

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 199 # 3

DIGEST

Education matters. Removes a provision that would have required the department of education to determine the number of grant awards under the Indiana education scholarship account program and the career scholarship account program and to allow the department to deduct amounts to cover administrative costs for each program. Includes the evaluation of accrediting agencies or associations that currently accredit degree programs offered by state educational institutions, and the identification of potential alternative agencies, associations, or methods to accredit degree programs offered by state educational institutions in certain reports created by the commission for higher education.

- 1 Page 10, delete lines 34 through 42.
- 2 Page 11, delete lines 1 through 32, begin a new paragraph and
- 3 insert:
- 4 "SECTION 7. IC 21-18-6-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 5 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 6 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. (a) Not later than December 1, 2026, the**
- 7 **commission shall do the following:**
- 8 **(1) Evaluate accrediting agencies or associations that**
- 9 **currently accredit:**
- 10 **(A) state educational institutions; or**
- 11 **(B) degree programs offered by state educational**
- 12 **institutions.**
- 13 **(2) Identify and evaluate innovative accrediting agencies or**
- 14 **associations, including those not yet recognized by the United**
- 15 **States Department of Education, that do not currently**
- 16 **accredit state educational institutions.**
- 17 **(3) Identify potential alternative agencies, associations, or**
- 18 **methods to accredit degree programs offered by state**
- 19 **educational institutions.**
- 20 **(4) Provide a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6**
- 21 **to the general assembly that includes:**
- 22 **(A) the commission's findings under subdivisions (1) and**

- 1 **(2); and**
- 2 **(B) recommendations concerning accrediting agencies or**
- 3 **associations identified in subdivision (2) that may be best**
- 4 **suited to serve as an accreditor for state educational**
- 5 **institutions or degree programs.**
- 6 **(b) This section expires July 1, 2027."**
- 7 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to SB 199 as introduced.)