

# HOUSE BILL No. 1018

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Student hunger and homelessness. Establishes the student hunger and homelessness study committee (committee) for the purposes of: (1) studying the prevalence of homelessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity among students at Indiana colleges and universities during the 2020 academic year; and (2) providing suggestions for eliminating these issues. Provides that the committee must determine, as accurately as practicable, the number of Indiana college and university students who are homeless, housing insecure, or food insecure. Provides that the committee consists of: (1) an employee of the family and social services administration; (2) an employee of the department of child services; (3) an employee of the department of education; (4) an employee of the commission for higher education; (5) an employee of the Indiana housing and community development authority; (6) a member of the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana; and (7) an employee of each state educational institution. Provides that the committee may solicit assistance from private groups, colleges, and universities in performing the study. Requires the committee to report the results of the study to the governor and the legislative council not later than July 31, 2021.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 7, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning higher education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020] (a) **The definitions in**
- 2 **IC 21-7-13 apply throughout this SECTION.**
- 3 (b) **As used in this SECTION, "committee" means the student**
- 4 **hunger and homelessness study committee established by**
- 5 **subsection (c).**
- 6 (c) **The student hunger and homelessness study committee is**
- 7 **established for the purposes of:**
- 8 (1) **studying the prevalence of homelessness, housing**
- 9 **insecurity, and food insecurity among students at Indiana**
- 10 **colleges and universities; and**
- 11 (2) **providing suggestions for eliminating the issues described**
- 12 **in subdivision (1).**
- 13 (d) **The committee is composed of the following members:**
- 14 (1) **One (1) employee of the family and social services**
- 15 **administration, appointed by the secretary of family and**
- 16 **social services.**
- 17 (2) **One (1) employee of the department of child services,**
- 18 **appointed by the director of the department of child services.**



1 (3) One (1) employee of the department of education,  
2 appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.

3 (4) One (1) employee of the commission for higher education,  
4 appointed by the commissioner of the commission for higher  
5 education.

6 (5) One (1) employee of the Indiana housing and community  
7 development authority, appointed by the executive director of  
8 the Indiana housing and community development authority.

9 (6) One (1) member of the commission on improving the  
10 status of children in Indiana, appointed by the chairperson of  
11 the commission on improving the status of children in  
12 Indiana.

13 (7) One (1) employee of each state educational institution (as  
14 defined by IC 21-7-13-32), appointed by the president of the  
15 state educational institution.

16 The member appointed by the commissioner of the commission for  
17 higher education is the chair of the committee.

18 (e) In conducting the study described in subsection (c), the  
19 committee shall:

20 (1) establish standards by which homelessness, housing  
21 insecurity, and food insecurity are defined for purposes of the  
22 study; and

23 (2) determine, as accurately as practicable, the number of  
24 individuals who:

25 (A) are attending a college or university in Indiana in the  
26 academic year beginning in 2020; and

27 (B) are homeless, housing insecure, or food insecure, as  
28 determined according to the standards established under  
29 subdivision (1).

30 (f) The committee may solicit assistance from private entities for  
31 purposes of the study described in subsection (c), including the  
32 following:

33 (1) The Indiana Institute for Working Families.

34 (2) Private Indiana colleges and universities.

35 (g) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair.

36 (h) The commission for higher education shall staff and provide  
37 administrative support for the committee.

38 (i) The committee shall:

39 (1) prepare a written report setting forth the results of the  
40 study described in subsection (c); and

41 (2) submit the written report:

42 (A) to the governor; and



- 1                   **(B) to the legislative council in an electronic format under**
- 2                   **IC 5-14-6;**
- 3                   **not later than July 31, 2021.**
- 4                   **(j) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members of the**
- 5                   **committee are required for the committee to take action on any**
- 6                   **measure, including a final report.**
- 7                   **(k) This SECTION expires December 31, 2021.**

