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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1181

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DIGEST OF HB 1181 (Updated February 26, 2024 1:55 pm - DI 150)

**Citations Affected:** IC 15-15.

**Synopsis:** Horticultural matters. Provides that the state seed commissioner shall use certain federal agricultural seed and vegetable seed standards as the state germination standards and requirements for agricultural seeds and vegetable seeds. Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2024.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — LEISING, GLICK)

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January 9, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

January 29, 2024, reported — Do Pass.

January 31, 2024, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 1, 2024, read third time, passed. Yeas 93, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 12, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

February 26, 2024, amended, reported favorably — 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~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-15-1-28, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,  
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 28. (a) The state seed commissioner may by rule  
4 define seed labeling and testing terms in common usage such as "pure  
5 seed" and "germination".

6 (b) A rule adopted by the state seed commissioner under this section  
7 must be based on published sources such as the rules of the Association  
8 of Official Seed Analysts.

9 (c) **The state seed commissioner shall apply the agricultural seed  
10 and vegetable seed standards set forth in 7 CFR 201 as the state  
11 germination standards and requirements for agricultural seed and  
12 vegetable seed.**

13 SECTION 2. IC 15-15-13-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2019,  
14 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 14. ~~(a)~~ The state seed commissioner shall adopt  
16 rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement and administer this chapter.

17 (b) ~~The state seed commissioner may adopt emergency rules in the~~

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1 manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to comply with any federal  
2 requirement under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to  
3 implement and administer this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred House Bill 1181, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1181 as introduced.)

AYLESWORTH

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred House Bill No. 1181, 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 1, line 9, after "agricultural" insert "**seed**".

Page 1, line 11, after "agricultural" insert "**seed**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1181 as printed January 29, 2024.)

LEISING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

