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**ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL No. 184**

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DIGEST OF SB0184 (Updated February 12, 1998 10:14 am - DI 71)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-6.1.

**Synopsis:** Ambassador for education. Establishes an ambassador for education program. Designates the teacher of the year selected by the superintendent of public instruction as the ambassador for education for one year. Requires the school corporation or accredited nonpublic school where the teacher is employed to grant the teacher a one year professional leave. Provides compensation and duties for the ambassador during the professional leave at either the Indiana department of education or at an institution of higher education in Indiana.

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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**Weatherwax, Sipes, Breaux,  
Bowser, Lubbers, K. Adams, Long**  
(HOUSE SPONSORS — KLINKER, SCHOLER, BURKHARDT, CROSBY)

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
January 15, 1998, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
January 20, 1998, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.  
January 27, 1998, read third time, passed. Yeas 49, nays 1.

**HOUSE ACTION**

January 29, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
February 12, 1998, reported — 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~~.

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 1997 General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 184

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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 20-6.1-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1998]:  
4           **Chapter 11. Ambassador for Education**  
5           **Sec. 1. The following are the goals of the ambassador for**  
6 **education program:**  
7           (1) **Enhance the stature of teachers and the teaching**  
8           **profession.**  
9           (2) **Inspire and attract talented young people to become**  
10           **teachers.**  
11           (3) **Promote the teaching profession within community and**  
12           **business groups.**  
13           (4) **Support the activities of the future teachers of America**  
14           **clubs.**  
15           (5) **Represent Indiana teachers at business, education, and**  
16           **teacher leadership conferences and meetings.**

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- 1           (6) Reward the teacher of the year for the teacher's  
2           outstanding contributions to the teaching profession.
- 3           (7) Reward the teacher of the year for the teacher's  
4           contributions to the teacher's classroom and school.
- 5           Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "ambassador" refers to the  
6           ambassador for education established by section 4 of this chapter.
- 7           Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" means a school  
8           corporation or an accredited nonpublic school.
- 9           Sec. 4. The position of ambassador for education is established  
10          to act as an education liaison to Indiana schools.
- 11          Sec. 5. A teacher in a school who:
- 12           (1) is selected by the superintendent of public instruction as  
13           teacher of the year; and
- 14           (2) agrees to be ambassador;
- 15          is ambassador for a one (1) year term beginning July 1 after  
16          selection as teacher of the year and ending the following June 30.
- 17          Sec. 6. (a) The school where an ambassador is regularly  
18          employed shall do the following:
- 19           (1) Grant the ambassador a one (1) year professional leave  
20           to serve as ambassador during the ambassador's term.
- 21           (2) Allow the ambassador to return to the school from the  
22           professional leave:
- 23                (A) to the same or a comparable position as the  
24                ambassador held before the professional leave; and
- 25                (B) without loss of accrued benefits or seniority.
- 26           (3) Continue to provide the ambassador all benefits of  
27           employment with the school other than salary.
- 28          (b) The department shall reimburse a school for the cost of  
29          benefits provided by the school to an ambassador under subsection  
30          (a)(3).
- 31          Sec. 7. An ambassador may elect to serve the one (1) year  
32          professional leave at:
- 33           (1) an Indiana institution of higher education; or
- 34           (2) the department.
- 35          Sec. 8. If an ambassador elects to serve a one (1) year  
36          professional leave with the department, the following apply:
- 37           (1) The state coordinator of the ambassador for education  
38           program, as designated by the superintendent of public  
39           instruction, shall establish the ambassador's duties.
- 40           (2) The ambassador is entitled to receive from the  
41           department the following:
- 42                (A) A salary in place of compensation from the school

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1 where the ambassador is regularly employed that equals  
2 the salary that the ambassador, if not serving as  
3 ambassador, would receive during the school year of the  
4 ambassador's term from the school where the  
5 ambassador is regularly employed.

6 (B) Actual expenses of the ambassador incurred as a  
7 result of the performance of duties under this chapter.

8 **Sec. 9. If an ambassador elects to serve a one (1) year**  
9 **professional leave with an Indiana institution of higher education,**  
10 **the following apply:**

11 (1) The dean of the institution's school of education or the  
12 equivalent officer shall establish the ambassador's duties.

13 (2) The ambassador is entitled to receive from the institution  
14 the amount of compensation that the institution offers the  
15 ambassador.

16 (3) The ambassador is entitled to receive from the  
17 department compensation in an amount that when added to  
18 the amount provided under subdivision (2) equals the salary  
19 that the ambassador, if not serving as ambassador, would  
20 receive during the school year of the ambassador's term  
21 from the school where the ambassador is regularly  
22 employed.

23 **Sec. 10. The ambassador's duties must match the relative skills**  
24 **and education background of the ambassador and reflect the goals**  
25 **of the ambassador for education program. However, duties may**  
26 **include the following:**

27 (1) Providing professional development seminars and  
28 workshops in the subject matter areas in which the  
29 ambassador has expertise.

30 (2) Accompanying the superintendent of public instruction  
31 in the exercise of the superintendent's duties throughout  
32 Indiana.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 184, 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 2, line 3, after "school" insert: "."

Page 2, delete line 4.

Page 2, line 6, delete "3" and insert "4".

Page 2, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" means a school corporation or an accredited nonpublic school."**

Page 2, line 7, delete "3." and insert "4."

Page 2, line 9, delete "4." and insert "5."

Page 2, line 9, delete "corporation".

Page 2, line 15, delete "5." and insert "6."

Page 2, line 15, delete "corporation".

Page 2, line 19, delete "corporation".

Page 2, line 25, delete "corporation".

Page 2, line 26, delete "corporation".

Page 2, line 27, delete "corporation".

Page 2, line 29, delete "6." and insert "7."

Page 2, line 33, delete "7." and insert "8."

Page 2, line 41, delete "corporation".

Page 3, line 3, delete "corporation".

Page 3, line 7, delete "8." and insert "9."

Page 3, line 20, delete "corporation".

Page 3, line 22, delete "9." and insert "10."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to Senate Bill 184 as introduced.)

WEATHERWAX, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Sipes, Breaux, Bowser, Lubbers, K. Adams and Long be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 184.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Randolph be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 184.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 184, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

ROBERTSON, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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