

# HOUSE BILL No. 1220

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-32-4-15.

**Synopsis:** Nonpublic secondary schools. Provides that a high school diploma (diploma), or its equivalent, or credential issued by a person who administers a nonpublic secondary school that employs less than one employee is legally sufficient to demonstrate that the recipient of the diploma, or its equivalent, or credential meets the requirement to obtain the diploma, or its equivalent, or credential. Provides that a state or local agency or institution of higher education in Indiana may not reject or otherwise treat a person differently based solely on the source of a diploma, or its equivalent, or credential. Provides that a person who administers a nonpublic secondary school has the authority to execute any document required by law, rule, regulation, or policy to provide certain evidence regarding a child's education.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 13, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-32-4-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2020]: **Sec. 15. (a) This section applies to a nonpublic secondary  
4 school that employs less than one (1) employee.**  
5 **(b) As used in this section, "diploma" means a high school  
6 diploma.**  
7 **(c) A diploma, or its equivalent, or credential issued by a person  
8 who administers a nonpublic secondary school is legally sufficient  
9 to demonstrate that the recipient of the diploma, or its equivalent,  
10 or credential meets the requirement to obtain the high school  
11 diploma, or its equivalent, or credential.**  
12 **(d) A state or local agency or institution of higher education in  
13 Indiana may not reject or otherwise treat a person differently  
14 based solely on a diploma, or its equivalent, or credential that is  
15 issued by a person described in subsection (c).**  
16 **(e) A person who administers a nonpublic secondary school has  
17 the authority to execute any document required by law, rule,**



1 regulation, or policy to provide evidence regarding:  
2 (1) the enrollment of a child in an educational program  
3 provided by the nonpublic secondary school;  
4 (2) the student's full-time or part-time status;  
5 (3) the student's grades; or  
6 (4) any other required educational information.  
7 (f) This section may not be construed to prohibit any state or  
8 local agency or institution of higher education from inquiring into  
9 the substance or content of an education program administered by  
10 a nonpublic secondary school to assess the content of the program  
11 for the purpose of determining whether a person meets other  
12 specific requirements.

