owned property; or the
 13 property owned or operated by the state supported postsecondary
 14 institution; is located; or

15 (2) the state owned property is the Soldiers' and Sailors'
 16 Children's Home and the student attends a public school in the
 17 county in which the home is located or in an adjacent county.

18 Transfer tuition for a student transferred under this subsection shall be
 19 paid by the state. However, this subsection does not apply to children
 20 of state employees residing in student housing on property owned by
 21 any state educational institution.

22 (b) A foreign student visiting in Indiana under any student
 23 exchange program approved by the state board is considered a resident
 24 student with legal settlement in the school corporation where the
 25 foreign exchange student resides. The student may attend a school in
 26 the school corporation in which the family with whom the student is
 27 living resides. A school corporation that receives a foreign student may
 28 not be paid any transfer tuition. The school corporation shall include
 29 the foreign student in computations to determine the amount of state
 30 aid that it is entitled to receive.

31 SECTION 80. IC 20-26-11-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 32 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) The state board shall hear the following:

34 (1) All appeals from an order expelling a child under
 35 IC 20-33-8-17.

36 (2) (1) All appeals provided in this chapter.

37 (3) (2) All disputes on the following:

38 (A) Legal settlement.

39 (B) Right to transfer.

40 (C) Right to attend school in any school corporation.

41 (D) Amount of transfer tuition.

42 (E) Any other matter arising under this chapter.

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1 The board shall hold a hearing on the timely written application of any
 2 interested party.
 3 (b) The state board shall make its determination under the
 4 following procedure:
 5 (1) A hearing shall be held on each matter presented.
 6 (2) Each interested party, including where appropriate, the
 7 parents, the student, the transferor corporation, the transferee
 8 corporation, or the state, shall be given at least ten (10) days
 9 notice of the hearing by certified mail or by personal delivery.
 10 (3) The date of giving the notice is the date of mailing or
 11 delivery.
 12 (4) Any interested party may appear at the hearing in person or
 13 by counsel, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and
 14 present in writing or orally summary statements of position.
 15 (5) A written or recorded transcript of the hearing shall be made.
 16 (6) The hearing may be held by the state board or by a hearing
 17 examiner appointed by it who must be a state employee.
 18 (7) The hearing, at the option of the state board or hearing
 19 examiner, may be held at any place in Indiana.
 20 (8) The hearing examiner shall make written findings of fact and
 21 recommendations.
 22 (9) The determination of the state board must be made on the
 23 basis of the record, summaries, and findings, but it is required to
 24 examine only those parts of the entire record as it considers
 25 necessary.
 26 (c) The hearing and proceedings are not governed by IC 4-21.5.
 27 (d) The determination of the state board is final and binding on the
 28 parties to the proceeding.
 29 (e) A notice of the state board's determination shall be mailed to
 30 each party by certified mail. An action to contest the validity of the
 31 decision may not be instituted more than thirty (30) days after the
 32 mailing of the notice.
 33 SECTION 81. IC 20-26-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 34 SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) but
 36 notwithstanding any other law, each governing body of a school
 37 corporation and each organizer of a charter school shall purchase from
 38 a publisher, either individually or through a purchasing cooperative of
 39 school corporations, as applicable, the curricular materials selected by
 40 the proper local officials, and shall provide at no cost the curricular
 41 materials to each student enrolled in the school corporation or charter
 42 school. Curricular materials provided to a student under this section

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1 remain the property of the governing body of the school corporation or
2 organizer of the charter school.

3 (b) This section does not prohibit a governing body of a school
4 corporation or an organizer of a charter school from assessing and
5 collecting a reasonable fee for lost or significantly damaged curricular
6 materials. ~~in accordance with rules established by the state board under~~
7 ~~subsection (d)~~: Fees collected under this subsection must be deposited
8 in the:

- 9 (1) education fund of the school corporation; or
- 10 (2) education fund of the charter school, or, if the charter school
11 does not have an education fund, the same fund into which state
12 tuition support is deposited for the charter school;

13 in which the student was enrolled at the time the fee was imposed.

14 (c) This section does not prohibit a governing body of a school
15 corporation or an organizer of a charter school from assessing and
16 collecting a reasonable fee for supplies and materials that:

- 17 (1) are not curricular materials; and
- 18 (2) supplement the instruction in a particular course of study.

19 ~~(d) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement~~
20 ~~this section.~~

21 SECTION 82. IC 20-26-12-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.244-2017,
22 SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 23. A school corporation may:

- 24 (1) borrow money to buy ~~curricular materials~~; **student issued**
25 **hardware, including laptop computers, that may be**
26 **necessary for accessing curriculum**; and
- 27 (2) issue notes, maturing serially in not more than four (4) years
28 and payable from its education fund, to secure the loan.

29 SECTION 83. IC 20-26-12-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.243-2023,
30 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 24. (a) Except as provided in section 24.5 of this
32 chapter, the superintendent, after approval from the governing body,
33 shall establish procedures for adoption of curricular materials.

34 (b) Except as provided in section 24.5 of this chapter, the
35 governing body, after reviewing any recommendations from the
36 superintendent, shall adopt curricular materials for use in teaching each
37 subject in the school corporation.

38 (c) A special committee of teachers and parents may also be
39 appointed to review books, magazines, and audiovisual material used
40 or proposed for use in the classroom to supplement state adopted
41 curricular materials and may make recommendations to the
42 superintendent and the governing body concerning the use of these

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1 materials.

2 (d) The governing body may, if the governing body considers it
3 appropriate, retain curricular materials adopted under this section and
4 authorize the purchase of supplemental materials to ensure continued
5 alignment with academic standards adopted by the state board.

6 (e) The superintendent, advisory committee, and governing body
7 may consider using the list of curricular materials provided by the
8 department under ~~IC 20-20-5.5~~. **IC 20-20.5-4.**

9 (f) A governing body may not purchase curricular materials from
10 a publisher unless the publisher agrees, in accordance with Sections
11 612(a)(23)(A) and 674(e)(4) of the Individuals with Disabilities
12 Education Improvement Act 2004 (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), to provide
13 or grant a license to the school corporation to allow for the
14 reproduction of adopted curricular materials in:

- 15 (1) large type;
- 16 (2) Braille; and
- 17 (3) audio format.

18 SECTION 84. IC 20-26-14-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2020,
19 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The department shall notify the association
21 of any license revocation or suspension involving a licensed teacher (as
22 defined in IC 20-18-2-22) under IC 20-28-5-8 who:

- 23 (1) has:
 - 24 (A) been convicted of an offense described in
 - 25 ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~; **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**; or
 - 26 (B) committed misconduct described in IC 20-28-5-7(1) or
 - 27 IC 20-28-5-7(2); and
- 28 (2) is also a coach accredited by the association.

29 (b) A school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high
30 school with at least one (1) employee must report to the association, in
31 a manner prescribed by the association, when a nonteaching or
32 volunteer coach accredited by the association has been convicted of an
33 offense described in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~. **IC 20-28-5-8(b).**

34 (c) The association shall develop a rule, as soon as practicable, to
35 suspend or revoke the coaching accreditation of a teacher who has been
36 reported to the association under subsection (a) for committing
37 misconduct described in IC 20-28-5-7(1) or IC 20-28-5-7(2).

38 (d) The association shall revoke the accreditation of any coach
39 who has been convicted of an offense described in IC 20-28-5-8. The
40 association may, after holding a hearing on the matter, reinstate the
41 accreditation of an individual whose accreditation has been revoked by
42 the association if the individual's conviction has been reversed,

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1 vacated, or set aside on appeal.

2 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the

3 association from revoking a coaching accreditation or otherwise

4 imposing any other form of discipline for misconduct not described in

5 IC 20-28-5-7(1), IC 20-28-5-7(2), or IC 20-28-5-8.

6 (f) The:

7 (1) association or its employees;

8 (2) department or its employees; or

9 (3) school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high

10 school with at least one (1) employee or its employees;

11 are immune from civil liability for any act done or omitted under this

12 section or section 9 of this chapter unless the action constitutes gross

13 negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

14 SECTION 85. IC 20-26-17-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2016,

15 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The following apply with respect to a school

17 corporation's employee health coverage program:

18 (1) If the school corporation pays a commission, a bonus, an

19 override, a contingency fee, or any other compensation to an

20 insurance producer or other adviser in connection with the health

21 coverage, the school corporation shall:

22 (A) specify the commission, bonus, override, contingency

23 fee, or other compensation in the school corporation's

24 annual budget fixed under IC 6-1.1-17; and

25 (B) make the information specified under clause (A)

26 available to the public upon request.

27 ~~(2) The school corporation may allow:~~

28 ~~(A) members of the school corporation's governing body; or~~

29 ~~(B) an attorney of the school corporation's governing body;~~

30 ~~to be covered under the school corporation's employee health~~

31 ~~coverage program.~~

32 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** Except as provided in subsection (b), all individuals

33 insured under the school corporation's employee health coverage

34 program:

35 (A) are eligible for the same coverage as all other

36 individuals insured under the program; and

37 (B) to the extent allowed by federal law, may pay different

38 amounts for the coverage.

39 (b) Except as provided in IC 5-10-8-6.7(b), a school corporation:

40 (1) may:

41 (A) make an assignment of wages upon the request of a

42 school corporation employee in accordance with

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1 IC 22-2-6-2 to pay the school corporation employee's share
2 of premiums for health insurance that is available to the
3 school corporation employee as a result of a collective
4 bargaining agreement:

5 (i) negotiated with the school corporation by a labor
6 organization; and

7 (ii) under which the school corporation employee is
8 covered; and

9 (B) pay the school corporation's share of premiums for the
10 bargained health insurance; and

11 (2) is not required to make the bargained health insurance
12 available to all school corporation employees.

13 SECTION 86. IC 20-26-18.2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,
14 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A school corporation, a state accredited
16 nonpublic school, or a charter school shall report all instances of:

17 (1) seclusion (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-9~~; **IC 20-20.5-13-9**);

18 (2) chemical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-2~~;
19 **IC 20-20.5-13-2**);

20 (3) mechanical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-4~~;
21 **IC 20-20.5-13-4**); and

22 (4) physical restraint (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-40-5~~;
23 **IC 20-20.5-13-5**);

24 involving a school resource officer in accordance with the restraint and
25 seclusion plan adopted by the school corporation, state accredited
26 nonpublic school, or charter school under ~~IC 20-20-40-14~~.
27 **IC 20-20.5-13-16.**

28 SECTION 87. IC 20-26-20-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2022,
29 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A public school shall conduct an expanded
31 criminal history check of a representative of an organization before the
32 representative may provide information to students at a public school
33 as described in section 4 of this chapter. The representative may be
34 required to provide a written consent for the public school to conduct
35 the expanded criminal history check. The representative of the
36 organization is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the
37 expanded criminal history check.

38 (b) A public school may refuse to allow a representative to provide
39 information as described in section 4 of this chapter if the
40 representative has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor listed in
41 **IC 20-28-5-8(b) or IC 20-28-5-8(c).** ~~or IC 20-28-5-8(d).~~

42 SECTION 88. IC 20-27-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2012,

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1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The governing body of a school corporation
3 may provide transportation for students to and from school.

4 (b) If the governing body of a school corporation:
5 (1) provides transportation; or
6 (2) contracts with an educational service center (as defined by
7 ~~IC 20-20-1-2~~ **IC 20-20.5-1-3**) to provide transportation;
8 no fee may be charged to a parent or student for transportation to and
9 from school. However, a fee may be charged for transportation to and
10 from an athletic, a social, or another school sponsored function.

11 SECTION 89. IC 20-27-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2012,
12 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to:

- 14 (1) a nonpublic school or to a nonpublic school bus driver
15 contract executed for a nonpublic school; or
- 16 (2) an educational service center (as defined by ~~IC 20-20-1-2~~
17 **IC 20-20.5-1-3**) or a school bus driver contract executed for an
18 educational service center.

19 SECTION 90. IC 20-27-12.1-2, AS AMENDED BY
20 P.L.162-2024, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this
22 chapter, "career and technical education" refers to:

- 23 (1) an apprenticeship program (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.3);
- 24 (2) a career and technical education (as defined in
25 ~~IC 20-20-38-1~~ **IC 20-20.5-10-1**) program;
- 26 (3) a modern youth apprenticeship (as defined in
27 IC 20-51.4-2-9.5); and
- 28 (4) a work based learning course (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.7).

29 SECTION 91. IC 20-28-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,
30 SECTION 142, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (c) and
32 in addition to the powers and duties set forth in this article, the state
33 board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

- 34 (1) Set standards for teacher licensing and for the administration
35 of a professional licensing and certification process by the
36 department.
- 37 (2) Approve or disapprove teacher preparation programs.
- 38 (3) Set fees to be charged in connection with teacher licensing.
- 39 (4) Suspend, revoke, or reinstate teacher licenses.
- 40 (5) Enter into agreements with other states to acquire reciprocal
41 approval of teacher preparation programs.
- 42 (6) Set standards for teacher licensing concerning new subjects

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- 1 of study.
- 2 (7) Evaluate work experience and military service concerning
- 3 postsecondary education and experience equivalency.
- 4 (8) Perform any other action that
- 5 (A) relates to the improvement of instruction in the public
- 6 schools through teacher education and professional
- 7 development through continuing education. ~~and~~
- 8 (B) attracts qualified candidates for teacher education from
- 9 among the high school graduates of Indiana.
- 10 (9) Set standards for endorsement of school psychologists as
- 11 independent practice school psychologists under IC 20-28-12.
- 12 (10) Before July 1, 2011, set standards for sign language
- 13 interpreters who provide services to children with disabilities in
- 14 an educational setting and an enforcement mechanism for the
- 15 interpreter standards.
- 16 (b) ~~Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), an individual is entitled to~~
- 17 ~~one (1) year of occupational experience for purposes of obtaining an~~
- 18 ~~occupational specialist certificate under this article for each year the~~
- 19 ~~individual holds a license under IC 25-8-6.~~
- 20 (c) (b) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
- 21 establish procedures to expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement
- 22 under this article of a license or certificate of a:
- 23 (1) person ~~who; or~~
- 24 (2) person whose spouse;
- 25 serves on active duty (as defined in IC 25-1-12-2) and is assigned to a
- 26 duty station in Indiana.
- 27 SECTION 92. IC 20-28-2-11, AS AMENDED BY THE
- 28 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
- 29 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. The department shall ~~collaborate with~~
- 31 ~~nonprofit entities, the commission for higher education, and state~~
- 32 ~~educational institutions to develop and implement initiatives focusing~~
- 33 ~~on the recruitment and retention of qualified educators from~~
- 34 ~~underrepresented populations. The initiatives should include, but are~~
- 35 ~~not limited to, the following activities:~~
- 36 (1) ~~Development of a recruitment plan for underrepresented and~~
- 37 ~~teacher shortage areas.~~
- 38 (2) ~~Production of a web site as a communication tool that~~
- 39 ~~provides resource information and scholarship opportunities.~~
- 40 (3) ~~Development of a research agenda and network support~~
- 41 ~~system at each state educational institution to remove barriers~~
- 42 ~~and address challenges faced by students of underrepresented~~

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1 populations in order to recruit, retain, and graduate these
2 students.

3 SECTION 93. IC 20-28-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2015,
4 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) An accredited school or department may use
6 the word "accredited" in advertising approved courses and the types of
7 teachers the school or department is accredited to prepare. ~~An~~
8 ~~accredited school or department may enter into the student teaching~~
9 ~~agreements specified in IC 20-26-5-23.~~

10 (b) The department shall revoke the right to use the word
11 "accredited" when an accredited school or department refuses to abide
12 by the advisory board's rules.

13 SECTION 94. IC 20-28-5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
14 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies when a
16 prosecuting attorney knows that a licensed employee of a public school
17 or a nonpublic school has been convicted of an offense listed in
18 subsection ~~(e)~~. **(b)**. The prosecuting attorney shall immediately give
19 written notice of the conviction to the following:

- 20 (1) The secretary of education.
- 21 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), the superintendent of
- 22 the school corporation that employs the licensed employee or the
- 23 equivalent authority if a nonpublic school employs the licensed
- 24 employee.
- 25 (3) The presiding officer of the governing body of the school
- 26 corporation that employs the licensed employee, if the convicted
- 27 licensed employee is the superintendent of the school
- 28 corporation.

29 ~~(b) The superintendent of a school corporation; presiding officer~~
30 ~~of the governing body; or equivalent authority for a nonpublic school~~
31 ~~shall immediately notify the secretary of education when the individual~~
32 ~~knows that a current or former licensed employee of the public school~~
33 ~~or nonpublic school has been convicted of an offense listed in~~
34 ~~subsection (c); or when the governing body or equivalent authority for~~
35 ~~a nonpublic school takes any final action in relation to an employee~~
36 ~~who engaged in any offense listed in subsection (c).~~

37 ~~(e)~~ **(b)** Except as provided in section 8.5 of this chapter, the
38 department shall permanently revoke the license of a person who is
39 known by the department to have been convicted of any of the
40 following:

- 41 (1) The following felonies:
- 42 (A) A sex crime under IC 35-42-4 (including criminal

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- 1 deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal)).
 2 (B) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).
 3 (C) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3).
 4 (D) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
 5 (E) Dealing in or manufacturing cocaine or a narcotic drug
 6 (IC 35-48-4-1).
 7 (F) Dealing in methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.1).
 8 (G) Manufacturing methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.2).
 9 (H) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance
 10 (IC 35-48-4-2).
 11 (I) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance
 12 (IC 35-48-4-3).
 13 (J) Dealing in a schedule V controlled substance
 14 (IC 35-48-4-4).
 15 (K) Dealing in a counterfeit substance (IC 35-48-4-5).
 16 (L) Dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a
 17 felony (IC 35-48-4-10).
 18 (M) An offense under IC 35-48-4 involving the manufacture
 19 or sale of a synthetic drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321),
 20 a synthetic drug lookalike substance (as defined in
 21 IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019))
 22 under IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019), a
 23 controlled substance analog (as defined in IC 35-48-1.1-8),
 24 or a substance represented to be a controlled substance (as
 25 described in IC 35-48-4-4.6).
 26 (N) Homicide (IC 35-42-1).
 27 (O) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).
 28 (P) Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).
 29 (Q) Battery as any of the following:
 30 (i) A Class A felony (for a crime committed before July
 31 1, 2014) or a Level 2 felony (for a crime committed
 32 after June 30, 2014).
 33 (ii) A Class B felony (for a crime committed before
 34 July 1, 2014) or a Level 3 felony (for a crime
 35 committed after June 30, 2014).
 36 (iii) A Class C felony (for a crime committed before
 37 July 1, 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime
 38 committed after June 30, 2014).
 39 (R) Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).
 40 (S) Robbery (IC 35-42-5-1).
 41 (T) Carjacking (IC 35-42-5-2) (before its repeal).
 42 (U) Arson as a Class A felony or Class B felony (for a crime

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- 1 committed before July 1, 2014) or as a Level 2, Level 3, or
- 2 Level 4 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014)
- 3 (IC 35-43-1-1(a)).
- 4 (V) Burglary as a Class A felony or Class B felony (for a
- 5 crime committed before July 1, 2014) or as a Level 1, Level
- 6 2, Level 3, or Level 4 felony (for a crime committed after
- 7 June 30, 2014) (IC 35-43-2-1).
- 8 (W) Human trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5).
- 9 (X) Dealing in a controlled substance resulting in death
- 10 (IC 35-42-1-1.5).
- 11 (Y) Attempt under IC 35-41-5-1 to commit an offense listed
- 12 in this subsection.
- 13 (Z) Conspiracy under IC 35-41-5-2 to commit an offense
- 14 listed in this subsection.
- 15 (2) Public indecency (IC 35-45-4-1) committed:
- 16 (A) after June 30, 2003; or
- 17 (B) before July 1, 2003, if the person committed the offense
- 18 by, in a public place:
- 19 (i) engaging in sexual intercourse or other sexual
- 20 conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);
- 21 (ii) appearing in a state of nudity with the intent to
- 22 arouse the sexual desires of the person or another
- 23 person, or being at least eighteen (18) years of age,
- 24 with the intent to be seen by a child less than sixteen
- 25 (16) years of age; or
- 26 (iii) fondling the person's genitals or the genitals of
- 27 another person.
- 28 ~~(c)~~ (c) The department shall permanently revoke the license of a
- 29 person who is known by the department to have been convicted of a
- 30 federal offense or an offense in another state that is comparable to a
- 31 felony or misdemeanor listed in subsection ~~(c)~~; **(b)**.
- 32 ~~(d)~~ (d) A license may be suspended by the secretary of education
- 33 as specified in IC 20-28-7.5.
- 34 ~~(e)~~ (e) The department shall develop a data base of information on
- 35 school corporation employees who have been reported to the
- 36 department under this section.
- 37 ~~(f)~~ (f) Upon receipt of information from the office of judicial
- 38 administration in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3 concerning persons
- 39 convicted of an offense listed in subsection ~~(f)~~; **(b)**, the department
- 40 shall:
- 41 (1) cross check the information received from the office of
- 42 judicial administration with information concerning licensed

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1 teachers (as defined in IC 20-18-2-22(b)) maintained by the
2 department; and

3 (2) if a licensed teacher (as defined in IC 20-18-2-22(b)) has
4 been convicted of an offense described in subsection ~~(c)~~, **(b)**,
5 revoke the licensed teacher's license.

6 SECTION 95. IC 20-28-5-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2011,
7 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies to an examination
9 required for teacher licensure under this chapter.

10 (b) If an individual does not demonstrate the level of proficiency
11 required to receive a license on all or a part of an examination, the
12 examination's scorer must provide the individual with the individual's
13 test scores, **including subscores for each area tested.**

14 SECTION 96. IC 20-28-5-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
15 SECTION 118, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 27. (a) In an effort to fill a vacant
17 teaching position, offer a new program or class, or supplement a
18 program currently being offered, the governing body of a school
19 corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school or
20 nonpublic school may issue an adjunct teacher permit to an individual
21 if the following minimum requirements are met:

22 (1) The individual has at least four (4) years of experience in the
23 content area in which the individual intends to teach.

24 (2) The school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
25 conducts an expanded criminal history check and expanded child
26 protection index check concerning the individual as required
27 under IC 20-26-5-10.

28 (3) The individual has not been convicted of a felony listed in
29 section ~~8(e)~~ **8(b)** of this chapter or described in section ~~8(d)~~ **8(c)**
30 of this chapter or the individual's conviction has been reversed,
31 vacated, or set aside on appeal.

32 However, the governing body or equivalent authority may establish
33 stricter requirements than the requirements prescribed by this
34 subsection.

35 (b) If a governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent
36 authority for a charter school or nonpublic school issues an adjunct
37 teacher permit to an individual under subsection (a):

38 (1) the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school
39 may enter into an employment agreement for employment with
40 the individual as a part-time or full-time teacher of the school
41 corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school;

42 (2) the individual who holds the adjunct permit may teach in any

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- 1 content area, including a career and technical education content
- 2 area, in which the school corporation, charter school, or
- 3 nonpublic school allows the individual to teach based on the
- 4 individual's experience described in subsection (a);
- 5 (3) the individual must be assigned a teacher mentor for support
- 6 in pedagogy; and
- 7 (4) the individual must complete the following training within
- 8 the first ninety (90) days of employment:
- 9 (A) Bullying prevention.
- 10 (B) Child abuse and neglect.
- 11 (C) Youth suicide awareness and prevention.
- 12 (D) Human trafficking.

13 ~~The training described in subdivision (4)(D) may be completed through~~
 14 ~~the online platform described in IC 20-19-3-29.~~

15 (c) An adjunct teacher may not provide special education
 16 instruction.

17 (d) The salary of an adjunct teacher under an employment
 18 agreement described in IC 20-28-6-7.3 is not subject to the
 19 requirements under IC 20-28-9-1.5 or a local compensation plan
 20 established by a school corporation as described in IC 20-28-9-1.5.

21 (e) Except as otherwise provided in a collective bargaining
 22 agreement entered into or renewed before July 1, 2022, an employment
 23 agreement entered into under this section is not subject to a collective
 24 bargaining agreement entered into under IC 20-29.

25 (f) It is not an unfair practice for a school corporation to enter into
 26 an employment agreement under this section.

27 ~~(g) Each school corporation or charter school that hires an adjunct~~
 28 ~~teacher under this section shall report to the department the following~~
 29 ~~information:~~

30 ~~(1) The number of adjunct teachers who hold a permit issued~~
 31 ~~under this section that the school corporation or charter school~~
 32 ~~has hired each school year, disaggregated by the grade level and~~
 33 ~~subject area taught by the adjunct teacher:~~

34 ~~(2) The following information for each adjunct teacher described~~
 35 ~~in subdivision (1):~~

- 36 ~~(A) The name of the adjunct teacher.~~
- 37 ~~(B) The subject matter the adjunct teacher is permitted to~~
 38 ~~teach.~~
- 39 ~~(C) A description of the adjunct teacher's experience~~
 40 ~~described in subsection (a)(1):~~
- 41 ~~(D) The adjunct teacher's total salary and any other~~
 42 ~~compensation paid to the adjunct teacher during the school~~

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1 year.
2 (E) The number of previous adjunct teaching employment
3 agreements the adjunct teacher has entered into with the
4 school corporation or charter school or any other school
5 corporation or charter school.

6 (h) (g) A school corporation or charter school shall post a vacant
7 adjunct teacher position on the department's online adjunct teacher
8 portal established under IC 20-19-3-25.

9 (i) (h) A school corporation may notify the parents of students
10 enrolled in the school corporation of a vacant adjunct teacher position.

11 (j) (i) The governing body of a school corporation shall announce
12 any vacant adjunct teacher positions at meetings of the governing body.

13 SECTION 97. IC 20-28-5.5-1.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 1.5: After June 30, 2024, if an online platform is
15 established or licensed for use under IC 20-19-3-29, the training
16 described in any of the following statutes must be provided through the
17 online platform:

- 18 IC 20-26-5-34.4.
- 19 IC 20-26-9-8.
- 20 IC 20-28-3-4.5.
- 21 IC 20-28-5.5-1.
- 22 IC 20-34-7-6.
- 23 IC 20-34-7-7.
- 24 IC 20-34-8-9.
- 25 IC 20-35.5.

26 SECTION 98. IC 20-28-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2023,
27 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided under section 7.3 of this
29 chapter, a contract entered into by a teacher and a school corporation
30 must:

- 31 (1) be in writing;
- 32 (2) be signed by both parties; and
- 33 (3) contain the:
 - 34 (A) beginning date of the school term as determined
 - 35 annually by the school corporation;
 - 36 (B) number of days in the school term as determined
 - 37 annually by the school corporation;
 - 38 (C) total salary to be paid to the teacher during the school
 - 39 year; **and**
 - 40 (D) number of salary payments to be made to the teacher
 - 41 during the school year. **and**
 - 42 (E) number of hours per day the teacher is expected to

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2 (b) The contract may provide for the annual determination of the

3 teacher's annual compensation based on a local compensation plan

4 specifying a salary range, which is part of the contract. The

5 compensation plan may be changed by the school corporation before

6 the later of May 1 of a year, with the changes effective the next school

7 year, or the date specified in a collective bargaining agreement

8 applicable to the next school year. A teacher affected by the changes

9 shall be furnished with printed copies of the changed compensation

10 plan not later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of the

11 compensation plan.

12 (c) A contract under this section is also governed by the following

13 statutes:

14 (1) IC 20-28-9-5 through IC 20-28-9-6.

15 (2) IC 20-28-9-9 through IC 20-28-9-11.

16 (3) IC 20-28-9-13.

17 (4) IC 20-28-9-14.

18 (d) A governing body shall provide the blank contract forms,

19 carefully worded by the secretary of education, and have them signed.

20 The contracts are public records open to inspection by the residents of

21 each school corporation.

22 (e) An action may be brought on a contract that conforms with

23 subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (d).

24 SECTION 99. IC 20-28-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,

25 SECTION 206, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A temporary teacher's

27 contract shall be used only for employing:

28 (1) a teacher to serve in the absence of a teacher who has been

29 granted a leave of absence by the school corporation for:

30 (A) engaging in defense service or in service auxiliary to

31 defense service;

32 (B) professional study or advancement;

33 (C) exchange teaching;

34 (D) extended disability to which a licensed physician has

35 attested; or

36 (E) serving in the general assembly; ~~or~~

37 (2) a new teacher for a position:

38 (A) that is funded by a grant outside the school funding

39 formula for which funding is available only for a specified

40 period or purpose; or

41 (B) vacated by a teacher who is under a regular contract and

42 who temporarily accepts a teacher position that is funded by

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1 a grant outside the school funding formula for which
 2 funding is available only for a specified period or purpose;
 3 or
 4 **(3) a teacher who has been issued an emergency permit by**
 5 **the department.**
 6 (b) The temporary teacher's contract must contain:
 7 (1) the provisions of the regular teacher's contract except those
 8 providing for continued tenure of position;
 9 (2) a blank space for the name of the teacher granted the leave,
 10 which may not be used on another temporary teacher's contract
 11 for the same leave of absence; and
 12 (3) an expiration date that:
 13 (A) is the date of the return of the teacher on leave; and
 14 (B) is not later than the end of the school year.
 15 (c) If a teacher is employed on the temporary teacher's contract for
 16 at least sixty (60) days in a school year, the teacher may, on request,
 17 receive the service credit that the teacher would otherwise receive with
 18 regard to the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund.
 19 (d) A school corporation is not required to use a temporary
 20 teacher's contract for employing a teacher to serve in the absence of a
 21 teacher who has been granted a leave of absence.
 22 SECTION 100. IC 20-28-6-7.5, AS AMENDED BY
 23 P.L.214-2025, SECTION 122, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.5. (a) A teacher who
 25 is subject to section 8 of this chapter is not subject to this section.
 26 (b) A teacher who:
 27 (1) serves under contract as a teacher in a public school
 28 corporation;
 29 (2) is in the teacher's first or second year of full-time teaching in
 30 a classroom; and
 31 (3) has not at any time before July 1, 2012, entered into a
 32 teaching contract for further service with the school corporation;
 33 shall be considered a probationary teacher.
 34 (c) A teacher who:
 35 (1) is not a probationary teacher under subsection (b); and
 36 (2) enters into a contract described in section 2 of this chapter;
 37 becomes a professional teacher.
 38 SECTION 101. IC 20-28-7.5-1, AS AMENDED BY
 39 P.L.200-2023, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter
 41 applies to a teacher in a school corporation (as defined in
 42 IC 20-18-2-16(a)).

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1 (b) A contract with a teacher may be canceled immediately in the
 2 manner set forth in sections 2 through 4 of this chapter for any of the
 3 following reasons:

- 4 (1) Immorality.
- 5 (2) Insubordination, which means a willful refusal to obey the
 6 state school laws or reasonable rules adopted for the governance
 7 of the school building or the school corporation.
- 8 (3) Repeated ineffective performance, as determined by the
 9 school corporation.
- 10 (4) Neglect of duty.
- 11 (5) A conviction of an offense listed in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(c)~~.
 12 **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**.
- 13 (6) Other good or just cause.

14 (c) In addition to the reasons set forth in subsection (b), a
 15 probationary teacher's contract may be canceled for any reason relevant
 16 to the school corporation's interest in the manner set forth in sections
 17 2 through 4 of this chapter.

18 (d) ~~After June 30, 2012,~~ The cancellation of teacher's contracts
 19 due to a justifiable decrease in the number of teaching positions shall
 20 be determined on the basis of performance rather than seniority. In
 21 cases where teachers are placed in the same performance category, any
 22 of the items in IC 20-28-9-1.5(b) may be considered.

23 (e) Only the governing body may terminate, cancel, or otherwise
 24 refuse to renew a contract of a superintendent or assistant
 25 superintendent. Notice of the contract cancellation or the refusal to
 26 renew the individual's contract must be provided in the manner
 27 provided in IC 20-28-8-3(a).

28 SECTION 102. IC 20-28-7.5-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 8: (a) ~~This section does not apply to an individual
 30 who works at a conversion charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-5)
 31 for purposes of the individual's employment with the school
 32 corporation that sponsored the conversion charter school.~~

33 (b) ~~A contract between a school corporation and a teacher is void
 34 if the teacher, at the time of signing the contract, is bound by a previous
 35 contract to teach in a public school and the contract is entered into at
 36 any time during the school year or less than fourteen (14) days before
 37 the day on which the teacher must report for work at that school.
 38 However, another contract may be signed by the teacher that will be
 39 effective if the teacher:~~

- 40 (1) ~~furnishes the principal a release by the first employer; or~~
- 41 (2) ~~shows proof that thirty (30) days written notice was delivered
 42 by the teacher to the first employer.~~

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1 (c) A principal may request from a teacher, at the time of
2 contracting, a written statement as to whether the teacher has signed
3 another teaching contract. However, the teacher's failure to provide the
4 statement is not a cause for subsequently voiding the contract.

5 SECTION 103. IC 20-28-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
6 SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. A contract of employment shall be entered into
8 between the governing body of the school corporation and a principal
9 or assistant principal subject to the following conditions:

10 (1) The basic contract must be the regular teacher's contract as
11 prescribed by the secretary of education.

12 (2) (1) This subdivision applies to contracts entered into or
13 renewed after June 30, 2019. The initial contract must be for a
14 term of at least one (1) year and not more than three (3) years.
15 However, a contract may be extended for not more than an
16 additional three (3) years beyond the term of the original
17 contract.

18 (3) (2) The contract may be altered, modified, or rescinded in
19 favor of a new contract at any time by mutual consent of the
20 governing body of the school corporation and the principal or
21 assistant principal, if the contract, when reduced to writing, is
22 consistent with this chapter.

23 SECTION 104. IC 20-28-8-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
24 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. A contract of employment shall be entered
26 into between the managing body and a local director subject to the
27 following conditions:

28 (1) The basic contract must be the regular teacher's contract as
29 prescribed by the secretary of education.

30 (2) (1) The minimum term of the initial contract must be the
31 equivalent of two (2) school years.

32 (3) (2) The contract may be altered, modified, or rescinded in
33 favor of a new contract at any time by mutual consent of the
34 managing body and the local director if the written contract is
35 consistent with this chapter.

36 SECTION 105. IC 20-28-9-1.5, AS AMENDED BY
37 P.L.214-2025, SECTION 123, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. (a) This subsection
39 governs salary increases for a teacher employed by a school
40 corporation. Compensation attributable to additional degrees or
41 graduate credits earned before the effective date of a local
42 compensation plan created under this chapter before July 1, 2015, shall

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1 continue for school years beginning after June 30, 2015. Compensation
 2 attributable to additional degrees for which a teacher has started course
 3 work before July 1, 2011, and completed course work before
 4 September 2, 2014, shall also continue for school years beginning after
 5 June 30, 2015. For school years beginning after June 30, 2022, a school
 6 corporation may provide a supplemental payment to a teacher in excess
 7 of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan
 8 when doing so is in the best interest of students. A supplement
 9 provided under this subsection is not subject to collective bargaining
 10 and, under IC 20-29-6-3(d), a school corporation may exclude, for this
 11 purpose, a portion of the revenue available for bargaining from
 12 education fund revenues included in IC 20-29-2-6. Such a supplement
 13 is in addition to any increase permitted under subsection (b).

14 (b) Subject to subsection (e), increases or increments in a local
 15 salary range must be based upon a combination of the following
 16 factors:

17 (1) A combination of the following factors taken together may
 18 account for not more than fifty percent (50%) of the calculation
 19 used to determine a teacher's increase or increment:

20 (A) The number of years of a teacher's experience.

21 (B) The possession of either:

22 (i) additional content area degrees beyond the
 23 requirements for employment; or

24 (ii) additional content area degrees and credit hours
 25 beyond the requirements for employment, if required
 26 under an agreement bargained under IC 20-29.

27 (2) The results of an evaluation conducted under IC 20-28-11.5.

28 (3) The assignment of instructional leadership roles, including
 29 the responsibility for conducting evaluations under
 30 IC 20-28-11.5.

31 (4) The academic needs of students in the school corporation,
 32 including employment in a high need area. ~~such as those~~
 33 ~~identified under IC 20-29-3-15(b)(27)~~. This factor may not
 34 account for less than ten percent (10%) of the calculation used
 35 to determine a teacher's increase or increment.

36 (c) To provide greater flexibility and options, a school corporation
 37 may further differentiate the amount of salary increases or increments
 38 determined for teachers. A school corporation shall base a
 39 differentiated amount under this subsection on reasons the school
 40 corporation determines are appropriate, which may include the:

41 (1) subject or subjects taught by a given teacher;

42 (2) importance of retaining a given teacher at the school

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- 1 corporation;
- 2 (3) need to attract an individual with specific qualifications to
- 3 fill a teaching vacancy; and
- 4 (4) offering of a new program or class.
- 5 (d) A school corporation may provide differentiated increases or
- 6 increments under subsection (b), and in excess of the percentage
- 7 specified in subsection (b)(1), in order to:
- 8 (1) reduce the gap between the school corporation's minimum
- 9 teacher salary and the average of the school corporation's
- 10 minimum and maximum teacher salaries; or
- 11 (2) allow teachers currently employed by the school corporation
- 12 to receive a salary adjusted in comparison to starting base
- 13 salaries of new teachers.
- 14 (e) A school corporation shall differentiate the amount of salary
- 15 increases or increments for teachers who possess a required literacy
- 16 endorsement under IC 20-28-5-19.7.
- 17 (f) The Indiana education employment relations board established
- 18 in IC 20-29-3-1 shall publish a model compensation plan with a model
- 19 salary range that a school corporation may adopt.
- 20 (g) Each school corporation shall submit its local compensation
- 21 plan to the Indiana education employment relations board. A local
- 22 compensation plan must specify the range for teacher salaries. The
- 23 Indiana education employment relations board shall publish the local
- 24 compensation plans on the Indiana education employment relations
- 25 board's website.
- 26 (h) The Indiana education employment relations board shall
- 27 review a compensation plan for compliance with this section as part of
- 28 its review under IC 20-29-6-6.1. The Indiana education employment
- 29 relations board has jurisdiction to determine compliance of a
- 30 compensation plan submitted under this section.
- 31 (i) This chapter may not be construed to require or allow a school
- 32 corporation to decrease the salary of any teacher below the salary the
- 33 teacher was earning on or before July 1, 2015, if that decrease would
- 34 be made solely to conform to the new compensation plan.
- 35 (j) After June 30, 2011, all rights, duties, or obligations established
- 36 under IC 20-28-9-1 before its repeal are considered rights, duties, or
- 37 obligations under this section.
- 38 (k) An employment agreement described in IC 20-28-6-7.3
- 39 between an adjunct teacher and a school corporation is not subject to
- 40 this section.
- 41 SECTION 106. IC 20-28-9-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 42 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 24. (a) This section applies to an examination that~~

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1 is required for teacher licensure under this chapter.

2 (b) If an individual does not demonstrate the level of proficiency
3 required to receive a license on all or a part of an examination, the
4 examination's scorer must provide the individual with the individual's
5 test scores, including subscores for each area tested.

6 SECTION 107. IC 20-28-9-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 25: For purposes of the federal teacher loan
8 forgiveness program provided under 34 CFR 682.216(a)(4), "secondary
9 school" includes any eligible elementary or secondary school at which
10 a highly-qualified teacher in a high needs area (as defined in 34 CFR
11 682.216(b)) is employed.

12 SECTION 108. IC 20-28-11.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 9: (a) The principal of a school in a school
14 corporation shall report in the aggregate the results of staff
15 performance evaluations for the school for the previous school year to
16 the superintendent and the governing body for the school corporation
17 before August 15 of each year on the schedule determined by the
18 governing body. The report must be presented in a public meeting of
19 the governing body. Before presentation to the governing body, the
20 superintendent of the school corporation shall discuss the report of
21 completed evaluations with the teachers. This discussion is not subject
22 to the open door law (IC 5-14-1.5). The report of completed evaluations
23 is not subject to bargaining.

24 (b) Not before the beginning of the second semester (or the
25 equivalent) of the school year and not later than August 1 of each year,
26 the principal at each public school, including a charter school, shall
27 complete a survey that provides information regarding the principal's
28 assessment of the quality of instruction by each particular teacher
29 preparation program located in Indiana for teachers employed at the
30 school who initially received their teaching license in Indiana in the
31 previous two (2) years. The survey shall be adopted by the state board
32 and prescribed on a form developed not later than July 30, 2016, by the
33 department that is aligned with the matrix system established under
34 IC 20-28-3-1(i). The school shall provide the surveys to the department
35 in a manner prescribed by the department. The department shall
36 compile the information contained in the surveys, broken down by each
37 teacher preparation program located in Indiana. The department shall
38 include information relevant to a particular teacher preparation
39 program located in Indiana in the department's report under subsection
40 (d).

41 (c) During the second semester (or the equivalent) of the school
42 year and not later than August 1 of each year, each teacher employed

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1 by a school described in subsection (b) in Indiana who initially
 2 received a teacher's license in Indiana in the previous three (3) years
 3 shall complete a form after the teacher completes the teacher's initial
 4 year teaching at a particular school. The information reported on the
 5 form must:

- 6 (1) provide the year in which the teacher was hired by the
 7 school;
- 8 (2) include the name of the teacher preparation program that
 9 recommended the teacher for an initial license;
- 10 (3) describe subjects taught by the teacher;
- 11 (4) provide the location of different teaching positions held by
 12 the teacher since the teacher initially obtained an Indiana
 13 teaching license;
- 14 (5) provide a description of any mentoring the teacher has
 15 received while teaching in the teacher's current teaching
 16 position;
- 17 (6) describe the teacher's current licensure status; and
- 18 (7) include an assessment by the teacher of the quality of
 19 instruction of the teacher preparation program in which the
 20 teacher participated.

21 The form shall be prescribed by the department. The forms shall be
 22 submitted to the department in a manner prescribed by the department.
 23 Upon receipt of the information provided in this subsection, the
 24 department shall compile the information contained in the forms and
 25 include an aggregated summary of the report on the department's
 26 website.

27 (d) Not later than September 1 of each year, the department shall
 28 report to each teacher preparation program in Indiana for teachers with
 29 three (3) or fewer years of teaching experience:

- 30 (1) information from the surveys relevant to that particular
 31 teacher education program provided to the department under
 32 subsection (b); and
- 33 (2) information from the forms relevant to that particular teacher
 34 preparation program compiled by the department under
 35 subsection (c).

36 SECTION 109. IC 20-29-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.75-2025,
 37 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. "Deficit financing" for a budget year

- 39 (1) means ~~except as provided in subdivision (2)~~; actual
 40 expenditures exceeding the employer's current year actual
 41 education fund revenue and, for a school employer for which the
 42 voters have passed an operating referendum tax levy under

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1 IC 20-46-1 or a school safety referendum tax levy under
 2 IC 20-46-9, the amount of revenue certified by the department of
 3 local government finance, excluding money distributed to a
 4 charter school under IC 20-46-1-21 or IC 20-46-9-22. ~~or~~
 5 (2) means; in the case of any distressed school corporation, the
 6 Gary Community School Corporation, or the Muncie Community
 7 school corporation, actual expenditures plus additional payments
 8 against any outstanding debt obligations exceeding the
 9 employer's current year actual education fund revenue; and, for
 10 a school employer for which the voters have passed an operating
 11 referendum tax levy under IC 20-46-1 or a school safety
 12 referendum tax levy under IC 20-46-9; excluding money
 13 distributed to a charter school under IC 20-46-1-21 or
 14 IC 20-46-9-22; the amount of revenue certified by the
 15 department of local government finance.

16 Except as provided in IC 20-29-6-3(c), revenue does not include money
 17 estimated to be or actually transferred from the school corporation's
 18 operations fund to its education fund. Revenue does not include money
 19 allocated for supplemental payments in a resolution passed under
 20 IC 20-29-6-3(d).

21 SECTION 110. IC 20-29-3-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 15: (a) The board shall prepare an annual report
 23 covering the previous school year or collective bargaining period that
 24 includes at least the information described in subsection (b). Before
 25 November 15 each year, the board shall:

26 (1) submit the report to the budget committee, department of
 27 education, state board, and legislative council in an electronic
 28 format under IC 5-14-6; and

29 (2) publish the report on the state's interactive and searchable
 30 Internet web site containing local government information (the
 31 Indiana gateway for governmental units).

32 (b) The report must cover at least the following information:

33 (1) The total number of full-time public school teachers and the
 34 number of nonteaching full-time district level administrators.

35 (2) The average tenure of all full-time public school teachers.

36 (3) The number of first-year, full-time teachers hired during the
 37 previous calendar year.

38 (4) The number of full-time teachers who retired during the
 39 interval between the immediately preceding collective
 40 bargaining period and the previous calendar year's collective
 41 bargaining period.

42 (5) The overall average salary of nonteaching full-time district

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- 1 level administrators.
- 2 (6) The overall average salary of full-time public school
- 3 teachers.
- 4 (7) The statewide average total compensation of full-time public
- 5 school teachers; the statewide average daily teacher salary rate;
- 6 and the statewide average annual teacher contract days.
- 7 (8) The statewide average total compensation of full-time public
- 8 school administrators; the statewide average daily nonteaching;
- 9 full-time, district level administrator salary rate; and the
- 10 statewide average annual administrator contract days.
- 11 (9) The average salary and total compensation of full-time public
- 12 school teachers for each school corporation.
- 13 (10) The average salary and total compensation of nonteaching;
- 14 full-time district level administrators; including separately the
- 15 superintendent; for each school corporation.
- 16 (11) The minimum full-time public school teacher salary.
- 17 (12) The maximum full-time public school teacher salary.
- 18 (13) The minimum nonteaching full-time district level
- 19 administrative salary.
- 20 (14) The maximum nonteaching full-time district level
- 21 administrative salary.
- 22 (15) The number of full-time public school teachers earning a
- 23 salary under the statewide average.
- 24 (16) The number of full-time public school teachers earning a
- 25 salary in excess of the statewide average.
- 26 (17) For each school corporation; the average salary paid to
- 27 full-time public school teachers in each of the following tenure
- 28 benchmarks:
- 29 (A) First year.
- 30 (B) Fifth year.
- 31 (C) Tenth year.
- 32 (D) Fifteenth year.
- 33 (E) Twentieth year.
- 34 (F) Twenty-fifth year.
- 35 (G) Thirty (30) or more years of service.
- 36 (18) For each school corporation; the nominal dollar figures for
- 37 subdivisions (5); (6); (11); (12); (13); (14); and (17) in nationally
- 38 recognized; open-source; state-specific cost of living
- 39 index-adjusted dollars to compare to the figures described in
- 40 subdivision (19):
- 41 (19) Comparative data on overall full-time public school teacher
- 42 salary averages and by each of the tenure benchmarks listed in

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- 1 subdivision (17) in both nominal dollars and nationally
- 2 recognized; open-source; state-specific cost of living
- 3 index-adjusted dollars for each of the following states:
- 4 (A) Illinois;
- 5 (B) Kentucky;
- 6 (C) Michigan;
- 7 (D) Ohio;
- 8 (E) Wisconsin.
- 9 (20) The total number of full-time teachers retained from the
- 10 previous year.
- 11 (21) The total number of newly hired teachers with previous
- 12 work experience in teaching.
- 13 (22) The total number of teaching candidates who:
- 14 (A) are currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program;
- 15 or
- 16 (B) have recently completed a teacher preparation program.
- 17 (23) The increase or decrease in kindergarten through grade 12
- 18 student enrollments.
- 19 (24) The total number of teachers in Indiana.
- 20 (25) The teacher workforce growth.
- 21 (26) The administrator workforce growth.
- 22 (27) For each school corporation, the number of vacant teaching
- 23 positions by:
- 24 (A) grade;
- 25 (B) subject; and
- 26 (C) required credential;
- 27 with critical shortage areas, as determined by unfilled vacancies;
- 28 highlighted for each school corporation.
- 29 As used in this subsection, total compensation includes the monetary
- 30 value of salary, wages, bonuses, stipends, supplemental payments,
- 31 commissions, employment benefits, and any other form of
- 32 remuneration paid for personal services.
- 33 (c) The board may require schools to submit any school
- 34 corporation specific information needed to complete the report. Parties
- 35 to a collective bargaining agreement shall comply with the board's
- 36 requests for information necessary to complete the report.
- 37 SECTION 111. IC 20-29-6-4.5, AS AMENDED BY
- 38 P.L.213-2025, SECTION 174, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) For a contract
- 40 entered into after June 30, 2011, a school employer may not bargain
- 41 collectively with the exclusive representative on the following:
- 42 (1) The school calendar.

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- 1 (2) Teacher dismissal procedures and criteria.
- 2 (3) Restructuring options available to a school employer under
- 3 federal or state statutes, regulations, or rules because of the
- 4 failure of the school corporation or a school to meet federal or
- 5 state accountability standards.
- 6 (4) The ability of a school employer to contract, partner, or
- 7 operate jointly with an educational entity that provides
- 8 postsecondary credits to students of the school employer or dual
- 9 credits from the school employer and the educational entity.
- 10 (5) Contract costs for curricular materials (as defined in
- 11 IC 20-18-2-2.7).

12 **(6) Teacher evaluation procedures and criteria.**
 13 ~~(6)~~ (7) Any subject not expressly listed in section 4 of this
 14 chapter.

15 (b) For a contract entered into after January 1, 2015, for a school
 16 year beginning after June 30, 2015, a school employer may not bargain
 17 collectively with the exclusive representative for the following:

- 18 (1) A matter described in subsection (a).
- 19 (2) A matter that another statute specifies is not subject to
- 20 collective bargaining, including IC 20-28-9-1.5 and IC 20-43-16.
- 21 (c) A subject set forth in subsection (a) or (b) that may not be
- 22 bargained collectively may not be included in an agreement entered
- 23 into under this article.

24 SECTION 112. IC 20-29-6-4.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.48-2011,
 25 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.7. ~~(a) A school employer may not bargain~~
 27 ~~collectively with the exclusive representative on teacher evaluation~~
 28 ~~procedures and criteria after this section has been enacted into law.~~

29 ~~(b) A contract entered into between a school employer and an~~
 30 ~~exclusive representative after this section has been enacted into law~~
 31 ~~may not extend past the end of a state budget biennium.~~

32 SECTION 113. IC 20-30-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2021,
 33 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) In consultation with the student's school
 35 counselor, ~~after seeking consultation with each student's parents,~~ and
 36 not later than the date on which the student completes grade 8, each
 37 student shall develop a graduation plan that is a part of the student's
 38 permanent school record and accessible to a parent of the student in
 39 accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20
 40 U.S.C. 1232g et seq.).

41 (b) The graduation plan developed under subsection (a) must
 42 include the following:

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- 1 (1) A statement of intent to graduate from high school.
- 2 (2) An acknowledgment of the importance of:
 - 3 (A) good citizenship;
 - 4 (B) school attendance; and
 - 5 (C) diligent study habits.
- 6 (3) The subject and skill areas of interest to the student.
- 7 (4) The postsecondary goals of the student aligned with the
- 8 graduation pathway requirements under IC 20-32-4-1.5.
- 9 (5) A program of study under the college/technology preparation
- 10 curriculum adopted by the state board under IC 20-30-10-2 for
- 11 grades 10, 11, and 12 that meets the interests, aptitude, and
- 12 postsecondary goals of the student.
- 13 (6) Assurances that, upon satisfactory fulfillment of the plan, the
- 14 student:
 - 15 (A) is entitled to graduate; and
 - 16 (B) will have taken at least the minimum variety and
 - 17 number of courses necessary to gain admittance to a state
 - 18 educational institution.
- 19 (7) An indication of assessments (other than the statewide
- 20 assessment program and the graduation examination (before July
- 21 1, 2018)) that the student plans to take voluntarily during grade
- 22 10 through grade 12 and which may include any of the
- 23 following:
 - 24 (A) The SAT Reasoning Test.
 - 25 (B) The ACT test.
 - 26 (C) Advanced placement exams.
 - 27 (D) College readiness exams approved by the department.
 - 28 (E) Workforce readiness exams approved by the department
 - 29 of workforce development established under IC 22-4.1-2.
 - 30 (F) Cambridge International examinations.

31 **(c) A school corporation shall:**
 32 **(1) provide a copy of a student's graduation plan developed**
 33 **under this section to a parent of the student; and**
 34 **(2) provide the parent described in subdivision (1) an**
 35 **opportunity to consult with the school corporation on the**
 36 **student's graduation plan.**

37 SECTION 114. IC 20-30-5-5.5, AS AMENDED BY
 38 P.L.214-2025, SECTION 139, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) Each public
 40 school shall include in the public school's curriculum age appropriate,
 41 research based instruction as provided under ~~IC 10-21-1-14(d)~~
 42 **IC 10-21-1-14(e)** focusing on bullying prevention for all students in

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1 grades 1 through 12.
2 (b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists
3 and school counselors, shall prepare outlines or materials for the
4 instruction described in subsection (a). ~~and incorporate the instruction~~
5 ~~in grades 1 through 12.~~

6 (c) ~~Instruction on bullying prevention may be delivered by a~~
7 ~~teacher, school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other person~~
8 ~~with training and expertise in the area of bullying prevention and~~
9 ~~intervention.~~

10 SECTION 115. IC 20-30-5-5.7, AS AMENDED BY
11 P.L.214-2025, SECTION 140, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.7. (a) Each public
13 school, including a charter school, and state accredited nonpublic
14 school shall include in the school's curriculum age appropriate:

- 15 (1) research and evidence based; or
 - 16 (2) research or evidence based;
- 17 instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in
18 kindergarten through grade 12.

19 (b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists,
20 school counselors, school social workers, or school psychologists, shall
21 identify outlines or materials for the instruction described in subsection
22 (a). ~~and incorporate the instruction in kindergarten through grade 12.~~

23 (c) Any outlines and materials identified under subsection (b) must
24 be demonstrated to be effective and promising.

25 (d) ~~Instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse may be~~
26 ~~delivered by a teacher, school safety specialist, school counselor, or any~~
27 ~~other person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and~~
28 ~~child sexual abuse.~~

29 SECTION 116. IC 20-30-5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
30 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~For kindergarten through grade 12;~~ The
32 governing body of each school corporation shall provide **at least two**
33 **(2) times in kindergarten through grade 8 and one (1) time in**
34 **grades 9 through 12** instruction concerning the effects that:

- 35 (1) alcoholic beverages;
- 36 (2) tobacco, **including tobacco alternatives and nicotine**
37 **products;**
- 38 (3) prescription drugs; and
- 39 (4) controlled substances;

40 have on the human body and society at large.
41 (b) The state board shall make available to all school corporations
42 a list of appropriate available instructional material on the matters

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1 described in subsection (a).
 2 (c) The department shall develop curriculum guides to assist
 3 teachers assigned to teach the material described in subsection (a).
 4 (d) The state board shall approve drug education curricula for
 5 ~~every grade from kindergarten through grade 12: instruction required~~
 6 ~~under subsection (a).~~
 7 ~~(e) The department shall provide assistance to each school~~
 8 ~~corporation to train at least one (1) teacher in the school corporation in~~
 9 ~~drug education.~~
 10 SECTION 117. IC 20-30-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
 11 SECTION 180, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) Each school corporation
 13 shall:
 14 (1) include in the school corporation's curriculum instruction
 15 concerning the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and
 16 (2) integrate this effort to the extent possible with instruction on
 17 other serious communicable diseases.
 18 (b) Literature that is distributed to school children and young
 19 adults under this section must include information required by
 20 IC 20-34-3-17.
 21 (c) The department **shall do the following:**
 22 (1) In consultation with the Indiana department of health, ~~shall~~
 23 develop HIV educational materials.
 24 (2) ~~The department shall~~ Make the materials ~~developed under~~
 25 ~~this section described in subdivision (1)~~ available to school
 26 corporations.
 27 SECTION 118. IC 20-30-5-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024,
 28 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 23. (a) Each public high school, including each
 30 charter school, shall offer at least one (1) computer science course as
 31 a one (1) semester elective in the public high school's curriculum at
 32 least once each school year for high school students. This subsection
 33 expires July 1, 2028.
 34 (b) After June 30, 2028, each public high school, including each
 35 charter school, shall offer at least once each school year at least one (1)
 36 computer science course as a separate subject in the public high
 37 school's curriculum that:
 38 (1) satisfies the computer science instruction content
 39 requirements; and
 40 (2) beginning in 2029, enables high school students to
 41 successfully complete instruction on computer science to be
 42 eligible to graduate from high school under the requirements;

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1 set forth in IC 20-32-4-18.

2 (c) Each public school, including each charter school, shall
3 include computer science in the public school's curriculum for students
4 in kindergarten through grade 12. Before July 1, 2028, a public high
5 school fulfills the requirements under this subsection by meeting the
6 requirements under subsection (a). After June 30, 2028, a public high
7 school fulfills the requirements under this subsection by meeting the
8 requirements under subsection (b).

9 (d) If a public school fails to comply with this section, the
10 department shall assist the public school in meeting the requirements
11 under this section.

12 (e) The department shall:

13 (1) prepare an annual report concerning the implementation of
14 computer science courses in public schools, including charter
15 schools, that includes the information described in subsection
16 (f); and

17 (2) submit, before December 1 of each year, the report to the
18 following:

19 (A) The state board.

20 (B) The general assembly.

21 (C) The commission for higher education.

22 The department shall submit the written report to the general assembly
23 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

24 (f) The report under subsection (e) must include the following
25 information:

26 (1) The total number and percentage of computer science unique
27 student course enrollments and course completions for each:

28 (A) public elementary school, including each charter
29 school, for students in grade 8; and

30 (B) public high school, including each charter school;

31 by each course title approved by the department.

32 (2) The number and percentage of unique student enrollments
33 and course completions in a computer science course by each
34 course title approved by the department and disaggregated by:

35 (A) race;

36 (B) gender;

37 (C) grade;

38 (D) ethnicity;

39 (E) limited English language proficiency;

40 (F) free or reduced price lunch status; and

41 (G) eligibility for special education.

42 (3) The number of computer science instructors at each school

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1 disaggregated by:

- 2 (A) gender;
- 3 (B) certification, if applicable; and
- 4 (C) academic degree.

5 **(4) The number of public schools, including charter schools,**
6 **that offer courses in digital literacy.**

7 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** Any other pertinent matters.

8 (g) The department shall post the report described in subsections
9 (e) and (f) on the department's website.

10 SECTION 119. IC 20-30-5-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 25: (a) This section applies to a high school that
12 is:

- 13 (1) a public school, including a charter school;
- 14 (2) a state accredited nonpublic school; or
- 15 (3) an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7);

16 (b) Each high school shall do one (1) of the following:

17 (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, offer the Indiana
18 college core developed under IC 21-42-3 in the high school's
19 curriculum for high school students:

20 (2) Not later than October 1, 2024, submit an implementation
21 plan to the commission for higher education, in a manner
22 prescribed by the commission for higher education, to offer the
23 Indiana college core developed under IC 21-42-3 in the high
24 school's curriculum for high school students by the 2025-2026
25 school year:

26 (3) Not later than October 1, 2024, submit a detailed
27 implementation plan to the commission for higher education, in
28 a manner prescribed by the commission for higher education, to
29 offer the Indiana college core developed under IC 21-42-3 in the
30 high school's curriculum for high school students by the
31 2026-2027 school year:

32 (4) Not later than October 1, 2024, submit an Indiana college
33 core feasibility report to the commission for higher education in
34 accordance with IC 21-42-3-6 if the high school does not plan to
35 offer the Indiana college core by the 2026-2027 school year:

36 (c) This section expires July 1, 2026.

37 SECTION 120. IC 20-30-6.1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.150-2024,
38 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "online challenge"
40 means an Internet trend that encourages individuals to copy behaviors
41 or actions that may cause harm to the individual.

42 (b) Each school corporation may:

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- 1 (1) include instruction regarding Internet safety in the school
- 2 corporation's curriculum; **and**
- 3 (2) **offer instruction or programs regarding the potential**
- 4 **risks and consequences of creating and sharing sexually**
- 5 **suggestive or explicit materials through cellular telephones,**
- 6 **social networking websites, computer networks, and other**
- 7 **digital media.**
- 8 (c) Not later than July 1, 2025, the department shall approve
- 9 previously developed curricula for use by school corporations under
- 10 subsection (b).
- 11 (d) Each curriculum approved under subsection (c) must include
- 12 age appropriate instruction regarding the following:
- 13 (1) Thinking critically about the possible provenance, reliability,
- 14 and intended effect of online information before acting on the
- 15 information.
- 16 (2) Acting ethically in the student's interactions with others
- 17 online, and reacting appropriately to unethical behavior such as:
- 18 (A) cyberbullying (as described in IC 20-19-3-11.5); and
- 19 (B) promotion of dangerous behavior, including self-harm
- 20 or participation in an online challenge;
- 21 that is directed at the student by others online.
- 22 (3) Considering the uncertainties inherent in interacting with
- 23 others online, particularly with regard to the ability of an
- 24 individual to misrepresent the individual's identity online.
- 25 (4) Recognizing the economics of providing Internet content and
- 26 social media services, including:
- 27 (A) the economic relationship between:
- 28 (i) users; and
- 29 (ii) providers;
- 30 of Internet content and social media services;
- 31 (B) the economic incentives of a provider to influence the
- 32 behavior of a user when the user is interacting with the
- 33 provider's content or services; and
- 34 (C) methods used by providers to influence user behavior.
- 35 (5) Practicing cybersecurity, including recognizing:
- 36 (A) the danger of:
- 37 (i) identity theft; and
- 38 (ii) financial fraud;
- 39 when interacting with others online, accessing Internet
- 40 content, or using social media services; and
- 41 (B) the potential for information shared online to remain
- 42 accessible to others in perpetuity.

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1 SECTION 121. IC 20-30-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
2 SECTION 96, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The program organizer may request the
4 approval from the department for the following:

5 (1) To receive the grant for alternative education programs under
6 ~~IC 20-20-33~~. **IC 20-20.5-9**.

7 (2) To be granted waivers from rules adopted by the state board
8 that may otherwise interfere with the objectives of the alternative
9 education program, including waivers of:

- 10 (A) certain high school graduation requirements;
- 11 (B) the length of the student instructional day as set forth in
- 12 IC 20-30-2-2;
- 13 (C) required curriculum and curricular materials;
- 14 (D) teacher certification requirements; and
- 15 (E) physical facility requirements.

16 SECTION 122. IC 20-30-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2006,
17 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Before a program organizer
19 is eligible for the funding under ~~IC 20-20-33~~, **IC 20-20.5-9**, a program
20 organizer must have the grant for the program approved by both:

- 21 (1) the department; and
- 22 (2) the budget agency after review by the budget committee.

23 (b) A school corporation may initiate the program and waiver
24 approval process under section 7 of this chapter and the grant approval
25 process under this section by submitting an application for the
26 proposed alternative education program, on forms developed by the
27 department, to the department. The application must include the
28 following information:

- 29 (1) The number of eligible students expected to participate in the
- 30 alternative education program.
- 31 (2) A description of the proposed alternative education program,
- 32 including a description of the nature of the alternative education
- 33 program curriculum.
- 34 (3) The extent to which the manner of instruction at the
- 35 alternative education program differs from the manner of
- 36 instruction available in the traditional school setting.
- 37 (4) A description of specific progressive disciplinary procedures
- 38 that:
 - 39 (A) are reasonably designed to modify disruptive behavior
 - 40 in the traditional school learning environment without
 - 41 necessitating admission to an alternative education
 - 42 program; and

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1 (B) will be used before admitting a disruptive student to an
2 alternative education program.

3 (5) Any other pertinent information required by the department.

4 (c) The term of a grant may not exceed one (1) school year. If a
5 school corporation fails to conduct an alternative education program in
6 conformity with:

7 (1) this chapter;

8 (2) the rules adopted by the state board; or

9 (3) the terms of the approved grant;

10 the department or the budget agency, after review by the budget
11 committee, may terminate funding for the alternative education
12 program before the grant expires.

13 SECTION 123. IC 20-31-8-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
14 SECTION 395, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) Not later than July 1, 2024,
16 the state board shall do the following:

17 (1) Establish a compilation of longitudinal data indicating school
18 performance success in various selected and enumerated
19 program areas.

20 (2) Present the data described in subdivision (1) for each school
21 in a manner that:

22 (A) can be conveniently and easily accessed from a single
23 web page on the state board's website; and

24 (B) is commonly known as an Internet dashboard.

25 (b) The dashboard must include the following:

26 (1) Indicators of student performance in elementary school,
27 including schools for grades 6 through 8, and high school.

28 (2) The school's graduation rate, as applicable.

29 (3) The percentage of high school graduates who earned college
30 credit before graduating, as applicable.

31 (4) The pass rate of the statewide assessment program tests (as
32 defined in IC 20-32-2-2.3), as applicable.

33 (5) The growth data of the statewide assessment program tests
34 (as defined in IC 20-32-2-2.3), as applicable.

35 (6) The attendance rate.

36 (7) State, national, and international comparisons for the
37 indicators, if applicable.

38 (8) The school's grade 3 reading proficiency rate, as applicable.

39 (9) The school's disciplinary incident data.

40 (10) Data regarding the school's socioeconomic status and
41 poverty rate.

42 (11) The school's proportion of fully licensed teachers.

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1 (c) The dashboard may include any other data indicating school
2 performance success that the state board determines is relevant.

3 (d) Each school shall post **conspicuously** on a web page
4 maintained on the school's website ~~the exact same data and in a similar~~
5 ~~format as the data presented for the school on the state board's website.~~
6 ~~However, the school may include custom indicators on the web page~~
7 ~~described in this subsection: the link to the school's web page on the~~
8 **Internet dashboard.**

9 SECTION 124. IC 20-31-8-8, AS AMENDED BY THE
10 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) ~~Before July 1, 2018, the state board shall~~
13 ~~establish a definition of a high mobility school for schools with a high~~
14 ~~concentration of mobile students.~~

15 (b) For each school year, ~~beginning after June 30, 2018,~~ the
16 department shall make a report regarding the performance of high
17 mobility schools, **as defined by the state board.** The report shall be
18 posted on the department's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** each year on a
19 date determined by the department.

20 SECTION 125. IC 20-31-12-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.286-2013,
21 SECTION 107, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The department may not
23 establish criteria for a **state accredited nonpublic school or eligible**
24 **school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7)** to be eligible for a recognition
25 program that are different from the criteria established for a public
26 school of the same grade levels.

27 SECTION 126. IC 20-32-5.1-10, AS AMENDED BY
28 P.L.150-2024, SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The governing
30 body of each school corporation or the equivalent authority for each
31 charter school, eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7), or state
32 accredited nonpublic school is entitled to acquire at no charge from the
33 department:

- 34 (1) the assessments under the statewide assessment program; and
- 35 (2) the scoring reports used by the department.

36 (b) A state accredited nonpublic school or an eligible school (as
37 defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) shall

- 38 (1) ~~administer the statewide assessment program's assessment or~~
39 ~~assessments, as applicable, to its students at the same time or~~
40 ~~times that school corporations administer the program's~~
41 ~~assessment or assessments, as applicable, under section 7 of this~~
42 ~~chapter; and~~

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1 ~~(2)~~ make available to the department the results of the statewide
2 assessment program's assessment or assessments, as applicable.
3 SECTION 127. IC 20-32-7-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: The department shall make available to schools~~
5 ~~optional student diagnostic tools such as actual assessment instruments~~
6 ~~or computer banks containing appropriate essential skills items to assist~~
7 ~~schools in implementing the diagnostic assessments.~~
8 SECTION 128. IC 20-32-7-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
9 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 4: After a governing body holds a public hearing on a~~
10 ~~proposed portfolio program; the governing body may establish a~~
11 ~~portfolio program to maintain a portfolio of a student's work at grade~~
12 ~~levels designated by the governing body.~~
13 SECTION 129. IC 20-32-7-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
14 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5: The governing body shall develop guidelines for the~~
15 ~~portfolio program; including guidelines governing the appropriate~~
16 ~~contents of the portfolios.~~
17 SECTION 130. IC 20-33-2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
18 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1: The legislative intent for this chapter is to provide an~~
19 ~~efficient and speedy means of insuring that students receive a proper~~
20 ~~education whenever it is reasonably possible.~~
21 SECTION 131. IC 20-33-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2025,
22 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: ~~Sec. 14. (a) This section and sections 15 through 17.8~~
24 ~~of this chapter apply to a student who attends either a public school or~~
25 ~~a nonpublic school.~~
26 ~~(b)~~ **(a)** The governing body of each school corporation shall adopt
27 a policy:
28 (1) outlining the conditions for excused and unexcused absences;
29 and
30 (2) providing for the categorization of excused absences in
31 accordance with the categorization framework established by the
32 department under IC 20-19-3-12.4.
33 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** The governing body of each school corporation shall have
34 a policy regarding the participation of a habitually truant in
35 extracurricular and co-curricular activities.
36 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The policy under subsection ~~(b)~~ **(a)** must include the
37 grounds for excused absences required by ~~sections section 15 through~~
38 ~~17.8~~ of this chapter or another law.
39 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** Any absence that results in a person not attending at least
40 one hundred eighty (180) days in a school year must be in accordance
41 with the governing body's policy under subsection ~~(b)~~ **(a)** to qualify as
42 an excused absence.

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1 (f) Service as a page for or as an honoree of the general assembly
 2 is a lawful excuse for a student to be absent from school; when verified
 3 by a certificate of the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the
 4 house of representatives. A student excused from school attendance
 5 under this section may not be recorded as being absent on any date for
 6 which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school
 7 in any manner.

8 SECTION 132. IC 20-33-2-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 9 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) The governing body of a **Each** school
 11 corporation, **charter school**, and the chief administrative official of a
 12 **accredited** nonpublic secondary school system shall authorize the
 13 absence and excuse of each secondary school student who serves:

- 14 (1) on the precinct election board; or
- 15 (2) as a helper to a political candidate or to a political party on
 16 the date of each general, city or town, special, and primary
 17 election at which the student works.

18 (b) Before the date of the election, the student must submit a
 19 document signed by one (1) of the student's parents giving permission
 20 to participate in the election as provided in this section; and the student
 21 must verify to school authorities the performance of services by
 22 submitting a document signed by the candidate, political party
 23 chairman, campaign manager, or precinct officer generally describing
 24 the duties of the student on the date of the election. A student excused
 25 from school attendance under this section may not be recorded as being
 26 absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be
 27 penalized by the school in any manner. is absent for any of the
 28 following:

- 29 (1) The student serves as a page for or as an honoree of the
 30 general assembly.
- 31 (2) The student serves on the precinct election board.
- 32 (3) The student works as a helper to a political candidate or
 33 to a political party on the date of each general, city or town,
 34 special, and primary election at which the student works.
- 35 (4) The student appears in court in response to a subpoena to
 36 appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding.
- 37 (5) The student is:
 - 38 (A) not a habitual truant; and
 - 39 (B) ordered to active duty with the armed forces of the
 40 United States, including their reserve components, or
 41 the Indiana National Guard for not more than fifteen
 42 (15) instructional days in a school year.

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1 **However, the school corporation, charter school, or**
 2 **accredited nonpublic school may authorize additional**
 3 **excused absences for a student ordered to active duty.**
 4 **(6) The student is:**
 5 **(A) a member of the Indiana wing of the civil air patrol;**
 6 **and**
 7 **(B) participating in a civil air patrol:**
 8 **(i) international air cadet exchange program for the**
 9 **length of the program; or**
 10 **(ii) emergency service operation for not more than**
 11 **five (5) instructional days in a school year.**
 12 **(7) The student participates or exhibits in the Indiana state**
 13 **fair for educational purposes. However, the number of**
 14 **excused absences a student may receive under this**
 15 **subdivision may not exceed five (5) instructional days in a**
 16 **school year.**
 17 **(8) The student participates in a scheduled competition,**
 18 **exhibition, or event offered by:**
 19 **(A) the National FFA Organization;**
 20 **(B) the Indiana FFA Association; or**
 21 **(C) a 4-H club.**
 22 **However, the number of excused absences a student may**
 23 **receive under this subdivision may not exceed a total of six**
 24 **(6) instructional days in a school year.**
 25 **(b) If a school corporation, charter school, or accredited**
 26 **nonpublic school authorizes the absence and excuse of a student for**
 27 **a nonclassroom related activity that is organized or facilitated by**
 28 **the school, the school shall send, at least one (1) full school day**
 29 **before the nonclassroom related activity occurs, a parent of the**
 30 **student a written notification regarding the nonclassroom related**
 31 **activity that includes:**
 32 **(1) a description of the activity; and**
 33 **(2) the anticipated date and time that the activity is**
 34 **scheduled to occur.**
 35 **(c) For a student to receive an excused absence under**
 36 **subsection (a)(6) through (a)(8), the student must be in good**
 37 **academic standing, as determined by the school corporation,**
 38 **charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.**
 39 **(d) A student excused from school attendance under this**
 40 **subsection (a) may not be recorded as being absent on any date for**
 41 **which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the**
 42 **school in any manner.**

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1 (e) The appropriate school authority shall request relevant
2 documentation verifying a student's participation in an activity
3 listed in subsection (a).

4 SECTION 133. IC 20-33-2-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 16: The governing body of a school corporation
6 or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall
7 authorize the absence and excuse of a student who is issued a subpoena
8 to appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding. A student
9 excused under this section shall not be recorded as being absent on any
10 date for which the excuse is operative and shall not be penalized by the
11 school in any manner. The appropriate school authority may require
12 that the student submit the subpoena to the appropriate school authority
13 for verification.

14 SECTION 134. IC 20-33-2-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17: The governing body of a school corporation;
16 the organizer of a charter school; or the chief administrative officer of
17 a nonpublic school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of
18 each secondary school student who is:

- 19 (1) not a habitual truant (as defined in IC 20-18-2-6.5); and
- 20 (2) ordered to active duty with the armed forces of the United
21 States, including their reserve components; or the Indiana
22 National Guard for at least fifteen (15) days in a school year.

23 However, the governing body of a school corporation; the organizer of
24 a charter school; or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic
25 school system may authorize additional excused absences for
26 additional military training. For verification, the student must submit
27 to school authorities a copy of the orders to active duty and a copy of
28 the orders releasing the student from active duty. A student excused
29 from school attendance under this section may not be recorded as being
30 absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be
31 penalized by the school in any manner.

32 SECTION 135. IC 20-33-2-17.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17.2: The governing body of a school corporation
34 or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall
35 authorize the absence and excuse of each secondary school student who
36 is a member of the Indiana wing of the civil air patrol and who is
37 participating in a civil air patrol:

- 38 (1) international air cadet exchange program; for the length of
39 the program; or
- 40 (2) emergency service operation; including:
41 (A) search and rescue missions designated by the Air Force
42 Rescue Coordination Center;

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- 1 (B) disaster relief; when requested by the Federal
- 2 Emergency Management Agency or the department of
- 3 homeland security established by IC 10-19-2-1;
- 4 (C) humanitarian services; when requested by the Federal
- 5 Emergency Management Agency or the department of
- 6 homeland security established by IC 10-19-2-1;
- 7 (D) United States Air Force support designated by the First
- 8 Air Force; North American Aerospace Defense Command;
- 9 or
- 10 (E) United States Air Force military flights; if the flights are
- 11 not available on days when school is not in session;

12 for not more than five (5) days in a school year;

13 if the student submits to school authorities appropriate documentation
14 from the Indiana wing of the civil air patrol detailing the reason for the
15 student's absence. A student excused from school attendance under this
16 section may not be recorded as being absent on any date to which the
17 excuse applies and may not be penalized by the school in any manner.

18 SECTION 136. IC 20-33-2-17.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17.5: (a) The governing body of a school
20 corporation may authorize the absence and excuse of a student who
21 attends any educationally related nonclassroom activity. Any
22 educationally related nonclassroom activity and nonclassroom activity
23 must meet all the following conditions:

- 24 (1) Is consistent with and promotes the educational philosophy
- 25 and goals of the school corporation and the state board;
- 26 (2) Facilitates the attainment of specific educational objectives;
- 27 (3) Is a part of the goals and objectives of an approved course or
- 28 curriculum;
- 29 (4) Represents a unique educational opportunity;
- 30 (5) Cannot reasonably occur without interrupting the school day;
- 31 (6) Is approved in writing by the school principal.

32 (b) A student excused from school attendance under this section
33 may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse
34 is operative and may not be penalized by the school in any manner.

35 SECTION 137. IC 20-33-2-17.7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17.7: (a) Except as provided in subsection (b); the
37 governing body of a school corporation or the chief administrative
38 officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize the absence and
39 excuse of each school student if the student or a member of the
40 student's household participates or exhibits in the Indiana state fair for
41 educational purposes; as evidenced in writing by the student's parent
42 and as approved in writing by the student's school principal. The

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1 number of excused absences a student may receive under this section
2 may not exceed five (5) instructional days in a school year. A student
3 excused from school attendance under this section may not be recorded
4 as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may
5 not be penalized by the school in any manner.

6 (b) In order for a student to receive an excused absence under
7 subsection (a), the student must be in good academic standing, as
8 determined by the school corporation:

9 SECTION 138. IC 20-33-2-17.8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17-8: (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
11 (c), the governing body of a school corporation or the chief
12 administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize the
13 absence and excuse of each school student if the student participates in
14 a scheduled competition, exhibition, or event offered by:

- 15 (1) the National FFA Organization;
- 16 (2) the Indiana FFA Association; or
- 17 (3) a 4-H club;

18 for educational purposes as evidenced in writing by the student's parent
19 and as approved in writing by the student's school principal. A student
20 excused from school attendance under this section may not be recorded
21 as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may
22 not be penalized by the school in any manner.

23 (b) The number of excused absences a student may receive under
24 subsection (a) may not exceed six (6) instructional days in a school
25 year.

26 (c) In order for a student to receive an excused absence under
27 subsection (a), the student must be in good academic standing, as
28 determined by the school corporation or nonpublic school:

29 SECTION 139. IC 20-33-8-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
30 SECTION 261, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section,
32 "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

33 (b) As used in this section, "deadly weapon" has the meaning set
34 forth in IC 35-31.5-2-86. The term does not include a firearm or
35 destructive device.

36 (c) As used in this section, "destructive device" has the meaning
37 set forth in IC 35-47.5-2-4.

38 (d) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is:
39 (1) identified as bringing a firearm or destructive device to
40 school or on school property; or
41 (2) in possession of a firearm or destructive device on school
42 property;

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1 must be expelled for at least one (1) calendar year, with the return of
2 the student to be at the beginning of the first school semester after the
3 end of the one (1) year period.

4 (e) The superintendent **or principal of the applicable school** may,
5 on a case by case basis, modify the period of expulsion under
6 subsection (d) for a student who is expelled under this section.

7 (f) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is:

8 (1) identified as bringing a deadly weapon to school or on school
9 property; or

10 (2) in possession of a deadly weapon on school property;
11 may be expelled for not more than one (1) calendar year.

12 (g) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall
13 immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having
14 jurisdiction over the property where the school is located if a student
15 engages in a behavior described in subsection (d). ~~The superintendent~~
16 ~~may give similar notice if the student engages in a behavior described~~
17 ~~in subsection (f)~~. Upon receiving notification under this subsection, the
18 law enforcement agency shall begin an investigation and take
19 appropriate action.

20 (h) A student with a disability (as defined in IC 20-35-1-8) who
21 possesses a firearm on school property is subject to procedural
22 safeguards under 20 U.S.C. 1415.

23 SECTION 140. IC 20-33-8-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 17: A student may be expelled from school if the~~
25 ~~student's legal settlement is not in the attendance area of the school~~
26 ~~corporation where the student is enrolled.~~

27 SECTION 141. IC 20-33-8-23, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
28 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 23. The superintendent or the person designated
30 by the superintendent under section 19(a) of this chapter may continue
31 suspension of a student for more than the ten (10) school day period of
32 the principal's suspension and until the time of the expulsion decision
33 under section 19 of this chapter if the superintendent or the designated
34 person determines that the student's continued suspension will prevent
35 or substantially reduce the risk of:

36 (1) interference with an educational function or school purposes;

37 or

38 (2) a physical injury to the student, other students, school
39 employees, or visitors to the school.

40 ~~However, a student may not be suspended from school pending a~~
41 ~~meeting on a student's proposed expulsion if the expulsion is ordered~~
42 ~~under section 17 of this chapter.~~

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1 SECTION 142. IC 20-33-8-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
2 SECTION 263, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 30. (a) This section applies to the
4 following:

5 (1) A student who:

6 (A) is expelled from a school corporation or charter school
7 under this chapter; or

8 (B) withdraws from a school corporation or charter school
9 to avoid expulsion.

10 (2) A student who:

11 (A) is required to separate for disciplinary reasons from a
12 nonpublic school or a school in a state other than Indiana by
13 the administrative authority of the school; or

14 (B) withdraws from a nonpublic school or a school in a state
15 other than Indiana in order to avoid being required to
16 separate from the school for disciplinary reasons by the
17 administrative authority of the school.

18 (b) The student referred to in subsection (a) may enroll in another
19 school corporation or charter school during the period of the actual or
20 proposed expulsion or separation if:

21 (1) the student's parent informs the school corporation in which
22 the student seeks to enroll and also:

23 (A) in the case of a student withdrawing from a charter
24 school that is not a conversion charter school to avoid
25 expulsion, the conversion charter school; or

26 (B) in the case of a student withdrawing from a conversion
27 charter school to avoid expulsion:

28 (i) the conversion charter school; and

29 (ii) the school corporation that sponsored the
30 conversion charter school;

31 of the student's expulsion, separation, or withdrawal to avoid
32 expulsion or separation;

33 (2) the school corporation (and, in the case of a student
34 withdrawal described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B), the charter
35 school) consents to the student's enrollment; and

36 (3) the student agrees to the terms and conditions of enrollment
37 established by the school corporation (or, in the case of a student
38 withdrawal described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B), the charter
39 school or conversion charter school).

40 (c) If:

41 (1) a student's parent fails to inform the school corporation of the
42 expulsion or separation or withdrawal to avoid expulsion or

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1 separation; or
 2 (2) a student fails to follow the terms and conditions of
 3 enrollment under subsection (b)(3);
 4 the school corporation or charter school may withdraw consent and
 5 prohibit the student's enrollment during the period of the actual or
 6 proposed expulsion or separation.
 7 ~~(d) This section does not apply to a student who is expelled under~~
 8 ~~section 17 of this chapter.~~
 9 SECTION 143. IC 20-34-8-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.232-2025,
 10 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to:
 12 (1) a head coach or assistant coach who coaches an athletic
 13 activity;
 14 (2) a marching band leader;
 15 (3) a drama or musical leader; or
 16 (4) a leader of an extracurricular activity in which students have
 17 an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest activity as determined
 18 by the department in consultation with an organization that
 19 specializes in the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest.
 20 (b) An individual described in subsection (a) shall complete the
 21 sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by
 22 the department in a manner specified by the state board under
 23 IC 20-28-5.5-1 or IC 20-28-5.5-1.5.
 24 (c) An individual described in subsection (a) who complies with
 25 this section and provides coaching or leadership services in good faith
 26 is not personally liable for damages in a civil action as a result of a
 27 sudden cardiac arrest incurred by an applicable student participating in
 28 an event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac
 29 arrest for which the head coach, assistant coach, marching band leader,
 30 drama or musical leader, or other applicable leader provided coaching
 31 or leadership services, except for an act or omission by the individual
 32 described in subsection (a) that constitutes gross negligence or willful
 33 or wanton misconduct.
 34 (d) An individual described in subsection (a) shall ensure that an
 35 operational automated external defibrillator (AED) is present:
 36 **(1) at each event events** in which students have an increased risk
 37 of sudden cardiac arrest for which the individual described in
 38 subsection (a) is providing coaching or leadership; **and**
 39 **(2) as specified in the venue specific emergency action plan**
 40 **for sudden cardiac arrest developed by a school corporation,**
 41 **charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school under**
 42 **subsection (f).**

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1 (e) At each event in which students have an increased risk of
2 sudden cardiac arrest, an individual described in subsection (a) shall
3 inform all individuals who are coaching or providing leadership at the
4 event in which students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest
5 of the location of the automated external defibrillator (AED).

6 (f) A school corporation, charter school, and state accredited
7 nonpublic school shall do the following:

8 (1) Develop a venue specific emergency action plan for sudden
9 cardiac arrest that includes:

10 (A) elements recommended by the American Heart
11 Association, Heart Safe Schools Program, or another similar
12 nationally recognized evidence based program; **and**

13 **(B) the number and location of automated external**
14 **defibrillators (AED) that are required to be present at**
15 **events in which students have an increased risk of**
16 **sudden cardiac arrest.**

17 (2) Share the plan described in subdivision (1) with each
18 individual described in subsection (a).

19 (3) Before the beginning of the season of each event in which
20 students have an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest, share
21 the plan described in subdivision (1) with all applicable students.

22 (g) A school corporation, a charter school, a state accredited
23 nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school (as defined in
24 IC 10-21-1-1) may apply for a grant under IC 10-21-1-2(a)(1)(C)(viii)
25 to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) if the school
26 corporation, charter school, state accredited nonpublic school or
27 accredited nonpublic school develops a venue specific emergency
28 action plan for sudden cardiac arrest.

29 SECTION 144. IC 20-34-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
30 1, 2026]. (Student and Parent Support Services Grant Program).

31 SECTION 145. IC 20-35-5-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
32 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) A teacher who:

34 (1) has not retained a status as a semipermanent, permanent, or
35 nonpermanent teacher with a participating school corporation;
36 and

37 (2) loses the teacher's job in a special education cooperative
38 because of a reduction in services or discontinuance of the
39 cooperative;

40 shall be considered for any job opening for which the teacher is
41 qualified that occurs in any of the participating school corporations in
42 the school year immediately following the reduction in services or

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1 discontinuance of the cooperative.

2 (b) A teacher employed under this section has the same rights and
 3 privileges as teachers employed under IC 20-26-10-5 and
 4 IC 20-26-10-6.

5 SECTION 146. IC 20-38-2-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 6 1, 2026]. Sec. 6. On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially
 7 thereafter, the education commission of the states shall submit a report
 8 to the executive director of the legislative services agency, in an
 9 electronic format under IC 5-14-6, for review by the interim committee
 10 on government in accordance with IC 1-1-15.5-4 and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g).
 11 The report shall describe:

- 12 (1) official action taken; and
- 13 (2) actionable items considered;

14 by the education commission of the states during the preceding two (2)
 15 years:

16 SECTION 147. IC 20-40-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2026]. (Funds Established Outside IC 20-40).

18 SECTION 148. IC 20-40-18-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.244-2017,
 19 SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The operations fund may be used only to do the
 21 following:

- 22 (1) Carry out a capital projects plan approved under:
 - 23 (A) IC 20-46-6 (before January 1, 2019); or
 - 24 (B) section 6 of this chapter (after December 31, 2018) for
 25 facility expenditures described in section 7 of this chapter.
- 26 (2) Pay transportation costs described in section 8 of this
 27 chapter.
- 28 (3) Carry out a school bus replacement plan. ~~approved under:~~
 - 29 (A) IC 20-46-5 (before January 1, 2019); or
 - 30 (B) section 9 of this chapter (after December 31, 2018).
- 31 (4) Pay expenses that are allocated to overhead and operational
 32 expenditures or to nonoperational expenditures under
 33 IC 20-42.5.
- 34 (5) Provide funds to an art association or a historical society as
 35 provided in IC 36-10-13.
- 36 (6) Establish, maintain, and equip a public playground under
 37 IC 36-10-14.

38 SECTION 149. IC 20-40-18-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2025,
 39 SECTION 198, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This section sets forth an
 41 exclusive list of the expenditures that may be made from the operations
 42 fund under section 5(1) of this chapter, as set forth in the school

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- 1 corporation's plan or amended plan.
- 2 (b) Subject to the expenditures that are identified in the school
- 3 corporation's plan or amended plan, the operations fund shall be used
- 4 for the following:
- 5 (1) Site acquisition.
- 6 (2) Site development.
- 7 (3) Building acquisition, construction, replacement, renovation,
- 8 remodeling, improvement, and maintenance, including building
- 9 materials and employment services described in subsection (c).
- 10 (4) Rental of real estate, buildings, facilities, and equipment.
- 11 However, the fund may not be used for payments authorized
- 12 under IC 20-47-2 and IC 20-47-3.
- 13 (5) To repair and replace buildings and to repair and replace
- 14 building fixtures that are:
- 15 (A) owned or leased by the school corporation; and
- 16 (B) of a type constituting loss capable of being covered by
- 17 casualty insurance.
- 18 (6) Purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of equipment,
- 19 including maintenance vehicles to be used by the school
- 20 corporation. However, the fund may not be used to pay for the
- 21 following:
- 22 (A) The purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of vehicles
- 23 that are not maintenance vehicles.
- 24 (B) Except as provided in subdivision (7), equipment to be
- 25 used primarily for interscholastic or extracurricular
- 26 activities.
- 27 (7) Service contracts for janitorial and custodial services,
- 28 maintenance services, snow and ice removal services, trash
- 29 removal services, mowing and lawn care services, pest control
- 30 services, and any other routine services normally required in the
- 31 maintenance or upkeep of school facilities.
- 32 (8) Repair, replacement, or site acquisition that is necessitated by
- 33 an emergency.
- 34 (9) Construction, repair, replacement, remodeling, or
- 35 maintenance of a school sports facility. However, the maximum
- 36 expenditures under this subdivision in a calendar year may not
- 37 exceed two and seven-tenths percent (2.7%) of the property tax
- 38 revenues levied for the fund in the calendar year.
- 39 (10) Utilities.
- 40 (11) Property and casualty insurance.
- 41 (12) Purchase, lease, upgrade, maintain, or repair technology that
- 42 will not be allocated to student instruction and learning under

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- 1 IC 20-42.5, including the following:
- 2 (A) Computer hardware, computer software, wiring and
- 3 computer networks, and communication access systems
- 4 used to connect with computer networks or electronic
- 5 gateways.
- 6 (B) Services of full-time or part-time computer maintenance
- 7 employees.
- 8 (C) Conducting nonrecurring inservice technology training
- 9 of school employees.
- 10 (D) Implementing the technology preparation curriculum.
- 11 (E) Participating in a program to provide educational
- 12 technologies, including
 - 13 (i) ~~computers in the homes of students (commonly~~
 - 14 ~~referred to as "the buddy system project") under~~
 - 15 ~~IC 20-20-13-6;~~
 - 16 (ii) ~~the 4R's technology program;~~ or
 - 17 (iii) ~~any other~~ program under the educational
 - 18 technology program described in ~~IC 20-20-13-~~
 - 19 **IC 20-20.5-6.**
- 20 (F) Obtaining any combination of equipment or services
- 21 described in clauses (D) and (E).
- 22 (13) To pay advances, together with interest on the advances,
- 23 from the common school fund for educational technology
- 24 programs under IC 20-49-4.
- 25 (14) To pay for energy saving contracts entered into by a school
- 26 corporation under IC 36-1-12.5.
- 27 (15) To maintain a joint school established with a school
- 28 corporation in an adjacent state under IC 20-23-11 as is
- 29 otherwise provided by law for maintaining the public schools in
- 30 Indiana.
- 31 (16) To pay a judgment rendered against the school corporation,
- 32 or rendered against an officer or employee of the school
- 33 corporation for which the school corporation is liable under
- 34 IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, or IC 34-13-4 (or IC 34-4-16.5,
- 35 IC 34-4-16.6, or IC 34-4-16.7 before their repeal).
- 36 (17) To pay a claim or settlement for which the school
- 37 corporation is liable under IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, or IC 34-13-4
- 38 (or IC 34-4-16.5, IC 34-4-16.6, or IC 34-4-16.7 before their
- 39 repeal).
- 40 (18) To pay a premium, management fee, claim, or settlement for
- 41 which the school corporation is liable under a federal or state
- 42 statute, including IC 22-3 and IC 22-4.

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- 1 (19) To pay a settlement or claim for which insurance coverage
- 2 is permitted under IC 20-26-5-4(a)(15).
- 3 (20) All other lawful expenses that are not expenses described in
- 4 IC 20-40-2-4.
- 5 (21) To pay for expenses incurred as a result of unusual
- 6 circumstances.
- 7 (c) The fund shall be used to pay for services of school corporation
- 8 employees who perform services considered to be a skilled trade by the
- 9 United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training
- 10 Administration. For purposes of this subsection, skilled trade services
- 11 do not include janitorial or comparable routine services normally
- 12 provided in the daily operation of school facilities or equipment.
- 13 Payment may be made for employee services only if the employees
- 14 perform:
- 15 (1) construction of;
- 16 (2) renovation of;
- 17 (3) remodeling of;
- 18 (4) repair of; or
- 19 (5) maintenance on;
- 20 the facilities and equipment of the school corporation.
- 21 SECTION 150. IC 20-40-18-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 162-2024,
- 22 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) A school corporation shall use the
- 24 operations fund to pay the transportation costs attributable to
- 25 transportation of school children as specified in subsection (b).
- 26 (b) Only the following costs are payable from the fund:
- 27 (1) Salaries paid to bus drivers, transportation supervisors,
- 28 mechanics and garage employees, clerks, and other
- 29 transportation related employees.
- 30 (2) Contracted transportation services.
- 31 (3) Wages of independent contractors.
- 32 (4) Contracts with common carriers.
- 33 (5) Student fares.
- 34 (6) Transportation related insurance.
- 35 (7) Transportation of school children to:
- 36 (A) an apprenticeship program (as defined in
- 37 IC 20-43-8-0.3);
- 38 (B) a career and technical education (as defined in
- 39 ~~IC 20-20-38-1~~ IC 20-20.5-10-1) program;
- 40 (C) a modern youth apprenticeship (as defined in
- 41 IC 20-51.4-2-9.5); and
- 42 (D) a work based learning course (as defined in

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1 IC 20-43-8-0.7).

2 (8) Other expenses of operating the school corporation's

3 transportation service, including gasoline, lubricants, tires,

4 repairs, contracted repairs, parts, supplies, equipment, and other

5 related expenses.

6 (c) Percentages or parts of salaries of teaching personnel or

7 principals are not attributable to transportation. However, parts of

8 salaries of instructional aides who are assigned to assist with the school

9 transportation program are attributable to transportation. The costs

10 described in this subsection (other than instructional aide costs) may

11 not be budgeted for payment or paid from the fund.

12 (d) Costs for a calendar year are those costs attributable to

13 transportation for students during the school year ending in the

14 calendar year.

15 SECTION 151. IC 20-40-18-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE

16 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 9: (a) Before a school corporation may use money

17 in the operations fund for replacing school buses, a resolution

18 approving the school bus replacement plan or amended plan must be

19 submitted to the department of local government finance.

20 (b) The department of local government finance shall prescribe the

21 format of the plan. A plan must apply to at least the five (5) budget

22 years immediately following the year the plan is adopted and include

23 at least the following:

24 (1) An estimate for each year to which it applies of the nature

25 and amount of proposed expenditures from the fund:

26 (2) If the school corporation is seeking to:

27 (A) acquire; or

28 (B) contract for transportation services that will provide;

29 additional school buses or school buses with a larger seating

30 capacity as compared with the number and type of school buses

31 from the prior school year; evidence of a demand for increased

32 transportation services within the school corporation. Clause (B)

33 does not apply if contracted transportation services are not paid

34 from the fund.

35 (3) If the school corporation is seeking to require a contractor to

36 replace a school bus, evidence that the need exists for the

37 replacement of the school bus. This subdivision does not apply

38 if contracted transportation services are not paid from the

39 operations fund.

40 (4) Evidence that the school corporation that seeks to acquire

41 additional school buses under this section is acquiring or

42 contracting for the school buses only for the purposes specified

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1 in subdivision (2) or for replacement purposes:

2 (c) If a school corporation wants to use money in the operations
3 fund during the year to pay for school bus replacement; the governing
4 body must adopt a resolution approving the bus replacement plan or
5 amended plan. The school corporation shall post the proposed plan or
6 proposed amended plan on the school corporation's Internet web site
7 before the hearing. The governing body must hold a hearing on the
8 adoption of the resolution as follows:

9 (1) For a school corporation that has not elected to adopt a
10 budget under IC 6-1.1-17-5.6 or for which a resolution adopted
11 under IC 6-1.1-17-5.6(d) is in effect, the school corporation must
12 hold the hearing and adopt the resolution after January 1 and not
13 later than November 1 of the immediately preceding year.

14 (2) For a school corporation that elects to adopt a budget under
15 IC 6-1.1-17-5.6; the school corporation must hold the hearing
16 and adopt the resolution after January 1 and not later than April
17 1 of the immediately preceding school fiscal year.

18 The governing body shall submit the proposed school bus replacement
19 plan or amended plan to the department of local government finance's
20 computer gateway at least ten (10) days before the hearing on the
21 adoption of the resolution. The department of local government finance
22 shall make the proposed plan available to taxpayers; at least ten (10)
23 days before the hearing; through the department's computer gateway.
24 The department of local government finance's computer gateway must
25 allow a taxpayer to search for the proposed plan under this section by
26 the taxpayer's address. If an amendment to a bus replacement plan is
27 being proposed; the governing body must declare the nature of and the
28 need for the amendment in the resolution to adopt the amendment to
29 the plan. The plan; as proposed to be amended; must comply with the
30 requirements for a plan under this section.

31 (d) If a governing body adopts the resolution specified in
32 subsection (c); the school corporation must then submit the resolution
33 to the department of local government finance in the manner prescribed
34 by the department. In addition; the governing body shall submit the
35 school bus replacement plan or amended plan that is approved in the
36 resolution to the department of local government finance's computer
37 gateway not later than thirty (30) days after adoption of the resolution.
38 The department of local government finance shall immediately make
39 the adopted plan available to taxpayers through the department's
40 computer gateway.

41 (e) The operations fund must be used to pay for the replacement
42 of school buses; either through a purchase agreement or under a lease

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1 agreement.

2 (f) Before the last Thursday in August in the year preceding the

3 first school year in which a proposed contract commences; the

4 governing body of a school corporation may elect to designate a part of

5 a:

6 (1) transportation contract (as defined in IC 20-27-2-12);

7 (2) fleet contract (as defined in IC 20-27-2-5); or

8 (3) common carrier contract (as defined in IC 20-27-2-3);

9 as an expenditure payable from the fund. An election under this

10 subsection must be included in the resolution approving the school bus

11 replacement plan or amended plan. The election applies throughout the

12 term of the contract.

13 (g) The amount that may be paid from the fund under this section

14 in a school year is equal to the fair market lease value in the school

15 year of each school bus, school bus chassis, or school bus body used

16 under the contract, as substantiated by invoices, depreciation

17 schedules, and other documented information available to the school

18 corporation.

19 (h) The allocation of costs under this section to the fund must

20 comply with the accounting standards prescribed by the state board of

21 accounts.

22 SECTION 152. IC 20-40-18-10.5, AS AMENDED BY

23 P.L.68-2025, SECTION 214, IS AMENDED TO READ AS

24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.5. (a) This section

25 applies only to eligible charter schools that receive amounts distributed

26 under IC 20-46-8-11.2 or IC 20-46-8-12.

27 (b) For purposes of this section, "charter board" means the

28 governing body of the organizer (as defined in IC 20-24-1-7) of an

29 eligible charter school.

30 (c) The operations fund may be used only to do the following:

31 (1) Carry out a capital projects plan under the following

32 conditions:

33 (A) The plan must include all proposed expenditures that

34 exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and are for:

35 (i) capital assets; or

36 (ii) projects that are considered capital in nature,

37 including technology related projects.

38 (B) If a charter school wants to use money in the operations

39 fund during the year to pay for any items listed in clause (E)

40 that are considered capital in nature, the charter board must

41 approve a plan following a public hearing. The charter

42 school shall post the proposed plan or proposed amended

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1 plan on the charter school's website before the hearing. The
 2 charter school shall submit the proposed capital projects
 3 plan to the department of local government finance's
 4 computer gateway at least ten (10) days before the public
 5 hearing. The department of local government finance shall
 6 make the proposed plan available at least ten (10) days
 7 before the hearing, through the department's computer
 8 gateway. If an amendment to a capital projects plan is
 9 proposed, the charter board must declare the nature of and
 10 need for the amendment in the plan amendment.

11 (C) If a charter board adopts a plan under clause (B), the
 12 charter school must then submit the plan to the department
 13 of local government finance for inclusion on the
 14 department's computer gateway not later than thirty (30)
 15 days after adoption of the plan. The department of local
 16 government finance shall immediately make the proposed
 17 plan available through the gateway website.

18 (D) This clause applies to an amendment to a plan that is
 19 required because of an emergency that results in costs that
 20 exceed the amount accumulated in the fund for repair,
 21 replacement, or site acquisition that is necessitated by an
 22 emergency. The charter board is not required to comply
 23 with clause (C). If the charter board determines that an
 24 emergency exists, the governing body may adopt an
 25 amendment to the plan. An amendment to a plan is not
 26 subject to the deadline and procedures for adoption of a
 27 plan described in this subdivision.

28 (E) This clause sets forth an exclusive list of the
 29 expenditures that may be made from the operations fund
 30 under clause (B), as set forth in the charter board's plan or
 31 amended plan. Subject to the expenditures that are
 32 identified in the charter school's plan or amended plan, the
 33 operations fund shall be used for the following:

- 34 (i) Site acquisition.
- 35 (ii) Site development.
- 36 (iii) Building acquisition, construction, replacement,
 37 renovation, remodeling, improvement, and
 38 maintenance, including building materials and
 39 employment services.
- 40 (iv) Rental of real estate, buildings, facilities, and
 41 equipment.
- 42 (v) To repair and replace buildings and to repair and

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- 1 replace building fixtures that are owned or leased by
 2 the charter school and of a type constituting loss
 3 capable of being covered by casualty insurance.
- 4 (vi) Purchase, lease, repair, or maintenance of
 5 equipment, including maintenance vehicles to be used
 6 by the charter school. However, the fund may not be
 7 used to pay for the purchase, lease, repair, or
 8 maintenance of vehicles that are not maintenance
 9 vehicles, or equipment to be used primarily for
 10 interscholastic or extracurricular activities.
- 11 (vii) Service contracts for janitorial and custodial
 12 services, maintenance services, snow and ice removal
 13 services, trash removal services, mowing and lawn care
 14 services, pest control services, and any other routine
 15 services normally required in the maintenance or
 16 upkeep of charter school facilities.
- 17 (viii) Repair, replacement, or site acquisition that is
 18 necessitated by an emergency.
- 19 (ix) Construction, repair, replacement, remodeling, or
 20 maintenance of a school sports facility.
- 21 (x) Utilities.
- 22 (xi) Property and casualty insurance.
- 23 (xii) Purchase, lease, upgrade, maintenance, or repair
 24 technology that will not be allocated to student
 25 instruction and learning, to include computer
 26 hardware, computer software, wiring and computer
 27 networks, and communication access systems used to
 28 connect with computer networks or electronic
 29 gateways; services of full-time or part-time computer
 30 maintenance employees; conducting nonrecurring
 31 inservice technology training of school employees;
 32 implementing the technology preparation curriculum;
 33 participating in a program to provide educational
 34 technologies, including computers in the homes of
 35 students (commonly referred to as "the buddy system
 36 project") under IC 20-20-13-6, the 4R's technology
 37 program, or any other program under the educational
 38 technology program described in IC 20-20-13;
 39 **IC 20-20.5-6**; and obtaining any combination of
 40 equipment or services in the preceding two (2)
 41 categories of this item.
- 42 (xiii) Services of charter school employees who

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1 perform services considered to be a skilled trade by the
 2 United States Department of Labor, Employment and
 3 Training Administration. For purposes of this item,
 4 skilled trade services do not include janitorial or
 5 comparable routine services normally provided in the
 6 daily operation of school facilities or equipment.
 7 Payment may be made for employee services only if
 8 the employees perform construction of, renovation of,
 9 remodeling of, repair of, or maintenance on the
 10 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
 17 supervisors, mechanics and garage employees, clerks,
 18 and other 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
 25 corporation's transportation service, including gasoline,
 26 lubricants, tires, repairs, contracted repairs, parts,
 27 supplies, equipment, and other related expenses.

28 (C) Percentages or parts of salaries of teaching personnel or
 29 principals are not attributable to transportation. However,
 30 parts of salaries of instructional aides who are assigned to
 31 assist with the school transportation program are
 32 attributable to transportation. The costs described in this
 33 clause (other than instructional aide costs) may not be
 34 budgeted for payment or 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
 37 the 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
 41 operations fund for replacing school buses, a resolution
 42 approving the school bus replacement plan or amended plan

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1 must be submitted to the department of local government
 2 finance.
 3 (B) The department of local government finance shall
 4 prescribe the format of the plan. A plan must apply to at
 5 least the five (5) budget years immediately following the
 6 year the plan is adopted and include at least an estimate for
 7 each year to which it applies of the nature and amount of
 8 proposed expenditures from the fund, and if the school
 9 corporation is seeking to acquire or contract for
 10 transportation services that will provide additional school
 11 buses or school buses with a larger seating capacity as
 12 compared with the number and type of school buses from
 13 the prior school year, evidence of a demand for increased
 14 transportation services within the school corporation.
 15 However, the evidence requirement regarding a contract for
 16 transportation services does not apply if contracted
 17 transportation services are not paid from the fund.
 18 (C) If the charter school is seeking to require a contractor to
 19 replace a school bus, evidence that the need exists for the
 20 replacement of the school bus. This clause does not apply
 21 if contracted transportation services are not paid from the
 22 operations fund.
 23 (D) Evidence that the charter school that seeks to acquire
 24 additional school buses under this subdivision is acquiring
 25 or contracting for the school buses only for the purposes
 26 specified in clause (B) or for replacement purposes.
 27 (E) If a charter school wants to use money in the operations
 28 fund during the year to pay for school bus replacement, the
 29 governing body must adopt a resolution approving the bus
 30 replacement plan or amended plan. The charter school shall
 31 post the proposed plan or proposed amended plan on the
 32 charter school's website before the hearing. The governing
 33 body must hold a hearing on the adoption of the plan. The
 34 charter school shall submit the proposed school bus
 35 replacement plan or amended plan to the department of
 36 local government finance's computer gateway at least ten
 37 (10) days before the hearing on the adoption of the plan.
 38 The department of local government finance shall make the
 39 proposed plan available to taxpayers, at least ten (10) days
 40 before the hearing, through the department's computer
 41 gateway. If an amendment to a bus replacement plan is
 42 being proposed, the charter school must declare the nature

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1 of and the need for the amendment in the resolution to
2 adopt the amendment to the plan.

3 (4) Pay expenses that are allocated to overhead and operational
4 expenditures.

5 (5) Establish, maintain, and equip a public playground.

6 SECTION 153. IC 20-42.5-2-0.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.126-2017,
7 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "applicable nonpublic
9 school" has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 20-20-1-0.5~~. **IC 20-20.5-1-1.**

10 SECTION 154. IC 20-42.5-2-4, AS AMENDED BY
11 P.L.126-2017, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Educational service centers
13 established under ~~IC 20-20-1~~ **IC 20-20.5-1** shall support and facilitate
14 actions by school corporations and charter schools under this article,
15 including by the use of an educational service center's existing
16 cooperative agreements.

17 (b) School corporations, charter schools, and educational service
18 centers may use the division of finance of the department and the office
19 of management and budget to provide technical assistance under this
20 article.

21 (c) Not later than August 31 of each year, the educational service
22 centers shall report to the state board the results of the efforts of the
23 educational service centers under this article during the preceding
24 school year.

25 SECTION 155. IC 20-42.5-3-5, AS AMENDED BY
26 P.L.130-2018, SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) For each school
28 year using the 2005-2006 school year as a baseline:

29 (1) the office of management and budget shall analyze and report
30 to the state board, the governor, and the general assembly
31 concerning the progress or lack of progress of each school
32 corporation; of all school corporations in each educational
33 service-center's area; and in Indiana as a whole in improving the
34 ratio of student instructional expenditures to all other
35 expenditures for the previous school year; **and**

36 (2) the state board shall recognize publicly each school
37 corporation and educational service center that has an improved
38 ratio of student instructional expenditures to all other
39 expenditures during the previous school year;

40 (3) the office of management and budget and the division of
41 finance of the department shall be available to consult with and
42 provide technical assistance to each school corporation that did

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1 not have an improved ratio of student instructional expenditures
2 to all other expenditures during the previous school year; and
3 ~~(4)~~ **(2)** each school corporation shall **submit a report or make**
4 **available to the department in a form and manner**
5 **determined by the department** the following information to the
6 public in the school corporation's annual performance report and
7 to the members of the general assembly whose districts include
8 the school corporation:

9 (A) the percentage of resources spent by the school
10 corporation during the previous school year on each of the
11 following categories of expenditures:

- 12 (i) **(A)** Student academic achievement expenditures.
- 13 (ii) **(B)** Student instructional support expenditures.
- 14 (iii) **(C)** Overhead and operational expenditures.
- 15 (iv) **(D)** Nonoperational expenditures.

16 ~~(B)~~ The trend line for each category described in clause ~~(A)~~:
17 ~~(C)~~ Whether the school corporation did or did not make
18 progress in improving the ratio of student instructional
19 expenditures to all other expenditures during the previous
20 school year.

21 (b) The reports to the general assembly under subsection (a)(1)
22 ~~and to individual members of the general assembly under subsection~~
23 ~~(a)(4)~~ must be submitted to the executive director of the legislative
24 services agency in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

25 SECTION 156. IC 20-42.5-3-7, AS AMENDED BY
26 P.L.130-2018, SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The chart of
28 accounts used by school corporations must:

- 29 (1) coincide with the categories of expenditures described in
30 section ~~5(a)(4)(A)~~ **5(a)(2)** of this chapter; and
- 31 (2) provide the ability to determine expenditures made at and for
32 each individual school building of a school corporation.

33 Each school corporation shall ~~on January 1, 2019, begin using~~ **use** the
34 chart of accounts developed under this section.

35 (b) The state board of accounts may, in consultation with the
36 department and the office of management and budget, modify the chart
37 of accounts as necessary to make the chart of accounts coincide with
38 the categories of expenditures described in section ~~5(a)(4)(A)~~ **5(a)(2)**
39 of this chapter.

40 SECTION 157. IC 20-42.5-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
41 1, 2026]. (Emergency Measures to Maintain Instruction and Learning
42 Programs).

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1 SECTION 158. IC 20-43-8-7.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
2 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.5. (a) The department of workforce development
5 shall designate each career and technical education program as:

- 6 (1) an apprenticeship program;
- 7 (2) a cooperative education program;
- 8 (3) a work based learning program;
- 9 (4) a high value program;
- 10 (5) a moderate value program;
- 11 (6) a less than moderate value program;
- 12 (7) an introductory program; or
- 13 (8) a foundational career and technical education course.

14 The designation of career and technical education programs by the
15 department of workforce development under this section must be
16 reviewed and approved by the state board as provided in this section.

17 (b) Not later than December 1, 2019, and each December 1
18 thereafter, the department of workforce development shall designate
19 each career and technical education program as:

- 20 (1) an apprenticeship program;
- 21 (2) a work based learning program;
- 22 (3) a high value level 1 program;
- 23 (4) a high value level 2 program;
- 24 (5) a moderate value level 1 program;
- 25 (6) a moderate value level 2 program;
- 26 (7) a less than moderate value level 1 program;
- 27 (8) a less than moderate value level 2 program;
- 28 (9) a planning for college and career course; or
- 29 (10) an introductory program.

30 The designation of career and technical education programs by the
31 department of workforce development under this section must be
32 reviewed and approved by the state board as provided in this section.

33 (c) If a new career and technical education program is created by
34 rule, the department of workforce development shall determine the
35 category in which the program is designated under subsection (a) or
36 (b). A career and technical education program must be approved by the
37 department of workforce development in order for a school corporation
38 to be eligible to receive a grant amount for the career and technical
39 education program under section 15 of this chapter.

40 (d) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department of
41 workforce development shall provide a report to the state board that
42 includes the following information:

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- 1 (1) A list of the career and technical education courses for the
- 2 next school year that are designated by the department of
- 3 workforce development under this section.
- 4 (2) The labor market demand used to designate each career and
- 5 technical education program under this section.
- 6 (3) The average wage level used to designate each career and
- 7 technical education program under this section.
- 8 (4) If applicable, the labor market demand and average wage
- 9 level data for specific regions, counties, and municipalities.
- 10 (5) Any other information pertinent to the methodology used by
- 11 the department of workforce development to designate each
- 12 career and technical education program under this section.

13 (e) Not later than January 1 of each year, the state board shall
 14 review and approve the report provided by the department of workforce
 15 development under subsection (d) at a public meeting to ensure that the
 16 list of courses is in compliance with the long range state plan
 17 developed under ~~IC 20-20-38-4~~ **IC 20-20.5-10-4**. Not later than
 18 January 1 of each year, the state board shall send its determination to
 19 the department of workforce development. Upon receipt of the state
 20 board's determination, the department of workforce development shall
 21 provide the approved report to the department.

22 (f) The department of workforce development shall publish the
 23 approved report under subsection (e) on the department of workforce
 24 development's ~~Internet web site~~, **website**, including the following:

- 25 (1) The list of career and technical education programs that are
- 26 designated by the department of workforce development under
- 27 this section.
- 28 (2) The labor market demand used to designate each career and
- 29 technical education program under this section.
- 30 (3) The average wage level used to designate each career and
- 31 technical education program under this section.
- 32 (4) If applicable, the labor market demand and average wage
- 33 level data for specific regions, counties, and municipalities.
- 34 (5) Any other information pertinent to the methodology used by
- 35 the department of workforce development to designate each
- 36 career and technical education program under this section.

37 In addition, the department shall notify all school corporations of the
 38 state board's approval of the report under subsection (e) and provide a
 39 link within the notice to the approved report published on the
 40 department of workforce development's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** under
 41 this subsection.

42 SECTION 159. IC 20-46-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2025,

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1 SECTION 224, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to
3 property tax levies imposed before January 1, 2026.

4 (b) Subject to subsection (c), a school corporation may appeal to
5 the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-19 to
6 increase the school corporation's maximum permissible operations fund
7 levy. The appeal must be filed with the department of local government
8 finance before October 20 of the year before the increase is proposed
9 to take effect. To be granted an increase by the department of local
10 government finance, the school corporation must establish that the
11 increase is necessary because of ~~either or both of the following:~~

12 ~~(1)~~ a cost increase of at least ten percent (10%) over the
13 preceding year for at least one (1) of the following:

14 ~~(A)~~ (1) A fuel expense increase.

15 ~~(B)~~ (2) A cost increase due to an increase in the number of
16 students enrolled in the school corporation who need
17 transportation or an increase in the mileage traveled by the
18 school corporation's buses compared with the previous year.

19 ~~(C)~~ (3) A cost increase due to an increase in the number of
20 students enrolled in special education who need
21 transportation or an increase in the mileage traveled by the
22 school corporation's buses due to students enrolled in
23 special education as compared with the previous year.

24 ~~(D)~~ (4) Increased transportation operating costs due to
25 compliance with a court ordered desegregation plan.

26 ~~(E)~~ (5) A cost increase due to the closure of a school
27 building within the school corporation that results in a
28 significant increase in the distances that students must be
29 transported to attend another school building.

30 ~~(F)~~ (6) A cost increase due to restructuring or redesigning
31 transportation services due to a need for additional,
32 expanded, consolidated, or modified routes.

33 ~~(G)~~ (7) A labor cost increase due to a labor shortage
34 affecting the school corporation's ability to hire qualified
35 transportation employees.

36 To obtain the increase, the school corporation must establish that it will
37 be unable to provide transportation services without an increase.

38 ~~(2) A cost increase associated with the school corporation's bus
39 replacement plan adopted or amended under IC 20-40-18-9
40 (after December 31, 2018). To obtain the increase, the school
41 corporation must show that the school corporation must incur
42 reasonable and necessary expenses to acquire additional buses~~

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1 under the plan:
 2 The department of local government finance may grant a levy increase
 3 that is less than the increase requested by the school corporation. If the
 4 department of local government finance determines that a permanent
 5 increase in the maximum permissible levy is necessary, the increase
 6 granted under this section shall be added to the school corporation's
 7 maximum permissible operations fund levy as provided in section 1 of
 8 this chapter.

9 (c) This subsection applies to a school corporation whose budget
 10 for the upcoming year is subject to review by a fiscal body under
 11 IC 6-1.1-17-20. A school corporation described in this subsection may
 12 not submit an appeal under this section unless the school corporation
 13 receives approval from the fiscal body to submit the appeal.

14 (d) This section expires December 31, 2026.

15 SECTION 160. IC 20-49-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2023,
 16 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. The state board may advance money to school
 18 corporations and charter schools to be used for:

- 19 (1) school building construction programs; and
 - 20 (2) ~~subject to IC 20-20-13-7~~, educational technology programs;
- 21 as provided in this chapter.

22 SECTION 161. IC 21-13-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.232-2025,
 23 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. "Fund":

- 25 (1) for purposes of IC 21-13-2, refers to the William A.
 26 Crawford minority teacher scholarship fund established by
 27 IC 21-13-2-1;
- 28 (2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, refers to the National Guard
 29 tuition supplement program fund established by IC 21-13-4-1;
- 30 (3) for purposes of IC 21-13-5, refers to the National Guard
 31 scholarship extension fund established by IC 21-13-5-1;
- 32 ~~(4) for purposes of IC 21-13-6, refers to the primary care~~
 33 ~~physician loan forgiveness fund established by IC 21-13-6-3;~~
- 34 (4) for purposes of IC 21-13-6.5, refers to the medical
 35 residency education fund established by IC 21-13-6.5-1; and
- 36 ~~(6) (5) for purposes of IC 21-13-12, refers to the county deputy~~
 37 prosecuting attorney and public defender scholarship fund
 38 established by IC 21-13-12-6.

39 SECTION 162. IC 21-13-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 40 1, 2026]. (Primary Care Physician Loan Forgiveness Program).

41 SECTION 163. IC 21-18-21-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,
 42 SECTION 251, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The commission shall biennially
 2 prepare a plan for implementing postsecondary career and technical
 3 education programming after considering the long range state plan
 4 developed under ~~IC 20-20-38-4~~. **IC 20-20.5-10-4**. The commission
 5 shall submit the plan to the state board for its review and
 6 recommendations. The commission shall specifically report on how the
 7 plan addresses preparation for employment.

8 SECTION 164. IC 21-18-21-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,
 9 SECTION 251, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The commission may make
 11 recommendations to the state board concerning the legislative budget
 12 requests prepared under ~~IC 20-20-38-12~~ **IC 20-20.5-10-12** by state
 13 educational institutions for state funds for career and technical
 14 education.

15 SECTION 165. IC 21-18.5-6-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: The cost of performing a team onsite
 17 investigation for purposes of section 8 of this chapter shall be paid by
 18 the applicant postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational
 19 institution. However, the total cost of an inspection, including room,
 20 board, and mileage that does not require travel outside Indiana, may not
 21 exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any one (1) postsecondary
 22 credit bearing proprietary educational institution.~~

23 SECTION 166. IC 21-38-1-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: "Endowment" refers to an endowment described in
 25 IC 21-38-8-2.~~

26 SECTION 167. IC 21-38-1-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 27 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. "Fund",

- 29 (1) for purposes of IC 21-38-7, refers to the Indiana state
- 30 teachers' retirement fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-1. ~~and~~
- 31 (2) for purposes of ~~IC 21-38-8~~, refers to the Indiana excellence
- 32 in teaching endowment established under ~~IC 21-38-8-2~~.

33 SECTION 168. IC 21-38-1-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 34 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. "Fund member", for purposes
 36 of IC 21-38-7, means an individual who qualifies for membership in
 37 the fund described in section ~~13(1)~~ **13** of this chapter under
 38 IC 5-10.4-4-1.

39 SECTION 169. IC 21-38-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 40 1, 2026]. (Indiana Excellence in Teaching Endowment).

41 SECTION 170. IC 21-42-3-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.94-2024,
 42 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The definitions in IC 20-18-2 apply
2 throughout this section.

- 3 (b) This section applies to a high school that is:
4 (1) a public school, including a charter school;
5 (2) a state accredited nonpublic school; or
6 (3) an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).

7 ~~(c) If a high school submits to the commission for higher
8 education an Indiana college core feasibility report under
9 IC 20-30-5-25, the high school shall submit the report, in a manner
10 prescribed by the commission for higher education, not later than
11 October 1, 2024.~~

12 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commission for higher education, in collaboration with
13 the department, shall:

- 14 (1) review each feasibility report submitted by each high school;
15 and
16 (2) provide guidance to the applicable high school on removing
17 any barriers that prevent or hinder the high school from offering
18 the Indiana college core.

19 ~~(e) Not later than December 1, 2025, the commission for higher
20 education shall do the following:~~

- 21 ~~(1) Prepare a report regarding the following:~~
22 ~~(A) The number of high schools that offer and the number
23 of high schools that do not offer the Indiana college core.~~
24 ~~(B) The outcomes of students who earn the Indiana college
25 core.~~
26 ~~(2) Submit the report prepared under subdivision (1) to the:~~
27 ~~(A) governor; and~~
28 ~~(B) legislative council in an electronic format under
29 IC 5-14-6.~~

30 SECTION 171. IC 31-16-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.263-2019,
31 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The duty to support a child under this
33 chapter, which does not include support for educational needs, ceases
34 when the child becomes nineteen (19) years of age unless any of the
35 following conditions occurs:

- 36 (1) The child is emancipated before becoming nineteen (19)
37 years of age. In this case the child support, except for the
38 educational needs outlined in section 2(a)(1) of this chapter,
39 terminates at the time of emancipation, although an order for
40 educational needs may continue in effect until further order of
41 the court.
42 (2) The child is incapacitated. In this case the child support

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1 continues during the incapacity or until further order of the
2 court.
3 (3) The child:
4 (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
5 (B) has not attended a secondary school or postsecondary
6 educational institution for the prior four (4) months and is
7 not enrolled in a secondary school or postsecondary
8 educational institution; and
9 (C) is or is capable of supporting himself or herself through
10 employment.
11 In this case the child support terminates upon the court's finding
12 that the conditions prescribed in this subdivision exist. However,
13 if the court finds that the conditions set forth in clauses (A)
14 through (C) are met but that the child is only partially supporting
15 or is capable of only partially supporting himself or herself, the
16 court may order that support be modified instead of terminated.
17 (4) The child is a full-time student in a secondary school (as
18 defined in ~~IC 20-18-2-18(a)~~ **IC 20-18-2-18** and a parent or
19 guardian of the child files notice under subsection (c) advising
20 the court that the child continues or will continue to be enrolled
21 in secondary school. In this case, the child support:
22 (1) continues until; and
23 (2) terminates upon;
24 the child's graduation from secondary school.
25 (b) For purposes of determining if a child is emancipated under
26 subsection (a)(1), if the court finds that the child:
27 (1) is on active duty in the United States armed services;
28 (2) has married; or
29 (3) is not under the care or control of:
30 (A) either parent; or
31 (B) an individual or agency approved by the court;
32 the court shall find the child emancipated and terminate the child
33 support.
34 (c) Notice under subsection (a)(4) must:
35 (1) be filed with the court and provided to each party to the child
36 support proceeding:
37 (A) not earlier than the date on which the child becomes
38 seventeen (17) years of age; and
39 (B) not later than the date on which the child becomes
40 nineteen (19) years of age; and
41 (2) include:
42 (A) proof of the child's enrollment; and

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1 (B) the child's expected graduation date.

2 (d) If:

3 (1) a parent or guardian files a notice under subsection (a)(4);

4 and

5 (2) an objection or request for a hearing is not filed by a party to

6 the child support proceeding not later than thirty (30) days after

7 the party receives the notice;

8 the court may, without holding a hearing, issue an order continuing

9 child support through the date on which the child is expected to

10 graduate.

11 (e) If a court has established a duty to support a child in a court

12 order issued before July 1, 2012, the:

13 (1) parent or guardian of the child; or

14 (2) child;

15 may file a petition for educational needs until the child becomes

16 twenty-one (21) years of age.

17 (f) If a court has established a duty to support a child in a court

18 order issued after June 30, 2012, the:

19 (1) parent or guardian of the child; or

20 (2) child;

21 may file a petition for educational needs until the child becomes

22 nineteen (19) years of age.

23 (g) If:

24 (1) an order was issued after June 30, 2012, that denied support

25 for educational needs to a child who was less than twenty-one

26 (21) years of age at the time the petition for educational needs

27 was filed; and

28 (2) support for educational needs was denied based on the fact

29 that the child was older than eighteen (18) years of age;

30 notwithstanding any other law, a parent or guardian of the child or the

31 child may file with the court a subsequent petition for educational

32 needs. The court shall consider the petition on the merits in accordance

33 with this section and may not consider the absence of subsection (e)

34 from law at the time of the initial filing.

35 SECTION 172. IC 33-24-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2025,

36 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The office of judicial administration shall

38 do the following:

39 (1) Examine the administrative and business methods and

40 systems employed in the offices of the clerks of court and other

41 offices related to and serving the courts and make

42 recommendations for necessary improvement.

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- 1 (2) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on
- 2 the judicial work of the courts in Indiana. All justices of the
- 3 supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, judges of all trial
- 4 courts, and any city or town courts, whether having general or
- 5 special jurisdiction, court clerks, court reporters, and other
- 6 officers and employees of the courts shall, upon notice by the
- 7 chief administrative officer and in compliance with procedures
- 8 prescribed by the chief administrative officer, furnish the chief
- 9 administrative officer the information as is requested concerning
- 10 the nature and volume of judicial business. The information must
- 11 include the following:
- 12 (A) The volume, condition, and type of business conducted
- 13 by the courts.
- 14 (B) The methods of procedure in the courts.
- 15 (C) The work accomplished by the courts.
- 16 (D) The receipt and expenditure of public money by and for
- 17 the operation of the courts.
- 18 (E) The methods of disposition or termination of cases.
- 19 (3) Prepare and publish reports, not less than one (1) or more
- 20 than two (2) times per year, on the nature and volume of judicial
- 21 work performed by the courts as determined by the information
- 22 required in subdivision (2).
- 23 (4) Serve the judicial nominating commission and the judicial
- 24 qualifications commission in the performance by the
- 25 commissions of their statutory and constitutional functions.
- 26 (5) Administer the civil legal aid fund as required by
- 27 IC 33-24-12.
- 28 (6) Administer the court technology fund established by section
- 29 12 of this chapter.
- 30 (7) By December 31, 2013, develop and implement a standard
- 31 protocol for sending and receiving court data:
- 32 (A) between the protective order registry, established by
- 33 IC 5-2-9-5.5, and county court case management systems;
- 34 (B) at the option of the prosecuting attorney, for:
- 35 (i) a prosecuting attorney's case management system;
- 36 (ii) a county court case management system; and
- 37 (iii) a county court case management system developed
- 38 and operated by the office of judicial administration;
- 39 to interface with the electronic traffic tickets, as defined by
- 40 IC 9-30-3-2.5; and
- 41 (C) between county court case management systems and the
- 42 case management system developed and operated by the

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office of judicial administration.
The standard protocol developed and implemented under this subdivision shall permit private sector vendors, including vendors providing service to a local system and vendors accessing the system for information, to send and receive court information on an equitable basis and at an equitable cost, and for a case management system developed and operated by the office of judicial administration, must include a searchable field for the name and bail agent license number, if applicable, of the bail agent or a person authorized by the surety that pays bail for an individual as described in IC 35-33-8-3.2.

(8) Establish and administer an electronic system for receiving information that relates to certain individuals who may be prohibited from possessing a firearm for the purpose of:

- (A) transmitting this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the NICS; and
- (B) beginning July 1, 2021, compiling and publishing certain statistics related to the confiscation and retention of firearms as described under section 14 of this chapter.

(9) Establish and administer an electronic system for receiving drug related felony conviction information from courts. The office of judicial administration shall notify NPLeX of each drug related felony entered after June 30, 2012, and do the following:

- (A) Provide NPLeX with the following information:
 - (i) The convicted individual's full name.
 - (ii) The convicted individual's date of birth.
 - (iii) The convicted individual's driver's license number, state personal identification number, or other unique number, if available.
 - (iv) The date the individual was convicted of the felony.

Upon receipt of the information from the office of judicial administration, a stop sale alert must be generated through NPLeX for each individual reported under this clause.

(B) Notify NPLeX if the felony of an individual reported under clause (A) has been:

- (i) set aside;
- (ii) reversed;
- (iii) expunged; or
- (iv) vacated.

Upon receipt of information under this clause, NPLeX shall remove the stop sale alert issued under clause (A) for the

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- 1 individual.
- 2 (10) After July 1, 2018, establish and administer an electronic
- 3 system for receiving from courts felony or misdemeanor
- 4 conviction information for each felony or misdemeanor
- 5 described in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~ **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**. The office of
- 6 judicial administration shall notify the department of education
- 7 at least one (1) time each week of each felony or misdemeanor
- 8 described in ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~ **IC 20-28-5-8(b)** entered after July
- 9 1, 2018, and do the following:
- 10 (A) Provide the department of education with the following
- 11 information:
- 12 (i) The convicted individual's full name.
- 13 (ii) The convicted individual's date of birth.
- 14 (iii) The convicted individual's driver's license number,
- 15 state personal identification number, or other unique
- 16 number, if available.
- 17 (iv) The date the individual was convicted of the felony
- 18 or misdemeanor.
- 19 (B) Notify the department of education if the felony or
- 20 misdemeanor of an individual reported under clause (A) has
- 21 been:
- 22 (i) set aside;
- 23 (ii) reversed; or
- 24 (iii) vacated.
- 25 (11) Perform legal and administrative duties for the justices as
- 26 determined by the justices.
- 27 (12) Provide staff support for the judicial conference of Indiana
- 28 established in IC 33-38-9.
- 29 (13) Work with the United States Department of Veterans
- 30 Affairs to identify and address the needs of veterans in the court
- 31 system.
- 32 (14) If necessary for purposes of IC 35-47-16-1, issue a retired
- 33 judicial officer an identification card identifying the retired
- 34 judicial officer as a retired judicial officer.
- 35 (15) Establish and administer the statewide juvenile justice data
- 36 aggregation plan established under section 12.5 of this chapter.
- 37 (16) Create and make available an application for detention to be
- 38 used in proceedings under IC 12-26-5 (mental health detention,
- 39 commitment, and treatment).
- 40 (17) Create and make available a uniform form to assist a court
- 41 in making an indigency determination under IC 35-33-7-6.5.
- 42 (18) Before July 1, 2025, establish and administer an electronic

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1 system for:
 2 (A) receiving a request for a chronological case summary
 3 from; and
 4 (B) transmitting a chronological case summary to;
 5 the state police department for purposes of expungement or
 6 sealing of records.
 7 (b) All forms to be used in gathering data must be approved by the
 8 supreme court and shall be distributed to all judges and clerks before
 9 the start of each period for which reports are required.
 10 (c) The office of judicial administration may adopt rules to
 11 implement this section.
 12 SECTION 173. IC 34-13-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
 13 SECTION 182, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A governmental entity or an
 15 employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment is not
 16 liable if a loss results from the following:
 17 (1) The natural condition of unimproved property.
 18 (2) The condition of a reservoir, dam, canal, conduit, drain, or
 19 similar structure when used by a person for a purpose that is not
 20 foreseeable.
 21 (3) The temporary condition of a public thoroughfare or extreme
 22 sport area that results from weather.
 23 (4) The condition of an unpaved road, trail, or footpath, the
 24 purpose of which is to provide access to a recreation or scenic
 25 area.
 26 (5) The design, construction, control, operation, or normal
 27 condition of an extreme sport area, if all entrances to the extreme
 28 sport area are marked with:
 29 (A) a set of rules governing the use of the extreme sport
 30 area;
 31 (B) a warning concerning the hazards and dangers
 32 associated with the use of the extreme sport area; and
 33 (C) a statement that the extreme sport area may be used
 34 only by persons operating extreme sport equipment.
 35 This subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a governmental
 36 entity from liability for the continuing duty to maintain extreme
 37 sports areas in a reasonably safe condition.
 38 (6) The initiation of a judicial or an administrative proceeding.
 39 (7) The performance of a discretionary function; however, the
 40 provision of medical or optical care as provided in
 41 IC 34-6-2.1-54 shall be considered as a ministerial act.
 42 (8) The adoption and enforcement of or failure to adopt or

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- 1 enforce:
 2 (A) a law (including rules and regulations); or
 3 (B) in the case of a public school or charter school, a policy;
 4 unless the act of enforcement constitutes false arrest or false
 5 imprisonment.
 6 (9) An act or omission performed in good faith and without
 7 malice under the apparent authority of a statute which is invalid
 8 if the employee would not have been liable had the statute been
 9 valid.
 10 (10) The act or omission of anyone other than the governmental
 11 entity or the governmental entity's employee.
 12 (11) The issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of, or failure
 13 or refusal to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license,
 14 certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization, where the
 15 authority is discretionary under the law.
 16 (12) Failure to make an inspection, or making an inadequate or
 17 negligent inspection, of any property, other than the property of
 18 a governmental entity, to determine whether the property
 19 complied with or violates any law or contains a hazard to health
 20 or safety.
 21 (13) Entry upon any property where the entry is expressly or
 22 impliedly authorized by law.
 23 (14) Misrepresentation if unintentional.
 24 (15) Theft by another person of money in the employee's official
 25 custody, unless the loss was sustained because of the employee's
 26 own negligent or wrongful act or omission.
 27 (16) Injury to the property of a person under the jurisdiction and
 28 control of the department of correction if the person has not
 29 exhausted the administrative remedies and procedures provided
 30 by section 7 of this chapter.
 31 (17) Injury to the person or property of a person under
 32 supervision of a governmental entity and who is:
 33 (A) on probation;
 34 (B) assigned to an alcohol and drug services program under
 35 IC 12-23, a minimum security release program under
 36 IC 11-10-8, a pretrial conditional release program under
 37 IC 35-33-8, or a community corrections program under
 38 IC 11-12; or
 39 (C) subject to a court order requiring the person to be
 40 escorted by a county police officer while on or in a
 41 government building (as defined in IC 36-9-13-3) owned by
 42 a county building authority under IC 36-9-13, unless the

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- 1 injury is the result of an act or omission amounting to:
- 2 (i) gross negligence;
- 3 (ii) willful or wanton misconduct; or
- 4 (iii) intentional misconduct.
- 5 (18) Design of a highway (as defined in IC 9-13-2-73), toll road
- 6 project (as defined in IC 8-15-2-4(4)), tollway (as defined in
- 7 IC 8-15-3-7), or project (as defined in IC 8-15.7-2-14) if the
- 8 claimed loss occurs at least twenty (20) years after the public
- 9 highway, toll road project, tollway, or project was designed or
- 10 substantially redesigned; except that this subdivision shall not be
- 11 construed to relieve a responsible governmental entity from the
- 12 continuing duty to provide and maintain public highways in a
- 13 reasonably safe condition.
- 14 (19) Development, adoption, implementation, operation,
- 15 maintenance, or use of an enhanced emergency communication
- 16 system.
- 17 (20) Injury to a student or a student's property by an employee of
- 18 a school corporation if the employee is acting reasonably under
- 19 a:
- 20 (A) discipline policy adopted under IC 20-33-8-12; or
- 21 (B) restraint and seclusion plan adopted under
- 22 ~~IC 20-20-40-14.~~ **IC 20-20.5-13-16.**
- 23 (21) An act or omission performed in good faith under the
- 24 apparent authority of a court order described in IC 35-46-1-15.1
- 25 or IC 35-46-1-15.3 that is invalid, including an arrest or
- 26 imprisonment related to the enforcement of the court order, if the
- 27 governmental entity or employee would not have been liable had
- 28 the court order been valid.
- 29 (22) An act taken to investigate or remediate hazardous
- 30 substances, petroleum, or other pollutants associated with a
- 31 brownfield (as defined in IC 13-11-2-19.3) unless:
- 32 (A) the loss is a result of reckless conduct; or
- 33 (B) the governmental entity was responsible for the initial
- 34 placement of the hazardous substances, petroleum, or other
- 35 pollutants on the brownfield.
- 36 (23) The operation of an off-road vehicle (as defined in
- 37 IC 14-8-2-185) by a nongovernmental employee, or by a
- 38 governmental employee not acting within the scope of the
- 39 employment of the employee, on a public highway in a county
- 40 road system outside the corporate limits of a city or town, unless
- 41 the loss is the result of an act or omission amounting to:
- 42 (A) gross negligence;

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1 (B) willful or wanton misconduct; or
 2 (C) intentional misconduct.
 3 This subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a governmental
 4 entity from liability for the continuing duty to maintain highways
 5 in a reasonably safe condition for the operation of motor vehicles
 6 licensed by the bureau of motor vehicles for operation on public
 7 highways.
 8 (24) Any act or omission rendered in connection with a request,
 9 investigation, assessment, or opinion provided under
 10 IC 36-9-28.7.
 11 (b) This subsection applies to a cause of action that accrues during
 12 a period of a state disaster emergency declared under IC 10-14-3-12 to
 13 respond to COVID-19, if the state of disaster emergency was declared
 14 after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022. A governmental
 15 entity or an employee acting within the scope of the employee's
 16 employment is not liable for an act or omission arising from COVID-19
 17 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or
 18 wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. If a claim
 19 described in this subsection is:
 20 (1) a claim for injury or death resulting from medical
 21 malpractice; and
 22 (2) not barred by the immunity provided under this subsection;
 23 the claimant is required to comply with all of the provisions of
 24 IC 34-18 (medical malpractice act).
 25 SECTION 174. IC 34-30-2.1-269, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 26 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 269. ~~IC 20-20-40-15~~ **IC 20-20.5-13-17**
 28 (Concerning actions taken to promote student conduct under a restraint
 29 and seclusion plan).
 30 SECTION 175. IC 35-50-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
 31 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section,
 33 "offense requiring license revocation" means an offense listed in
 34 ~~IC 20-28-5-8(e)~~. **IC 20-28-5-8(b)**.
 35 (b) If an individual is or was a teacher in a school corporation,
 36 charter school, or nonpublic school and is convicted of an offense
 37 requiring license revocation, the judge who presided over the trial or
 38 accepted a plea agreement shall give written notice of the conviction
 39 to the secretary of education and the chief administrative officer of the
 40 school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school, or, if the
 41 individual is employed in a public school, the superintendent of the
 42 school district in which the individual is employed.

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1 (c) Notice under subsection (b) must occur not later than seven (7)
2 days after the date the judgment is entered.

3 (d) The notification sent to a school or school district under
4 subsection (b) must include only the felony for which the individual
5 was convicted.

6 (e) If a judge later modifies the individual's sentence after giving
7 notice under this section, the judge shall notify the school or the school
8 district of the modification.

9 (f) After receiving a notification under subsection (b), the
10 secretary of education shall initiate procedures to revoke the
11 individual's license to teach.

12 SECTION 176. IC 36-1-7-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
13 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 13. Whenever an agreement authorized by this chapter~~
14 ~~is between school corporations, teachers employed under the~~
15 ~~agreement have the same rights and privileges as teachers employed~~
16 ~~under IC 20-26-10-5, IC 20-26-10-6, and IC 20-26-10-7.~~

17 SECTION 177. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) **512**
18 **IAC 4-1-3(b) is void. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative**
19 **Code and Indiana Register shall remove this rule from the Indiana**
20 **Administrative Code.**

21 (b) **This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

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