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SENATE BILL No. 8

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Citations Affected: IC 20-30; IC 20-32; 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
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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 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 21-41-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]:

Chapter 13. Reverse Transfer Program for Community College Associate Degrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) dual credit course;

(ii) dual enrollment course; or

(iii) similar early college program.

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

(i) did not complete the baccalaureate degree program;

(ii) has not been enrolled in the baccalaureate degree program in the two (2) immediately preceding



1 consecutive academic terms or traditional semesters;
 2 and
 3 (iii) was enrolled in the baccalaureate degree program at
 4 any time within the past ten (10) years.

5 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "reverse transfer eligible
 6 undergraduate student" means an individual currently enrolled in
 7 a baccalaureate degree program at a state educational institution
 8 who meets the following requirements:

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

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

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

16 (A) Prior enrollment in Ivy Tech Community College or
 17 Vincennes University.

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

20 (i) dual credit course;

21 (ii) dual enrollment course; or

22 (iii) similar early college program.

23 (C) Current enrollment in a baccalaureate degree program
 24 of a state educational institution.

25 Sec. 5. (a) The reverse transfer associate degree program is
 26 established to provide a uniform, statewide policy for Ivy Tech
 27 Community College and Vincennes University to award associate
 28 degrees to:

29 (1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate students; and

30 (2) reverse transfer eligible former students;

31 through the reverse transfer of applicable credit hours in an
 32 efficient and timely manner at no cost to the undergraduate and
 33 former students under this chapter.

34 (b) The commission for higher education shall administer the
 35 program.

36 (c) Subject to the policy established under section 6 of this
 37 chapter, Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University, as
 38 applicable, shall determine whether an individual is a:

39 (1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate student; or

40 (2) reverse transfer eligible former student.

41 Sec. 6. Not later than June 30, 2025, the commission for higher
 42 education, in consultation with each state educational institution,



1 shall establish a policy to at least semiannually identify and notify
2 an individual who is a:

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

5 of the voluntary option to receive an associate degree from Ivy
6 Tech Community College or Vincennes University, as applicable,
7 at no cost.

8 **Sec. 7.** A state educational institution may not award or confer
9 an associate degree under this chapter or through any similar
10 reverse transfer process without the informed and written consent
11 of the:

- 12 (1) reverse transfer eligible undergraduate student; or
13 (2) reverse transfer eligible former student.

14 **Sec. 8. (a)** Each state educational institution shall provide to the
15 commission for higher education, in a format and frequency
16 prescribed by the commission for higher education and in
17 accordance with state and federal privacy laws, the following
18 information:

- 19 (1) The number of reverse transfer degrees awarded,
20 disaggregated by:
21 (A) state educational institution campus;
22 (B) program of study; and
23 (C) any other category as required by the commission for
24 higher education.

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

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

30 (b) Each state educational institution shall provide the
31 commission for higher education with any additional information
32 necessary to implement this chapter, as determined by the
33 commission for higher education.

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

- 36 (1) Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University, as
37 applicable; and
38 (2) the state educational institution in which the individual
39 awarded the associate degree by Ivy Tech Community College
40 or Vincennes University subsequently enrolled;

41 for the purposes of the higher educational operating funding
42 outcomes based formula created by the commission for higher



1 education under IC 21-18-16-2.

2 **Sec. 10. Neither the commission for higher education nor a state**
 3 **educational institution may include an associate degree awarded**
 4 **under this chapter or through any similar reverse transfer process**
 5 **in graduation rate calculations or similar completion rate**
 6 **measures for a particular state educational institution.**

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

9 SECTION 4. IC 21-41-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 10 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2024]:

12 **Chapter 14. Exploring Associate Degrees for Four Year State**
 13 **Educational Institutions**

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

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

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

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

24 (2) The individual did not transfer from another college or
 25 university, including a community college, where the
 26 individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours. Any
 27 academic credits granted by another college or university,
 28 including a community college, that were earned during high
 29 school as postsecondary credit through a:

30 (A) dual credit course;

31 (B) dual enrollment course; or

32 (C) similar early college program;

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

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

38 (A) the general education core course requirements of the
 39 state educational institution; and

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



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

5 **(1) The individual has not previously received an associate or**
 6 **a baccalaureate degree.**

7 **(2) The individual did not transfer from or to another college**
 8 **or university, including a community college, where the**
 9 **individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours. Any**
 10 **academic credits granted by another college or university,**
 11 **including a community college, that were earned during high**
 12 **school as postsecondary credit through a:**

13 **(A) dual credit course;**

14 **(B) dual enrollment course; or**

15 **(C) similar early college program;**

16 **are not counted as credit hours for purposes of determining**
 17 **whether an individual earned fifteen (15) or more credit hours**
 18 **under this subdivision.**

19 **(3) The individual has not been enrolled in the baccalaureate**
 20 **degree program in the two (2) immediately preceding**
 21 **consecutive academic terms or traditional semesters.**

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

24 **(5) The individual earned at least seventy (70) credit hours,**
 25 **which must include:**

26 **(A) the general education core course requirements of the**
 27 **state educational institution; and**

28 **(B) completion of all other courses required for a**
 29 **particular associate degree approved by the commission**
 30 **for higher education under IC 21-41-2-2.**

31 **Sec. 5. Not later than June 30, 2025, each state educational**
 32 **institution shall, for each main campus and regional campus of the**
 33 **state educational institution, prepare and submit a report to the**
 34 **commission for higher education, in a format prescribed by the**
 35 **commission for higher education, that includes information**
 36 **regarding a determination by the state educational institution of**
 37 **the feasibility and advisability of establishing and conferring**
 38 **associate degrees to:**

39 **(1) eligible current students; and**

40 **(2) eligible former students;**

41 **attending each campus.**

42 **Sec. 6. Not later than September 1, 2024, the commission for**



1 higher education shall issue guidance regarding the information
 2 that the state educational institution must include in the report
 3 under section 5 of this chapter.

4 Sec. 7. The commission for higher education shall post the
 5 reports submitted under this chapter on the commission for higher
 6 education's website.

7 Sec. 8. The commission for higher education shall do the
 8 following:

9 (1) Review all of the reports submitted by state educational
 10 institutions under this chapter.

11 (2) Prepare a summary report that:

12 (A) includes a summary of the reports described in
 13 subdivision (1);

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

17 (C) may include recommendations regarding conferring
 18 associate degrees to eligible current students and eligible
 19 former students as described in section 5 of this chapter,
 20 including recommendations regarding the following:

21 (i) A model statewide policy for state educational
 22 institutions to seek approval for a particular associate
 23 degree from the commission for higher education under
 24 IC 21-41-2-2. The model statewide policy recommended
 25 under this item may not include associate degrees in
 26 general studies or a similar category.

27 (ii) Model policies for campuses of state educational
 28 institutions regarding establishing and conferring
 29 associate degrees to eligible current students and eligible
 30 former students, which may include a process to identify
 31 and notify eligible former students of the associate
 32 degree option.

33 (3) Not later than November 1, 2025, submit the summary
 34 report to the:

35 (A) governor; and

36 (B) legislative council in an electronic format under
 37 IC 5-14-6.

38 Sec. 9. This chapter expires July 1, 2026.

39 SECTION 5. IC 21-41-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 40 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2024]:

42 Chapter 15. Mandatory Three Year Degree Policy and Review



1 **Process**

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

4 **Sec. 2. (a) Not later than November 1, 2024, each state**
 5 **educational institution that offers baccalaureate degrees shall**
 6 **establish a policy, subject to the requirements under subsection (b),**
 7 **to review each four (4) year baccalaureate degree program offered**
 8 **by the state educational institution to determine the feasibility, if**
 9 **any, of providing each baccalaureate degree program in a**
 10 **specifically structured manner to allow a full-time student to**
 11 **complete the baccalaureate degree within three (3) years.**

12 **(b) The commission for higher education shall:**
 13 **(1) establish guidance for state educational institutions to**
 14 **develop the policy under subsection (a); and**
 15 **(2) prescribe the frequency of the review required under the**
 16 **policy.**

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

21 **(b) A baccalaureate degree program described in subsection (a):**
 22 **(1) must include specialized coaching and guidance;**
 23 **(2) must include opportunities for a student to engage in**
 24 **experiential and work based learning; and**
 25 **(3) may not require a student to have already earned credit**
 26 **hours during high school as postsecondary credit through a:**
 27 **(A) dual credit course;**
 28 **(B) dual enrollment course; or**
 29 **(C) similar early college program.**

30 **Sec. 4. (a) Not later than November 1, 2025, and not later than**
 31 **November 1 of each year thereafter, each state educational**
 32 **institution shall report to the commission for higher education, in**
 33 **a form prescribed by the commission for higher education, the**
 34 **following information:**

35 **(1) For the preceding academic year and the current academic**
 36 **year, the:**
 37 **(A) number of baccalaureate degree programs described**
 38 **in section 3 of this chapter offered by the state educational**
 39 **institution; and**
 40 **(B) the following information regarding each**
 41 **baccalaureate degree program, as applicable:**
 42 **(i) The program of study.**



- 1 (ii) The structure of the program.
 2 (iii) The estimated student cost savings under the
 3 program.
 4 (iv) The number of students enrolled in the program.
 5 (v) The on time completion of students in the program.
 6 (2) The findings of the most recent review by the state
 7 educational institution under section 2 of this chapter.
 8 (3) Potential baccalaureate degree programs that the state
 9 educational institution is considering or developing as a
 10 baccalaureate degree program described in section 3 of this
 11 chapter for future academic years.
 12 (4) Any other information requested by the commission for
 13 higher education.

14 (b) The commission for higher education shall post the reports
 15 submitted under this section on the commission for higher
 16 education's website.

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

22 SECTION 6. IC 21-42-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.88-2012,
 23 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. Each state educational institution, in
 25 collaboration with the commission for higher education, shall:

- 26 (1) not later than December 1, 2012, create and report to the
 27 commission for higher education a ~~statewide transfer general~~
 28 **education an Indiana college** core, to be implemented not later
 29 than May 15, 2013. The core must be based upon a set of core
 30 competencies, translated into at least thirty (30) semester credit
 31 hours in areas agreed upon by the state educational institutions,
 32 which apply for credit toward undergraduate degrees, including
 33 associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees at all campuses of
 34 state educational institutions; and
 35 (2) jointly establish statewide standards for use by all state
 36 educational institutions to document an individual's completion
 37 of the ~~statewide transfer general education~~ **Indiana college** core
 38 on the individual's transcripts.

39 SECTION 7. IC 21-42-3-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.88-2012,
 40 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) After May 15, 2013, an individual who has
 42 satisfactorily completed the ~~statewide transfer general education~~



1 **Indiana college** core at a state educational institution, as indicated on
 2 the individual's official transcript, may not be required to complete
 3 additional courses in the ~~statewide transfer general education~~ **Indiana**
 4 **college** core at the state educational institution to which the individual
 5 transfers, regardless of whether the individual has received an associate
 6 degree or the delivery method of the ~~statewide transfer general~~
 7 ~~education~~ **Indiana college** core the individual completed.

8 (b) If an individual does not complete the ~~statewide transfer general~~
 9 ~~education~~ **Indiana college** core of a state educational institution before
 10 transferring to another state educational institution, the individual must
 11 complete the ~~statewide transfer general education~~ **Indiana college** core
 12 required by the state educational institution to which the individual has
 13 transferred. The state educational institution to which the individual
 14 has transferred shall award credit to the individual for courses the
 15 individual has satisfactorily completed, based on the course to course
 16 equivalencies of the core transfer library established under IC 21-42-5.

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

22 SECTION 8. IC 21-42-3-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 23 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2024]: **Sec. 6. (a) The definitions in IC 20-18-2 apply throughout**
 25 **this section.**

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

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

30 (c) **If a high school submits to the commission for higher**
 31 **education an Indiana college core implementation plan under**
 32 **IC 20-30-5-25, the high school shall submit, in a manner prescribed**
 33 **by the commission for higher education, an implementation plan**
 34 **to the commission for higher education not later than September**
 35 **1, 2025, and not later than September 1 each year thereafter until**
 36 **the high school offers the Indiana college core in the high school's**
 37 **curriculum for high school students.**

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

- 40 (1) **review an implementation plan submitted by each high**
 41 **school; and**
- 42 (2) **provide guidance to the applicable high school on**



- 1 removing any barriers that prevent or hinder the high school
 2 from offering the Indiana college core.
 3 (e) Not later than December 1, 2026, and not later than
 4 December 1 each year thereafter, the commission for higher
 5 education shall do the following:
 6 (1) Prepare a report regarding the following:
 7 (A) The number of high schools that offer and the number
 8 of high schools that do not offer the Indiana college core.
 9 (B) The outcomes of students who earn the Indiana college
 10 core.
 11 (2) Submit the report prepared under subdivision (1) to the:
 12 (A) governor; and
 13 (B) legislative council in an electronic format under
 14 IC 5-14-6.

15 SECTION 9. IC 21-42-3-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 16 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) The commission for higher education, in
 18 coordination with the department of education and state
 19 educational institutions, shall maintain a:

- 20 (1) list of eligible Indiana college core courses; and
 21 (2) syllabus for each eligible Indiana college core course listed
 22 under subdivision (1) that includes the following:
 23 (A) A brief description of each major course requirement,
 24 including each major assignment and examination.
 25 (B) A list of any required or recommended reading.
 26 (C) A general description of the subject matter of each
 27 lecture or discussion.
 28 (D) A date indicating when the copy of the syllabus was
 29 last updated.

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

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

37 SECTION 10. IC 21-42-6-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2013,
 38 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4. (a) Each state educational institution, in
 40 collaboration with the commission for higher education, shall, not later
 41 than July 1, 2014, work together to create a single articulation pathway
 42 for each programmatic area specified in subsection (b)(2), and



1 implement the single articulation pathways not later than May 15,
 2 2015, for students entering state educational institutions in the fall of
 3 2015.

4 (b) The state educational institutions, in collaboration with the
 5 commission for higher education, shall:

6 (1) determine the programmatic areas in which to develop single
 7 articulation pathways to degrees;

8 (2) develop single articulation pathways for programmatic areas
 9 in which significant numbers of students may first obtain an
 10 associate of science or an associate of arts degree with the intent
 11 of obtaining a related baccalaureate degree; and

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

15 (c) The single articulation pathways must:

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

18 (2) match complementary competencies and learning outcomes
 19 for both associate and baccalaureate degrees;

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

22 (A) pursue a single, common curriculum in a particular
 23 programmatic area that will articulate, without alteration, with
 24 related baccalaureate degrees at all four (4) year state
 25 educational institutions that offer the baccalaureate degrees;
 26 and

27 (B) apply all the credits earned for the student's associate
 28 degree toward the related baccalaureate degree so that the
 29 student may begin the baccalaureate degree as a junior status
 30 student; and

31 (4) be developed after consultation with employers regarding the
 32 competencies and learning outcomes considered especially
 33 important for successful careers and employment.

34 SECTION 11. IC 21-43-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2013,
 35 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. If:

37 (1) a school corporation;

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

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

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

42 has approved a course offered by an eligible institution for secondary



1 credit, a student is entitled to secondary credit toward graduation
2 requirements for each course the student successfully completes at the
3 eligible institution. The student's high school transcript must reflect
4 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, 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 42.

Page 3, delete line 1.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 8 as printed January 26, 2024.)

MISHLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0.

