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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 23
NO: 0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1266, 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 22, delete lines 37 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:
3 "SECTION 23. IC 20-36-6-2.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.3. As used in this chapter,
6 "eligible school" means the following:
7 (1) The Indiana School for the Deaf established by
8 IC 20-22-2-1.
9 (2) The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
10 established by IC 20-21-2-1.
11 SECTION 24. IC 20-36-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2023,
12 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The Cambridge International program is
2 established to encourage students to pursue advanced courses.

3 (b) The program shall be administered by the department.

4 (c) Subject to appropriation by the general assembly, the department
5 shall provide schools, **including schools listed in section 2.3 of this**
6 **chapter**, the same per pupil exam fee amounts for international
7 baccalaureate and Cambridge International exams as the per pupil per
8 exam funding amount for a student to take advanced placement exams.

9 SECTION 25. IC 20-36-6-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.216-2021,
10 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. Each school year each school corporation, **or**
12 school, **and eligible school** may provide Cambridge International
13 courses.

14 SECTION 26. IC 20-36-6-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.216-2021,
15 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Money appropriated to the department to
17 implement the program shall be distributed first to pay the fees for each
18 Cambridge International examination that is taken by a student to
19 satisfy Indiana graduation requirements, including Core 40 with
20 academic honors, and who is:

21 (1) enrolled in a public or state accredited nonpublic secondary
22 school, **including schools listed in section 2.3 of this chapter**;
23 and
24 (2) a resident of Indiana.

25 Priority under this subsection shall be given to paying fees for each
26 Cambridge International examination that is taken by a student in grade
27 11 or 12.

28 (b) After money appropriated for the program is distributed for the
29 purposes described in subsection (a), any remaining money
30 appropriated for the program shall be distributed and prioritized for
31 distribution in the following order:

32 (1) To pay stipends for teachers assigned to teach a math, science,
33 or English Cambridge International course to attend the training
34 described in section 7 of this chapter.

35 (2) To pay school corporations, **or** schools, **and eligible schools**
36 for instructional materials needed for a math, science, or English
37 Cambridge International course.

38 (3) To pay for or rent equipment that a school corporation, **or**

1 school, **or eligible school** may need to develop a math, science,
2 or English Cambridge International course.

3 (4) To pay any other stipends, costs, or fees incurred in
4 implementing the Cambridge International program for subjects
5 other than math, science, or English as authorized under this
6 chapter.

7 (c) The department shall establish guidelines concerning the
8 distribution of funds under this chapter, including guidelines to ensure
9 that money distributed under this chapter is distributed as evenly as
10 possible throughout Indiana.

11 (d) The department may also seek funding to carry out the purposes
12 of this chapter through federal programs.

13 (e) The department may give priority in the distribution of funds to
14 a school that serves a high concentration of low income students.

15 SECTION 27. IC 20-36-6-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.216-2021,
16 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The department shall develop and provide
18 each public and state accredited nonpublic elementary school and high
19 school, **including schools listed in section 2.3 of this chapter**, with
20 guidelines designed to satisfy the requirements of this chapter.

21 (b) The guidelines developed under this section and the
22 dissemination of the guidelines shall be developed and disseminated in
23 the same manner as other college credit bearing programs.".

24 Delete pages 23 through 38.

25 Page 39, delete lines 1 through 3.

26 Page 45, delete lines 24 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
27 insert:

28 "SECTION 33. IC 20-43-16-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,
29 SECTION 198, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
30 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) A grant received by a
31 school corporation, or charter school, may only be used to pay stipends
32 within the amounts described in section 8 of this chapter to one (1) or
33 more teachers selected by the school corporation or charter school who:

34 (1) have instructed students in a school or district for at least one
35 (1) school year prior to the grant distribution year;
36 (2) maintain employment at the same school or district at the time
37 of the grant distribution;
38 (3) are determined to significantly impact student outcomes using

1 national, state, or local assessment measures; and
2 (4) are designated in one (1) of the categories described in section
3 6 of this chapter.

4 **(b) A grant received by a school corporation, a school, or the**
5 **department of correction may be used to pay the Federal**
6 **Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and Indiana state teachers'**
7 **retirement fund costs associated with distributing a stipend under**
8 **this chapter.**".

9 Page 46, delete lines 1 through 3.

10 Page 48, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:
11 "SECTION 40. IC 20-46-1-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2025,
12 SECTION 221, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 21. (a) This section:

14 (1) except as provided in subdivision (2), applies to revenue
15 received from a resolution that is approved by the governing body
16 to impose a referendum levy under section 8 or 8.5 of this chapter
17 after May 10, 2023, for a school corporation located in:

18 (A) Lake County;
19 (B) Marion County;
20 (C) St. Joseph County; or
21 (D) Vanderburgh County;

22 through the full term of the referendum levy; and

23 (2) does not apply to revenue received from a referendum levy if:
24 (A) the governing body of the school corporation approves the
25 referendum levy in a resolution adopted under section 8 or 8.5
26 of this chapter; and
27 (B) the referendum levy is imposed for the first time with
28 property taxes first due and payable in a calendar year
29 beginning after December 31, 2027.

30 (b) Subject to subsections (f) and (h), the county auditor in the
31 county in which the school corporation is located shall distribute an
32 amount of revenue as provided under subsection (e) from the revenue
33 collected from a tax levy imposed under this chapter by a school
34 corporation that is attributable to the territory of the school corporation
35 that is located within the boundaries of a county listed in subsection
36 (a)(1) to each charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult
37 high schools, that a student who resides within the attendance area of
38 the school corporation attends if the charter school elects to participate

1 in the referendum under section 8(h) of this chapter.

2 (c) The department shall provide the county auditor with data and

3 information necessary for the county auditor to determine:

4 (1) which charter schools are eligible to receive a distribution

5 under this section; and

6 (2) the number of students who:

7 (A) reside within the attendance area of the school corporation

8 who are included in the ADM for each charter school,

9 excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools,

10 described in subdivision (1); and

11 (B) receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual

12 instruction.

13 (d) The following schools are not eligible to receive a distribution

14 under this section:

15 (1) A virtual charter school.

16 (2) An adult high school.

17 (e) For the purposes of the calculations made in this subsection,

18 each eligible school that has entered into an agreement with a school

19 corporation to participate as a participating innovation network charter

20 school under IC 20-25.7-5 is considered to have an ADM that is

21 separate from the school corporation. The amount that the county

22 auditor shall distribute to a charter school, excluding virtual charter

23 schools or adult high schools, under this section is the amount

24 determined in the last STEP of the following STEPS:

25 STEP ONE: Determine, for each charter school, excluding virtual

26 charter schools or adult high schools, that is eligible to receive a

27 distribution under this section, the number of students who:

28 (A) reside within the attendance area of the school

29 corporation;

30 (B) ~~who~~ are currently included in the ADM of the charter

31 school; and

32 (C) receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual

33 instruction.

34 STEP TWO: Determine the sum of:

35 (A) the current ADM count for the school corporation; plus

36 (B) ~~the~~ total number of ~~all~~ students who:

37 (i) reside within the attendance area of the school

38 corporation;

(ii) who are currently included in the ADM of a charter school, **excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools**; and

(iii) receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction, ~~excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools~~.

STEP THREE: Determine the result of:

- (A) the STEP ONE amount; divided by
- (B) the STEP TWO amount.

STEP FOUR: Determine the result of:

(A) the sum of:

(i) the STEP THREE amount; plus

(ii) any amount withheld in the previous year under subsection (i); multiplied by

(B) the amount collected by the county auditor during the most recent installment period that is attributable to the territory of the school corporation that is located within the boundaries of a county listed in subsection (a).

1 later than November 1, 2025, and not later than November 1 of each
2 calendar year thereafter, the governing body of the charter school shall
3 submit:

4 (1) the budget that is adopted under this subsection;
5 (2) the dates on which each requirement under this subsection
6 were met; and
7 (3) a statement from the governing body of the charter school
8 attesting that the dates provided in subdivision (2) are true and
9 accurate and that the budget was properly adopted under this
10 subsection;

11 to the charter authorizer for review and to the department of local
12 government finance to be posted publicly on the computer gateway
13 under IC 6-1.1-17-3.

14 (i) If a charter school does not satisfy the requirements of subsection
15 (h) to receive distributions under this section during a calendar year, as
16 determined by the department of local government finance, the charter
17 school may not receive a distribution of property tax revenue in that
18 calendar year and the county auditor shall withhold the charter school's
19 distribution amount. The department of local government finance's
20 determination of compliance consists only of a confirmation that the
21 adopted budget and attestation statement are submitted not later than
22 the applicable date under subsection (h). Any distribution amount
23 withheld under this subsection shall be:

24 (1) added to the property tax revenue collections as described in
25 STEP TWO of subsection (e); and
26 (2) distributed among the school corporation and remaining
27 charter schools according to subsection (e);

28 in the calendar year that immediately follows the calendar year in
29 which the distribution amount was withheld."

30 Page 49, line 29, delete "do not receive more" and insert "**receive**

1 **not more".**

2 Page 54, delete lines 13 through 18.

3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1266 as printed January 8, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Thompson