

HOUSE BILL No. 1373

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-8.1-6.1-5; IC 20-8.1-6.1-6.1.

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 for at least five instructional 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.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

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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 for no less than ~~four (4) weeks~~; **five (5)**
 5 **consecutive instructional days or five (5) instructional days in**
 6 **the aggregate and is recommended by a physician.**

7 The school corporation in which the student has legal settlement shall
 8 pay the transfer tuition of the student. The parent or guardian of the
 9 student shall notify the school corporation in which the facility is
 10 located and the school corporation of the student's legal settlement, if
 11 identifiable, of the placement. No later than thirty (30) days after this
 12 notice, the school corporation of legal settlement shall either pay the
 13 transfer tuition of the transferred student or appeal the payment by
 14 notice to the department of education. The acceptance or notice of
 15 appeal by the school corporation shall be given by certified mail to the
 16 parent or guardian of the student and any affected school corporation.
 17 In the case of a student who is not identified as disabled under
 18 IC 20-1-6, the Indiana state board of education shall make a
 19 determination on transfer tuition in accordance with the procedures set
 20 out in section 10 of this chapter. In the case of a student who has been
 21 identified as disabled under IC 20-1-6, the determination on transfer
 22 tuition shall be made in accordance with this subsection and the
 23 procedures adopted by the Indiana state board of education under
 24 IC 20-1-6-2.1(a)(5).

25 (c) A student who is placed in:

26 (1) an institution operated by the division of disability, aging, and
 27 rehabilitative services or the division of mental health; or

28 (2) an institution, a public or private facility, a home, a group
 29 home, or an alternative family setting by the division of disability,
 30 aging, and rehabilitative services or the division of mental health;

31 may attend school in the school corporation in which the institution is
 32 located. The state shall pay the transfer tuition of the student, unless
 33 another entity is required to pay the transfer tuition as a result of a
 34 placement described in subsection (a) or (b) or another state is
 35 obligated to pay the transfer tuition.

36 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-6.1-6.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 6.1. (a) This section
 38 applies only:

39 (1) to children described in subsection (c)(2)(D);

40 (2) after the school corporation has made extensive efforts to
 41 provide a suitable educational program within the school
 42 corporation to the child described in subsection ~~(c)(2)(D)~~;

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1 (c)(2)(D)(i) through (c)(2)(D)(iii); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (D) educates children who:

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

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

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

26 (iv) **have been placed in a state licensed private or public
27 health care facility, if the placement is necessary for the
28 student's physical or emotional health and well-being
29 and is recommended by a physician.**

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

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

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

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