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## HOUSE BILL No. 1373

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DIGEST OF HB 1373 (Updated January 27, 1998 11:38 am - DI 02)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1.

**Synopsis:** Transfer tuition. Provides that a student who is placed in a state licensed private or public health care or child care facility by a parent or guardian may attend school in the school corporation in which the facility is located if the placement is projected to be for at least fourteen consecutive calendar days or an aggregate of twenty calendar days. Provides that placement must be recommended by a physician. (Current law requires the placement to be for at least four weeks.) Allows a school corporation to enter into an agreement to pay transfer tuition to a nonprofit corporation that educates children who have been placed in a health care facility or a child care facility.

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
January 27, 1998, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education finance.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-6.1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-1996,  
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 5. (a) A student who is placed in a state licensed  
4 private or public health care facility, child care facility, or foster family  
5 home:  
6 (1) by or with the consent of the division of family and children;  
7 (2) by a court order; or  
8 (3) by a child-placing agency licensed by the division of family  
9 and children;  
10 may attend school in the school corporation in which the home or  
11 facility is located. If the school corporation in which the home or  
12 facility is located is not the school corporation in which the student has  
13 legal settlement, the school corporation in which the student has legal  
14 settlement shall pay the transfer tuition of the student.  
15 (b) A student who is placed in a state licensed private or public  
16 health care or child care facility by a parent or guardian may attend  
17 school in the school corporation in which the facility is located if:

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- 1 (1) the placement is necessary for the student's physical or  
 2 emotional health and well-being **and is recommended by a**  
 3 **physician;** and  
 4 (2) the placement is **projected to be** for no less than ~~four (4)~~  
 5 ~~weeks. fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days an aggregate~~  
 6 **of twenty (20) calendar days and is recommended by a**  
 7 **physician.**
- 8 The school corporation in which the student has legal settlement shall  
 9 pay the transfer tuition of the student. The parent or guardian of the  
 10 student shall notify the school corporation in which the facility is  
 11 located and the school corporation of the student's legal settlement, if  
 12 identifiable, of the placement. No later than thirty (30) days after this  
 13 notice, the school corporation of legal settlement shall either pay the  
 14 transfer tuition of the transferred student or appeal the payment by  
 15 notice to the department of education. The acceptance or notice of  
 16 appeal by the school corporation shall be given by certified mail to the  
 17 parent or guardian of the student and any affected school corporation.  
 18 In the case of a student who is not identified as disabled under  
 19 IC 20-1-6, the Indiana state board of education shall make a  
 20 determination on transfer tuition in accordance with the procedures set  
 21 out in section 10 of this chapter. In the case of a student who has been  
 22 identified as disabled under IC 20-1-6, the determination on transfer  
 23 tuition shall be made in accordance with this subsection and the  
 24 procedures adopted by the Indiana state board of education under  
 25 IC 20-1-6-2.1(a)(5).
- 26 (c) A student who is placed in:  
 27 (1) an institution operated by the division of disability, aging, and  
 28 rehabilitative services or the division of mental health; or  
 29 (2) an institution, a public or private facility, a home, a group  
 30 home, or an alternative family setting by the division of disability,  
 31 aging, and rehabilitative services or the division of mental health;  
 32 may attend school in the school corporation in which the institution is  
 33 located. The state shall pay the transfer tuition of the student, unless  
 34 another entity is required to pay the transfer tuition as a result of a  
 35 placement described in subsection (a) or (b) or another state is  
 36 obligated to pay the transfer tuition.
- 37 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-6.1-6.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 6.1. (a) This section  
 39 applies only:  
 40 (1) to children described in subsection (c)(2)(D);  
 41 (2) after the school corporation has made extensive efforts to  
 42 provide a suitable educational program within the school

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1 corporation to the child described in subsection ~~(c)(2)(D)~~;  
 2 **(c)(2)(D)(i) through (c)(2)(D)(iii)**; and

3 (3) after the school corporation determines that the child cannot  
 4 be served by the school corporation and as a last resort can be  
 5 best served by placement with the not-for-profit corporation.

6 (b) The school corporation shall maintain records concerning the  
 7 efforts made by the school corporation to provide the educational  
 8 program within the school corporation to the child as required under  
 9 subsection (a).

10 (c) A school corporation may enter into an agreement with:

11 (1) a not-for-profit corporation that operates a federally approved  
 12 education program; or

13 (2) a not-for-profit corporation that:

14 (A) is exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
 15 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

16 (B) for its classroom instruction, employs teachers who are  
 17 certified by the state board of education;

18 (C) employs other professionally and state licensed staff as  
 19 appropriate; and

20 (D) educates children who:

21 (i) have been suspended, expelled, or excluded from a public  
 22 school in that school corporation and have been found to be  
 23 emotionally disturbed;

24 (ii) have been placed with the not-for-profit corporation by  
 25 court order; ~~or~~

26 (iii) have been referred by a local health department; **or**

27 **(iv) have been placed in a state licensed private or public**  
 28 **health care or child care facility, as described in section**  
 29 **5(b) of this chapter, if the placement is necessary for the**  
 30 **student's physical or emotional health and well-being**  
 31 **and is recommended by a physician.**

32 in order to provide a student with an individualized education program  
 33 that is the most suitable educational program available.

34 (d) If a school corporation enters into an agreement as described in  
 35 subsection (c), the school corporation shall pay an amount agreed upon  
 36 from the transfer tuition of the student to the not-for-profit corporation.

37 **Rules and procedures adopted by the Indiana state board of**  
 38 **education concerning the payment of transfer tuition apply to**  
 39 **amounts paid under an agreement described in subsection (c).**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1373, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 4, after "is" insert "**projected to be**".

Page 2, line 4, delete "five (5)" and insert "**fourteen (14)**".

Page 2, line 5, delete "instructional" and insert "**calendar**".

Page 2, line 5, delete "five (5) instructional days in".

Page 2, line 6, delete "the" and insert "**an**".

Page 2, line 6, after "aggregate" insert "**of twenty (20) calendar days**".

Page 3, line 27, after "care" insert "**or child care**".

Page 3, line 27, after "facility," insert "**as described in section 5(b) of this chapter,**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to House Bill 1373 as introduced.)

ROBERTSON, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 2.

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