

HOUSE BILL No. 1542

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-2-10.1; IC 10-21-1-4.

Synopsis: Secured school safety grants. Specifies that an educational service center may receive a grant from the Indiana safe schools fund. Increases the secured school safety matched grant amount that may be awarded to a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school that is awarded a secured school safety matching grant may apportion that grant to an educational service center or career and technical education school for certain purposes.

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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 5-2-10.1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2014,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6. (a) A school corporation, school corporation
4 career and technical education school described in IC 20-37-1-1,
5 **educational service center (as defined in IC 20-20-1-2)**, or charter
6 school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4) may receive a grant from the fund
7 for programs, equipment, services, or activities included in a safety
8 plan submitted with the application for funds to the institute.

9 (b) A safety plan submitted under this section must include
10 provisions for zero (0) tolerance for alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and
11 weapons on school property. If the institute approves the safety plan
12 and application, the treasurer of state shall disburse from the fund to
13 the applicant the amount of the grant certified to the treasurer of state
14 by the institute.

15 SECTION 2. IC 5-2-10.1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2014,
16 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "program" refers to



1 a school safe haven program.

2 (b) A school corporation, school corporation career and technical
3 education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, **educational service**
4 **center (as defined in IC 20-20-1-2)**, or charter school (as defined in
5 IC 20-24-1-4) may apply to the institute for a grant for matching funds
6 under this chapter to establish and operate a school safe haven
7 program.

8 (c) A program must include at least the following components:

9 (1) The school must be open to students of the school before and
10 after normal operating hours, preferably from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., on
11 days determined by the school corporation.

12 (2) The program must operate according to a plan to do the
13 following in the school:

14 (A) Reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse.

15 (B) Reduce violent behavior.

16 (C) Promote educational progress.

17 (d) The institute shall adopt rules to administer the program,
18 including rules concerning evaluations by school corporations, ~~and~~
19 school corporation career and technical education schools described in
20 IC 20-37-1-1, **and educational service centers (as defined in**
21 **IC 20-20-1-2)** on the use and impact of grant money received through
22 the program.

23 SECTION 3. IC 5-2-10.1-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2014,
24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. (a) A county may establish a county school
26 safety commission.

27 (b) The members of the commission are as follows:

28 (1) The school safety specialist for each school corporation
29 located in whole or in part in the county.

30 (2) The judge of the court having juvenile jurisdiction in the
31 county or the judge's designee.

32 (3) The sheriff of the county or the sheriff's designee.

33 (4) The chief officer of every other law enforcement agency in the
34 county, or the chief officer's designee.

35 (5) A representative of the juvenile probation system, appointed
36 by the judge described under subdivision (2).

37 (6) Representatives of community agencies that work with
38 children within the county.

39 (7) A representative of the Indiana state police district that serves
40 the county.

41 (8) A representative of the prosecuting attorneys council of
42 Indiana who specializes in the prosecution of juveniles.



- 1 (9) Other appropriate individuals selected by the commission.
 2 (c) If a commission is established, the school safety specialist of the
 3 school corporation having the largest ADM (as defined in
 4 IC 20-18-2-2), as determined in the fall count of ADM in the school
 5 year ending in the current calendar year, in the county shall convene
 6 the initial meeting of the commission.
 7 (d) The members shall annually elect a chairperson.
 8 (e) A commission shall perform the following duties:
 9 (1) Perform a cumulative analysis of school safety needs within
 10 the county.
 11 (2) Coordinate and make recommendations for the following:
 12 (A) Prevention of juvenile offenses and improving the
 13 reporting of juvenile offenses within the schools.
 14 (B) Proposals for identifying and assessing children who are
 15 at high risk of becoming juvenile offenders.
 16 (C) Methods to meet the educational needs of children who
 17 have been detained as juvenile offenders.
 18 (D) Methods to improve communications among agencies that
 19 work with children.
 20 (E) Methods to improve security and emergency preparedness.
 21 (F) Additional equipment or personnel that are necessary to
 22 carry out safety plans.
 23 (G) Any other topic the commission considers necessary to
 24 improve school safety within the school corporations within
 25 the commission's jurisdiction.
 26 (3) Provide assistance to the school safety specialists on the
 27 commission in developing and requesting grants for safety plans.
 28 (4) Provide assistance to the school safety specialists on the
 29 commission and the participating school corporations and school
 30 corporation career and technical education schools described in
 31 IC 20-37-1-1 in developing and requesting grants for school safe
 32 haven programs under section 7 of this chapter.
 33 (5) Assist each participating school corporation and each school
 34 corporation career and technical education schools described in
 35 IC 20-37-1-1 **or educational service center (as defined in**
 36 **IC 20-20-1-2)** in carrying out the school corporation's, **or** career
 37 and technical education school's, **or educational service center's**
 38 safety plans.
 39 (f) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the
 40 commission are required for the commission to take action on a
 41 measure.
 42 (g) A commission shall receive the school safety plans described in



1 IC 20-26-18.2-2 for the schools and school corporations located in the
 2 county. The commission may share the school safety plans with law
 3 enforcement agencies.

4 SECTION 4. IC 10-21-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.139-2022,
 5 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to
 7 enable a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
 8 school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) to:

- 9 (1) establish a program to employ a school resource officer;
- 10 (2) employ a law enforcement officer;
- 11 (3) provide school resource officer training described in
- 12 IC 20-26-18.2-1(c);
- 13 (4) conduct a threat assessment;
- 14 (5) purchase equipment to restrict access to the school or expedite
- 15 the notification of first responders; or
- 16 (6) implement a student and parent support services plan in the
- 17 manner set forth in IC 20-34-9;

18 in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.

19 (b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter
 20 school, or accredited nonpublic school (or a coalition of schools
 21 applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a
 22 two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:

- 23 (1) The total cost of the program established by the school
- 24 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or the
- 25 coalition of schools applying jointly).
- 26 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the following amounts:
- 27 (A) ~~Thirty-five~~ **Fifty-two** thousand **five hundred** dollars
- 28 ~~(\$35,000)~~ **(\$52,500)** per year, in the case of a school
- 29 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school
- 30 that:
 - 31 (i) has an ADM of at least one (1) and less than one
 - 32 thousand one (1,001) students; and
 - 33 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 - 34 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 35 (B) **Fifty Seventy-five** thousand dollars ~~(\$50,000)~~ **(\$75,000)**
- 36 per year, in the case of a school corporation, charter school, or
- 37 accredited nonpublic school that:
 - 38 (i) has an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) and less
 - 39 than five thousand one (5,001) students; and
 - 40 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 - 41 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 42 (C) ~~Seventy-five~~ **One hundred twelve** thousand dollars



- 1 ~~(\$75,000)~~ **(\$112,000)** per year, in the case of a school
 2 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school
 3 that:
- 4 (i) has an ADM of more than five thousand (5,000) and less
 5 than fifteen thousand one (15,001) students; and
 6 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 7 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 8 (D) One hundred **fifty** thousand dollars ~~(\$100,000)~~ **(\$150,000)**
 9 per year, in the case of a school corporation, charter school, or
 10 accredited nonpublic school that:
- 11 (i) has an ADM of more than fifteen thousand (15,000); and
 12 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 13 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 14 (E) One hundred **fifty** thousand dollars ~~(\$100,000)~~ **(\$150,000)**
 15 per year, in the case of a coalition of schools applying jointly.
- 16 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the match requirement for
 17 a grant under this chapter is based on the ADM, as follows:
- 18 (1) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 19 nonpublic school with an ADM of less than five hundred one
 20 (501) students, the grant match must be twenty-five percent
 21 (25%) of the grant amount described in subsection (b).
 22 (2) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 23 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than five hundred (500)
 24 and less than one thousand one (1,001) students, the grant match
 25 must be ~~forty~~ **thirty-three** percent ~~(40%)~~ **(33%)** of the grant
 26 amount described in subsection (b).
 27 (3) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 28 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than one thousand
 29 (1,000) students or a coalition of schools applying jointly, the
 30 grant match must be ~~one hundred~~ **fifty** percent ~~(100%)~~ **(50%)** of
 31 the grant amount described in subsection (b).
- 32 (d) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
 33 school may be eligible to receive a grant of up to:
- 34 (1) one hundred **fifty** thousand dollars ~~(\$100,000)~~ **(\$150,000)** if:
 35 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 36 nonpublic school receives a grant match of ~~one hundred~~
 37 **seventy-five** percent ~~(100%)~~ **(75%)** of the requested grant
 38 amount; and
 39 (B) the board approves the grant request; or
 40 (2) for a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 41 nonpublic school described subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), a grant of
 42 up to ~~fifty~~ **seventy-five** thousand dollars ~~(\$50,000)~~ **(\$75,000)** if:



- 1 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited
2 nonpublic school receives a grant match of ~~fifty~~ **thirty-three**
3 percent ~~(50%)~~ **(33%)** of the requested grant amount; and
4 (B) the board approves the grant request.
- 5 (e) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
6 school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each
7 year.
- 8 (f) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation, charter
9 school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section unless the
10 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is in
11 a county that has a county school safety commission, as described in
12 IC 5-2-10.1-10.
- 13 **(g) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter**
14 **school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section may be**
15 **apportioned by the school corporation, charter school, or**
16 **accredited nonpublic school to:**
- 17 (1) a career and technical education school described in
18 IC 20-37-1-1; or
19 (2) an educational service center (as defined in IC 20-20-1-2);
20 for the purposes described in subsection (a).

