



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 199, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 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**

1 **educational institutions.**

2 **(4) Provide a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6**
3 **to the general assembly that includes:**

4 **(A) the commission's findings under subdivisions (1)**
5 **through (3); and**

6 **(B) recommendations concerning accrediting agencies or**
7 **associations identified in subdivisions (2) and (3) that may**
8 **be best suited to serve as an accreditor for state**
9 **educational institutions or degree programs.**

10 **(b) This section expires July 1, 2027."**

11 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

 (Reference is to SB 199 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2.

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Chairperson