

HOUSE BILL No. 1390

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-16-13.

Synopsis: Graduation examination remediation. Provides that beginning in the 1998-1999 school year, a student who does not pass the graduation examination must have the opportunity to retake the examination beginning with the first semester following the initial test and continuing each semester until the student passes the examination. Provides that the budget agency may provide funding from available resources to the department of education for distribution to school corporations to be used exclusively to remediate grade 10 students who did not meet the educational proficiency standard in the graduation examination administered in the fall of 1997. Provides that this money is in addition to the regular 1997-1999 appropriation for school assessment testing remediation.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 1998.

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

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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 20-10.1-16-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.340-1995,
2 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 13. (a) Beginning with the class of students who
4 expect to graduate during the 1999-2000 school year, each student is
5 required to meet:

6 (1) the educational proficiency standard tested in the graduation
7 examination; and
8 (2) any additional requirements established by the governing
9 body;
10 to be eligible to graduate.

11 (b) **Beginning with the 1998-1999 school year**, a student who does
12 not meet the educational proficiency standard tested in the graduation
13 examination shall be given the opportunity to be tested **on the**
14 **graduation examination** during each semester of each grade ~~following~~
15 **beginning with the grade in which semester following the semester**
16 **when the student is initially tested and continuing each semester** until
17 the student achieves a passing score.

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1 (c) The board shall develop and adopt a procedure to enable
2 students who:

3 (1) undergo the graduation examination; and

4 (2) do not receive a passing score on the graduation examination;
5 to appeal their particular results. The rules adopted by the board must
6 provide for the specific eligible bases for which an appeal may be made
7 and must include as one (1) basis for which an appeal may be made the
8 submission by the appellant student of written evidence indicating that
9 the student's teacher in areas tested by the graduation examination and
10 principal, in their professional judgment, believe that the student's
11 graduation examination results do not accurately reflect the student's
12 attainment of the educational proficiency standard.

13 (d) A student who does not meet the educational proficiency
14 standard tested in the graduation examination may:

15 (1) have the educational proficiency standard requirement
16 waived; and

17 (2) be eligible to graduate;

18 if the principal of the school the student attends certifies that the
19 student will within one (1) month of the student's scheduled graduation
20 date successfully complete all components of the Core 40 curriculum
21 as established by the board under IC 20-10.1-5.7-1.

22 (e) The state board of education shall determine the appropriate
23 grade during which a student may initially undergo the graduation
24 examination. The grade established under this subsection must be
25 higher than grade 9.

26 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**
27 **SECTION, "department" refers to the department of education**
28 **established under IC 20-1-1.1-2.**

29 (b) **As used in this SECTION, "graduation examination" refers**
30 **to the examination required under IC 20-10.1-16-13.**

31 (c) **As used in this SECTION, "qualifying student" means a**
32 **grade 10 student in a school corporation who did not meet the**
33 **educational proficiency standard in the graduation examination**
34 **administered during the fall semester of the 1997-1998 school year.**

35 (d) **The budget agency may provide funding from available**
36 **resources to the department for distribution under this SECTION.**
37 **Not later than fifteen (15) days after the budget agency provides**
38 **funding to the department, the department shall distribute the**
39 **money received under this SECTION to school corporations:**

40 (1) **in proportion to the number of qualifying students in each**
41 **school corporation; and**

42 (2) **for use by school corporations exclusively for the purpose**



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1 **of the remediation of qualifying students.**
2 **(e) The money provided under this SECTION is in addition to**
3 **the appropriation for school assessment testing remediation**
4 **provided in P.L.260-1997(ss), SECTION 9.**
5 **(f) This SECTION expires June 30, 1999.**
6 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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