

# HOUSE BILL No. 1322

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-35-13.

**Synopsis:** School based occupational and physical therapists. Provides that if a school corporation employs or contracts with: (1) an occupational therapist to provide occupational therapy services; or (2) a physical therapist to provide physical therapy services; to students with a disability, the school corporation shall ensure that the maximum student to therapist caseload does not exceed fifty (50) students per each full-time therapist. Requires consent before occupational or physical therapy services may be provided.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 12, 2023, 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.

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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 20-35-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]:

4 **Chapter 13. Health Care Services**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "occupational therapist" means**  
6 **an individual who is licensed under IC 25-23.5.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "physical therapist" means an**  
8 **individual who is licensed under IC 25-27.**

9 **Sec. 3. (a) If a school corporation employs or contracts with an**  
10 **occupational therapist to provide occupational therapy services to**  
11 **a student with a disability, the school corporation shall ensure that**  
12 **the maximum student to occupational therapist caseload does not**  
13 **exceed fifty (50) students per each full-time occupational therapist**  
14 **or a prorated equivalent for each part-time occupational therapist.**

15 **(b) Nothing in this section allows an occupational therapist to**  
16 **provide occupational therapy services to a student with a disability**  
17 **without complying with the consent requirements under**



1       **IC 16-36-1.**  
2       **Sec. 4. (a) If a school corporation employs or contracts with a**  
3       **physical therapist to provide physical therapy services to a student**  
4       **with a disability, the school corporation shall ensure that the**  
5       **maximum student to physical therapist caseload does not exceed**  
6       **fifty (50) students per each full-time physical therapist or a**  
7       **prorated equivalent for each part-time physical therapist.**  
8       **(b) Nothing in this section allows a physical therapist to provide**  
9       **physical therapy services to a student with a disability without**  
10       **complying with the consent requirements under IC 16-36-1.**

