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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1242

DIGEST OF HB 1242 (Updated February 11, 2026 3:58 pm - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 20-19.

Synopsis: School corporation and charter school report. Requires the department of education to: (1) prepare a report compiling certain statewide data on school corporations and charter schools; and (2) submit the report to the legislative council and the interim study committee on education.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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(SENATE SPONSOR — DEERY)

January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 27, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 29, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed.
January 30, 2026, engrossed.
February 2, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 84, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
February 12, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 20-19-3-41.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 41.3. (a) The department shall**
4 **prepare a report compiling statewide data on school corporations**
5 **and charter schools. The report must include the following**
6 **information:**
7 (1) **The total number of school corporations and charter**
8 **schools in Indiana disaggregated by:**
9 (A) **county population;**
10 (B) **the number of school corporations and charter schools**
11 **per county; and**
12 (C) **the number of students enrolled in each school**
13 **corporation and charter school.**
14 (2) **Data regarding chronic absenteeism rates, performance on**
15 **the statewide assessment program, performance on the**
16 **determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state**
17 **board, and teacher salaries, disaggregated by:**

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- 1 **(A) county population;**
- 2 **(B) the number of school corporations and charter schools**
- 3 **per county; and**
- 4 **(C) the number of students enrolled in each school**
- 5 **corporation and charter school.**
- 6 **(3) Recommendations to:**
- 7 **(A) increase school corporation and charter school**
- 8 **administrative efficiencies;**
- 9 **(B) reduce school corporation and charter school**
- 10 **administrative costs; and**
- 11 **(C) improve student outcomes.**
- 12 **(b) Not later than December 1, 2026, the department shall, in an**
- 13 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6, submit the report prepared**
- 14 **under subsection (a) to the:**
- 15 **(1) legislative council; and**
- 16 **(2) interim study committee on education established by**
- 17 **IC 2-5-1.3-4.**
- 18 **(c) This section expires December 31, 2026.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1242, 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:

Page 1, line 4, delete "corporations." and insert "**corporations and charter schools.**".

Page 1, line 6, after "corporations" insert "**and charter schools**".

Page 1, line 9, after "corporations" insert "**and charter schools**".

Page 1, line 10, after "school" insert "**corporation and charter school.**".

Page 1, delete line 11, begin a new line block indented and insert:
"(2) Data regarding chronic absenteeism rates, performance on the statewide assessment program, performance on the determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state board, and teacher salaries, disaggregated by:

(A) county population;

(B) the number of school corporations and charter schools per county; and

(C) the number of students enrolled in each school corporation and charter school.".

Page 1, line 12, delete "(2)" and insert "(3)".

Page 1, line 13, after "corporation" insert "**and charter school**".

Page 1, delete line 14.

Page 1, line 15, after "corporation" insert "**and charter school**".

Page 1, line 15, delete "costs." and insert "**costs; and**

(C) improve student outcomes.".

Page 1, line 16, delete "September" and insert "**December**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1242 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1242, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to HB 1242 as printed January 27, 2026.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0

