



February 6, 2015

SENATE BILL No. 356

DIGEST OF SB 356 (Updated February 5, 2015 10:23 am - DI 120)

Citations Affected: IC 20-32.

Synopsis: Work ethic certification and grants. Provides that a school corporation may establish a 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 that the state board of education may adopt rules to: (1) establish model criteria for a work ethic certification program; and (2) develop a standard work ethic certificate.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Grooms, Houchin, Raatz

January 8, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
February 5, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 **may 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.**

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- 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 may 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.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 356, 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:

Page 1, line 6, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, line 4, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, delete lines 9 through 19.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 356 as introduced.)

KENLEY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

