

HOUSE BILL No. 1118

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-13; IC 20-30-8.5.

Synopsis: High school equivalency pilot program. Adds Elwood Community School Corporation, Anderson Community Schools, Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation, Center Grove Community School Corporation, and Greenwood Community School Corporation to the school corporations that are part of the high school equivalency pilot program. Changes the expiration date of the program from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Makes conforming changes and a technical correction.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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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 20-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
2 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in section 11 of this
4 chapter, the four (4) year graduation rate for a cohort in a high school
5 is the percentage determined under STEP FIVE of the following
6 formula:
7 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of
8 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for
9 which the graduation rate is being determined.
10 STEP TWO: Add:
11 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and
12 (B) the number of students who:
13 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which
14 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;
15 and
16 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.
17 STEP THREE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP



1 TWO the number of students who have left the cohort for any of
2 the following reasons:

3 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.

4 (B) Except as provided in IC 20-33-2-28.6 and subsection (b),
5 removal by the student's parents under IC 20-33-2-28 to
6 provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public
7 schools.

8 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or
9 death.

10 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department
11 of correction.

12 (E) Placement by a court order or the department of child
13 services.

14 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.

15 (G) Leaving school, if the student attended school in Indiana
16 for less than one (1) school year and the location of the student
17 cannot be determined.

18 (H) Leaving school, if the location of the student cannot be
19 determined and the student has been reported to the Indiana
20 clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing
21 endangered adults.

22 (I) Withdrawing from school before graduation, if the student
23 is a high ability student (as defined in IC 20-36-1-3) who is a
24 full-time student at an accredited institution of higher
25 education during the semester in which the cohort graduates.

26 (J) Withdrawing from school before graduation pursuant to
27 providing notice of withdrawal under section 17 of this
28 chapter.

29 (K) Participating in the high school equivalency pilot program
30 under IC 20-30-8.5, unless the student fails to successfully
31 complete the high school equivalency pilot program in the two
32 (2) year period. This clause expires ~~June 30, 2024~~. **June 30,**
33 **2025.**

34 STEP FOUR: Determine the total number of students determined
35 under STEP TWO who have graduated during the current
36 reporting year or a previous reporting year.

37 STEP FIVE: Divide:

38 (A) the number determined under STEP FOUR; by

39 (B) the remainder determined under STEP THREE.

40 (b) This subsection applies to a high school in which:

41 (1) for a:

42 (A) cohort of one hundred (100) students or less, at least ten



- 1 percent (10%) of the students left a particular cohort for a
 2 reason described in subsection (a) STEP THREE clause (B);
 3 or
 4 (B) cohort of more than one hundred (100) students, at least
 5 five percent (5%) of the students left a particular cohort for a
 6 reason described in subsection (a) STEP THREE clause (B);
 7 and
 8 (2) the students described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B) are not
 9 on track to graduate with their cohort.

10 A high school must submit a request to the state board in a manner
 11 prescribed by the state board requesting that the students described in
 12 this subsection be included in the subsection (a) STEP THREE
 13 calculation. The state board shall review the request and may grant or
 14 deny the request. The state board shall deny the request unless the high
 15 school demonstrates good cause to justify that the students described
 16 in this subsection should be included in the subsection (a) STEP
 17 THREE calculation. If the state board denies the request the high
 18 school may not subtract the students described in this subsection under
 19 subsection (a) STEP THREE.

20 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-13-16.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020,
 21 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 16.5. (a) A student must be subtracted under
 23 clause (K) of STEP THREE of section 10(a) of this chapter when a
 24 student transitions from a traditional high school to the high school
 25 equivalency pilot program under IC 20-30-8.5.

26 (b) This section expires ~~June 30, 2024~~. **June 30, 2025.**

27 SECTION 3. IC 20-30-8.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020,
 28 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. This ~~section~~ **chapter** applies to the following
 30 school corporations:

- 31 (1) Richmond Community Schools.
 32 (2) Metropolitan School District of Washington Township
 33 Schools.
 34 (3) Metropolitan School District of Warren Township Schools.
 35 **(4) Elwood Community School Corporation.**
 36 **(5) Anderson Community Schools.**
 37 **(6) Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation.**
 38 **(7) Center Grove Community School Corporation.**
 39 **(8) Greenwood Community School Corporation.**

40 SECTION 4. IC 20-30-8.5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020,
 41 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 13. This chapter expires ~~June 30, 2024~~. **June 30,**



1 2025.

