

# SENATE BILL No. 184

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-6.1-11.

**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 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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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

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.

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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.**  
17           (6) **Reward the teacher of the year for the teacher's**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **Sec. 9. The ambassador's duties must match the relative skills**  
 23 **and education background of the ambassador and reflect the goals**  
 24 **of the ambassador for education program. However, duties may**  
 25 **include the following:**

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

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

