

HOUSE BILL No. 1634

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-3; IC 20-30-18; IC 20-32-6.5.

Synopsis: Math education. Requires each school corporation and charter middle school to automatically enroll a student who meets certain conditions in a middle school advanced math course. Allows a parent of a student to opt out of automatic enrollment. Allows a parent of a student who does not meet the conditions for automatic enrollment to opt the student into a middle school advanced math course. Establishes requirements regarding: (1) mathematics screening, evaluation, and intervention; and (2) teacher preparation program math curriculum and content.

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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 20-28-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2024,
2 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "teacher candidate"
4 means an individual recommended for an initial teaching license from
5 a teacher preparation program located in Indiana.
6 (b) As used in this section, "teacher preparation program" includes,
7 but is not limited to, the following:
8 (1) A teacher education school or department.
9 (2) A transition to teaching program under IC 20-28-4.
10 (3) Any other entity approved by the department to offer a course
11 of study leading to an initial teaching license.
12 (c) The department shall:
13 (1) arrange a statewide system of professional instruction for
14 teacher education;
15 (2) accredit and review teacher preparation programs that comply
16 with the rules of the department;
17 (3) approve content area licensure programs for particular kinds



1 of teachers in accredited teacher preparation programs; and

2 (4) specify the types of licenses for individuals who complete
3 programs of approved courses.

4 (d) The department shall work with teacher preparation programs to
5 develop a system of teacher education that ensures individuals who
6 complete teacher preparation programs are able to meet the highest
7 professional standards.

8 (e) Before July 1, 2015, the department shall establish standards for
9 the continuous improvement of program processes and the performance
10 of individuals who complete teacher preparation programs. The state
11 board shall adopt rules containing the standards not later than two
12 hundred seventy (270) days after the department finishes the standards.

13 (f) The standards established under subsection (e) must include
14 benchmarks for performance, including test score data for each teacher
15 preparation entity on content area licensure tests and test score data for
16 each teacher preparation entity on pedagogy licensure tests.

17 (g) Each teacher preparation program shall annually report the
18 program's performance on the standards and benchmarks established
19 under this section to the department. The department shall make the
20 information reported under this subsection available to the public on
21 the department's website. Each teacher preparation program shall make
22 the information reported under this subsection available to the public
23 on the teacher preparation program's website. In addition to reporting
24 performance, each teacher preparation program must report to the
25 department the following:

26 (1) The attrition, retention, and completion rates of teacher
27 candidates for the previous three (3) calendar years. The teacher
28 preparation program must also provide underlying data, as
29 determined by the department, used as part of calculating the
30 teacher preparation program's retention rates.

31 (2) The number of teacher candidates in each content area who
32 complete the teacher preparation program during the year,
33 disaggregated by ranges of cumulative grade point averages.

34 (3) The number of teacher candidates in each content area who,
35 during the year:

36 (A) do not pass a content area licensure examination; and

37 (B) do not retake the content area licensure examination.

38 (h) In making information available to the public on the
39 department's website, the department shall include in the report under
40 subsection (g), in addition to the matrix ratings described in subsection
41 (i), the following information:

42 (1) Average scaled or standard scores of teacher candidates who



complete teacher preparation programs on basic skills, content area, and pedagogy licensure examinations.

(2) The average number of times teacher candidates who complete a teacher preparation program take each licensing test before receiving a passing score and the percentage of teacher candidates who receive a passing score on each licensing test on the teacher candidates' first attempts.

(i) Not later than July 30, 2016, the department and the commission for higher education, in conjunction with the state board, the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc., and teacher preparation programs, shall establish a matrix rating system for teacher preparation programs based on the performance of the programs as demonstrated by the data collected under subsections (g) and (h). The matrix rating system may not rank or compare teacher preparation programs. The matrix rating system must be based on data collected for teachers who initially receive their teaching license during the previous three (3) years. The department shall make the matrix ratings available to the public on the department's website.

(j) Each teacher preparation program shall report to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, the teacher preparation program's admission practices, in accordance with:

(1) the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation standards, for teacher preparation programs accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation;

(2) rigorous academic entry requirements for admission into a teacher preparatory program that are equivalent to the minimum academic requirements determined by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, for teacher preparation programs that are not accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation; or

(3) the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation standards, for teacher preparation programs accredited by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation.

The department shall include information reported to the department on the department's website.

(k) Not later than July 30, 2016, the department and the commission for higher education, in conjunction with the state board, the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc., and teacher preparation programs, shall establish a minimum rating under the matrix rating system established under subsection (i) that teacher preparation programs must achieve to avoid referral under subsection (l).



(l) Not later than July 1 of each year, the department shall submit a list of teacher preparation programs that do not meet the minimum rating established under subsection (k) or the requirements of section 3.1 **or 3.2** of this chapter to the commission for higher education and the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. for one (1) of the following actions:

(1) In the case of a state educational institution, the commission for higher education shall place the teacher preparation program on an improvement plan with clear performance goals and a designated period in which the performance goals must be achieved.

(2) In the case of a proprietary postsecondary educational institution, the commission for higher education shall recommend to the teacher preparation program an improvement plan with clear performance goals and a designated period in which the performance goals should be achieved.

(3) In the case of a nonprofit college or university, the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc., shall coordinate a peer review process to make recommendations to the peer institution in achieving the department's performance metrics.

(m) The department shall approve at least two (2) accreditors that:

(1) accredit teacher preparation programs; and

(2) are recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;

to accredit teacher preparation programs for use in Indiana.

(n) Not later than December 31, 2024, the department and the commission for higher education, in conjunction with the state board, shall partner with teacher preparation programs to receive an outside evaluation by a nationally recognized nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that leverages evidence based approaches on the science of reading to evaluate teacher preparation reading instruction programs.

SECTION 2. IC 20-28-3-3.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.150-2024, SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3.2. (a) As used in this section, "teacher candidate" has the meaning set forth in section 3.1(a) of this chapter.

(b) As used in this section, "teacher preparation program" includes the following:

(1) A teacher education school or department.

(2) A transition to teaching program under IC 20-28-4.

(3) Any other entity approved by the department to offer a course of study leading to an initial teaching license.

(c) The department shall develop guidelines for accredited teacher



preparation programs regarding the use of curriculum or content that prepares elementary school teacher candidates to:

(1) effectively teach foundational math skills ~~explicitly and systematically~~; **aligned with evidence based instructional strategies to promote:**

(A) **conceptual understanding;**

(B) **procedural fluency; and**

(C) **real world problem solving;**

(2) implement math instruction using high quality instructional material; and

(3) understand and use student data to make instructional decisions.

(d) The department shall conduct a review of accredited teacher preparation programs for alignment with the requirements of subsection (c) on a schedule determined by the department.

(e) Upon review by the department under subsection (d), an accredited teacher preparation program that is not in alignment with the requirements of subsection (c) shall be submitted for a referral under section 1(l) of this chapter.

(f) If an accredited teacher preparation program:

(1) has been submitted for a referral under subsection (e); and

(2) fails to meet the criteria of the improvement plan developed under section 1(l) of this chapter;

the department shall revoke the teacher preparation program's right to use the word "accredited".

SECTION 3. IC 20-30-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

Chapter 18. Middle School Advanced Math Course Requirements

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "charter middle school" means a charter school that is a middle school.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "middle school" means any school of a school corporation or charter school that provides instruction to students in any combination of grades 6, 7, or 8.

Sec. 3. (a) Each school corporation and charter middle school shall automatically enroll in a middle school advanced math course a student who:

(1) scores at proficiency or higher on the ILEARN assessment for math in grade 5, 6, or 7; or

(2) is determined to be on grade level or higher through a local measure that includes the student's grades, class



ranking, or a demonstrated proficiency in the student's math course work.

(b) A parent of a student described in subsection (a) may opt the student out of automatic enrollment under subsection (a).

(c) If a student is automatically enrolled in a middle school advanced math course under this section, the school corporation or charter school in which the student is enrolled shall provide notice to a parent of the student that the:

(1) student has been automatically enrolled; and

(2) parent may provide notice to the school to opt the student out of the automatic enrollment.

Sec. 4. A parent of a student who does not meet the criteria for automatic enrollment under section 3 of this chapter may opt the student into a middle school advanced math course.

SECTION 4. IC 20-32-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

Chapter 6.5. Mathematics Screening, Evaluations, and Interventions

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "school" means any of the following:

(1) A public school, including a charter school.

(2) A state accredited nonpublic school.

(3) An eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).

Sec. 2. (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each school shall administer to all students of the school in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 a state approved numeracy screener to identify students at risk of not meeting grade level proficiency.

(b) The screener must:

(1) align to Indiana academic standards for mathematics;

(2) measure foundational numeracy and computation skills;

(3) receive a convincing or partially convincing rating for accuracy, reliability, and validity by:

(A) the National Center on Intensive Intervention; or

(B) another third party approved by the department;

(4) provide parents and schools with data analysis guides for interpreting results and comprehensive support for schools to guide classroom instruction and the implementation of mathematics interventions; and

(5) provide the department with an annual analysis of statewide data trends to support identification of deficiencies in mathematics and guide targeted intervention efforts.



1 **Sec. 3. (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, if a school**
 2 **determines that a student in kindergarten through grade 8 is at**
 3 **risk of not achieving grade level proficiency in mathematics as**
 4 **determined by an analysis of the student's data from:**

- 5 (1) a grade level screener approved by the department; or
 6 (2) a through-year statewide assessment;

7 **the school must provide intervention that meets the requirements**
 8 **under subsection (b).**

9 (b) A school shall provide intervention to a student described in
 10 subsection (a) that meets the following conditions:

11 (1) The intervention includes a multitiered system of support
 12 that progresses from less to more intensive support based on
 13 the student's individual needs.

14 (2) The intervention is aligned to daily Tier I instruction and
 15 standard level learning progressions.

16 (3) The intervention is:

17 (A) targeted;

18 (B) differentiated; and

19 (C) supplemental to Tier I instruction.

20 (4) The intervention:

21 (A) is aligned with evidence based instructional strategies
 22 to promote conceptual understanding, procedural fluency,
 23 and real world problem solving; and

24 (B) allows a student opportunities to interact, show
 25 progress, and demonstrate understanding through
 26 rigorous grade level content.

27 (5) The intervention includes continual assessment and in
 28 depth analysis of each student's data to inform the flexible
 29 movement in and out of Tiers II and III.

30 (c) The department shall provide guidance on the multitiered
 31 system that a school is required to provide under subsection (b).

