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## HOUSE BILL No. 1303

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**Citations Affected:** IC 6-3; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Tax credit for ABLE account contributions. Creates a stand-alone credit for contributions to Indiana ABLE accounts. Provides that a taxpayer is entitled to a credit against adjusted gross income tax equal to the least of: (1) 20% of the amount of the total contributions made by the taxpayer to an account or accounts of an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan during the taxable year; (2) \$500; or (3) the amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax for the taxable year, reduced by the sum of all allowable credits. Provides that a taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback, carryover, or refund of an unused credit. Provides that a taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey, or otherwise transfer the tax credit. Provides that an account owner of an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan must repay all or a part of the credit in a taxable year in which any nonqualified withdrawal is made.

**Effective:** January 1, 2023.

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January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.  
January 24, 2022, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1303

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 6-3-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.154-2020,  
2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JANUARY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "account" has  
4 the meaning set forth in IC 21-9-2-2.  
5 (b) As used in this section, "account beneficiary" has the meaning  
6 set forth in IC 21-9-2-3.  
7 (c) As used in this section, "account owner" has the meaning set  
8 forth in IC 21-9-2-4.  
9 (d) As used in this section, "college choice 529 education savings  
10 plan" refers to a college choice 529 plan established under IC 21-9.  
11 (e) As used in this section, "contribution" means the amount of  
12 money directly provided to a college choice 529 education savings plan  
13 account by a taxpayer. A contribution does not include any of the  
14 following:  
15 (1) Money credited to an account as a result of bonus points or  
16 other forms of consideration earned by the taxpayer that result in  
17 a transfer of money to the account.

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1 (2) Money transferred from any other qualified tuition program  
 2 under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code or from any other  
 3 similar plan.

4 (3) Money that is credited to an account and that will be  
 5 transferred to an from any qualified ABLE program under  
 6 account (as defined in Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code  
 7 or any other similar plan.

8 (f) As used in this section, "nonqualified withdrawal" means a  
 9 withdrawal or distribution from a college choice 529 education savings  
 10 plan that is not a qualified withdrawal.

11 (g) As used in this section, "qualified higher education expenses"  
 12 has the meaning set forth in IC 21-9-2-19.5, except that the term does  
 13 not include qualified education loan repayments under Section  
 14 529(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

15 (h) As used in this section, "qualified K-12 education expenses"  
 16 means expenses that are for tuition in connection with enrollment or  
 17 attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious  
 18 school located in Indiana and are permitted under Section 529 of the  
 19 Internal Revenue Code.

20 (i) As used in this section, "qualified withdrawal" means a  
 21 withdrawal or distribution from a college choice 529 education savings  
 22 plan that is made:

23 (1) to pay for qualified higher education expenses, excluding any  
 24 withdrawals or distributions used to pay for qualified higher  
 25 education expenses, if the withdrawals or distributions are made  
 26 from an account of a college choice 529 education savings plan  
 27 that is terminated within twelve (12) months after the account is  
 28 opened;

29 (2) as a result of the death or disability of an account beneficiary;

30 (3) because an account beneficiary received a scholarship that  
 31 paid for all or part of the qualified higher education expenses of  
 32 the account beneficiary, to the extent that the withdrawal or  
 33 distribution does not exceed the amount of the scholarship; or

34 (4) by a college choice 529 education savings plan as the result of  
 35 a transfer of funds by a college choice 529 education savings plan  
 36 from one (1) third party custodian to another.

37 However, a qualified withdrawal does not include a withdrawal or  
 38 distribution that will be used for expenses that are for tuition in  
 39 connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or  
 40 secondary public, private, or religious school unless the school is  
 41 located in Indiana. A qualified withdrawal does not include a rollover  
 42 distribution or transfer of assets from a college choice 529 education



1 savings plan to any other qualified tuition program under Section 529  
 2 of the Internal Revenue Code, **to any qualified ABLE program under**  
 3 **Section 529A other than an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan**  
 4 **adopted by the state under IC 12-11**, or to any other similar plan.

5 (j) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means:

- 6 (1) an individual filing a single return;  
 7 (2) a married couple filing a joint return; or  
 8 (3) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, a  
 9 married individual filing a separate return.

10 (k) A taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the taxpayer's adjusted  
 11 gross income tax imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for a taxable  
 12 year equal to the least of the following:

13 (1) The following amount:

14 (A) For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2019, the  
 15 sum of twenty percent (20%) multiplied by the amount of the  
 16 total contributions that are made by the taxpayer to an account  
 17 or accounts of a college choice 529 education savings plan  
 18 during the taxable year and that will be used to pay for  
 19 qualified higher education expenses that are not qualified K-12  
 20 education expenses, plus the lesser of:

- 21 (i) five hundred dollars (\$500); or  
 22 (ii) ten percent (10%) multiplied by the amount of the total  
 23 contributions that are made by the taxpayer to an account or  
 24 accounts of a college choice 529 education savings plan  
 25 during the taxable year and that will be used to pay for  
 26 qualified K-12 education expenses.

27 (B) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, the  
 28 sum of:

- 29 (i) twenty percent (20%) multiplied by the amount of the  
 30 total contributions that are made by the taxpayer to an  
 31 account or accounts of a college choice 529 education  
 32 savings plan during the taxable year and that are designated  
 33 to pay for qualified higher education expenses that are not  
 34 qualified K-12 education expenses; plus  
 35 (ii) twenty percent (20%) multiplied by the amount of the  
 36 total contributions that are made by the taxpayer to an  
 37 account or accounts of a college choice 529 education  
 38 savings plan during the taxable year and that are designated  
 39 to pay for qualified K-12 education expenses.

40 (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000), or five hundred dollars (\$500)  
 41 in the case of a married individual filing a separate return.

42 (3) The amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax



1 imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for the taxable year,  
 2 reduced by the sum of all credits (as determined without regard to  
 3 this section) allowed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7.

4 (l) This subsection applies after December 31, 2018. At the time a  
 5 contribution is made to or a withdrawal is made from an account or  
 6 accounts of a college choice 529 education savings plan, the person  
 7 making the contribution or withdrawal shall designate whether the  
 8 contribution is made for or the withdrawal will be used for:

- 9 (1) qualified higher education expenses that are not qualified  
 10 K-12 education expenses; or  
 11 (2) qualified K-12 education expenses.

12 The Indiana education savings authority (IC 21-9-3) shall use  
 13 subaccounting to track the designations.

14 (m) A taxpayer who makes a contribution to a college choice 529  
 15 education savings plan is considered to have made the contribution on  
 16 the date that:

- 17 (1) the taxpayer's contribution is postmarked or accepted by a  
 18 delivery service, for contributions that are submitted to a college  
 19 choice 529 education savings plan by mail or delivery service; or  
 20 (2) the taxpayer's electronic funds transfer is initiated, for  
 21 contributions that are submitted to a college choice 529 education  
 22 savings plan by electronic funds transfer.

23 (n) A taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback, carryover, or refund of  
 24 an unused credit.

25 (o) A taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey, or otherwise transfer the  
 26 tax credit provided by this section.

27 (p) To receive the credit provided by this section, a taxpayer must  
 28 claim the credit on the taxpayer's annual state tax return or returns in  
 29 the manner prescribed by the department. The taxpayer shall submit to  
 30 the department all information that the department determines is  
 31 necessary for the calculation of the credit provided by this section.

32 (q) An account owner of an account of a college choice 529  
 33 education savings plan must repay all or a part of the credit in a taxable  
 34 year in which any nonqualified withdrawal is made from the account.  
 35 The amount the taxpayer must repay is equal to the lesser of:

- 36 (1) twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of nonqualified  
 37 withdrawals made during the taxable year from the account; or  
 38 (2) the excess of:

- 39 (A) the cumulative amount of all credits provided by this  
 40 section that are claimed by any taxpayer with respect to the  
 41 taxpayer's contributions to the account for all prior taxable  
 42 years beginning on or after January 1, 2007; over



- 1 (B) the cumulative amount of repayments paid by the account  
 2 owner under this subsection for all prior taxable years  
 3 beginning on or after January 1, 2008.
- 4 (r) Any required repayment under subsection (q) shall be reported  
 5 by the account owner on the account owner's annual state income tax  
 6 return for any taxable year in which a nonqualified withdrawal is made.
- 7 (s) A nonresident account owner who is not required to file an  
 8 annual income tax return for a taxable year in which a nonqualified  
 9 withdrawal is made shall make any required repayment on the form  
 10 required under IC 6-3-4-1(2). If the nonresident account owner does  
 11 not make the required repayment, the department shall issue a demand  
 12 notice in accordance with IC 6-8.1-5-1.
- 13 (t) The executive director of the Indiana education savings authority  
 14 shall submit or cause to be submitted to the department a copy of all  
 15 information returns or statements issued to account owners, account  
 16 beneficiaries, and other taxpayers for each taxable year with respect to:
- 17 (1) nonqualified withdrawals made from accounts, including  
 18 subaccounts of a college choice 529 education savings plan for  
 19 the taxable year; or  
 20 (2) account closings for the taxable year.
- 21 SECTION 2. IC 6-3-3-12.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 22 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JANUARY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 12.1. (a) As used in this section, "ABLE  
 24 account" has the meaning set forth in IC 12-11-14-1.**
- 25 **(b) As used in this section, "contribution" means the amount of  
 26 money directly provided to an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan  
 27 account by a taxpayer. A contribution does not include any of the  
 28 following:**
- 29 **(1) Money credited to an ABLE account as a result of bonus  
 30 points or other forms of consideration earned by the taxpayer  
 31 that result in a transfer of money to the ABLE account.**
- 32 **(2) Money transferred from any qualified ABLE program  
 33 under Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code or from any  
 34 other similar plan.**
- 35 **(3) Money transferred from any qualified tuition program  
 36 under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code or from any  
 37 other similar plan.**
- 38 **(c) As used in this section, "designated beneficiary" has the  
 39 meaning set forth in IC 12-11-14-5.**
- 40 **(d) As used in this section, "Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan"  
 41 refers to the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) 529A plan  
 42 established under IC 12-11.**



1 (e) As used in this section, "nonqualified withdrawal" means a  
 2 withdrawal or distribution from an Indiana ABLE 529A savings  
 3 plan that is not a qualified withdrawal.

4 (f) As used in this section, "qualified disability expense" has the  
 5 meaning set forth in IC 12-11-14-8.

6 (g) As used in this section, "qualified withdrawal" means a  
 7 withdrawal or distribution from an Indiana ABLE 529A savings  
 8 plan that is made:

9 (1) to pay for qualified disability expenses, excluding any  
 10 withdrawals or distributions used to pay for qualified  
 11 disability expenses, if the withdrawals or distributions are  
 12 made from an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan that is  
 13 terminated within twelve (12) months after the ABLE account  
 14 is opened;

15 (2) as a result of the death of a designated beneficiary; or

16 (3) by an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan as the result of a  
 17 transfer of funds by an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan  
 18 from one (1) third party custodian to another.

19 A qualified withdrawal does not include a rollover distribution or  
 20 transfer of assets from an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan to any  
 21 other qualified ABLE program under Section 529A of the Internal  
 22 Revenue Code, or to any qualified tuition program under Section  
 23 529 of the Internal Revenue Code other than a college choice 529  
 24 saving plan established under IC 21-9, or to any other similar plan.

25 (h) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means:

26 (1) an individual filing a single return;

27 (2) a married couple filing a joint return; or

28 (3) a married individual filing a separate return.

29 (i) A taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the taxpayer's  
 30 adjusted gross income tax imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7  
 31 for a taxable year equal to the least of the following:

32 (1) Twenty percent (20%) of the amount of the total  
 33 contributions made by the taxpayer to an ABLE account or  
 34 accounts of an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan during the  
 35 taxable year.

36 (2) Five hundred dollars (\$500).

37 (3) The amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax  
 38 imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for the taxable year,  
 39 reduced by the sum of all credits (as determined without  
 40 regard to this section) allowed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7.

41 (j) A taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback, carryover, or  
 42 refund of an unused credit.





1           (k) A taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey, or otherwise  
2 transfer the tax credit provided by this section.

3           (l) To receive the credit provided by this section, a taxpayer  
4 must claim the credit on the taxpayer's annual state tax return or  
5 returns in the manner prescribed by the department. The taxpayer  
6 shall submit to the department all information that the department  
7 determines is necessary for the calculation of the credit provided  
8 by this section.

9           (m) An owner of an ABLE account of an Indiana ABLE 529A  
10 savings plan must repay all or a part of the credit in a taxable year  
11 in which any nonqualified withdrawal is made from the ABLE  
12 account. The amount the taxpayer must repay is equal to the lesser  
13 of:

14           (1) twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of nonqualified  
15 withdrawals made during the taxable year from the ABLE  
16 account; or

17           (2) the excess of:

18                   (A) the cumulative amount of all credits provided by this  
19 section that are claimed by any taxpayer with respect to  
20 the taxpayer's contributions to the ABLE account for all  
21 prior taxable years; over

22                   (B) the cumulative amount of repayments paid by the  
23 owner of the ABLE account under this subsection for all  
24 prior taxable years.

25           (n) Any required repayment under subsection (m) must be  
26 reported by the owner of the ABLE account on the owner's annual  
27 state income tax return for any taxable year in which a  
28 nonqualified withdrawal is made.

29           (o) A nonresident owner of an ABLE account who is not  
30 required to file an annual income tax return for a taxable year in  
31 which a nonqualified withdrawal is made shall make any required  
32 repayment on the form required under IC 6-3-4-1(2). If the  
33 nonresident owner of the ABLE account does not make the  
34 required repayment, the department shall issue a demand notice in  
35 accordance with IC 6-8.1-5-1.

36           (p) The executive director of the Indiana ABLE authority shall  
37 submit or cause to be submitted to the department a copy of all  
38 information returns or statements issued to ABLE account owners,  
39 designated beneficiaries, and other taxpayers for each taxable year  
40 with respect to:

41           (1) nonqualified withdrawals made from ABLE accounts for  
42 the taxable year; or



1           **(2) ABLE account closings for the taxable year.**  
2           SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] **(a) IC 6-3-3-12.1,**  
3           **as added by this act, and IC 6-3-3-12, as amended by this act, apply**  
4           **to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.**  
5           **(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2026.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1303, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 6, line 36, delete "One thousand dollars (\$1,000), or five" and insert "**Five**".

Page 6, line 37, after "(500)" insert ".".

Page 6, line 37, delete "in the case of a married individual filing a separate".

Page 6, delete line 38.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1303 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 20, nays 0.

