

# HOUSE BILL No. 1384

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-26-13; IC 20-31-8-8.

**Synopsis:** High school graduation. Changes the definition of "graduation" for the high school graduation rate determination by specifying that students receiving a Core 40 diploma, a technical honors diploma, or an academic honors diploma are counted as graduates. Provides, for purposes of calculating a school's graduation rate, that in the case of a high school student who has not attended the same school within the school corporation for at least 90% of a school year and has exited high school without a regular high school diploma and without transferring to another high school that grants a regular high school diploma during such school year, the department of education shall assign the student to the high school at which the student was enrolled for the greatest proportion of school days while enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Requires the state board to include student mobility rates for purposes of calculating a school's category or designation of school improvement.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 17, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

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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 20-26-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,  
2 SECTION 82, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "graduation" means  
4 the successful completion by a student of:  
5 (1) a sufficient number of academic credits, or the equivalent of  
6 academic credits; and  
7 (2) the graduation examination or waiver process required under  
8 IC 20-32-3 through IC 20-32-5;  
9 resulting in the awarding of a **Core 40** high school diploma, **technical**  
10 **honors diploma**, or an academic honors diploma.  
11 (b) The term does not include the granting of a general educational  
12 development diploma under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or  
13 IC 22-4.1-18.  
14 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.268-2013,  
15 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 10. Except as provided in section 11 **or 11.5** of  
17 this chapter, the four (4) year graduation rate for a cohort in a high



- 1 school is the percentage determined under STEP FIVE of the following  
 2 formula:
- 3 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of  
 4 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for  
 5 which the graduation rate is being determined.
- 6 STEP TWO: Add:
- 7 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and  
 8 (B) the number of students who:
- 9 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which  
 10 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;  
 11 and  
 12 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.
- 13 STEP THREE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP  
 14 TWO the number of students who have left the cohort for any of  
 15 the following reasons:
- 16 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.  
 17 (B) Except as provided in IC 20-33-2-28.6, removal by the  
 18 student's parents under IC 20-33-2-28 to provide instruction  
 19 equivalent to that given in the public schools.  
 20 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or  
 21 death.  
 22 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department  
 23 of correction.  
 24 (E) Placement by a court order or the department of child  
 25 services.  
 26 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.  
 27 (G) Leaving school, if the student attended school in Indiana  
 28 for less than one (1) school year and the location of the student  
 29 cannot be determined.  
 30 (H) Leaving school, if the location of the student cannot be  
 31 determined and the student has been reported to the Indiana  
 32 clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing  
 33 endangered adults.  
 34 (I) Withdrawing from school before graduation, if the student  
 35 is a high ability student (as defined in IC 20-36-1-3) who is a  
 36 full-time student at an accredited institution of higher  
 37 education during the semester in which the cohort graduates.
- 38 STEP FOUR: Determine the total number of students determined  
 39 under STEP TWO who have graduated during the current  
 40 reporting year or a previous reporting year.
- 41 STEP FIVE: Divide:
- 42 (A) the number determined under STEP FOUR; by



1 (B) the remainder determined under STEP THREE.  
2 SECTION 3. IC 20-26-13-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
3 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 11.5. In the case of a high school**  
5 **student who has not attended the same school within the school**  
6 **corporation for at least ninety percent (90%) of a school year and**  
7 **has exited high school without a regular high school diploma and**  
8 **without transferring to another high school that grants a regular**  
9 **high school diploma during that school year, the department shall,**  
10 **in order to calculate the graduation rate under section 10 of this**  
11 **chapter, assign the student to the high school at which the student**  
12 **was enrolled for the greatest proportion of school days while**  
13 **enrolled in grades 9 through 12.**  
14 SECTION 4. IC 20-31-8-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
15 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
16 1, 2017]: **Sec. 8. Before July 1, 2018, the state board shall amend**  
17 **511 IAC 6.2 to include student mobility rates for purposes of**  
18 **calculating a school's category or designation of school**  
19 **improvement.**

