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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 200

DIGEST OF SB 200 (Updated February 18, 2026 10:19 am - DI 110)

Citations Affected: IC 20-26.

Synopsis: Public school matters. Provides that certain: (1) indemnity; (2) choice of law; and (3) automatic renewal; provisions contained in contracts entered into, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2026, between the governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school and a vendor are against public policy and are void and unenforceable. Provides that certain youth organizations may submit a grievance to the department of education if a public school refuses to allow the organization to provide information to students under certain conditions. Provides that, if a public school allows a postsecondary educational institution to provide certain information to students, the public school shall allow military personnel to provide certain information to students.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

Raatz, Koch

(HOUSE SPONSORS — BASCOM, BEHNING, DAVIS)

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

January 15, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Judiciary.

January 22, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 26, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

January 27, 2026, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 36, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

January 29, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

February 18, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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, "automatic renewal provision"**
6 **means a provision in a vendor contract that provides for the**
7 **automatic renewal of the contract unless the governing body of a**
8 **school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school**
9 **gives notice to the vendor that the school corporation or charter**
10 **school intends to terminate the vendor contract at the end of the**
11 **contract term.**

12 **(c) As used in this section, "choice of law provision" means a**
13 **term within a vendor contract that subjects the vendor contract to**
14 **the laws of a state other than Indiana.**

15 **(d) As used in this section, "indemnity provision" means a**
16 **provision, a clause, a covenant, or an agreement that:**

17 **(1) is contained in, collateral to, or affecting a vendor**

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1 contract; and

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

- 5 (A) negligence;
6 (B) intentional acts; or
7 (C) omissions;

8 of the vendor or an agent, employee, servant, or independent
9 contractor that is directly responsible to the vendor.

10 (e) As used in this section, "vendor contract" means a contract
11 between a governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent
12 authority for a charter school and a vendor in which the vendor
13 promises to provide goods or services.

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

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

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

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

22 A vendor contract is only subject to the laws of the state of Indiana.

23 (h) Notwithstanding any other law, an automatic renewal
24 provision in a vendor contract under this section is:

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

27 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-5-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
28 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
29 1, 2026]: Sec. 48. If a public school, including a charter school,
30 allows a postsecondary educational institution to provide
31 information regarding postsecondary education or training to
32 students of the public school, the public school shall allow military
33 personnel to provide, in the same manner as the postsecondary
34 educational institution, information regarding educational
35 opportunities and financial education benefits available for service
36 in the armed forces, national guard, or reserve component of the
37 armed forces or national guard.

38 SECTION 3. IC 20-26-20-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020,
39 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Upon request by an organization under
41 section 3 of this chapter, a public school shall provide at least one (1)
42 time each school year, a day and time, which may be during the school



1 **day or at a time where a majority of students and their families will**
2 **be present on school property**, as approved by the public school, for
3 the representatives of the organization to provide information to
4 students on school property as described in section 3 of this chapter.

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



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 200, 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:

Page 2, delete lines 29 through 36.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

(Reference is to SB 200 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 200, 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:

Page 2, line 5, delete "corporation" and insert "**corporation, including a charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4),**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 200 as printed January 16, 2026.)

CARRASCO, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2.



SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 200 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 5 through 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) As used in this section, "choice of law provision" means a term within a vendor contract that subjects the vendor contract to the laws of a state other than Indiana."

Page 2, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new line blocked left and insert:

"A vendor contract is only subject to the laws of the state of Indiana."

(Reference is to SB 200 as printed January 23, 2026.)

FREEMAN

 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 200, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) As used in this section, "automatic renewal provision" means a provision in a vendor contract that provides for the automatic renewal of the contract unless the governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school gives notice to the vendor that the school corporation or charter school intends to terminate the vendor contract at the end of the contract term."

Page 1, line 5, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 1, line 8, delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 2, line 3, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 2, line 4, delete ", including a" and insert **"or the equivalent authority for a charter school"**.

Page 2, line 5, delete "charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4),".

Page 2, line 7, delete "(e)" and insert "(f)".

Page 2, line 11, delete "(f)" and insert "(g)".

Page 2, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(h) Notwithstanding any other law, an automatic renewal provision in a vendor contract under this section is:

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

SECTION 2. IC 20-26-5-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 48. If a public school, including a charter school, allows a postsecondary educational institution to provide information regarding postsecondary education or training to students of the public school, the public school shall allow military personnel to provide, in the same manner as the postsecondary educational institution, information regarding educational opportunities and financial education benefits available for service in the armed forces, national guard, or reserve component of the armed forces or national guard."**

Page 2, line 19, reset in roman "one (1)".

Page 2, line 20, reset in roman "time".

Page 2, line 20, delete "two (2) times".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 200 as reprinted January 27, 2026.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 3.

