

SENATE BILL No. 399

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Educator salary increase grant. Provides an annual grant to school corporations to provide a 2.5% salary increase to licensed teachers, school counselors, social workers with at least a master's degree, and school psychologists. Appropriates \$315,000,000 for the biennium to make grant distributions in both state fiscal years.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "educator" means any of the following:**
3 (1) **A professional person whose position in a school**
4 **corporation requires a license (as defined in IC 20-28-1-7) and**
5 **whose primary responsibility is the instruction of students in**
6 **the classroom or virtual classroom.**
7 (2) **A licensed school counselor.**
8 (3) **A licensed social worker who has obtained at least a**
9 **master's degree.**
10 (4) **A licensed school psychologist.**
11 (b) **There is appropriated from the state general fund for the**
12 **biennium three hundred fifteen million dollars (\$315,000,000) to**
13 **the department of education (department) for distribution to**
14 **school corporations throughout the state for an annual educator**
15 **salary grant under this SECTION.**
16 (c) **To receive a grant distribution for an upcoming state fiscal**
17 **year, a school corporation must provide the following to the**



- 1 department before July 1:
- 2 (1) The salaries of all educators that will be in effect during
- 3 the upcoming state fiscal year.
- 4 (2) A resolution verifying that the school corporation will
- 5 increase its educator salaries by at least two and one-half
- 6 percent (2.5%) for the upcoming state fiscal year.
- 7 If a school corporation does not provide the salary information and
- 8 the resolution before July 1, a grant may not be provided to a
- 9 school corporation.
- 10 (d) Before July 15, the department shall calculate for each
- 11 school corporation an annual grant amount equal to the cost of
- 12 providing a two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in salaries
- 13 for all educators for the state fiscal year. In addition, during the
- 14 state fiscal year, the department shall use the latest salary data
- 15 submitted by a school corporation to:
- 16 (1) verify that salary increases of at least two and one-half
- 17 percent (2.5%) were provided to all educators for the state
- 18 fiscal year; and
- 19 (2) adjust the grant amount to reflect the actual cost to the
- 20 school corporation of providing a two and one-half percent
- 21 (2.5%) increase in salaries for all educators for the state fiscal
- 22 year.
- 23 The department shall provide one-twelfth (1/12) of the fiscal year
- 24 grant amount with each distribution of state tuition support to a
- 25 school corporation, as adjusted under this subsection.
- 26 (e) This SECTION expires June 30, 2021.

