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HOUSE BILL No. 1391

DIGEST OF HB1391 (Updated January 28, 1998 1:36 pm - DI 58)

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1; noncode.

Synopsis: Payment of PSAT fees. Establishes the preliminary scholastic assessment test (PSAT) program to allow students in grades 10 and 11 in school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools in Indiana to take the PSAT at no cost to the student. Provides for joint administration of the PSAT program by the department of education and the commission for higher education. Provides that the budget agency may provide funding for the PSAT program from available resources.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 26, 1998, amended, reported — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Ways and Means.
January 28, 1998, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

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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 20-10.1-22.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]:

4 **Chapter 22.3. Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT)**
5 **Program**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
7 **commission for higher education established by IC 20-12-0.5-2.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible student" means a**
9 **student who is:**

- 10 (1) **in grade 10 or 11;**
11 (2) **enrolled in Indiana in:**
12 (A) **a school corporation; or**
13 (B) **an accredited nonpublic school; and**
14 (3) **a resident of Indiana.**

15 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the PSAT**
16 **program established under section 5 of this chapter.**

17 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "PSAT" refers to the**

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1 preliminary scholastic assessment test/national merit scholarship
2 qualifying test.

3 **Sec. 5. The PSAT program is established to encourage eligible**
4 **students to take the PSAT. The department shall administer the**
5 **program.**

6 **Sec. 6. (a) The program shall provide each eligible student who:**

- 7 (1) qualifies to take the PSAT;
8 (2) wishes to take the PSAT; and
9 (3) is appropriately registered to take the PSAT;

10 **the opportunity to take the PSAT at no cost to the student.**

11 **(b) There is no limit on the number of times that an eligible**
12 **student may take the PSAT under the program.**

13 **Sec. 7. The department shall reimburse the test developer for**
14 **eligible students who take the PSAT under the program.**

15 **Sec. 8. The department and the commission shall prepare an**
16 **annual report concerning the implementation of the program and**
17 **shall submit the report to the board before December 1 of each**
18 **year. The report must include the pertinent details of the program,**
19 **including the following:**

- 20 (1) The number of students participating in the program.
21 (2) Recent trends in the field of preliminary scholastic
22 assessment testing.
23 (3) The distribution of money under this program.
24 (4) Other pertinent matters.

25 **Sec. 9. The department and the commission may establish**
26 **guidelines to implement this chapter.**

27 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) The budget agency**
28 **may provide funding for the PSAT program authorized under**
29 **IC 20-10.1-22.3, as added by this act, from available resources.**

30 **(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 1999.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1391, 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, delete "and the commission".

Page 2, line 5, delete "jointly".

Page 2, line 13, delete "and the commission".

Page 2, line 26, delete "board" and insert "**department**".

Page 2, line 26, delete "adopt rules under" and insert "**establish guidelines**".

Page 2, line 27, delete "IC 4-22-2".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to House Bill 1391 as introduced.)

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 14, nays 1.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1391, 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.

BAUER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 16, nays 0.

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