



SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Engrossed House Bill 1266 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 34.5. "Committee", for purposes**
6 **of IC 12-17.2-3.8, refers to the early learning advisory committee**
7 **established by IC 12-17.2-3.8-5.**
8 SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-122.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
9 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 122.2. "Kindergarten readiness**
11 **indicators", for purposes of IC 12-17.2-3.8, means a concise set of**
12 **age banded, research based descriptions of skills and behaviors**
13 **from birth through five (5) years of age in the domains of:**
14 **(1) behavioral well-being development;**
15 **(2) approaches to learning and executive function;**
16 **(3) language and early literacy;**
17 **(4) early mathematics and problem solving;**
18 **(5) physical health and motor development; and**
19 **(6) communication and relationships;**
20 **aligned to Indiana's existing early learning standards and**
21 **kindergarten standards.**
22 SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-3.8-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
23 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.5. (a) Not later than July 1,**
25 **2027, the committee shall establish and publish kindergarten**
26 **readiness indicators.**
27 **(b) The kindergarten readiness indicators established under**

1 subsection (a) must be neutral with respect to specific curricula,
2 ideology, or commercial products.

3 (c) In establishing and publishing the kindergarten readiness
4 indicators, the committee shall ensure the following:

5 (1) Indiana's early learning standards and existing definitions
6 and the indicators are aligned.

7 (2) The indicators are written in clear, plain language for
8 families, educators, and caregivers.

9 (3) The indicators reflect input from early education
10 providers, kindergarten through grade 3 educators, parents,
11 employers, and community organizations.

12 (4) The indicators support and do not conflict with existing
13 health, development, and early learning rules or guidance
14 issued by state agencies (as defined in IC 1-1-15-3).

15 SECTION 4. IC 12-17.2-3.8-6.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.7. (a) The committee shall
18 publish the kindergarten readiness indicators as follows:

19 (1) The indicators must be published on a single and easy to
20 access website page.

21 (2) The website page described in subdivision (1) must be
22 entitled "Kindergarten Readiness Roadmap".

23 (3) The indicators must be available on the website page
24 described in subdivision (1) as printable one (1) page
25 summaries that contain the indicators for each of the
26 following age bands:

- 27 (A) Birth through one (1) year of age.
- 28 (B) One (1) through two (2) years of age.
- 29 (C) Two (2) through three (3) years of age.
- 30 (D) Three (3) through four (4) years of age.
- 31 (E) Four (4) through five (5) years of age.

32 (b) The department of education, the office of early childhood
33 and out of school learning, and the Indiana department of health
34 shall prominently display a link to the website page described in
35 subsection (a) on each of the following:

- 36 (1) The department of education's website.
- 37 (2) The office of early childhood and out of school learning's
38 consumer education website page.
- 39 (3) On the following of the Indiana department of health's
40 website:
 - 41 (A) The maternal and child health website page.
 - 42 (B) The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
43 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) website page.
 - 44 (C) The home visiting website page.

45 SECTION 5. IC 12-17.2-3.8-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
46 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.9. In carrying out sections 6.5**
2 **and 6.7 of this chapter, the committee and the agencies listed in**
3 **section 6.7(b) of this chapter:**
4 **(1) may not create new standalone programs or duplicative**
5 **materials if existing resources can be updated to reflect the**
6 **kindergarten readiness indicators; and**
7 **(2) shall, to the extent practicable, do the following:**
8 **(A) Use existing:**
9 **(i) staff, resources, and technology; and**
10 **(ii) applicable federal, state, private, or philanthropic**
11 **funds.**
12 **(B) Use and adapt, as applicable, existing publications,**
13 **digital platforms, and partnerships."**
14 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to EHB 1266 as printed February 20, 2026.)

Senator YODER