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SENATE BILL No. 389

DIGEST OF SB 389 (Updated January 29, 1998 10:56 am - DI 71)

Citations Affected: IC 20-8.1; IC 20-10.1; IC 21-3.

Synopsis: Programs for high ability students. Requires the department of education to establish a state resources program for high ability students. Allows the governing body of a school corporation to develop a local plan and provide a program for high ability students in the school corporation at all grade levels. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation that receives \$800 per student as an honors diploma award may give \$800 to each student who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program for which the school corporation receives an award. Repeals the law providing for an optional gifted and talented curriculum in local schools and makes conforming amendments.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 12, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 29, 1998, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 20-8.1-10-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 4. The governor's
3 scholars academy is established for the purposes of administering and
4 operating a public, residential, coeducational school to be held in the
5 summer for high school students in Indiana who are ~~gifted children~~
6 **high ability students** as described in ~~IC 20-10.1-7-4.5(b)~~.
7 **IC 20-10.1-5.1.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-5.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
9 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 1998]:

11 **Chapter 5.1. Education Programs for High Ability Students**
12 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "domain" includes the following**
13 **areas of aptitude and talent:**
14 (1) **General intellectual.**
15 (2) **General creative.**
16 (3) **Specific academic.**
17 (4) **Technical and practical arts.**

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1 **(5) Visual and performing arts.**

2 **(6) Interpersonal.**

3 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "high ability student" means a**
4 **student who:**

5 **(1) performs at, or shows the potential for performing at, an**
6 **outstanding level of accomplishment in at least one (1) domain**
7 **when compared to other students of the same age, experience,**
8 **or environment; and**

9 **(2) is characterized by exceptional gifts, talents, motivation,**
10 **or interests.**

11 **Sec. 3. The department shall establish a state resources program**
12 **that:**

13 **(1) supports school corporations in the development of local**
14 **programs for high ability students; and**

15 **(2) enables educational opportunities that encourage high**
16 **ability students to reach the highest possible level at every**
17 **stage of the students' development.**

18 **Sec. 4. The state resources program required by section 3 of this**
19 **chapter must include the following elements:**

20 **(1) A state integrated services team that includes the**
21 **following:**

22 **(A) A gifted/talented education unit in the department.**

23 **(B) Information and materials resource centers.**

24 **(C) Regional professional development programs.**

25 **(D) Local school program coordinators for high ability**
26 **student programs.**

27 **(E) Local school research and development sites for high**
28 **ability students.**

29 **(2) Technical assistance that includes the following:**

30 **(A) Student assessment.**

31 **(B) Program assessment.**

32 **(C) Program development and implementation.**

33 **(3) A state professional development dissemination plan that**
34 **includes professional development offerings at the following**
35 **levels:**

36 **(A) State.**

37 **(B) Regional.**

38 **(C) Local school.**

39 **(D) Individual.**

40 **(E) Higher education institution.**

41 **Sec. 5. A governing body may do the following:**

42 **(1) Develop and periodically update a local plan to identify**

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1 **high ability students in the school corporation and to provide**
 2 **those students with appropriate educational experiences from**
 3 **kindergarten through grade 12. The plan must include the**
 4 **following components:**

5 (A) **Student assessment.**

6 (B) **Professional development.**

7 (C) **Development and implementation of a local program**
 8 **for high ability students.**

9 (D) **Evaluation of the local program for high ability**
 10 **students.**

11 (2) **Provide a local program for high ability students in**
 12 **accordance with the plan that the governing body develops**
 13 **under subdivision (1) for the high ability students in the**
 14 **school corporation in kindergarten through grade 12.**

15 SECTION 3. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, AS ADDED BY P.L.260-1997(ss),
 16 SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JANUARY 1, 1998 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to the
 18 distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school
 19 corporation is eligible for an honors diploma award in the amount
 20 determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:

21 STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's
 22 eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors
 23 diploma program in the school year ending in the previous
 24 calendar year.

25 STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by eight hundred
 26 dollars (\$800).

27 (b) **Each year the governing body of a school corporation may**
 28 **use the money that the school corporation receives for an honors**
 29 **diploma award under this section to give eight hundred dollars**
 30 **(\$800) to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who**
 31 **successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in the**
 32 **school year ending in the previous calendar year.**

33 SECTION 4. IC 20-10.1-7-4.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 34 1, 1998].

35 SECTION 5. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 389, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 41, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 3, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, AS ADDED BY P.L.260-1997(ss), SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1998 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 9.8. **(a)** In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for an honors diploma award in the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by eight hundred dollars (\$800).

(b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation may use the money that the school corporation receives for an honors diploma award under this section to give eight hundred dollars (\$800) to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year."

Page 3, after line 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 5. **An emergency is declared for this act.**".

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to Senate Bill 389 as introduced.)

WEATHERWAX, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.



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