

SENATE BILL No. 380

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-13-5; IC 20-33-8-8.

Synopsis: Various education matters. Amends the definition of "graduation" for purposes of the high school graduation rate determination. Allows a school corporation to adopt a policy concerning dress code or disruptive behavior.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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.

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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 20-26-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.192-2018,
2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "graduation" means
4 the successful completion by a student of:

- 5 (1) a sufficient number of academic credits, or the equivalent of
- 6 academic credits; and
- 7 (2) the graduation examination (before July 1, 2022) **or** a
- 8 postsecondary readiness competency established by the state
- 9 board under IC 20-32-4-1.5(c); ~~or a waiver process required under~~
- 10 ~~IC 20-32-3 through IC 20-32-5.1;~~
- 11 resulting in the awarding of an Indiana diploma.

12 (b) The term does not include the granting of a general educational
13 development diploma under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or
14 IC 22-4.1-18.

15 SECTION 2. IC 20-33-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.121-2009,
16 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) Student supervision and the desirable



- 1 behavior of students in carrying out school purposes is the
2 responsibility of:
- 3 (1) a school corporation; and
 - 4 (2) the students of a school corporation.
- 5 (b) In all matters relating to the discipline and conduct of students,
6 school corporation personnel:
- 7 (1) stand in the relation of parents to the students of the school
8 corporation;
 - 9 (2) have the right to take any disciplinary action necessary to
10 promote student conduct that conforms with an orderly and
11 effective educational system, subject to this chapter; and
 - 12 (3) have qualified immunity with respect to a disciplinary action
13 taken to promote student conduct under subdivision (2) if the
14 action is taken in good faith and is reasonable.
- 15 (c) Students must:
- 16 (1) follow responsible directions of school personnel in all
17 educational settings; and
 - 18 (2) refrain from disruptive behavior that interferes with the
19 educational environment.
- 20 **(d) In accordance with subsection (b), a school corporation may**
21 **adopt a policy concerning student dress code or disruptive**
22 **behavior.**

