

HOUSE BILL No. 1395

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-24.2-4; IC 20-32-5.

Synopsis: ISTEP matters. Provides that provisions relating to high ability students apply to performance qualified school districts. Requires that scores of student responses under an ISTEP program test must be reported to the state board of education not later than July 1 of the year in which the ISTEP program test is administered. Provides that the department of education shall release sample essay responses to an ISTEP program test to highlight the accomplishments of students. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the issue of whether it is feasible to release all ISTEP program test questions to the public. Provides that the department of education (department), with the approval of the state board of education (state board) shall enter into an agreement with a third party vendor to rescore the ISTEP program test results of the ISTEP program test that was administered in the spring of 2015. Provides that the department shall compare the rescored ISTEP program test results with initial scoring in order to find any inconsistencies or other issues relating to the scoring and to improve the integrity of the administration of the ISTEP program tests. Requires the department to prepare a report including the results of the rescoring along with a summary of the department's comparison to the state board, the governor, and the general assembly. Provides that upon receiving the results of the ISTEP program test rescoring, the state board may elect to use the rescored tests instead of the initial scores for purposes of establishing a baseline measurement of student growth or other calculation for purposes of determining school or school corporation accountability for school years starting after June 30, 2015. Establishes the committee on
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Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2016.

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January 13, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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student success to evaluate Indiana's current system for measuring kindergarten through grade 12 performance and to identify improvements available under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.



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Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

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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 20-24.2-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
2 SECTION 83, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as specifically provided in this
4 article and section 4 of this chapter, the following provisions of this
5 title and a rule or guideline adopted by the state board under one (1) of
6 the following provisions of this title do not apply to a qualified district
7 or qualified high school:
8 (1) Provisions that do not apply to school corporations in general.
9 (2) IC 20-20 (programs administered by the state), except for
10 IC 20-20-1 (educational service centers) and IC 20-20-8 (school
11 corporation annual performance report).
12 (3) IC 20-28 (school teachers), except for IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher
13 continuing education), IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to
14 teaching participants; restrictions), IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to
15 teaching participants; school corporation or subject area;



1 transition to teaching permit), IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain
 2 felonies; notice and hearing; permanent revocation of license;
 3 data base of school employees who have been reported),
 4 IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts), IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of
 5 teacher contracts), IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school
 6 administrators), IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments),
 7 IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment), and IC 20-28-11.5 (staff
 8 performance evaluations).

9 (4) IC 20-30 (curriculum), except for IC 20-30-3-2 and
 10 IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative observances),
 11 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements), and
 12 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).

13 (5) IC 20-32 (student standards, assessments, and performance),
 14 except for IC 20-32-4 (graduation requirements), IC 20-32-5
 15 (Indiana statewide testing for educational progress), and
 16 IC 20-32-8 (remediation).

17 ~~(6) IC 20-36 (high ability students):~~

18 ~~(7) (6) IC 20-37 (career and technical education).~~

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a school corporation may not
 20 receive a decrease in state funding based upon the school corporation's
 21 status as a qualified district or the status of a high school within the
 22 school corporation as a qualified high school, or because of the
 23 implementation of a waiver of a statute or rule that is allowed to be
 24 waived by a qualified district or qualified high school.

25 SECTION 2. IC 20-24.2-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
 26 SECTION 84, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. The following provisions of this title and rules
 28 and guidelines adopted under the following provisions of this title
 29 apply to a qualified district or qualified high school:

30 IC 20-20-1 (educational service centers).

31 IC 20-20-8 (school corporation annual performance report).

32 IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).

33 IC 20-26 (school corporation general administrative provisions).

34 IC 20-27 (school transportation).

35 IC 20-28-3-4 (teacher continuing education).

36 IC 20-28-4-8 (hiring of transition to teaching participants;
 37 restrictions).

38 IC 20-28-4-11 (transition to teaching participants; school
 39 corporation or subject area; transition to teaching permit).

40 IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies; notice and hearing;
 41 permanent revocation of license; data base of school employees
 42 who have been reported).



- 1 IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts).
 2 IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of teacher contracts).
 3 IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school administrators).
 4 IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments).
 5 IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment).
 6 IC 20-28-11.5 (staff performance evaluations).
 7 IC 20-29 (collective bargaining for teachers).
 8 IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
 9 observances).
 10 IC 20-30-5-13 (human sexuality instructional requirements).
 11 IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility instruction).
 12 IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
 13 improvement).
 14 IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5, and IC 20-32-8 (accreditation,
 15 assessment, and remediation), or any other statute, rule, or
 16 guideline related to standardized assessments.
 17 IC 20-33 (students: general provisions).
 18 IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
 19 IC 20-35 (special education).
 20 **IC 20-36 (high ability students).**
 21 IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).
 22 IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
 23 IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
 24 IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction).
 25 IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
 26 IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
 27 IC 20-45 (general fund levies).
 28 IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 29 IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease agreements).
 30 IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 31 IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
 32 advances and loans).
 33 IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 34 SECTION 3. IC 20-32-5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
 35 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
 36 PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) The scoring of student responses under an
 37 ISTEP program test:
 38 (1) must measure student achievement relative to the academic
 39 standards established by the state board;
 40 (2) must adhere to scoring rubrics and anchor papers; and
 41 (3) may not reflect the scorer's judgment of the values expressed
 42 by a student in the student's responses.



1 **(b) The scores of student responses under an ISTEP program**
 2 **test must be reported to the state board not later than July 1 of the**
 3 **year in which the ISTEP program test is administered.**

4 SECTION 4. IC 20-32-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2015,
 5 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) After reports of student scores are
 7 returned to a school corporation, the school corporation shall promptly
 8 do the following:

9 (1) Give each student and the student's parent the student's ISTEP
 10 program test scores.

11 (2) Make available for inspection to each student and the student's
 12 parent the following:

13 (A) A copy of all questions that are not multiple choice or true
 14 and false and prompts used in assessing the student.

15 (B) A copy of the student's scored responses.

16 (C) A copy of the anchor papers and scoring rubrics used to
 17 score the student's responses.

18 A student's parent may request a rescoring of a student's responses to
 19 an ISTEP program test, including a student's essay.

20 (b) A student's ISTEP program test scores may not be disclosed to
 21 the public.

22 **(c) The department shall release sample essay responses to an**
 23 **ISTEP program test to highlight the accomplishments of students.**

24 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016] (a) As used in this
 25 SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the legislative council
 26 established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.

27 **(b) The general assembly urges the legislative council to assign**
 28 **to an appropriate study committee the issue of whether it is**
 29 **feasible to release all ISTEP program test questions to the public.**
 30 **The committee, if assigned the topic, shall review issues relating to**
 31 **the following:**

32 (1) Cost.

33 (2) Increased testing time to pilot new questions.

34 (3) Transparency.

35 (4) Student achievement.

36 (5) Teaching.

37 **(c) If the topic described in subsection (b) is assigned to a study**
 38 **committee, the study committee shall issue a final report to the**
 39 **legislative council containing the study committee's findings and**
 40 **recommendations, including any recommended legislation**
 41 **concerning the topics, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not**
 42 **later than November 1, 2016.**



1 **(d) This SECTION expires December 31, 2016.**

2 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The definitions**
3 **in IC 20 apply throughout this SECTION.**

4 **(b) The department, with the approval of the state board, shall**
5 **enter into an agreement with a third party vendor to rescore the**
6 **ISTEP program test results of the ISTEP program test that was**
7 **administered in the spring of 2015.**

8 **(c) The department shall compare the rescored ISTEP program**
9 **test results with initial scoring in order to find any inconsistencies**
10 **or other issues relating to the scoring and to improve the integrity**
11 **of the administration of the ISTEP program tests. The department**
12 **shall prepare a report that includes the results of the rescoring**
13 **along with a summary of the department's comparison to the state**
14 **board, to the governor, and in an electronic format under**
15 **IC 5-14-6, to the general assembly.**

16 **(c) Upon receiving the results of the ISTEP program test**
17 **rescoring under this section, the state board may elect to use the**
18 **rescored tests instead of the initial scores for purposes of**
19 **establishing a baseline measurement of student growth or other**
20 **calculation for purposes of determining school or school**
21 **corporation accountability under IC 20-31-8 for school year's**
22 **starting after June 30, 2015.**

23 **(e) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.**

24 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) As used in this**
25 **SECTION, "committee" refers to the committee on student success**
26 **established in subsection (b).**

27 **(b) The committee on student success is established to evaluate**
28 **Indiana's current system for measuring kindergarten through**
29 **grade 12 performance and to identify improvements available**
30 **under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95).**

31 **(c) The committee consists of the following:**

32 **(1) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is a**
33 **member of the commission for higher education.**

34 **(2) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is an**
35 **employee of the department of workforce development.**

36 **(3) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is a**
37 **member of the Indiana career council.**

38 **(4) One (1) member appointed by the governor from a private**
39 **sector economic development organization.**

40 **(5) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is a**
41 **member of the state board of education.**

42 **(6) One (1) member of the house of representatives, appointed**



- 1 by the speaker of the house of representatives.
 2 (7) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 3 representatives who is a current or former member of a
 4 governing body of a school corporation.
 5 (8) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 6 representatives who is a current or former superintendent of
 7 a school corporation.
 8 (9) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 9 representatives who is a current or former school principal.
 10 (10) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 11 representatives who is a current or former school teacher.
 12 (11) One (1) member of the senate, appointed by the president
 13 pro tempore of the senate.
 14 (12) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore
 15 of the senate who is a current or former member of a
 16 governing body of a school corporation.
 17 (13) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore
 18 of the senate who is a current or former superintendent of a
 19 school corporation.
 20 (14) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 21 representatives who is a current or former school principal.
 22 (15) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore
 23 of the senate who is a current or former school teacher.
 24 (16) The state superintendent of public instruction or the state
 25 superintendent's designee.
 26 (17) One (1) member appointed by the state superintendent of
 27 public instruction who is a current or former member of a
 28 governing body of a school corporation.
 29 (18) One (1) member appointed by the state superintendent of
 30 public instruction who is a current or former superintendent
 31 of a school corporation.
 32 (19) One (1) member appointed by the state superintendent of
 33 public instruction who is a current or former school principal.
 34 (20) One (1) member appointed by the state superintendent of
 35 public instruction who is a current or former school teacher.
 36 (d) The members described in subsection (c)(6) and (c)(11) shall
 37 serve as co-chairpersons for the committee.
 38 (e) A quorum consists of eleven (11) members.
 39 (f) Committee members serve without compensation.
 40 (g) The committee shall meet as often as is necessary to properly
 41 perform its duties.
 42 (h) The legislative services agency shall staff and provide



1 **administrative support for the committee.**
2 **(i) On or before November 1, 2016, the committee shall adopt a**
3 **final report of its findings. A copy of the report shall be submitted**
4 **to the governor, and in an electronic copy under IC 5-14-6, to the**
5 **legislative council.**
6 **(j) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.**
7 **SECTION 8. An emergency is declared for this act.**

