

SENATE BILL No. 234

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: University of Central Indiana. Establishes a commission to evaluate whether an independent, state supported university to succeed Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) should be established and to investigate and evaluate the delivery of higher education at IUPUI. Requires the commission to submit before July 1, 1999, a report to the governor with the results of the evaluation and investigation and the commission's recommendations.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 7, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission established by
3 subsection (c).
4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "IUPUI" refers to the regional
5 campuses of Indiana University and Purdue University located in
6 Indianapolis, Indiana. However, the term does not include the
7 following:
8 (1) Indiana University School of Medicine.
9 (2) Indiana University School of Dentistry.
10 (3) Indiana University School of Nursing.
11 (4) Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.
12 (c) The commission for evaluating the establishment of an
13 independent, state supported university in Indianapolis is
14 established.
15 (d) Before July 15, 1998, the governor shall appoint nine (9)
16 individuals who are citizens of the United States and residents of
17 Indiana to serve on the commission. Of the nine (9) members, at
18 least:



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1 (1) one (1) member must be an alumnus of IUPUI;

2 (2) one (1) member must be a full-time student at IUPUI; and

3 (3) two (2) members must be residents of Marion County.

4 (e) Before July 15, 1998, the governor shall appoint the initial
5 chairman of the commission, who serves until the commission
6 submits the report required under subsection (l). If the commission
7 recommends in its report that a separate, independent, state
8 supported university be established to succeed IUPUI, the governor
9 shall immediately appoint a chairman of the commission to serve
10 until July 1, 2001.

11 (f) If a member of the commission resigns from the commission
12 or the governor determines that a member of the commission is
13 unable to perform the member's duties under this SECTION, the
14 governor may appoint an individual to replace the member.

15 (g) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee
16 is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
17 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to
18 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4
19 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the
20 member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures
21 established by the Indiana department of administration and
22 approved by the budget agency.

23 (h) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but
24 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
25 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4
26 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the
27 member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures
28 established by the Indiana department of administration and
29 approved by the budget agency.

30 (i) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
31 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
32 and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly
33 serving on interim study committees established by the legislative
34 council.

35 (j) The commission shall investigate and evaluate the following:

36 (1) All aspects of the delivery of higher education at IUPUI.

37 (2) The feasibility of establishing an independent, state
38 supported university to succeed IUPUI.

39 (3) The benefits of eliminating the cooperative presence at
40 IUPUI of Indiana University and Purdue University to
41 strengthen the individual aspects of the two (2) universities.

42 (k) In carrying out the commission's duties, the commission shall

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1 consult with and receive testimony from alumni, faculty, and
2 students of IUPUI, residents of Marion County, and any other
3 individuals who want to offer testimony concerning the future of
4 IUPUI.

5 (l) Before July 1, 1999, the commission shall submit a report to
6 the governor and the general assembly that recommends the
7 following:

8 (1) Whether an independent, state supported university should
9 be established to succeed IUPUI.

10 (2) Other changes that will benefit the delivery of higher
11 education at IUPUI.

12 (3) That, if an independent university is established to succeed
13 IUPUI, the university be named the University of Central
14 Indiana.

15 (m) The administration of IUPUI shall furnish the administrative
16 support and staff necessary for the effective operation of the
17 commission.

18 (n) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

19 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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