

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1176 # 3

DIGEST

Pokagon Indiana education fund. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2027, the Pokagon Indiana education fund must be used to make payment to certain Indiana public or private (instead of only public) institutions of higher learning or workforce development and training programs.

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 4-29.5-18-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2021,
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. For so long as the Band makes payments in
6 accordance with IC 4-29.5-17, the Band shall allocate a portion of the
7 annual payment to provide funding for public **or private** postsecondary
8 and vocational education for Band citizens (the "Pokagon Indiana
9 Education Fund").
10 SECTION 2. IC 4-29.5-18-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2021,
11 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The Pokagon Indiana Education Fund shall be
13 used solely to make payments directly to Indiana public **or private**
14 institutions of higher learning or workforce development and training
15 programs approved by the Indiana Department of Workforce
16 Development for eligible Band citizens for direct costs and expenses,
17 such as tuition, on-campus room and board, and other direct education
18 expenses. To be eligible, a Band citizen must (i) be enrolled in the
19 Band prior to benefitting from any payment, and (ii) meet the education
20 or workforce provider admission requirements. Priority shall be given
21 to Band citizens who are legal residents of the State of Indiana as of the
22 date of their application for benefits."
23 Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1176 as introduced.)