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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1176

Proposed Changes to February 6, 2026 printing by AM117616

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Various changes. Amends provisions in the bill to provide that the Pokagon Indiana education fund must be used to make payments to Indiana institutions of higher learning or workforce development and training programs (not public or private Indiana institutions as in the current bill). Changes the effective date for certain provisions. Removes the provision in the bill that would amend the definition of "eligible student" for purposes of eligibility for school scholarships distributed by scholarship granting organizations.

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 4-29.5-18-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2021,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. For so long as the Band makes payments in
- 4 accordance with IC 4-29.5-17, the Band shall allocate a portion of the
- 5 annual payment to provide funding for [public<or private>]
- 6]postsecondary and vocational education for Band citizens (the
- 7 "Pokagon Indiana Education Fund").
- 8 SECTION 2. IC 4-29.5-18-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2021,
- 9 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 10 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The Pokagon Indiana Education Fund shall be
- 11 used solely to make payments directly to Indiana [public<or
- 12 private>] institutions of higher learning or workforce development
- 13 and training programs approved by the Indiana Department of
- 14 Workforce Development for eligible Band citizens for direct costs and
- 15 expenses, such as tuition, on-campus room and board, and other direct
- 16 education expenses. To be eligible, a Band citizen must (i) be enrolled

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1 in the Band prior to benefitting from any payment, and (ii) meet the
2 education or workforce provider admission requirements. Priority shall
3 be given to Band citizens who are legal residents of the State of Indiana
4 as of the date of their application for benefits.

5 SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-17-3.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.136-2024,
6 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2024 ~~6~~ [7]]: Sec. 3.1. (a) This section:

8 (1) applies only to an operating referendum tax levy under
9 IC 20-46-1 approved by the voters before January 1, 2023, that
10 is imposed by a school corporation for taxes first due and
11 payable in 2024 and 2025;

12 (2) does not apply to an operating referendum tax levy under
13 IC 20-46-1:

14 (A) approved by the voters during a time that the school
15 corporation imposing the levy was designated as a
16 distressed political subdivision; or

17 (B) approved by the voters after December 31, 2022, and
18 before January 1, 2025, that is imposed by a school
19 corporation for taxes first due and payable in 2024 or 2025;
20 and

21 (3) does not apply to any other tax year.

22 (b) As used in this section, "ADM" refers to the school
23 corporation's average daily membership used to determine the state
24 tuition support distribution under IC 20-43. In the case of a school
25 corporation that has entered into an agreement with one (1) or more
26 charter schools to participate as an innovation network charter school
27 under IC 20-25.7-5, the term includes the average daily membership of
28 **students described in IC 20-25.7-5-2(b)(2)** of any innovation network
29 charter school that is treated as a school operated by the school
30 corporation **with regard to students described in**
31 **IC 20-25.7-5-2(b)(2)** when calculating the total amount of state tuition
32 support to be distributed to the school corporation.

33 (c) Notwithstanding any increase in the assessed value of property
34 from the previous assessment date, for taxes first due and payable in
35 2024, the total amount of operating referendum tax that may be levied
36 by a school corporation may not exceed the lesser of:

37 (1) the maximum operating referendum tax that could have been
38 levied by the school corporation if the maximum referendum rate
39 was imposed for taxes first due and payable in 2023 multiplied
40 by one and three-hundredths (1.03); or

41 (2) the maximum operating referendum tax that could otherwise
42 be levied by the school corporation for taxes first due and

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payable in 2024.
The tax rate for an operating referendum tax levy shall be decreased, if necessary, to comply with this limitation.

(d) Notwithstanding any increase in the assessed value of property from the previous assessment date, for taxes first due and payable in 2025, the total amount of operating referendum tax that may be levied by a school corporation may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The maximum operating referendum tax that could have been levied by the school corporation if the maximum referendum rate was imposed for taxes first due and payable in the immediately preceding calendar year, as adjusted by this section, multiplied by the result determined under STEP SEVEN of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Subtract:

(i) the school corporation's spring count of ADM made in the calendar year preceding by five (5) years the calendar year in which the property taxes are first due and payable; from

(ii) the school corporation's spring count of ADM made in the immediately preceding calendar year.

STEP TWO: Divide the STEP ONE result by four (4).

STEP THREE: Divide the STEP TWO result by the school corporation's spring count of ADM made in the calendar year preceding by five (5) years the calendar year in which the property taxes are first due and payable.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the STEP THREE amount by one and five-tenths (1.5).

STEP FIVE: Add the STEP FOUR result and one and six-hundredths (1.06).

STEP SIX: Determine the greater of the STEP FIVE result or one and six-hundredths (1.06).

STEP SEVEN: Determine the lesser of the STEP SIX result or one and twelve-hundredths (1.12).

(2) The maximum operating referendum tax that could otherwise be levied by the school corporation for taxes first due and payable in the current calendar year.

The tax rate for an operating referendum tax levy shall be decreased, if necessary, to comply with this limitation.

(e) The department of education shall provide to the department of local government finance each school corporation's applicable ADM counts as needed to make the determinations under this section.

SECTION 4. IC 20-24-11-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

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1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5. (a) An existing public**
3 **elementary or secondary school may be converted into a charter**
4 **school if the governing body of the school corporation:**

- 5 (1) votes to convert the school within the school corporation;
- 6 and
- 7 (2) submits to an authorizer a proposal described in
- 8 IC 20-24-3-4 to convert the school within the school
- 9 corporation to a charter school.

10 (b) The governing body of the school corporation described in
11 subsection (a) may not serve as the authorizer of the charter school
12 converted in accordance with this section.

13 (c) The organizer of a conversion charter school described in
14 this section may be:

- 15 (1) the school corporation; or
- 16 (2) a nonprofit corporation that:
 - 17 (A) is established by the school corporation;
 - 18 (B) is incorporated or registered in Indiana;
 - 19 (C) has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service
 - 20 to be tax exempt and maintains such tax exempt status;
 - 21 and
 - 22 (D) has an independent board whose members have
 - 23 been elected or selected under the organizer's
 - 24 application and that has entered into a contract under
 - 25 this article to operate a charter school.

26 (d) The governing body of a school corporation may convert
27 more than one (1) existing public elementary or secondary school
28 within the school corporation under this section. The school
29 corporation or an organizer that is a nonprofit corporation
30 established by the school corporation under subsection (c)(2) may:

- 31 (1) submit a separate proposal for each school to an
- 32 authorizer; or
- 33 (2) with the approval of the authorizer, operate two (2) or
- 34 more schools under a single charter, provided that each
- 35 school site:
 - 36 (A) is identified in the charter application and charter;
 - 37 and
 - 38 (B) is subject to the performance conditions,
 - 39 accountability measures, and renewal determinations
 - 40 established in the charter.

41 (e) A conversion charter school described in this section shall
42 comply with the following:

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1 (1) All legal requirements described in section 1(d) of this
2 chapter.

3 (2) Except as provided in this section, all requirements for
4 charter schools under this article.

5 SECTION 5. IC 20-25.7-5-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. A board may not at the same**
8 **time both:**

- 9 (1) be an authorizer of a charter school; and
- 10 (2) enter into or have an agreement under this chapter with
- 11 the charter school.

12 SECTION 6. IC 20-25.7-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
13 SECTION 169, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] [7]: Sec. 2. (a) ~~The~~ **A** board may enter
15 into an agreement with an organizer to:

- 16 (1) reconstitute an eligible school as a participating innovation
- 17 network charter school; or to
- 18 (2) establish a participating innovation network charter school at
- 19 a location:

20 (A) selected by the board; ~~within the boundary of the school~~
21 ~~corporation.~~ **or**

22 (B) **within the geographic boundaries of any school**
23 **corporation with which the organizer enters into an**
24 **agreement under this chapter.**

25 Notwithstanding IC 20-26-7.1, a participating innovation network
26 charter school may be established within a vacant school building.

27 (b) The terms of the agreement entered into between ~~the~~ **a** board
28 **of a school corporation** and an organizer must specify the following:

29 (1) A statement that the organizer authorizes the department to
30 include the charter school's performance assessment results
31 under IC 20-31-8 **for students who reside within the**
32 **geographic boundaries of the school corporation** when
33 calculating the school corporation's performance assessment
34 under rules adopted by the state board.

35 (2) Subject to an administrative fee as described in subsection
36 (g), a statement that the school corporation will distribute at least
37 one hundred percent (100%) of state tuition support dollars that
38 the school corporation receives ~~from student enrollment for~~
39 **students who:**

40 (A) **reside within the geographic boundaries of the**
41 **school corporation; and**

42 (B) **are enrolled** in the participating innovation network

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charter school;
in accordance with the school funding formula to the participating innovation network charter school (if the participating innovation network charter school is, **with regard to students described in this subsection**, treated in the same manner as a school operated by the school corporation under subsection (d)(2)).

(3) The performance goals and accountability metrics agreed upon for the charter school in the charter agreement between the organizer and the authorizer and a statement that the school corporation is prohibited from setting additional performance goals or accountability metrics.

(4) For an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30, 2023, the process the board is required to follow in determining whether to renew the agreement.

(5) The amount of money levied as property taxes that will be distributed by the school corporation to the organizer.

(6) Subject to section 5 of this chapter, the participating innovation network charter school's enrollment and discipline policies, including defined attendance areas and enrollment zones.

(7) A statement that the innovation agreement shall not create an obligation that would cause the organizer to be in violation of its charter agreement (as described in IC 20-24-1-3).

(c) If an organizer and ~~the~~ a board enter into an agreement under subsection (a), the organizer and the board shall notify the department that the agreement has been made under this section within thirty (30) days after the agreement is entered into.

(d) Upon receipt of the notification under subsection (c), for school years starting after the date of the agreement:

(1) the department shall include the participating innovation network charter school's performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 **for students who reside within the geographic boundaries of the school corporation** when calculating the school corporation's performance assessment under rules adopted by the state board;

(2) the department shall:
(A) treat the participating innovation network charter school in the same manner as a school operated by the school corporation **with regard to students residing within the geographic boundaries of the school corporation** when calculating the total amount of state funding to be

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1 distributed to the school corporation unless subsection (e)
2 applies; and

3 **(B) in determining the school corporation's enrollment,**
4 **include only eligible pupils enrolled in the participating**
5 **innovation network charter school who reside within the**
6 **geographic boundaries of the school corporation.**

7 (3) if requested by a participating innovation network charter
8 school that reconstitutes an eligible school, the department may
9 use student growth as the state board's exclusive means to
10 determine the innovation network charter school's category or
11 designation of school improvement under 511 <IAC
12 6>[IAC 6].2-10-10 for a period of three (3) years. Beginning
13 with the 2019-2020 school year, the department may not use
14 student growth as the state board's exclusive means to determine
15 an innovation network charter school's category or designation
16 of school improvement. This subdivision expires July 1, 2023.

17 (e) If a participating innovation network school was established
18 before January 1, 2016, and for the current school year has a
19 complexity index that is greater than the complexity index for the
20 school corporation that the innovation network school has contracted
21 with, the innovation network school shall be treated as a charter school
22 for purposes of determining tuition support. This subsection expires
23 June 30, 2027.

24 (f) If the board or organizer fails to follow the process described
25 in subsection (b)(4), the board or organizer may appeal to the state
26 board. The state board shall hear the appeal in a public meeting and
27 ensure that the board or organizer follows the renewal process specified
28 in the agreement. The board may not terminate an agreement until the
29 board has provided evidence to the state board that the board has
30 complied with the renewal process specified in the agreement. The
31 state board shall issue a decision on an appeal under this subsection not
32 later than sixty (60) days after the date the board or organizer submitted
33 the appeal to the state board.

34 (g) If an administrative fee is included in an agreement entered
35 into or renewed **under this chapter** after June 30, 2023, <=>[
36]202<=>[7], under this section, the fee may not exceed one percent
37 (1%) of the total amount of state tuition support that is distributed to
38 the school corporation based on the participating innovation network
39 charter school's student enrollment. **each school corporation with**
40 **which an organizer of a participating innovation network charter**
41 **school has entered into an agreement may assess an administrative**
42 **fee of not more than one percent (1%) of the tuition support**

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1 **dollars that the school corporation receives for students who:**

- 2 **(1) reside within the geographic boundaries of the school**
 3 **corporation; and**
 4 **(2) are enrolled in the participating innovation network**
 5 **charter school.**

6 (h) An agreement entered into between the board and an organizer
 7 under this section may not be altered without written approval from the
 8 organizer.

9 SECTION 7. IC 20-25.7-5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 10 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 202~~6~~ [7]]: **Sec. 2.5. In addition to any state**
 12 **tuition support dollars a participating innovation network charter**
 13 **school receives from a school corporation under this chapter, the**
 14 **department shall treat the participating innovation network**
 15 **charter school as a charter school when calculating the tuition**
 16 **support to be distributed to the innovation network charter school**
 17 **for students of the innovation network charter school who do not**
 18 **reside within the geographic boundaries of a school corporation**
 19 **with which the innovation network charter school has an**
 20 **agreement under this chapter.**

21 SECTION 8. IC 20-25.7-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.220-2021,
 22 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 202~~6~~ [7]]: Sec. 5. (a) IC 20-24-5-5 (with the exception of
 24 IC 20-24-5-5(g)) does not apply to a participating innovation network
 25 charter school that enters into an agreement with the board to
 26 reconstitute or establish an eligible school.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), a participating
 28 innovation network charter school must enroll any eligible student who
 29 submits a timely application for enrollment.

30 (c) A participating innovation network charter school that
 31 reconstitutes or establishes an eligible school may limit new
 32 admissions to the participating innovation network charter school to:

- 33 (1) ensure that any student with legal settlement in the
 34 attendance area, or in ~~the school corporation~~ **any school**
 35 **corporation with which the participating innovation network**
 36 **charter school has entered into an agreement under this**
 37 **chapter** if the school does not have a defined attendance area,
 38 may attend the charter school;
 39 (2) ensure that a student who attends the participating innovation
 40 network charter school during a school year may continue to
 41 attend the charter school in subsequent years;
 42 (3) allow the siblings of a student alumnus or a current student

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who attends the participating innovation network charter school to attend the charter school;

(4) allow preschool students who attend a Level 3 or Level 4 Paths to QUALITY program preschool to attend kindergarten at the participating innovation network charter school if the participating innovation network charter school and the school corporation or preschool provider have entered into an agreement to share services or facilities;

(5) allow each student who qualifies for free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch program to receive preference for admission to the participating innovation network charter school if the preference is specifically provided for in the charter and is approved by the authorizer; and

(6) allow each student who attended a turnaround academy or attends a school that is located in the same school building as the participating innovation network charter school to receive preference for admission to the participating innovation network charter school if the preference is specifically provided for in the participating innovation network charter school's charter and is approved by the authorizer of the participating innovation network charter school.

(d) A participating innovation network charter school with a curriculum that includes study in a foreign country may deny admission to a student if:

(1) the student:

(A) has completed fewer than twenty-two (22) academic credits required for graduation; and

(B) will be in the grade 11 cohort during the school year in which the student seeks to enroll in the participating innovation network charter school; or

(2) the student has been suspended (as defined in IC 20-33-8-7) or expelled (as defined in IC 20-33-8-3) during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the student's application for enrollment for:

(A) ten (10) or more school days;

(B) a violation under IC 20-33-8-16;

(C) causing physical injury to a student, a school employee, or a visitor to the school; or

(D) a violation of a school corporation's drug or alcohol rules.

For purposes of subdivision (2)(A), student discipline received under IC 20-33-8-25(b)(7) for a violation described in subdivision (2)(B)

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1 through (2)(D) must be included in the calculation of the number of
2 school days that a student has been suspended.

3 (e) A participating innovation network charter school may give
4 enrollment preferences to children of the participating innovation
5 network charter school's founders, governing board members, and
6 participating innovation network charter school employees, as long as
7 the enrollment preference under this subsection is not given to more
8 than ten percent (10%) of the participating innovation charter school's
9 total population and there is sufficient capacity for a program, class,
10 grade level, or building to ensure that any student with legal settlement
11 in the attendance area may attend the school.

12 (f) This subsection applies to an existing charter school that enters
13 into an innovation network agreement with ~~the~~ a board. During the
14 charter school's first year of operation as a participating innovation
15 network charter school, the charter school may limit admission to:

- 16 (1) those students who were enrolled in the charter school on the
- 17 date it entered into the innovation network agreement; and
- 18 (2) siblings of students described in subdivision (1).

19 (g) This subsection applies if the number of applications for a
20 program, class, grade level, or building exceeds the capacity of the
21 program, class, grade level, or building. If a participating innovation
22 network charter school receives a greater number of applications than
23 there are spaces for students, each timely applicant must be given an
24 equal chance of admission. The participating innovation network
25 charter school that is not in a county containing a consolidated city
26 must determine which of the applicants will be admitted to the
27 participating innovation network charter school or the program, class,
28 grade level, or building by random drawing in a public meeting with
29 each timely applicant limited to one (1) entry in the drawing. However,
30 the participating innovation network charter school located in a county
31 with a consolidated city shall determine which of the applicants will be
32 admitted to the participating innovation network charter school or the
33 program, class, grade level, or building by using a publicly verifiable
34 random selection process.

35 SECTION 9. IC 20-25.7-5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.162-2024,
36 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 202~~6~~[7]]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to an administrative fee as
38 described in section 2(g) of this chapter, a school corporation that
39 enters into an agreement with an organizer under this chapter shall
40 distribute at least one hundred percent (100%) of state tuition support
41 dollars that the school corporation receives from ~~student enrollment~~
42 **students who:**

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- 1 **(1) reside in the geographic boundaries of the school**
- 2 **corporation; and**
- 3 **(2) are enrolled** in the participating innovation network charter
- 4 school;

5 in accordance with the school funding formula to the participating
6 innovation network charter school.

7 (b) Unless an agreement entered into before July 1, 2024, between
8 a board and an organizer provides otherwise, all participating
9 innovation network charter schools operating under existing
10 agreements with boards as of July 1, 2024, will receive funds as
11 required under subsection (a).

12 SECTION 10. IC 20-32-6.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.180-2025,
13 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year,
15 if a school determines that a student in kindergarten through grade 8 is
16 at risk of not achieving grade level proficiency in mathematics as
17 determined by an analysis of the student's data from:

- 18 (1) a grade level screener approved by the department; or
 - 19 (2) a through-year statewide assessment;
- 20 the school must provide intervention that meets the requirements under
21 subsection (b).

22 (b) A school shall provide intervention to a student described in
23 subsection (a) that meets the following conditions:

- 24 (1) The intervention includes a multitiered system of support that
25 progresses from less to more intensive support based on the
26 student's individual needs.
- 27 (2) The intervention is aligned to daily Tier I instruction and
28 standard level learning progressions.
- 29 (3) The intervention is:
 - 30 (A) targeted;
 - 31 (B) differentiated; and
 - 32 (C) supplemental to Tier I instruction.
- 33 (4) The intervention:
 - 34 (A) is aligned with evidence based instructional strategies
35 to promote conceptual understanding, procedural fluency,
36 and real world problem solving; and
 - 37 (B) allows a student opportunities to interact, show
38 progress, and demonstrate understanding through rigorous
39 grade level content.
- 40 (5) The intervention includes continual assessment and in depth
41 analysis of each student's data to inform the flexible movement
42 in and out of Tiers II and III.

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1 (c) Not later than fifteen (15) days after a school makes a
2 determination under subsection (a) that a student is at risk, the
3 school shall provide notice to a parent of the student regarding the
4 determination. The notification may contain the following:

5 (1) Specific information about how the student is performing.

6 (2) Information about the intervention the student will
7 receive from the school.

8 (3) A list or description of any recommended resources
9 available for use at home to support the student's academic
10 growth in mathematics.

11 (c) (d) The department shall provide guidance on the multitiered
12 system that a school is required to provide under subsection (b).

13 SECTION 11. IC 20-43-13-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
14 SECTION 197, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026[7]]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in
16 subsections (c) and (d), the complexity index is the percentage of the
17 school corporation's students who were receiving Supplemental
18 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Temporary Assistance
19 for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, or foster care services as of
20 October 1 in the school year ending in the later of:

21 (1) 2025; or

22 (2) the first year of operation of the school corporation.

23 (b) For a conversion charter school, the percentage determined
24 under this section is the percentage of the sponsor school corporation.

25 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the complexity index for
26 a school corporation that has entered into an agreement with one (1) or
27 more charter schools to participate as an innovation network charter
28 school under IC 20-25.7-5 for a state fiscal year is equal to the result
29 using the following formula:

30 STEP ONE: Determine:

31 (A) the school corporation's enrollment; minus

32 (B) the enrollment of students described in
33 IC 20-25.7-5-2(b)(2) of each participating innovation
34 network charter school.

35 STEP TWO: Determine the number of students in the school
36 corporation who were receiving Supplemental Nutrition
37 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Temporary Assistance for
38 Needy Families (TANF) benefits, or foster care services as of
39 October 1 in the school year ending in 2025, not including
40 students enrolled in each participating innovation network
41 charter school.

42 STEP THREE: Divide the result of STEP TWO by the result of

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1 STEP ONE.

2 STEP FOUR: Determine the enrollment of students described

3 in IC 20-25.7-5-2(b)(2) of each participating innovation network

4 charter school.

5 STEP FIVE: Determine the number of students described in

6 IC 20-25.7-5-2(b)(2) in each participating innovation network

7 charter school who were receiving Supplemental Nutrition

8 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Temporary Assistance for

9 Needy Families (TANF) benefits, or foster care services as of

10 October 1 in the school year ending in the later of:

11 (A) 2025; or

12 (B) the first year of operation of the participating innovation

13 network charter school.

14 STEP SIX: Divide the result of STEP FIVE by the result of

15 STEP FOUR.

16 STEP SEVEN: For each participating innovation network charter

17 school, determine the greater of:

18 (A) the result of STEP THREE; or

19 (B) the result of STEP SIX.

20 STEP EIGHT: For each participating innovation network charter

21 school, multiply the result of STEP SEVEN by the result of

22 STEP FOUR.

23 STEP NINE: Determine the sum of:

24 (A) the result of STEP TWO; plus

25 (B) the results of STEP EIGHT, for each participating

26 innovation network charter school.

27 STEP TEN: Determine the sum of:

28 (A) the result of STEP ONE; plus

29 (B) the results of STEP FOUR for each participating

30 innovation network charter school.

31 STEP ELEVEN: Divide the STEP NINE result by the STEP

32 TEN result.

33 (d) If the complexity index of a participating innovation network

34 charter school that was established before January 1, 2016, is, for the

35 current school year, greater than the complexity index for the school

36 corporation with which the innovation network charter school has

37 contracted, the complexity index of the participating innovation

38 network charter school is determined as described in

39 IC 20-25.7-5-2(e).^[3]

40 ~~SECTION 12. IC 20-51-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2024,~~

41 ~~SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE~~

42 ~~JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. "Eligible student" refers to an individual who:~~

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- 1 ~~—— (1) has legal settlement in Indiana;~~
- 2 ~~—— (2) is at least four (4) years of age and less than twenty-two (22)~~
- 3 ~~years of age on October 1 of the applicable school year; **and**~~
- 4 ~~—— (3) either has been or is currently enrolled in a participating~~
- 5 ~~school. **and**~~
- 6 ~~—— (4) is a member of a household with an annual income of not~~
- 7 ~~more than four hundred percent (400%) of the amount required~~
- 8 ~~for the individual to qualify for the federal free or reduced price~~
- 9 ~~lunch program.~~
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