

# HOUSE BILL No. 1611

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-20-47.

**Synopsis:** Skilled trades pilot program and fund. Establishes the skilled trades pilot program (pilot program) and fund. Provides that the department of education (department) shall administer the pilot program. Provides that the department may approve one or more school corporations to participate in the pilot program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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**Fleming, Goodrich, Moseley, Davis**

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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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 20-20-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]:  
4 **Chapter 47. Skilled Trades Pilot Program and Fund**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the skilled trades**  
6 **pilot program fund established by section 5 of this chapter.**  
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the**  
8 **skilled trades pilot program established by section 4 of this**  
9 **chapter.**  
10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "skilled trade" means any**  
11 **occupation that requires a particular skill set, knowledge, or**  
12 **ability.**  
13 **Sec. 4. (a) There is established a skilled trades pilot program for**  
14 **the purpose of providing funds to one (1) or more school**  
15 **corporations to implement a program that introduces students in**  
16 **grades 6 through 8 to skilled trades.**  
17 **(b) The department shall administer the program.**



1       **Sec. 5. (a) The skilled trades pilot program fund is established**  
 2 **for the purposes of implementing the pilot program described in**  
 3 **section 4 of this chapter.**

4       **(b) The fund consists of the following:**

5           **(1) Appropriations by the general assembly.**

6           **(2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (e).**

7           **(3) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the department**  
 8 **to achieve the purposes of the fund.**

9       **(c) The department shall administer the fund.**

10       **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**  
 11 **money in the fund.**

12       **(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 13 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 14 **manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that**  
 15 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**

16       **(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year shall not**  
 17 **revert to the state general fund.**

18       **Sec. 6. (a) To participate in the pilot program, a school**  
 19 **corporation must:**

20           **(1) apply to the department in the manner and on a form**  
 21 **prescribed by the department; and**

22           **(2) meet any requirements established by the department.**

23       **(b) The department may approve a school corporation to**  
 24 **participate in the pilot program if the school corporation meets the**  
 25 **requirements under subsection (a).**

26       **Sec. 7. Not later than July 1, 2024, and not later than July 1 each**  
 27 **year thereafter, the department shall:**

28           **(1) collect and compile information concerning the pilot**  
 29 **program under this chapter; and**

30           **(2) submit the report described in subdivision (1) to the**  
 31 **following:**

32               **(A) The governor.**

33               **(B) The legislative council, in an electronic format under**  
 34 **IC 5-14-6.**

35       **Sec. 8. The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**  
 36 **necessary to implement this chapter.**

37       **Sec. 9. This chapter expires July 15, 2026.**

