



# COMMITTEE REPORT

## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 239, 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 16, line 8, delete "ten (10)" and insert "**thirty (30)**".
- 2       Page 16, line 10, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".
- 3       Page 16, delete lines 17 through 26, begin a new paragraph and  
4       insert:  
5        **"(q) A lease or sale of a covered school building to a charter**  
6        **school or a state educational institution under this section includes**  
7        **transfer of:**  
8        (1) **those assets that are fixtures of the covered school**  
9        **building; and**  
10       (2) **property that is directly adjacent to the covered school**  
11       **building and owned by the school corporation, including**  
12       **property used for school activities, athletics, recreational**  
13       **facilities, and parking.**".
- 14       Page 17, line 27, after "department" insert "**when requested by the**  
15       **department and**".
- 16       Page 17, delete lines 33 through 42.
- 17       Delete page 18.
- 18       Page 19, delete lines 1 through 25, begin a new paragraph and  
19       insert:

1       "SECTION 12. IC 20-26-7.1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,  
2 SECTION 188, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Not later than thirty (30) days  
4 after the date a governing body of a school corporation determines at  
5 a public meeting to cease using a covered school building for  
6 classroom instruction on student instructional days (as described in  
7 IC 20-30-2-2) for a school year as required under IC 20-30-2-3, a  
8 school corporation shall provide written notice to the department  
9 regarding the date that the covered school building has ceased or will  
10 cease being used for classroom instruction as described in this  
11 subsection.".

12       Page 21, delete lines 34 through 42, begin a new paragraph and  
13 insert:

14       "**(n)** The school corporation shall lease the covered school  
15 building to a charter school or state educational institution for one  
16 dollar (\$1) per year for as long as the state educational institution uses  
17 the covered school building for an academic purpose or the charter  
18 school uses the covered school building for classroom instruction, for  
19 a term at the state educational institution's or charter school's  
20 discretion, or sell the covered school building for one dollar (\$1), if the  
21 charter school or state educational institution does the following:".

22       Page 22, delete lines 15 through 17, begin a new line triple block  
23 indented and insert:

24       "(i) charter school intends to begin providing classroom  
25 instruction in the covered school building; or".

26       Page 25, delete lines 36 through 42.

27       Page 26, delete lines 1 through 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

28       "**(v) A lease or sale of a covered school building to a charter  
29 school or a state educational institution under this section includes  
30 transfer of:**

31       **(1) those assets that are fixtures of the covered school  
32 building; and**

33       **(2) property that is directly adjacent to the covered school  
34 building and owned by the school corporation, including  
35 property used for school activities, athletics, recreational  
36 facilities, and parking.".**

37       Page 26, delete lines 35 through 36, begin a new line block indented  
38 and insert:

1           "(1) charter school does not use the covered school building for  
2           classroom instruction; or".

3           Page 27, delete lines 2 through 3, begin a new line block indented  
4           and insert:

5           "(1) charter school does not use the covered school building for  
6           classroom instruction; or".

7           Page 29, delete lines 14 through 42.

8           Delete pages 30 through 33.

9           Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 239 as printed January 16, 2026.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 4.

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**Chairperson**