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HOUSE BILL No. 1325

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Report. Removes certain requirements regarding the report.

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 20-19-3-41.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 41.8. (a) Not later than October
4 1, 2026, the department, in collaboration with the Indiana
5 department of health, the department of child services, and the
6 office of the secretary of family and social services, shall
7 collaborate and submit to the general assembly in an electronic
8 format under IC 5-14-16, a report that includes information and,
9 as applicable, recommendations on the following:
10 ~~(1) The current and projected need for behavioral
11 intervention services for children, including estimated costs
12 for families, schools, and the justice system;~~
13 ~~(2) An analysis of the implications if children do not receive
14 timely and appropriate behavioral intervention services for
15 juveniles, including safety and monetary risks;~~
16 ~~(3) Each agency's processes, procedures, and practices
17 concerning acute behavioral intervention services for
18 children, including navigation assistance offered to families,
19 schools, and other key stakeholders;~~
20 ~~(4) A comparative analysis of services provided by each
21 service provider, emphasizing discrepancies in costs for the~~

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1 same or substantially similar services.

2 (5) Existing initiatives between each agency and other
 3 stakeholders to improve awareness, accessibility, cost, and
 4 quality of behavioral intervention services for children.

5 (6) Estimated costs to state agencies for existing, planned,
 6 and potential initiatives to improve awareness, accessibility,
 7 cost, and quality of behavioral intervention services for
 8 children.

9 (7) Opportunities for efficiencies that could reduce time
 10 spent by state employees, individuals, and parents or
 11 guardians, as applicable, in pursuit of properly supportive
 12 services.

13 >[1] (1) <Collecting data> [Data] on the number of students
 14 who are using excess cost funds for residential placement and
 15 the cost each public school, including charter schools,
 16 expends yearly on required payments to access state funds.
 17 (2) <Collecting data> [Data] on the amount each public
 18 school, including charter schools, is expending above state
 19 provided funding on developmental preschool.

20 (3) <Collecting data> [Data] on the number of special
 21 education students receiving homebound instruction in each
 22 public school, including charter schools, and the associated
 23 costs for each public school, including charter schools.

24 (4) <Collecting data> [Data] on the costs, including
 25 transportation and interpreter fees, incurred by each public
 26 school, including charter schools, for students who are
 27 eligible to enroll in, but choose not to enroll in, the Indiana
 28 School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Indiana
 29 School for the Deaf.

30 (b) In developing the report, the agencies described in
 31 subsection (a) shall seek out and consider perspectives and opinions
 32 of key stakeholders, including:

33 (1) Indiana-based organizations dedicated to serving
 34 children, including those with high acuity behaviors;

35 (2) families of children with high acuity behaviors who have
 36 attempted to seek timely and appropriate services for their
 37 children;

38 (3) educators responsible for servicing children with high
 39 acuity behaviors; and

40 (4) both elected and appointed officials at the state and local
 41 levels in all branches of government who have experiences
 42 with observing the affect of children with high acuity



1 **behaviors.**
2 **(c) The department may contract with a third party to prepare**
3 **the report described under this section.**
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5 **(b) This section expires January 1, 2027. []**
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