

HOUSE BILL No. 1391

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-22.3.

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.

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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.

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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**



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 and the commission**
5 **shall administer the program jointly.**

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 and the commission shall reimburse the**
14 **test developer for eligible students who take the PSAT under the**
15 **program.**

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

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

26 **Sec. 9. The board and the commission may adopt rules under**
27 **IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**

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

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

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