

SENATE BILL No. 200

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26.

Synopsis: Public school matters. Provides that choice of law and certain indemnity provisions contained in contracts entered into, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2026, between a school and a vendor are against public policy and are void and unenforceable. Provides that a public school, including a charter school, that refuses to allow certain organizations to provide information to students on school property are subject to a reduction of state tuition support.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 6, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



Introduced

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

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-26-5-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.1. (a) This section applies to a vendor contract**
4 **entered into, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2026.**

5 **(b) As used in this section, "choice of law provision" means a**
6 **provision, a clause, a covenant, or an agreement that is contained**
7 **in, collateral to, or affecting a vendor contract that purports to**
8 **make the vendor agreement subject to the laws of another state.**

9 **(c) As used in this section, "indemnity provision" means a**
10 **provision, a clause, a covenant, or an agreement that:**

11 **(1) is contained in, collateral to, or affecting a vendor**
12 **contract; and**

13 **(2) purports to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless, or has the**
14 **effect of indemnifying, defending, or holding harmless, a**
15 **vendor against liability for loss or damage resulting from:**

16 **(A) negligence;**

17 **(B) intentional acts; or**



(C) omissions;
of the vendor or an agent, employee, servant, or independent contractor that is directly responsible to the vendor.

(d) As used in this section, "vendor contract" means a contract between a governing body of a school corporation and a vendor in which the vendor promises to provide goods or services.

(e) Notwithstanding any other law, an indemnity provision in a vendor contract under this section is:

- (1) against public policy; and
- (2) void and unenforceable.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, a choice of law provision in a vendor contract under this section is:

- (1) against public policy; and**
- (2) void and unenforceable.**

SECTION 2. IC 20-26-20-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. **(a)** Upon request by an organization under section 3 of this chapter, a public school shall provide at least **one (1)** **time two (2) times** each school year, a day and time, which may be during the school day **or at a time where a majority of students and their families will be present on school property**, as approved by the public school, for the representatives of the organization to provide information to students on school property as described in section 3 of this chapter.

(b) An organization may submit a grievance to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, if a public school refuses to allow an organization to provide information to students on school property as required by subsection (a).

(c) If the department determines a public school improperly refused an organization under this section, the public school shall be subject to a state tuition support monthly distribution reduction of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) until the school allows the organization to provide information to students on school property as required by subsection (a). A public school is not entitled to recover the state tuition support lost as a result of a reduction described in this subsection.

