

SENATE BILL No. 315

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Education study committee. Provides that, before May 1, 2022, the department of education shall establish a committee for the purpose of quantifying: (1) appropriate class sizes; (2) maximum caseloads for speech-language pathologists; (3) maximum caseloads for school social workers; (4) appropriate guidance counselor to student ratios; and (5) the number of unfilled position vacancies that exist in Indiana for each position. Requires issuance of a final report to the secretary of education, governor, and legislative council not later than November 1, 2022.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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 UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The definitions**
2 **used in IC 20 apply throughout this SECTION.**
3 **(b) Before May 1, 2022, the department shall establish a**
4 **committee for the purpose of quantifying:**
5 **(1) appropriate class sizes for particular grade levels and**
6 **subjects;**
7 **(2) maximum caseloads for speech-language pathologists or**
8 **other individuals who manage student caseloads related to**
9 **speech-language pathology;**
10 **(3) maximum caseloads for school social workers;**
11 **(4) appropriate guidance counselor to student ratios; and**
12 **(5) the number of unfilled position vacancies that exist in**
13 **Indiana for each position described in subdivisions (2)**
14 **through (4).**
15 **(c) The secretary of education shall appoint members to the**
16 **committee consisting of educational experts recommended by the**
17 **department, teachers, school administrators, and members of an**
18 **employee organization that represents teachers. The secretary of**



1 education shall designate one (1) member recommended by the
2 department as chairperson of the committee.
3 (d) The department shall staff the committee.
4 (e) Not later than November 1, 2022, the committee shall issue
5 a final report, which shall make recommendations for proposed
6 legislation to address the committees findings under subsection (b).
7 A copy of the final report shall be sent to the secretary of
8 education, to the governor, and to the legislative council in an
9 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
10 (f) This SECTION expires January 1, 2023.
11 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

