

HOUSE BILL No. 1321

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-25.5.

Synopsis: Portfolio schools. Authorizes Indianapolis public schools to enter into an agreement with a school management team to establish portfolio schools.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 15, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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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 20-25.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2014]:
4 **ARTICLE 25.5. PORTFOLIO SCHOOLS**
5 **Chapter 1. Applicability**
6 **Sec. 1. This article applies to a common school corporation that:**
7 (1) is located in whole or in part in the most populous
8 township in a county having a population of more than seven
9 hundred thousand (700,000); and
10 (2) serves the largest geographical territory of any school
11 corporation in the county.
12 **Chapter 2. Definitions**
13 **Sec. 1. As used in this article, "board" has the meaning set forth**
14 **in IC 20-25-2-5.**
15 **Sec. 2. As used in this article, "eligible school" means a school**
16 **which is part of a school corporation that:**



- 1 (1) was in the lowest two (2) categories of school improvement
 2 for three (3) consecutive school years; or
 3 (2) is vacant, underutilized or underenrolled as designated by
 4 the school corporation.

5 Sec. 3. As used in this article, "portfolio school" is an eligible
 6 school operated by a school management team.

7 Sec. 4. As used in this article, "school management team" is a
 8 not-for-profit entity responsible for the operations of an eligible
 9 school within a school corporation.

10 **Chapter 3. Establishment of Portfolio Schools**

11 Sec. 1. A portfolio school is subject to all federal and state laws
 12 and constitutional provisions that prohibit discrimination on the
 13 basis of the following:

- 14 (1) Disability.
 15 (2) Race.
 16 (3) Color.
 17 (4) Gender.
 18 (5) National origin.
 19 (6) Religion.
 20 (7) Ancestry.

21 Sec. 2. (a) Subject to section 3 of this chapter, the board may
 22 enter into an agreement with a school management team to
 23 establish a portfolio school. The term of the agreement may not be
 24 less than five (5) years.

25 (b) The terms of the agreement shall specify the following:

- 26 (1) A statement that the portfolio school is considered to be
 27 part of the school corporation and not considered a separate
 28 local educational agency.
 29 (2) A statement that the school management team authorizes
 30 the school corporation to include the portfolio school's
 31 performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 when
 32 calculating the school corporation's performance assessment
 33 under 511 IAC 6.2-6-5.8, as it existed on January 1, 2014.
 34 (3) Provide that the portfolio school is eligible to receive all
 35 state and federal funding, including tuition support,
 36 calculated in a manner as if the school was operated by the
 37 school corporation.

38 (c) If a school management team and a board enter into an
 39 agreement under subsection (a), the school management team and
 40 the board shall notify the department that an agreement has been
 41 made under this section within thirty (30) days of the agreement.

42 (d) The school corporation and the school management team



1 shall outline the distribution of all federal and state funds in the
2 agreement entered into under subsection (a).

3 (e) Upon receipt of the notification under subsection (c), the
4 department shall, for school years starting after the date of the
5 agreement, include the portfolio school's performance assessment
6 results under IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's
7 performance assessment under 511 IAC 6.2-6-5.8, as it existed on
8 January 1, 2014.

9 Sec. 3. The portfolio school shall be subject to oversight from
10 the state board. The state board shall evaluate the performance of
11 the portfolio school based on measures agreed upon by the board
12 and the school management team. The school management team
13 shall also provide to the state board on a quarterly basis:

- 14 (1) academic data;
- 15 (2) financial data; and
- 16 (3) operational data

17 for the portfolio school.

18 Sec. 4. (a) For as long as the school management team operates
19 the portfolio school:

- 20 (1) the school management team shall continue to use the
- 21 eligible school building, the accompanying real property, and
- 22 the building's contents, equipment, and supplies; and
- 23 (2) the school corporation shall continue to:

24 (A) provide transportation for students attending the

25 portfolio school at the same level of service the school

26 corporation provided before the eligible school became a

27 portfolio school; and

28 (B) maintain and repair the buildings and grounds

29 consistent with the maintenance and repair to the school

30 corporation's other buildings and grounds.

31 The school corporation shall consult with the school

32 management team regarding these matters.

33 (b) If the school management team contracts with a school

34 corporation for goods or services, the school corporation may not

35 charge the school management team more for the goods or services

36 than the school corporation pays for the goods or services.

37 Sec. 5. (a) The school management team shall have full

38 operational autonomy to run the portfolio school as provided in the

39 agreement described in section 2 of this chapter.

40 (b) A school management team that operates a portfolio school

41 under this chapter shall make all personnel decisions in the

42 portfolio school. In operating the eligible school as a portfolio



1 school under this chapter, the school management team is not
2 bound by a contract entered into under IC 20-29. Employees of a
3 school management team may not organize and collectively
4 bargain under IC 20-29-6.

5 Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the following do
6 not apply to a portfolio school:

7 (1) An Indiana statute applicable to a governing body or
8 school corporation.

9 (2) A rule or guideline adopted by the state board.

10 (3) A rule or guideline adopted by the state board concerning
11 teachers, except for those rules that assist a teacher in gaining
12 or renewing a standard or advanced license.

13 (4) A local regulation or policy adopted by a school
14 corporation unless specifically incorporated in the agreement
15 described in section 2 of this chapter.

16 (b) IC 20-24-8-5 applies to a portfolio school.

17 Sec. 7. Any student who lives in the attendance area served by
18 a school that is operated as a portfolio school under this chapter
19 may attend the portfolio school. The portfolio school may not
20 refuse enrollment to a student who lives in the attendance area.

21 Sec. 8. The school management team and the board shall hold
22 a joint public meeting at least two (2) times each year to discuss
23 issues and progress concerning the portfolio school.

