

SENATE BILL No. 546

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-18-2-3.6; IC 20-19-4.1; IC 20-31-3-5.1.

Synopsis: Education task force. Establishes the education task force to make recommendations concerning education to the governor, superintendent of public instruction, general assembly, Indiana state board of education, and the commission for higher education. Requires the academic standards committee to submit to the education task force recommendations regarding academic standards for a subject area.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



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

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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 20-18-2-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2019]: **Sec. 3.6. "Education task force" refers to the education**
- 4 **task force established by IC 20-19-4.1-2.**
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 20-19-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 6 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 7 JULY 1, 2019]:
- 8 **Chapter 4.1. Education Task Force**
- 9 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**
- 10 (1) **"Advisory committee" means an advisory committee**
- 11 **established under section 3(b) of this chapter.**
- 12 (2) **"Task force" means the education task force established**
- 13 **by section 2 of this chapter.**
- 14 **Sec. 2. The education task force is established.**
- 15 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following members:**
- 16 (1) **The governor, or the governor's designee.**
- 17 (2) **The state superintendent, or the state superintendent's**



- 1 designee.
- 2 (3) Four (4) members appointed jointly by the governor and
- 3 the state superintendent as follows:
- 4 (A) Two (2) members appointed under this subdivision
- 5 must be business and community leaders.
- 6 (B) One (1) member appointed under this subdivision must
- 7 be a representative of elementary and secondary
- 8 education, including programs for exceptional learners (as
- 9 defined in IC 20-31-2-6).
- 10 (C) One (1) member appointed under this subdivision must
- 11 be a representative of higher education.
- 12 (4) Four (4) members appointed by the president pro tempore
- 13 of the senate.
- 14 (5) Four (4) members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 15 of representatives.
- 16 (b) The task force may create one (1) or more advisory
- 17 committees to provide professional and technical assistance to the
- 18 task force concerning topics related to any education related issues.
- 19 Sec. 4. (a) A member of the task force or an advisory committee
- 20 is not entitled to a salary per diem.
- 21 (b) A member of the task force or an advisory committee is
- 22 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other
- 23 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties,
- 24 as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established
- 25 by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the
- 26 budget agency.
- 27 Sec. 5. The:
- 28 (1) governor, or the governor's designee; and
- 29 (2) state superintendent, or the state superintendent's
- 30 designee;
- 31 shall jointly serve as co-chairpersons of the task force. The task
- 32 force shall meet upon the call of the co-chairpersons.
- 33 Sec. 6. (a) The task force shall provide recommendations on
- 34 subjects related to education in Indiana to:
- 35 (1) the governor;
- 36 (2) the state superintendent;
- 37 (3) the general assembly;
- 38 (4) the state board; and
- 39 (5) the commission for higher education.
- 40 (b) Recommendations made to the general assembly under
- 41 subsection (a) must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
- 42 Sec. 7. Not later than July 1, 2020, the task force shall report to



1 the state board, the governor, the state superintendent, the
 2 commission for higher education, and the interim study committee
 3 on education regarding the following:

4 (1) Recommendations for strengthening the academic
 5 standards under IC 20-31-3 and IC 20-32-4.

6 (2) An assessment of, and recommendations regarding,
 7 teacher preparation and continuing education.

8 (3) Recommendations regarding:

9 (A) deregulation; and

10 (B) streamlining of reporting on a sustainable and
 11 systematic basis.

12 (4) Recommendations to increase the ratio of school
 13 corporations' student instructional expenditures to all other
 14 expenditures, as reported by the office of management and
 15 budget under IC 20-42.5-3-5.

16 (5) An assessment of and recommendations regarding:

17 (A) the structure of Indiana's K-12 educational system;

18 (B) enhancement of the alignment of learning objectives,
 19 testing, and performance incentives; and

20 (C) improvements and streamlining of educational
 21 outcomes to prepare students for lifelong learning.

22 (6) Any other issue the task force considers relevant to
 23 improving education in Indiana.

24 **Sec. 8. This chapter expires December 31, 2021.**

25 SECTION 3. IC 20-31-3-5.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 26 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 27 1, 2019]: **Sec. 5.1. The academic standards committee appointed
 28 under section 4 of this chapter shall submit recommendations
 29 regarding academic standards for a subject area to the education
 30 task force established by IC 20-19-4.1-2 for review by the
 31 education task force.**

