

SENATE BILL No. 240

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-44.

Synopsis: Indiana school counseling pilot program. Establishes the Indiana school counseling pilot program, which authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to select school corporations and charter schools from urban, suburban, and rural areas to apply for and receive grants from the department of education (department) to develop and implement school counseling programs. Establishes a fund, administered by the department, to provide grants to participating schools and to carry out or contract for research concerning school counseling programs. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-44 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2017]:
- 4 **Chapter 44. Indiana School Counseling Pilot Program**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the Indiana school**
- 6 **counseling pilot program fund established by section 4 of this**
- 7 **chapter.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means the**
- 9 **Indiana school counseling pilot program established by section 3**
- 10 **of this chapter.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. The Indiana school counseling pilot program is**
- 12 **established. The department shall administer the pilot program.**
- 13 **Sec. 4. (a) The Indiana school counseling pilot program fund is**
- 14 **established to provide grants under this chapter. The department**
- 15 **shall administer the fund.**
- 16 **(b) The fund consists of:**
- 17 **(1) appropriations from the general assembly; and**



- 1 **(2) grants or gifts to the fund.**
 2 **(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 3 **money in the fund.**
 4 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
 5 **revert to the state general fund.**
 6 **(e) Money in the fund may be used by the department only for**
 7 **the following purposes:**
 8 **(1) Providing grants to participating schools under section 6**
 9 **of this chapter.**
 10 **(2) Carrying out or contracting for research under section 8**
 11 **of this chapter.**
 12 **(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 13 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 14 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
 15 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**
 16 **Sec. 5. The governing body of a school corporation or charter**
 17 **school may apply to participate in the pilot program by applying**
 18 **to the department for a grant on forms provided by the**
 19 **department. The department shall determine the manner and the**
 20 **amount of the grants awarded under this chapter.**
 21 **Sec. 6. (a) The state superintendent shall select three (3) school**
 22 **corporations and two (2) charter schools to participate in the pilot**
 23 **program.**
 24 **(b) The state superintendent shall seek to attain geographic**
 25 **balance by selecting participating schools from urban, suburban,**
 26 **and rural areas.**
 27 **(c) If a school is selected to participate in the pilot program, the**
 28 **department shall provide to the participating school a grant to do**
 29 **the following:**
 30 **(1) Develop and implement school counseling programs to**
 31 **ensure that all students receive appropriate counseling**
 32 **services.**
 33 **(2) Document and address student outcomes.**
 34 **Sec. 7. Participating schools must have at least one (1) licensed**
 35 **school counselor to be eligible to receive a grant.**
 36 **Sec. 8. The department shall use money in the fund to carry out**
 37 **or contract for research in developing programs to assist school**
 38 **counselor programs.**
 39 **Sec. 9. (a) The department shall monitor the compliance of**
 40 **participating schools with the requirements of the pilot program**
 41 **as established by the department.**
 42 **(b) The department shall determine the extent to which the**



1 following goals are achieved by participating schools:

2 (1) Kindergarten through grade 5:

- 3 (A) A reduction in disciplinary referrals.
 4 (B) An increase in social and emotional skills.
 5 (C) An increase in attendance.
 6 (D) An increase in standardized test scores.

7 (2) Grade 6 through grade 8:

- 8 (A) A reduction in disciplinary referrals.
 9 (B) An increase in social and emotional skills.
 10 (C) The development of an academic and postsecondary
 11 educational plan.
 12 (D) An increase in standardized test scores.
 13 (E) An increase in enrollment in the twenty-first century
 14 scholars program.

15 (3) Grade 9 through grade 12:

- 16 (A) A reduction in disciplinary referrals.
 17 (B) An increase in social and emotional skills.
 18 (C) An increase in attendance.
 19 (D) An increase in standardized test scores.
 20 (E) An increase in apprenticeships.
 21 (F) An increase in dual credit and advanced placement
 22 course completion.
 23 (G) An increase in the number of students submitting the
 24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 25 (H) An increase in the number of students pursuing
 26 postsecondary education.

27 **Sec. 10.** The department shall submit, before November 1 of
 28 each year, a report to the legislative council in an electronic format
 29 under IC 5-14-6 concerning the results of the pilot program.

30 **Sec. 11.** This chapter expires July 1, 2025.

31 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) There is
 32 appropriated to the Indiana school counseling pilot program fund
 33 established by IC 20-20-44-4, as added by this act:

34 (1) two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the state
 35 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018;
 36 and

37 (2) two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the state
 38 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019;
 39 from the state general fund for the department of education's use
 40 in carrying out the purposes of the Indiana school counseling pilot
 41 program as described in IC 20-20-44, as added by this act.

42 (b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2019.

