

SENATE BILL No. 356

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-32-10; IC 20-43-10-4.

Synopsis: Work ethic certification and grants. Establishes the work ethic certification program under which a student who develops skills necessary for success in higher education or employment receives a work ethic certificate upon graduation. Provides a grant to school corporations in the amount of \$300 for each student who received a work ethic certificate in the school year ending in the previous fiscal year.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 8, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.



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.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-32-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]:
4 **Chapter 10. Work Ethic Certification**
5 **Sec. 1. Working with local employers, each school corporation**
6 **shall develop a program in which students develop work ethic skills**
7 **necessary for success in higher education or employment, which**
8 **may include the following:**
9 (1) **Attendance and punctuality.**
10 (2) **Academic success.**
11 (3) **Organization and efficiency.**
12 (4) **Initiative.**
13 (5) **Respect for others.**
14 (6) **Persistence.**
15 (7) **Dependability.**
16 (8) **Teamwork.**



1 **(9) Community service.**
2 **Sec. 2. A graduating student who successfully completes the**
3 **program shall be awarded a work ethic certificate.**
4 **Sec. 3. The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2:**
5 **(1) establishing model criteria for work ethic certification**
6 **programs as a part of the state's college and career readiness**
7 **standards; and**
8 **(2) developing a standard work ethic certificate.**
9 SECTION 2. IC 20-43-10-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
10 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
11 1, 2015]: **Sec. 4. A school corporation's work ethic certification**
12 **grant is the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following**
13 **formula:**
14 **STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school**
15 **corporation's pupils who, in a school year ending in the**
16 **previous state fiscal year, successfully completed a work ethic**
17 **certification program developed under IC 20-32-10.**
18 **STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by three**
19 **hundred dollars (\$300).**

