

SENATE BILL No. 298

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-43-15-1.

Synopsis: Transfer of credits toward graduate degrees. Requires the commission for higher education (commission) to study and prepare a report concerning transferability of courses between state educational institutions. Requires the commission to provide the report not later than August 1, 2018, to the department of education, the state board of education, and the legislative council. Defines "eligible teacher", for purposes of the dual credit teacher stipend matching grant fund, as a teacher who teaches a dual credit class and either holds or is in the process of obtaining, with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent, a master's degree that includes at least 18 credit hours in the subject area of the dual credit class the teacher teaches.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2018.

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January 4, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

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 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-43-15-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.106-2016,
2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this
4 chapter:

- 5 (1) "Eligible teacher" refers to a teacher who:
 - 6 (A) teaches a dual credit class; ~~and~~
 - 7 (B) either:
 - 8 (i) holds; or
 - 9 (ii) is in the process of obtaining;
 - 10 a master's degree that includes at least eighteen (18) credit
 - 11 hours in the subject area of the dual credit class the teacher
 - 12 teaches; ~~and~~
 - 13 **(C) if the teacher is in the process of obtaining a master's**
 - 14 **degree as described in clause (B), has a cumulative grade**
 - 15 **point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent**
 - 16 **as established by the postsecondary educational institution.**
 - 17 (2) "Fund" refers to the dual credit teacher stipend matching grant



- 1 fund established by section 2 of this chapter.
 2 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
 3 SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission for higher
 4 education established by IC 21-18-2-1.
 5 (b) As used in this SECTION, "department" refers to the
 6 department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.
 7 (c) As used in this SECTION, "state educational institution" has
 8 the meaning set forth in IC 21-7-13-32.
 9 (d) The commission shall:
 10 (1) in collaboration with each state educational institution and
 11 the department, study the issue of transferability of courses
 12 between state educational institutions; and
 13 (2) prepare a report.
 14 (e) The report must contain at least the following information:
 15 (1) Courses that are transferable between state educational
 16 institutions, including:
 17 (A) the name and description of each course;
 18 (B) the type of degree toward which the course applies for
 19 credit; and
 20 (C) the state educational institutions at which the course is
 21 accepted for credit.
 22 (2) The number of teachers negatively affected due to a state
 23 educational institution refusing to award transfer credit
 24 toward a graduate degree for a course completed at another
 25 state educational institution.
 26 (f) The commission shall, not later than August 1, 2018, submit
 27 the report prepared under this SECTION to the:
 28 (1) department;
 29 (2) Indiana state board of education established by
 30 IC 20-19-2-2.1; and
 31 (3) legislative council, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
 32 (g) This SECTION expires July 1, 2019.
 33 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

