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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 council to assign to the appropriate summer study committee
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5 *Whereas, The achievement gap refers to the*
6 *disproportionate results in test scores, graduation rates, and*
7 *overall academic performance between students of different*
8 *races and socioeconomic statuses;*

9 *Whereas, Minority students and students of lower*
10 *socioeconomic status statistically score lower than average on*
11 *standardized tests;*

12 *Whereas, While the Indiana state proficiency rate for third*
13 *to eighth graders hovers around 51%, the average proficiency*
14 *rate for African American students is 15%, the rate for*
15 *Hispanic students is 24%, and for students receiving free and*
16 *reduced lunch the rate is 36%;*

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18 *Whereas, The achievement gap follows Indiana students to*
19 *high school. For tenth graders, the average rate of proficiency*
20 *across the state is 34%. For African American students the*
21 *average drops to a proficiency rate of 11%, for Hispanic*
22 *students the average is 19%, and for students receiving free and*
23 *reduced lunch the average is 18%;*

24 *Whereas, These statistics indicate that a distinct*
25 *achievement gap exists among Hoosier youth;*



