

SENATE BILL No. 158

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 22-4.1-27.

Synopsis: Indiana youth service program. Establishes the Indiana youth service program (program) to provide high school graduates with the opportunity to learn various skills and participate in nine months of service at host sites throughout Indiana. Establishes the Indiana youth service program fund (fund). Provides that the department of workforce development shall administer the program and the fund.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 22-4.1-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]:
4 **Chapter 27. Indiana Youth Service Program**
5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a student entering grade 12 in**
6 **2020 and thereafter.**
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible institution" refers to a**
8 **postsecondary educational institution that:**
9 (1) **operates in Indiana;**
10 (2) **is either operated by the state or operated as a nonprofit;**
11 (3) **operates an organized program of postsecondary**
12 **education leading to a technical certificate, nursing diploma,**
13 **or associate or baccalaureate degree; and**
14 (4) **is accredited by:**
15 (A) **a recognized regional accrediting agency;**
16 (B) **the board for proprietary education under**
17 **IC 21-18.5-6;**



1 (C) the Indiana state board of nursing; or

2 (D) the department of workforce development under
3 IC 22-4.1-21.

4 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana
5 youth service program established by section 4 of this chapter.

6 Sec. 4. The Indiana youth service program is established to do
7 the following:

8 (1) Encourage young people to remain in Indiana after
9 graduating from high school.

10 (2) Provide program participants with the skills that will
11 enable them to successfully make the transition from high
12 school to:

13 (A) an institution of higher education; or

14 (B) the workforce.

15 (3) Provide a model of social engagement for young people,
16 and encourage relationships among young people across
17 diverse communities.

18 (4) Encourage a culture of civic participation and promote
19 democracy.

20 The department shall administer the program.

21 Sec. 5. (a) A selection committee shall review applications and
22 select potential participants for the program as part of a
23 competitive application process. The selection committee shall
24 consist of the following eight (8) members:

25 (1) The commissioner of the department or the
26 commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair.

27 (2) The commissioner of the commission for higher education
28 or the commissioner's designee.

29 (3) An executive assistant to the governor designated by the
30 governor.

31 (4) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed
32 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

33 (5) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed
34 by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

35 (6) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the president
36 pro tempore of the senate.

37 (7) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the minority
38 leader of the senate.

39 (8) A representative of a nonprofit organization that
40 specializes in youth services, appointed by the governor.

41 (b) The chair of the selection committee shall establish the
42 meeting times and dates for the selection committee.



1 **Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the selection**
 2 **committee may consider a student's application only if the student**
 3 **meets the following requirements:**

- 4 **(1) Is a resident of Indiana.**
 5 **(2) Is entering grade 12 at a:**
 6 **(A) public school, including a charter school;**
 7 **(B) nonpublic school that is accredited by either the state**
 8 **board of education or a national or regional accreditation**
 9 **agency that is recognized by the state board of education;**
 10 **or**
 11 **(C) nonaccredited nonpublic school.**
 12 **(3) Agrees, in writing, together with the student's custodial**
 13 **parents or guardian, that the student will graduate from a**
 14 **secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission**
 15 **criteria of an eligible institution.**

16 **(b) In addition to a student who meets the minimum**
 17 **requirements under subsection (a), the selection committee may**
 18 **consider a student who:**

- 19 **(1) before or during grade 11 is placed by or with the consent**
 20 **of the department of child services, by a court order, or by a**
 21 **child placing agency in:**
 22 **(A) a foster family home;**
 23 **(B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;**
 24 **(C) a child caring institution; or**
 25 **(D) a group home;**
 26 **(2) meets the requirements in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(2);**
 27 **and**
 28 **(3) agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker**
 29 **(as defined in IC 31-9-2-11) or legal guardian, to the**
 30 **conditions set forth in subsection (a)(3).**

31 **(c) The selection committee shall consider an applicant's**
 32 **curiosity, work ethic, and enthusiasm for serving others in**
 33 **determining whether the applicant may be selected for**
 34 **consideration as a program participant.**

35 **(d) In selecting potential program participants, the selection**
 36 **committee shall strive to ensure that each group of program**
 37 **participants embodies Indiana's socioeconomic, geographic, racial,**
 38 **religious, ethnic, and political diversity.**

39 **Sec. 7. (a) A program participant serves in the program for nine**
 40 **(9) months, during which time the participant will be placed on a**
 41 **small team that will serve at three (3) different service host sites**
 42 **throughout Indiana. The teams will spend three (3) months at each**



1 site.

2 (b) Each placement will expose program participants to the
3 diversity of community and workforce challenges facing Indiana.

4 (c) A program participant is eligible for a monetary stipend in
5 an amount determined by the department. However, a stipend may
6 not exceed nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).

7 **Sec. 8. (a)** The department shall select entities to serve as service
8 host sites for program participants. The department shall consider:

9 (1) the entity's capacity to engage participants in meaningful
10 work; and

11 (2) the entity's ability to ensure a variety of experiences for
12 participants;

13 when selecting an entity as a service host site.

14 (b) The department may also consider the entity's ability to
15 contribute to the costs of hosting program participants, including
16 housing costs, if needed.

17 (c) In considering the criteria set forth in subsections (a) and (b),
18 the department shall strive to include a diverse array of entities as
19 service host sites, including but not limited to:

20 (1) private employers in the areas of:

21 (A) advanced manufacturing;

22 (B) building and construction;

23 (C) health and life sciences;

24 (D) information technology and business services;

25 (E) transportation and logistics; and

26 (F) agriculture;

27 (2) nonprofit, faith based, and community organizations;

28 (3) school corporations and charter schools; and

29 (4) political subdivisions.

30 **Sec. 9.** As part of the program, participants must:

31 (1) attend a one (1) week training and community building
32 orientation experience; and

33 (2) meet one (1) time per month for an instructional seminar
34 on various aspects of leadership and training in public service,
35 civic life, and employment in Indiana.

36 **Sec. 10. (a)** A program participant may be released from
37 completing a term of service for compelling personal
38 circumstances, as determined by the department, or for cause.

39 (b) Compelling personal circumstances include those
40 circumstances beyond the program participant's control,
41 including:

42 (1) a participant's disability or serious illness;



- 1 (2) a family member's disability, serious illness, or death; or
 2 (3) conditions attributable to the program or otherwise
 3 unforeseeable and beyond the program participant's control,
 4 such as a natural disaster, a strike, or the relocation of a
 5 spouse.

6 (c) Compelling personal circumstances do not include leaving
 7 the program:

- 8 (1) to enroll in school;
 9 (2) to obtain employment; or
 10 (3) because of dissatisfaction with the program.

11 (d) A release for cause encompasses any circumstance other
 12 than compelling personal circumstances that warrants an
 13 individual's release from completing a term of service. The
 14 department must release for cause a program participant who is
 15 convicted of a felony or for the sale or distribution of a controlled
 16 substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9) during the participant's
 17 term of service.

18 Sec. 11. (a) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
 19 implement this chapter.

20 (b) The department shall establish guidelines regarding the
 21 administration of the program, including the following:

- 22 (1) Staff hiring decisions.
 23 (2) The number of students selected to participate in the
 24 program each year.
 25 (3) Procedures used by the selection committee.
 26 (4) Coordination of the selection process for program
 27 participants and service host sites.
 28 (5) Communication with service host sites.
 29 (6) Coordination of housing and food for program
 30 participants.
 31 (7) Recruitment of speakers for monthly seminars.
 32 (8) Creation and tracking of outcome measures for
 33 community engagement.

34 Sec. 12. The department shall explore the possibility of:

- 35 (1) accessing federal or other grant funding for the program;
 36 and
 37 (2) awarding program participants with academic credit,
 38 certification, or scholarships for service in the program.

39 Sec. 13. (a) The Indiana youth service program fund is
 40 established to provide the financial resources necessary to fund the
 41 program, which include the following:

- 42 (1) Staff salaries.



- 1 (2) The cost of outreach efforts to advertise the program to
2 potential program participants and potential service host
3 sites.
- 4 (3) Food, transportation, housing, and the stipend for
5 program participants, which may be offset by service host
6 sites.
- 7 (4) The cost of the orientation week and monthly seminars.
- 8 (b) The department shall administer the fund.
- 9 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
10 money in the fund.
- 11 (d) The fund consists of the following:
- 12 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- 13 (2) Donations, gifts, grants, and bequests to the fund.
- 14 (3) Earnings on assets of the fund.
- 15 (4) Money transferred to the fund from other funds.
- 16 (5) Money from any other source deposited in the fund.
- 17 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money not currently
18 needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as
19 other public funds may be invested.
- 20 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
21 revert to the state general fund but remains available to the
22 department for expenditures consistent with this chapter.
- 23 Sec. 14. (a) The department shall maintain complete and
24 accurate records in implementing the program and the Indiana
25 youth service program fund, including records of the following:
- 26 (1) The receipt, disbursement, and uses of money from the
27 fund, including the number and amount of stipends awarded
28 under the program.
- 29 (2) The number of applicants for the program.
- 30 (3) The entities with which program participants are placed.
- 31 (4) The institutions, if any, that awarded academic credit for
32 a program participant's service.
- 33 (5) Any other information collected concerning the fund or
34 the program.
- 35 (b) Not later than November 1, 2019, and each November 1
36 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the governor
37 and, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the general
38 assembly summarizing activities described in subsection (a) from
39 the previous year.
- 40 Sec. 15. This chapter expires July 1, 2024.

