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SENATE BILL No. 271

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Citations Affected: IC 20-20; noncode.

Synopsis: College and career counseling grant. Establishes the college and career readiness certificate grant to assist school school counselors in obtaining a college and career readiness certificate from an approved postsecondary educational institution. Establishes the college and career readiness certificate grant fund. Requires a postsecondary educational institution that accepts applicants to conduct research into the impact of certification on student outcomes. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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Mrvan**

January 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.
February 12, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

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~~.

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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 20-20-41 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]:

4 **Chapter 41. College and Career Readiness Certificate Grant**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "college and career readiness**
6 **certificate" refers to a certificate offered to a school counselor by**
7 **an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined in**
8 **IC 21-7-13-6(a)) and consisting of nine (9) to twelve (12) graduate**
9 **credit hours of specialized training that enables the school**
10 **counselor to prepare students in secondary school for a college or**
11 **career, or help them obtain workforce training, upon completion**
12 **of high school.**

13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the college and**
14 **career readiness certificate grant fund established by section 4 of**
15 **this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 3. (a) The department may award a college and career**

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1 readiness certificate grant to not more than fifty (50) school
 2 counselors employed at a secondary school each state fiscal year
 3 for costs associated with obtaining a college and career readiness
 4 certificate at an approved postsecondary educational institution (as
 5 defined in IC 21-7-13-6(a)). The amount of the grant is two
 6 thousand dollars (\$2,000).

7 (b) To receive a grant under this chapter:

8 (1) the applicant must be a school counselor at a secondary
 9 school; and

10 (2) the applicant, the school corporation, or both, in which the
 11 applicant, as agreed upon by the applicant and the school
 12 corporation, is employed agrees to pay the remainder of the
 13 costs associated with obtaining the career and college
 14 readiness certificate.

15 (c) An applicant shall apply for a grant under this chapter on a
 16 form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

17 (d) An approved postsecondary educational institution that
 18 accepts applicants for the certificate must agree to conduct
 19 research into the impact of college and career readiness
 20 certification has on student outcomes, and to share the results of
 21 the research with the department.

22 **Sec. 4. (a) The college and career readiness certificate grant**
 23 **fund is established to provide grants for school counselors under**
 24 **section 3 of this chapter.**

25 (b) The fund shall be administered by the department.

26 (c) The fund consists of the following:

27 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

28 (2) Gifts, grants, or donations.

29 (3) Interest accruing from investment of money in the fund.

30 (d) Money remaining in the fund at the end of the state fiscal
 31 year does not revert to the state general fund.

32 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 33 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 34 manner as other public funds may be invested.

35 (f) Interest that accrues from investment of money in the fund
 36 shall be deposited in the fund.

37 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) There is**
 38 **appropriated to the college and career readiness certificate grant**
 39 **fund established by IC 20-20-41-4, as added by this act:**

40 (1) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the state
 41 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016;
 42 and



1 **(2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the state**
2 **fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017;**
3 **from the state general fund for use in carrying out the purposes of**
4 **the college and career readiness certificate grant fund as described**
5 **in IC 20-20-41-4, as added by this act.**
6 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2017.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 271, 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 to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Page 1, line 6, delete "guidance" and insert "**school**".

Page 1, line 10, delete "guidance" and insert "**school**".

Page 1, line 10, delete "kindergarten through" and insert "**secondary school**".

Page 1, line 11, delete "grade 12".

Page 1, line 16, delete "commission" and insert "**department**".

Page 2, line 1, delete "one hundred (100)" and insert "**fifty (50)**".

Page 2, line 2, delete "guidance" and insert "**school**".

Page 2, line 2, delete "an elementary school (as defined" and insert "**a secondary school**".

Page 2, line 3, delete "in IC 20-18-2-4) or high school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-7)".

Page 2, line 9, delete "guidance" and insert "**school**".

Page 2, line 9, delete "an" and insert "**a secondary school; and**".

Page 2, delete lines 10 through 13.

Page 2, line 14, delete "(3)" and insert "**(2)**".

Page 2, line 14, delete "or" and insert ",".

Page 2, line 14, after "corporation" insert ", **or both**,".

Page 2, line 15, after "applicant" insert ", **as agreed upon by the applicant and the school corporation**,".

Page 2, line 19, delete "commission." and insert "**department**."

Page 2, between lines 19 and 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(d) An approved postsecondary educational institution that accepts applicants for the certificate must agree to conduct research into the impact of college and career readiness certification has on student outcomes, and to share the results of the research with the department."

Page 2, line 21, delete "guidance" and insert "**school**".

Page 2, line 23, delete "commission." and insert "**department**."

Page 2, line 38, delete "two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)" and insert "**one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)**".



Page 2, line 41, delete "two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)" and insert "**one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 271 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

