

SENATE BILL No. 198

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Educational support professionals study commission. Creates a commission to identify information concerning educational support professionals in each school corporation. Requires the commission to report its findings to the general assembly.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 JULY 1, 2022] (a) As used in this
- 2 SECTION, "commission" means the educational support
- 3 professional study commission established by subsection (c).
- 4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "educational support
- 5 professional" refers to an individual who is employed by a school
- 6 corporation in any of the following job categories:
- 7 (1) Transportation services.
- 8 (2) Food services.
- 9 (3) Paraeducator services.
- 10 (4) Custodial and maintenance services.
- 11 (5) Clerical and administrative services.
- 12 (6) Technical services.
- 13 (7) Skilled trades services.
- 14 (c) The educational support professional study commission is
- 15 established.
- 16 (d) The commission consists of the following eleven (11)
- 17 members:
- 18 (1) The president of the Indiana School Boards Association or



- 1 the president's designee.
- 2 (2) The president of the Indiana State Teachers Association or
- 3 the president's designee.
- 4 (3) The president of the Indiana State AFL-CIO or the
- 5 president's designee.
- 6 (4) The secretary of the department of education or the
- 7 secretary's designee.
- 8 (5) One (1) member who is:
- 9 (A) employed as an educational support professional; and
- 10 (B) a member of the Indiana State AFL-CIO;
- 11 appointed by the president of the Indiana State AFL-CIO.
- 12 (6) One (1) member who is:
- 13 (A) employed as an educational support professional; and
- 14 (B) a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association's
- 15 educational support professionals council;
- 16 appointed by the president of the Indiana State Teachers
- 17 Association.
- 18 (7) One (1) member of the Indiana Parent Teacher
- 19 Association, appointed by the president of the Indiana Parent
- 20 Teacher Association.
- 21 (8) Four (4) members who are school superintendents,
- 22 appointed by the secretary of the department of education.
- 23 (e) The members appointed by the secretary of education under
- 24 subsection (d) must be representative of the:
- 25 (1) geographic;
- 26 (2) demographic; and
- 27 (3) economic;
- 28 diversity of school corporations in Indiana.
- 29 (f) Not later than November 1, 2022, the secretary of education
- 30 shall call the first meeting of the commission. Thereafter, the
- 31 commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson.
- 32 (g) The commission shall elect one (1) member to serve as the
- 33 chairperson of the commission and one (1) member to serve as the
- 34 vice chairperson of the commission.
- 35 (h) A quorum of the commission consists of six (6) members.
- 36 The affirmative votes of at least six (6) members are required for
- 37 the commission to take action on any measure.
- 38 (i) The department of education shall staff the commission.
- 39 (j) The commission shall do the following with respect to each
- 40 school corporation in Indiana:
- 41 (1) Identify the:
- 42 (A) wage levels of;



- 1 **(B) benefits available to;**
 2 **(C) number of individuals employed as;**
 3 **(D) number of vacancies for;**
 4 **(E) daily and weekly hours of; and**
 5 **(F) scope of responsibilities of;**
 6 **education support professionals in each job category**
 7 **described in subsection (b).**
 8 **(2) Identify efforts made by each school corporation to**
 9 **integrate educational support professionals into the school**
 10 **corporation's decision making.**
 11 **(k) The department of education shall submit relevant**
 12 **information described in subsection (j) to the commission.**
 13 **(l) Each school corporation shall cooperate with the department**
 14 **of education to provide information requested by the commission.**
 15 **(m) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee**
 16 **is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided**
 17 **under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in**
 18 **connection with the member's duties as provided in the state**
 19 **policies and procedures established by the department of**
 20 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
 21 **(n) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is**
 22 **entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
 23 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
 24 **with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and**
 25 **procedures established by the department of administration and**
 26 **approved by the budget agency.**
 27 **(o) Not later than November 1, 2023, the commission shall**
 28 **report the commission's findings made under subsection (j) to the**
 29 **general assembly. The report to the general assembly must be in an**
 30 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
 31 **(p) This SECTION expires December 31, 2023.**

