

# HOUSE BILL No. 1630

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-25.7.

**Synopsis:** Evaluation of innovation network schools and charter schools. Provides that an innovation network school or a charter school that reconstitutes as an innovation network school after June 30, 2019, may not use student growth as the exclusive means to measure school accountability.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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 20-25.7-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.179-2016,  
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall enter into an agreement  
4 with an innovation network team to establish an innovation network  
5 school or to reconstitute an eligible school as an innovation network  
6 school under section 3 or 4 of this chapter. An innovation network team  
7 may consist of or include teachers, a principal, a superintendent, or any  
8 combination of these individuals who were employed at the eligible  
9 school before the agreement is entered.  
10 (b) The terms of the agreement must specify the following:  
11 (1) A statement that the innovation network school is considered  
12 to be part of the school corporation and not considered a separate  
13 local educational agency.  
14 (2) A statement that the innovation network team authorizes the  
15 department to include the innovation network school's  
16 performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 when  
17 calculating the school corporation's performance assessment



under rules adopted by the state board.

(3) The amount of state and federal funding, including tuition support, and money levied as property taxes that will be distributed by the school corporation to the innovation network school.

(4) The performance goals and accountability metrics agreed upon for the innovation network school.

(5) Grounds for termination of the agreement, including the right of termination if the innovation network team fails to:

(A) comply with the conditions or procedures established in the agreement;

(B) meet generally accepted fiscal management and government accounting principles;

(C) comply with applicable laws; or

(D) meet the educational goals set forth in the agreement between the board and the innovation network team.

(c) If an agreement is entered into under subsection (a), the board shall notify the department that an agreement has been entered into under this section within thirty (30) days after the agreement is entered into.

(d) Upon receipt of the notification under subsection (c), for school years starting after the date of the agreement:

(1) the department shall include the innovation network school's performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's performance assessment under rules adopted by the state board;

(2) the department shall treat the innovation network school in the same manner as a school operated by the school corporation when calculating the total amount of state and federal funding to be distributed to the school corporation; and

(3) if requested by an innovation network school established:

(A) under IC 20-25.5-4-2(a)(2) (before its repeal) or IC 20-25.7-4-4(a)(2); and

(B) before July 1, 2019;

the department may use student growth as the state board's exclusive means to determine the innovation network school's category or designation of school improvement under 511 IAC 6.2-10-10 for a period of three (3) years.

A school corporation and an innovation network school are not entitled to any state funding in addition to the amount the school corporation and school would otherwise be eligible to receive if the innovation network school were a public school maintained by the school



1 corporation.

2 SECTION 2. IC 20-25.7-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018,  
 3 SECTION 174, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) The board may enter into an  
 5 agreement with an organizer to reconstitute an eligible school as a  
 6 participating innovation network charter school or to establish a  
 7 participating innovation network charter school at a location selected  
 8 by the board within the boundary of the school corporation.  
 9 Notwithstanding IC 20-26-7-1, a participating innovation network  
 10 charter school may be established within a vacant school building.

11 (b) The terms of the agreement entered into between the board and  
 12 an organizer must specify the following:

13 (1) A statement that the organizer authorizes the department to  
 14 include the charter school's performance assessment results under  
 15 IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's performance  
 16 assessment under rules adopted by the state board.

17 (2) The amount of state funding, including tuition support (if the  
 18 participating innovation network charter school is treated in the  
 19 same manner as a school operated by the school corporation  
 20 under subsection (d)(2)), and money levied as property taxes that  
 21 will be distributed by the school corporation to the organizer.

22 (3) The performance goals and accountability metrics agreed  
 23 upon for the charter school in the charter agreement between the  
 24 organizer and the authorizer.

25 (c) If an organizer and the board enter into an agreement under  
 26 subsection (a), the organizer and the board shall notify the department  
 27 that the agreement has been made under this section within thirty (30)  
 28 days after the agreement is entered into.

29 (d) Upon receipt of the notification under subsection (c), for school  
 30 years starting after the date of the agreement:

31 (1) the department shall include the participating innovation  
 32 network charter school's performance assessment results under  
 33 IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's performance  
 34 assessment under rules adopted by the state board;

35 (2) the department shall treat the participating innovation network  
 36 charter school in the same manner as a school operated by the  
 37 school corporation when calculating the total amount of state  
 38 funding to be distributed to the school corporation unless  
 39 subsection (e) applies; and

40 (3) if requested by a participating innovation network charter  
 41 school that reconstitutes an eligible school **before July 1, 2019**,  
 42 the department may use student growth as the state board's



1 exclusive means to determine the innovation network charter  
2 school's category or designation of school improvement under 511  
3 IAC 6.2-10-10 for a period of three (3) years.  
4 (e) If a participating innovation network school was established  
5 before January 1, 2016, and for the current school year has a  
6 complexity index that is greater than the complexity index for the  
7 school corporation that the innovation network school has contracted  
8 with, the innovation network school shall be treated as a charter school  
9 for purposes of determining tuition support. This subsection expires  
10 June 30, 2019.

