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SENATE BILL No. 8

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Citations Affected: IC 20-30; IC 20-32; IC 20-43; IC 21-41; IC 21-42; IC 21-43.

Synopsis: Higher education matters. Requires, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each high school to offer the Indiana college core (college core) or submit a college core implementation plan to the commission for higher education (commission). Provides that: (1) a student who successfully completes an eligible course under the college core is entitled to secondary credit toward graduation requirements; and (2) the student's transcripts must reflect the secondary credit. . Establishes the reverse transfer program for community college associate degrees. Requires each state educational institution (institution) to prepare and submit a report to the commission that includes information regarding a determination by the institution of the feasibility and advisability of establishing and conferring associate degrees to certain students. Establishes certain requirements for the commission regarding the reports. Requires each institution that offers baccalaureate degrees to establish a policy to
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review each of the institution's four year baccalaureate degree program offerings to determine the feasibility of providing each in a specifically structured manner to allow a full-time student to complete the baccalaureate degree within three years. Requires, not later than July 1, 2025, each institution to offer at least one baccalaureate degree program specifically structured to allow a full-time student to complete the baccalaureate degree within three years. Requires an institution to provide an annual report to the commission regarding offering four year baccalaureate degree programs completed in three years. Expands the schools to which requirements regarding secondary credit apply. Changes the name of the statewide transfer general education core to the Indiana college core. Requires the commission, in coordination with the department of education and institutions, to maintain and post a list and syllabus of each eligible college core course.

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SENATE BILL No. 8

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2024]: **Sec. 25. (a) This section applies to a high school that is:**
4 **(1) a public school, including a charter school;**
5 **(2) a state accredited nonpublic school; or**
6 **(3) an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).**
7 **(b) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each high school**
8 **shall:**
9 **(1) offer the Indiana college core developed under IC 21-42-3**
10 **in the high school's curriculum for high school students; or**
11 **(2) submit an Indiana college core implementation plan to the**
12 **commission for higher education in accordance with**
13 **IC 21-42-3-6.**
14 SECTION 2. IC 20-32-4-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
15 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY

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1, 2024]: **Sec. 18. (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, if a student successfully completes an eligible course under the Indiana college core developed under IC 21-42-3 that is offered by a state educational institution, the student is entitled to secondary credit toward graduation requirements for each course the student successfully completes at the state educational institution.**

(b) A student's high school transcript must reflect that the secondary credits described under subsection (a) were earned at a state educational institution.

SECTION 3. IC 20-43-10.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.201-2023, SECTION 212, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4. (a) Each state fiscal year, the department, in consultation with the commission for higher education, shall determine the following with respect to each school corporation:

(1) Each student who:

- (A) was enrolled in the school corporation in the state fiscal year before the immediately preceding state fiscal year; and
- (B) successfully completed a dual credit or dual enrollment course.

The amount of a school corporation's grant based on a student described under this subdivision is equal to the number of credit hours completed by the student multiplied by forty dollars (\$40), but may not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200).

(2) Each student who:

- (A) was enrolled in the school corporation in the state fiscal year before the immediately preceding state fiscal year; and
- (B) successfully completed ~~Indiana College Core 30~~ **college core** (IC 21-42-3).

The amount of a school corporation's grant based on a student under this subdivision is equal to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

(3) Each student who:

- (A) was enrolled in the school corporation in the state fiscal year before the immediately preceding state fiscal year; and
- (B) successfully completed requirements for an associate degree, including those earned through transfer as a junior pathways.

The amount of a school corporation's grant based on a student under this subdivision is equal to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(b) To be eligible to be counted under subsection (a)(1), a credit completed must be accepted as part of the Indiana core transfer library



1 under IC 21-42-5-1.

2 SECTION 4. IC 21-41-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2024]:

5 **Chapter 13. Reverse Transfer Program for Community College**
6 **Associate Degrees**

7 **Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 21-43-1 apply throughout this**
8 **chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" means the reverse**
10 **transfer associate degree program established by section 5 of this**
11 **chapter.**

12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "reverse transfer eligible former**
13 **student" means an individual formerly enrolled in a baccalaureate**
14 **degree program at a state educational institution who meets the**
15 **following requirements:**

16 (1) The individual has not previously received an associate or
17 a baccalaureate degree.

18 (2) The individual has earned at least fifteen (15) credit hours
19 from Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University.

20 (3) The individual has earned a total of at least seventy (70)
21 credit hours toward an associate degree from one (1) or any
22 combination of the following:

23 (A) Prior enrollment in Ivy Tech Community College or
24 Vincennes University.

25 (B) Credits that were earned during high school as
26 postsecondary credit through a:

27 (i) dual credit course;

28 (ii) dual enrollment course; or

29 (iii) similar early college program.

30 (C) Prior enrollment in a baccalaureate degree program of
31 a state educational institution in which the individual:

32 (i) did not complete the baccalaureate degree program;

33 (ii) has not been enrolled in the baccalaureate degree
34 program in the two (2) immediately preceding
35 consecutive academic terms or traditional semesters;
36 and

37 (iii) was enrolled in the baccalaureate degree program at
38 any time within the past ten (10) years.

39 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "reverse transfer eligible**
40 **undergraduate student" means an individual currently enrolled in**
41 **a baccalaureate degree program at a state educational institution**
42 **who meets the following requirements:**



- 1 **(1) The individual has not previously received an associate or**
 2 **a baccalaureate degree.**
 3 **(2) The individual has earned at least fifteen (15) credit hours**
 4 **from Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University.**
 5 **(3) The individual has earned a total of at least seventy (70)**
 6 **credit hours toward an associate degree from one (1) or any**
 7 **combination of the following:**
 8 **(A) Prior enrollment in Ivy Tech Community College or**
 9 **Vincennes University.**
 10 **(B) Credits that were earned during high school as**
 11 **postsecondary credit through a:**
 12 **(i) dual credit course;**
 13 **(ii) dual enrollment course; or**
 14 **(iii) similar early college program.**
 15 **(C) Current enrollment in a baccalaureate degree program**
 16 **of a state educational institution.**
 17 **Sec. 5. (a) The reverse transfer associate degree program is**
 18 **established to provide a uniform, statewide policy for Ivy Tech**
 19 **Community College and Vincennes University to award associate**
 20 **degrees to:**
 21 **(1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate students; and**
 22 **(2) reverse transfer eligible former students;**
 23 **through the reverse transfer of applicable credit hours in an**
 24 **efficient and timely manner at no cost to the undergraduate and**
 25 **former students under this chapter.**
 26 **(b) The commission for higher education shall administer the**
 27 **program.**
 28 **(c) Subject to the policy established under section 6 of this**
 29 **chapter, Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University, as**
 30 **applicable, shall determine whether an individual is a:**
 31 **(1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate student; or**
 32 **(2) reverse transfer eligible former student.**
 33 **Sec. 6. Not later than June 30, 2025, the commission for higher**
 34 **education, in consultation with each state educational institution,**
 35 **shall establish a policy to at least semiannually identify and notify**
 36 **an individual who is a:**
 37 **(1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate student; or**
 38 **(2) reverse transfer eligible former student;**
 39 **of the voluntary option to receive an associate degree from Ivy**
 40 **Tech Community College or Vincennes University, as applicable,**
 41 **at no cost.**
 42 **Sec. 7. A state educational institution may not award or confer**



1 an associate degree under this chapter or through any similar
2 reverse transfer process without the informed and written consent
3 of the:

- 4 (1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate student; or
5 (2) reverse transfer eligible former student.

6 **Sec. 8. (a)** Each state educational institution shall provide to the
7 commission for higher education, in a format and frequency
8 prescribed by the commission for higher education and in
9 accordance with state and federal privacy laws, the following
10 information:

11 (1) The number of reverse transfer degrees awarded,
12 disaggregated by:

- 13 (A) state educational institution campus;
14 (B) program of study; and
15 (C) any other category as required by the commission for
16 higher education.

17 (2) Information regarding the individuals who have been
18 contacted and associate degree audits conducted for the
19 purposes of reverse transfer under this chapter.

20 (3) Information regarding which individuals received an
21 associate degree through reverse transfer under this chapter.

22 (b) Each state educational institution shall provide the
23 commission for higher education with any additional information
24 necessary to implement this chapter, as determined by the
25 commission for higher education.

26 **Sec. 9.** The commission for higher education may consider an
27 associate degree awarded under this chapter in reference to both:

- 28 (1) Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University, as
29 applicable; and
30 (2) the state educational institution in which the individual
31 awarded the associate degree by Ivy Tech Community College
32 or Vincennes University subsequently enrolled;

33 for the purposes of the higher educational operating funding
34 outcomes based formula created by the commission for higher
35 education under IC 21-18-16-2.

36 **Sec. 10.** Neither the commission for higher education nor a state
37 educational institution may include an associate degree awarded
38 under this chapter or through any similar reverse transfer process
39 in graduation rate calculations or similar completion rate
40 measures for a particular state educational institution.

41 **Sec. 11.** The commission for higher education may adopt rules
42 under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.



1 SECTION 5. IC 21-41-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2024]:

4 **Chapter 14. Exploring Associate Degrees for Four Year State**
 5 **Educational Institutions**

6 **Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to Ivy Tech Community**
 7 **College or Vincennes University.**

8 **Sec. 2. The definitions in IC 21-43-1 apply throughout this**
 9 **chapter.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible current student" means**
 11 **an individual currently enrolled in a baccalaureate degree**
 12 **program at the main campus or a regional campus of a state**
 13 **educational institution who meets the following requirements:**

14 (1) The individual has not previously received an associate or
 15 a baccalaureate degree.

16 (2) The individual did not transfer from another college or
 17 university, including a community college, where the
 18 individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours. Any
 19 academic credits granted by another college or university,
 20 including a community college, that were earned during high
 21 school as postsecondary credit through a:

22 (A) dual credit course;

23 (B) dual enrollment course; or

24 (C) similar early college program;

25 are not counted as credit hours for purposes of determining
 26 whether an individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours
 27 under this subdivision.

28 (3) The individual has earned at least seventy (70) credit
 29 hours, which must include:

30 (A) the general education core course requirements of the
 31 state educational institution; and

32 (B) completion of all other courses required for a
 33 particular associate degree approved by the commission
 34 for higher education under IC 21-41-2-2.

35 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "eligible former student" means**
 36 **an individual formerly enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program**
 37 **at the main campus or regional campus of a state educational**
 38 **institution who meets the following requirements:**

39 (1) The individual has not previously received an associate or
 40 a baccalaureate degree.

41 (2) The individual did not transfer from or to another college
 42 or university, including a community college, where the



1 individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours. Any
 2 academic credits granted by another college or university,
 3 including a community college, that were earned during high
 4 school as postsecondary credit through a:

- 5 (A) dual credit course;
- 6 (B) dual enrollment course; or
- 7 (C) similar early college program;

8 are not counted as credit hours for purposes of determining
 9 whether an individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours
 10 under this subdivision.

11 (3) The individual has not been enrolled in the baccalaureate
 12 degree program in the two (2) immediately preceding
 13 consecutive academic terms or traditional semesters.

14 (4) The individual was enrolled in the baccalaureate degree
 15 program at any time within the past ten (10) years.

16 (5) The individual earned at least seventy (70) credit hours,
 17 which must include:

- 18 (A) the general education core course requirements of the
 19 state educational institution; and
- 20 (B) completion of all other courses required for a
 21 particular associate degree approved by the commission
 22 for higher education under IC 21-41-2-2.

23 **Sec. 5. Not later than June 30, 2025, each state educational**
 24 **institution shall, for each main campus and regional campus of the**
 25 **state educational institution, prepare and submit a report to the**
 26 **commission for higher education, in a format prescribed by the**
 27 **commission for higher education, that includes information**
 28 **regarding a determination by the state educational institution of**
 29 **the feasibility and advisability of establishing and conferring**
 30 **associate degrees to:**

- 31 (1) eligible current students; and
- 32 (2) eligible former students;

33 attending each campus.

34 **Sec. 6. Not later than September 1, 2024, the commission for**
 35 **higher education shall issue guidance regarding the information**
 36 **that the state educational institution must include in the report**
 37 **under section 5 of this chapter.**

38 **Sec. 7. The commission for higher education shall post the**
 39 **reports submitted under this chapter on the commission for higher**
 40 **education's website.**

41 **Sec. 8. The commission for higher education shall do the**
 42 **following:**



- 1 (1) Review all of the reports submitted by state educational
2 institutions under this chapter.
- 3 (2) Prepare a summary report that:
- 4 (A) includes a summary of the reports described in
5 subdivision (1);
- 6 (B) estimates the potential impact to approved
7 postsecondary educational institutions currently
8 conferring associate degrees; and
- 9 (C) may include recommendations regarding conferring
10 associate degrees to eligible current students and eligible
11 former students as described in section 5 of this chapter,
12 including recommendations regarding the following:
- 13 (i) A model statewide policy for state educational
14 institutions to seek approval for a particular associate
15 degree from the commission for higher education under
16 IC 21-41-2-2. The model statewide policy recommended
17 under this item may not include associate degrees in
18 general studies or a similar category.
- 19 (ii) Model policies for campuses of state educational
20 institutions regarding establishing and conferring
21 associate degrees to eligible current students and eligible
22 former students, which may include a process to identify
23 and notify eligible former students of the associate
24 degree option.
- 25 (3) Not later than November 1, 2025, submit the summary
26 report to the:
- 27 (A) governor; and
- 28 (B) legislative council in an electronic format under
29 IC 5-14-6.
- 30 **Sec. 9. This chapter expires July 1, 2026.**
- 31 SECTION 6. IC 21-41-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
32 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2024]:
- 34 **Chapter 15. Mandatory Three Year Degree Policy and Review**
35 **Process**
- 36 **Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 21-43-1 apply throughout this**
37 **chapter.**
- 38 **Sec. 2. (a) Not later than November 1, 2024, each state**
39 **educational institution that offers baccalaureate degrees shall**
40 **establish a policy, subject to the requirements under subsection (b),**
41 **to review each four (4) year baccalaureate degree program offered**
42 **by the state educational institution to determine the feasibility, if**



1 any, of providing each baccalaureate degree program in a
 2 specifically structured manner to allow a full-time student to
 3 complete the baccalaureate degree within three (3) years.

4 (b) The commission for higher education shall:

5 (1) establish guidance for state educational institutions to
 6 develop the policy under subsection (a); and

7 (2) prescribe the frequency of the review required under the
 8 policy.

9 Sec. 3. (a) Not later than July 1, 2025, each state educational
 10 institution shall offer at least one (1) baccalaureate degree program
 11 specifically structured to allow a full-time student to complete the
 12 baccalaureate degree program within three (3) years.

13 (b) A baccalaureate degree program described in subsection (a):

14 (1) must include specialized coaching and guidance;

15 (2) must include opportunities for a student to engage in
 16 experiential and work based learning; and

17 (3) may not require a student to have already earned credit
 18 hours during high school as postsecondary credit through a:

19 (A) dual credit course;

20 (B) dual enrollment course; or

21 (C) similar early college program.

22 Sec. 4. (a) Not later than November 1, 2025, and not later than
 23 November 1 of each year thereafter, each state educational
 24 institution shall report to the commission for higher education, in
 25 a form prescribed by the commission for higher education, the
 26 following information:

27 (1) For the preceding academic year and the current academic
 28 year, the:

29 (A) number of baccalaureate degree programs described
 30 in section 3 of this chapter offered by the state educational
 31 institution; and

32 (B) the following information regarding each
 33 baccalaureate degree program, as applicable:

34 (i) The program of study.

35 (ii) The structure of the program.

36 (iii) The estimated student cost savings under the
 37 program.

38 (iv) The number of students enrolled in the program.

39 (v) The on time completion of students in the program.

40 (2) The findings of the most recent review by the state
 41 educational institution under section 2 of this chapter.

42 (3) Potential baccalaureate degree programs that the state



1 educational institution is considering or developing as a
2 baccalaureate degree program described in section 3 of this
3 chapter for future academic years.

4 (4) Any other information requested by the commission for
5 higher education.

6 (b) The commission for higher education shall post the reports
7 submitted under this section on the commission for higher
8 education's website.

9 Sec. 5. The commission for higher education may consider
10 baccalaureate degrees completed within three (3) years for the
11 purposes of the higher educational operating funding outcomes
12 based formula created by the commission for higher education
13 under IC 21-18-16-2.

14 SECTION 7. IC 21-42-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.88-2012,
15 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. Each state educational institution, in
17 collaboration with the commission for higher education, shall:

18 (1) not later than December 1, 2012, create and report to the
19 commission for higher education a ~~statewide transfer general~~
20 ~~education an Indiana college~~ core, to be implemented not later
21 than May 15, 2013. The core must be based upon a set of core
22 competencies, translated into at least thirty (30) semester credit
23 hours in areas agreed upon by the state educational institutions,
24 which apply for credit toward undergraduate degrees, including
25 associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees at all campuses of
26 state educational institutions; and

27 (2) jointly establish statewide standards for use by all state
28 educational institutions to document an individual's completion
29 of the ~~statewide transfer general education Indiana college~~ core
30 on the individual's transcripts.

31 SECTION 8. IC 21-42-3-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.88-2012,
32 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) After May 15, 2013, an individual who has
34 satisfactorily completed the ~~statewide transfer general education~~
35 ~~Indiana college~~ core at a state educational institution, as indicated on
36 the individual's official transcript, may not be required to complete
37 additional courses in the ~~statewide transfer general education Indiana~~
38 ~~college~~ core at the state educational institution to which the individual
39 transfers, regardless of whether the individual has received an associate
40 degree or the delivery method of the ~~statewide transfer general~~
41 ~~education Indiana college~~ core the individual completed.

42 (b) If an individual does not complete the ~~statewide transfer general~~



1 ~~education~~ **Indiana college** core of a state educational institution before
 2 transferring to another state educational institution, the individual must
 3 complete the ~~statewide transfer general education~~ **Indiana college** core
 4 required by the state educational institution to which the individual has
 5 transferred. The state educational institution to which the individual
 6 has transferred shall award credit to the individual for courses the
 7 individual has satisfactorily completed, based on the course to course
 8 equivalencies of the core transfer library established under IC 21-42-5.

9 (c) An individual who holds an associate of arts or associate of
 10 science degree approved by the commission who is admitted to a four
 11 (4) year state educational institution is considered to have met at least
 12 thirty (30) semester credit hours of the state educational institution's
 13 general education requirement.

14 SECTION 9. IC 21-42-3-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 16 1, 2024]: **Sec. 6. (a) The definitions in IC 20-18-2 apply throughout
 17 this section.**

18 (b) **This section applies to a high school that is:**

- 19 (1) **a public school, including a charter school;**
- 20 (2) **a state accredited nonpublic school; or**
- 21 (3) **an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).**

22 (c) **If a high school submits to the commission for higher
 23 education an Indiana college core implementation plan under
 24 IC 20-30-5-25, the high school shall submit, in a manner prescribed
 25 by the commission for higher education, an implementation plan
 26 to the commission for higher education not later than September
 27 1, 2025, and not later than September 1 each year thereafter until
 28 the high school offers the Indiana college core in the high school's
 29 curriculum for high school students.**

30 (d) **The commission for higher education, in collaboration with
 31 the department, shall:**

- 32 (1) **review an implementation plan submitted by each high
 33 school; and**
- 34 (2) **provide guidance to the applicable high school on
 35 removing any barriers that prevent or hinder the high school
 36 from offering the Indiana college core.**

37 (e) **Not later than December 1, 2026, and not later than
 38 December 1 each year thereafter, the commission for higher
 39 education shall do the following:**

- 40 (1) **Prepare a report regarding the following:**
- 41 (A) **The number of high schools that offer and the number
 42 of high schools that do not offer the Indiana college core.**



- 1 **(B) The outcomes of students who earn the Indiana college**
 2 **core.**
 3 **(2) Submit the report prepared under subdivision (1) to the:**
 4 **(A) governor; and**
 5 **(B) legislative council in an electronic format under**
 6 **IC 5-14-6.**

7 SECTION 10. IC 21-42-3-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2024]: **Sec. 7. (a) The commission for higher education, in**
 10 **coordination with the department of education and state**
 11 **educational institutions, shall maintain a:**

- 12 **(1) list of eligible Indiana college core courses; and**
 13 **(2) syllabus for each eligible Indiana college core course listed**
 14 **under subdivision (1) that includes the following:**
 15 **(A) A brief description of each major course requirement,**
 16 **including each major assignment and examination.**
 17 **(B) A list of any required or recommended reading.**
 18 **(C) A general description of the subject matter of each**
 19 **lecture or discussion.**
 20 **(D) A date indicating when the copy of the syllabus was**
 21 **last updated.**

22 **(b) The commission for higher education, in coordination with**
 23 **the department of education and state educational institutions,**
 24 **shall establish a process to ensure that the list and syllabi described**
 25 **in subsection (a) are:**

- 26 **(1) reasonably accurate and current; and**
 27 **(2) posted and updated on the websites of the commission for**
 28 **higher education and the department.**

29 SECTION 11. IC 21-42-6-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2013,
 30 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 4. (a) Each state educational institution, in**
 32 **collaboration with the commission for higher education, shall, not later**
 33 **than July 1, 2014, work together to create a single articulation pathway**
 34 **for each programmatic area specified in subsection (b)(2), and**
 35 **implement the single articulation pathways not later than May 15,**
 36 **2015, for students entering state educational institutions in the fall of**
 37 **2015.**

38 **(b) The state educational institutions, in collaboration with the**
 39 **commission for higher education, shall:**

- 40 **(1) determine the programmatic areas in which to develop single**
 41 **articulation pathways to degrees;**
 42 **(2) develop single articulation pathways for programmatic areas**



1 in which significant numbers of students may first obtain an
 2 associate of science or an associate of arts degree with the intent
 3 of obtaining a related baccalaureate degree; and

4 (3) take into account emerging innovations in technology and
 5 practices implemented by the state educational institutions from
 6 which a student transfers.

7 (c) The single articulation pathways must:

8 (1) incorporate the ~~statewide transfer general education~~ **Indiana**
 9 **college** core developed under IC 21-42-3-2;

10 (2) match complementary competencies and learning outcomes
 11 for both associate and baccalaureate degrees;

12 (3) allow a student who completes an associate degree for which
 13 a single articulation pathway has been developed to:

14 (A) pursue a single, common curriculum in a particular
 15 programmatic area that will articulate, without alteration, with
 16 related baccalaureate degrees at all four (4) year state
 17 educational institutions that offer the baccalaureate degrees;
 18 and

19 (B) apply all the credits earned for the student's associate
 20 degree toward the related baccalaureate degree so that the
 21 student may begin the baccalaureate degree as a junior status
 22 student; and

23 (4) be developed after consultation with employers regarding the
 24 competencies and learning outcomes considered especially
 25 important for successful careers and employment.

26 SECTION 12. IC 21-43-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2013,
 27 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. If:

29 (1) a school corporation;

30 (2) **a charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4);**

31 (3) **a state accredited nonpublic school (as defined in**
 32 **IC 20-18-2-18.7); or**

33 (4) **an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7);**

34 has approved a course offered by an eligible institution for secondary
 35 credit, a student is entitled to secondary credit toward graduation
 36 requirements for each course the student successfully completes at the
 37 eligible institution. The student's high school transcript must reflect
 38 that the secondary credits were earned at an eligible institution.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 8, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 10 through 12.

Page 3, line 22, delete "University," and insert "**University**".

Page 3, delete lines 23 through 27.

Page 3, line 28, delete "sixty (60)" and insert "**seventy (70)**".

Page 4, line 12, delete "University," and insert "**University**".

Page 4, delete lines 13 through 17.

Page 4, line 18, delete "sixty (60)" and insert "**seventy (70)**".

Page 4, line 42, delete "the commission for higher education and".

Page 5, line 2, delete "jointly".

Page 5, line 40, after "commission" insert "**for higher education**".

Page 6, line 11, delete "measures." and insert "**rate measures for a particular state educational institution**".

Page 6, line 12, after "commission" insert "**for higher education**".

Page 8, line 18, delete "and".

Page 8, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

"(B) estimates the potential impact to approved postsecondary educational institutions currently conferring associate degrees; and"

Page 8, line 19, delete "(B)" and insert "(C)".

Page 12, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 10. IC 21-42-3-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) The commission for higher education, in coordination with the department of education and state educational institutions, shall maintain a:

(1) list of eligible Indiana college core courses; and

(2) syllabus for each eligible Indiana college core course listed under subdivision (1) that includes the following:

(A) A brief description of each major course requirement, including each major assignment and examination.

(B) A list of any required or recommended reading.

(C) A general description of the subject matter of each lecture or discussion.

(D) A date indicating when the copy of the syllabus was



last updated.

(b) The commission for higher education, in coordination with the department of education and state educational institutions, shall establish a process to ensure that the list and syllabi described in subsection (a) are:

- (1) reasonably accurate and current; and**
- (2) posted and updated on the websites of the commission for higher education and the department."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 8 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

