SENATE BILL No. 63

DIGEST OF SB 63 (Updated January 27, 2016 6:59 pm - DI 71)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: ISTEP panel. Establishes a panel to study alternatives to the ISTEP program tests and to make recommendations for replacing the ISTEP program.

Effective: Upon passage.

Kenley, Kruse, Rogers, Stoops

January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules & Legislative Procedure.
January 21, 2016, amended; reassigned to Committee on Education & Career Development.
January 28, 2016, reported favorably — Do Pass.

Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

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

1   SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The definitions**
2 **used in IC 20 apply throughout this SECTION.**
3   **(b) A panel is established to study alternatives to the ISTEP**
4 **program tests and to make recommendations for replacing the**
5 **ISTEP program under IC 20-32-5. The panel shall submit its**
6 **recommendations in a final report to the governor and, in an**
7 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6, the general assembly not later**
8 **than November 1, 2016. The panel shall consider the following**
9 **when making its recommendations:**
10   **(1) The feasibility of using existing tests other than the ISTEP,**
11   **as well as new testing approaches.**
12   **(2) Reducing testing time.**
13   **(3) Reducing costs associated with the administration of a**
14   **statewide assessment.**
15   **(4) Test transparency and fairness to schools, teachers, and**
16   **students.**
17   **(c) The panel consists of the following seventeen (17) members:**
18   **(1) The commissioner of the department of workforce**

1   **development, or the commissioner's designee.**

2   **(2) The governor, state superintendent of public instruction,**

3   **speaker of the house of representatives, and president pro**

4   **tempore of the senate each shall each appoint (4) members**

5   **consisting of:**

6   **(A) one (1) member who is a teacher;**

7   **(B) one (1) member who is a principal;**

8   **(C) one (1) member who is a school superintendent; and**

9   **(D) one (1) member with technical expertise in**

10   **standardized testing.**

11   **(d) Members appointed under subsection (c)(2) shall be**

12   **appointed by the member's respective appointing authority not**

13   **later than May 1, 2016. Each member appointed under subsection**

14   **(c) serves at the will of the member's appointing authority.**

15   **(e) A quorum of the panel consists of nine (9) members.**

16   **(f) The governor shall call the initial meeting of the panel. At the**

17   **initial meeting of the panel, the members of the panel shall elect a**

18   **chairperson. The commissioner of the department of workforce**

19   **development, or the commissioner's designee, shall act as the initial**

20   **chairperson of the panel until the chairperson is elected under this**

21   **subsection. The panel shall meet at the call of the chairperson for**

22   **subsequent meetings of the panel.**

23   **(g) The state board shall provide clerical, research, and**

24   **administrative personnel and other assistance to support the panel.**

25   **The department shall provide technical assistance for the panel.**

26   **(h) Each member of the panel who is not a state employee is**

27   **entitled to receive both of the following:**

28   **(1) The minimum salary per diem provided by**

29   **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).**

30   **(2) Reimbursement for travel expenses, as provided in the**

31   **state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana**

32   **department of administration and approved by the budget**

33   **agency.**

34   **(i) Each member of the panel who is a state employee is entitled**

35   **to reimbursement for travel expenses actually incurred in**

36   **connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel**

37   **policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of**

38   **administration and approved by the budget agency.**

39   **(j) Meetings of the panel must comply with IC 5-14-1.5.**

40   **(k) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.**

41   SECTION 2. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 63, 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:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Education & Career Development.

(Reference is to SB 63 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education & Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 63, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 63 as printed January 22, 2016.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0