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## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	9
NO:	2

### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1176, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

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

1       programs approved by the Indiana Department of Workforce  
2       Development for eligible Band citizens for direct costs and expenses,  
3       such as tuition, on-campus room and board, and other direct education  
4       expenses. To be eligible, a Band citizen must (i) be enrolled in the  
5       Band prior to benefitting from any payment, and (ii) meet the education  
6       or workforce provider admission requirements. Priority shall be given  
7       to Band citizens who are legal residents of the State of Indiana as of the  
8       date of their application for benefits.".

9       Page 4, between lines 23 and 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
10       "SECTION 5. IC 20-25.7-5-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
11       CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. A board may not at the same**  
13       **time both:**

14       **(1) be an authorizer of a charter school; and**  
15       **(2) enter into or have an agreement under this chapter with**  
16       **the charter school.".**

17       Page 13, between lines 3 and 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
18       "SECTION 11. IC 20-51-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2024,  
19       SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
20       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. "Eligible student" refers to an individual who:  
21       (1) has legal settlement in Indiana;  
22       (2) is at least four (4) years of age and less than twenty-two (22)  
23       years of age on October 1 of the applicable school year; **and**  
24       (3) either has been or is currently enrolled in a participating  
25       school. **and**  
26       **(4) is a member of a household with an annual income of not**  
27       **more than four hundred percent (400%) of the amount required**  
28       **for the individual to qualify for the federal free or reduced price**  
29       **lunch program.".**

30       Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1176 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

**Representative Behning**