

# SENATE BILL No. 168

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-32-5.1.

**Synopsis:** Statewide assessment results. Requires (rather than permits) the department of education to include in a contract with a statewide assessment vendor entered into or renewed after June 30, 2023, a requirement that the vendor provide a summary of a student's statewide assessment results. Makes a conforming change and a technical correction.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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 20-32-5.1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.139-2022,  
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 13. (a) The proficiency of students under a  
4 statewide assessment must be reported to the state board not later than:  
5 (1) for the 2018-2019 school year, August 15, 2019; and  
6 (2) for each school year beginning after June 30, 2019, July 1 of  
7 the year in which the statewide assessment is administered.  
8 (b) Reports of student scores on the statewide assessment must be:  
9 (1) returned to the school corporation, charter school, state  
10 accredited nonpublic school, or eligible school (as defined in  
11 IC 20-51-1-4.7) that administered the test; and  
12 (2) accompanied by a guide for interpreting scores.  
13 (c) Subject to approval by the state board, reports of student results  
14 on computer scored items under a statewide assessment may be  
15 returned to schools regardless of whether the hand scored items are  
16 returned.  
17 (d) After reports of final student scores on the statewide assessment



1 are returned to a school corporation, charter school, state accredited  
 2 nonpublic school, or eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7), the  
 3 school corporation or school shall promptly do the following:

4 (1) Give each student and the student's parent the student's  
 5 statewide assessment test scores, including (if applicable) the  
 6 summary described in section 14.5 of this chapter.

7 (2) Make available for inspection to each student and the student's  
 8 parent the following:

9 (A) A copy of the student's scored responses.

10 (B) A copy of the anchor papers and scoring rubrics used to  
 11 score the student's responses.

12 A student's parent or the student's principal may request a rescoring of  
 13 a student's responses to a statewide assessment, including a student's  
 14 essay. A student's final score on a rescored statewide assessment must  
 15 reflect the student's actual score on the rescored statewide assessment  
 16 regardless of whether the student's score decreased or improved on the  
 17 rescored assessment.

18 (e) The department shall develop criteria to provide a student's  
 19 parent the opportunity to inspect questions in a manner that will not  
 20 compromise the validity or integrity of a statewide assessment.

21 (f) A student's statewide assessment scores may not be disclosed to  
 22 the public.

23 (g) The department may not release less than ten (10) items per  
 24 subject matter per grade level. The state board and department shall:

25 (1) post:

26 (A) the questions; and

27 (B) with the permission of each student's parent, student  
 28 answers that are exemplary responses to the released  
 29 questions;

30 on the ~~Internet web sites~~ **websites** of the state board and  
 31 department; and

32 (2) publicize the availability of the questions and answers to  
 33 schools, educators, and the public.

34 A student answer posted under this subsection may not identify the  
 35 student who provided the answer.

36 SECTION 2. IC 20-32-5.1-14.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.139-2022,  
 37 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 14.5. For a contract entered into or renewed after  
 39 ~~June 30, 2022~~, **June 30, 2023**, with a vendor to conduct the statewide  
 40 assessment, the department ~~may~~ **shall** include in the contract a  
 41 requirement that the vendor provide a summary of a student's statewide  
 42 assessment results that:



- 1 (1) is in an easy to read, understandable format for parents; and
- 2 (2) includes information regarding how the student's statewide
- 3 assessment results compare to statewide assessment results of
- 4 other students in the same grade level in Indiana.

