

HOUSE BILL No. 1890

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4.6-6.3; IC 21-3.

Synopsis: Alternative education. Makes certain changes concerning the state alternative education program grants. Extends the grant to include students in kindergarten through grade 5. Includes the grant amount within calculations for the limitation on the amount of tuition support. Changes the amount of the grant to \$1,000 for each full-time equivalent student in an alternative education program and eliminates the local match requirement. Provides that grant money may be used for alternative education programs or for the addition or retention of elementary or secondary school counselors. Allows a school corporation to use local funds for alternative education programs. Appropriates \$80,000,000 in the 1999-2001 biennium for the grant program.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 26, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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 finance and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-4.6-6.3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6.3. To qualify as an
 3 eligible student, a student must **meet the following requirements:**
 4 (1) Be enrolled in or be eligible to be admitted to ~~grade 6 school~~
 5 **in a grade from kindergarten through grade 12.**
 6 (2) Meet at least one (1) of the criteria described in section 6.5 of
 7 this chapter.
 8 (3) Have a written individual service plan prepared under section
 9 6.7 of this chapter. ~~and~~
 10 (4) Be likely to benefit academically or behaviorally, or both,
 11 from participation in an alternative education program, as jointly
 12 determined by the student's teacher or teachers and principal or
 13 principal's designee, in consultation with the student's parent or
 14 guardian.
 15 The governing body of the school corporation shall review the
 16 determinations made by the school corporation to place and retain
 17 students in an alternative education program in order to ensure that the



1 students in the alternative education program meet the criteria for the
2 program.

3 SECTION 2. IC 21-3-1.7-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to the
5 amount appropriated by the general assembly for tuition support, the
6 amount that a school corporation is entitled to receive in tuition support
7 for a year is the amount determined in section 8 of this chapter.

8 (b) If the total amount to be distributed as tuition support under this
9 chapter, for enrollment adjustment grants under section 9.5 of this
10 chapter, for at-risk programs under section 9.7 of this chapter, for
11 academic honors diploma awards under section 9.8 of this chapter, and
12 as special and vocational education grants under IC 21-3-1.8-3 or
13 IC 21-3-10, and as alternative education program grants under
14 IC 21-3-11 for a particular year, exceeds:

15 (1) two billion six hundred fourteen million eight hundred
16 thousand dollars (\$2,614,800,000) for 1997;

17 (2) two billion seven hundred seventy-one million six hundred
18 thousand dollars (\$2,771,600,000) in 1998; and

19 (3) (1) two billion nine hundred thirty-nine million two hundred
20 thousand dollars (\$2,939,200,000) in 1999; and

21 (2) in 2000 and in subsequent years, the total amount
22 appropriated by the general assembly for all programs
23 described in this subsection;

24 the amount to be distributed for tuition support under this chapter to
25 each school corporation during each of the last six (6) months of the
26 year shall be reduced by the same dollar amount per ADM (as adjusted
27 by IC 21-3-1.6-1.1) so that the total reductions equal the amount of the
28 excess.

29 SECTION 3. IC 21-3-11-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. (a) A qualifying
31 school corporation is eligible to receive a grant from the state for each
32 full-time equivalent student who is enrolled in an alternative education
33 program conducted for the school corporation. The ~~maximum~~ amount
34 that ~~may be~~ is granted to a qualifying school corporation in a school
35 year is ~~seven hundred fifty~~ one thousand dollars (~~\$750~~) (\$1,000) per
36 full-time equivalent student. ~~To receive a grant under this chapter, the~~
37 ~~school corporation must expend in the school year a matching amount~~
38 ~~of at least two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per full-time equivalent~~
39 ~~student on alternative education programs; as determined under the~~
40 ~~rules adopted by the Indiana state board of education:~~

41 (b) A school corporation must use the money granted under this
42 section for:



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1 **(1) alternative education programs in kindergarten through**
2 **grade 12; or**

3 **(2) the addition or retention of elementary or secondary**
4 **school counselors.**

5 **(c) In addition to the money received under this chapter, a**
6 **school corporation may spend money of the school corporation for**
7 **alternative education programs.**

8 SECTION 4. IC 21-3-11-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
9 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
10 1, 1999]: **Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the state general fund**
11 **to the department of education for distribution to school**
12 **corporations in grants under this chapter, forty million dollars**
13 **(\$40,000,000) in each state fiscal year of the 1999-2001 biennium.**

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