

SENATE BILL No. 66

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-7-2; IC 12-17.2-3.8.

Synopsis: Kindergarten readiness indicators. Requires the early learning advisory committee to establish and publish kindergarten readiness indicators (indicators). Establishes requirements regarding the indicators, including publication of the indicators on a single and easy to access website page. Requires the department of education, the office of early childhood and out of school learning, and the Indiana department of health to display on certain website pages a link to the indicator web page.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 34.5. "Committee", for purposes of IC 12-17.2-3.8,**
4 **refers to the early learning advisory committee established by**
5 **IC 12-17.2-3.8-5.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-122.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 122.2. "Kindergarten readiness**
9 **indicators", for purposes of IC 12-17.2-3.8, means a concise set of**
10 **age banded, research based descriptions of skills and behaviors**
11 **from birth through five (5) years of age in the domains of:**

- 12 (1) behavioral well-being development;
13 (2) approaches to learning and executive function;
14 (3) language and early literacy;
15 (4) early mathematics and problem solving;
16 (5) physical health and motor development; and
17 (6) communication and relationships;



1 aligned to Indiana's existing early learning standards and
2 kindergarten standards.

3 SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-3.8-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. (a) Not later than July 1,
6 2027, the committee shall establish and publish kindergarten
7 readiness indicators.

8 (b) The kindergarten readiness indicators established under
9 subsection (a) must be neutral with respect to specific curricula,
10 ideology, or commercial products.

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

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

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

17 (3) The indicators reflect input from early education
18 providers, kindergarten through grade 3 educators, parents,
19 employers, and community organizations.

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

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

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

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

31 (3) The indicators must be available on the website page
32 described in subdivision (1) as printable one (1) page
33 summaries that contain the indicators for each of the
34 following age bands:

35 (A) Birth through one (1) year of age.

36 (B) One (1) through two (2) years of age.

37 (C) Two (2) through three (3) years of age.

38 (D) Three (3) through four (4) years of age.

39 (E) Four (4) through five (5) years of age.

40 (b) The department of education, the office of early childhood
41 and out of school learning, and the Indiana department of health
42 shall prominently display a link to the website page described in



subsection (a) on each of the following:

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

SECTION 5. IC 12-17.2-3.8-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.9. In carrying out sections 6.5 and 6.7 of this chapter, the committee and the agencies listed in section 6.7(b) of this chapter:**

- (1) may not create new standalone programs or duplicative materials if existing resources can be updated to reflect the kindergarten readiness indicators; and
- (2) shall, to the extent practicable, do the following:
 - (A) Use existing:
 - (i) staff, resources, and technology; and
 - (ii) applicable federal, state, private, or philanthropic funds.
 - (B) Use and adapt, as applicable, existing publications, digital platforms, and partnerships.

