

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR SB 514

Citations Affected: IC 4-4-5.1; IC 5-14-3; noncode.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century research and technology fund. Establishes the Indiana twenty-first century research and technology fund for the purpose of providing grants or loans for economic development projects by Indiana higher education institutions, Indiana businesses, and Indiana nonprofit corporations and organizations. Establishes the Indiana twenty-first century research and technology fund board to develop specific criteria and make determinations with respect to grant applicants. Provides that grants and loans must be approved by the budget agency. Requires a report by the board on the success of the funding, including any findings or recommendations the board believes are pertinent. (This conference committee report: (1) changes the name of the board and the fund; (2) clarifies the conditions under which a peer review committee is required to review grant and loan applications; (3) specifies criteria that the board must consider in evaluating grant and loan applications; (4) clarifies language concerning confidentiality of grant and loan applications; and (5) makes technical corrections.)

Effective: July 1, 1999.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 514 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 1, line 4, delete "Growth" and insert "**Research and**
- 2 **Technology**".
- 3 Page 1, line 6, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
- 4 **technology**".
- 5 Page 1, line 9, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
- 6 **technology**".
- 7 Page 1, line 11, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
- 8 **technology**".
- 9 Page 2, line 5, after "in" insert "**biomedical research and**".
- 10 Page 3, line 36, after "including" insert "**providing**".
- 11 Page 4, delete lines 10 through 14 and insert "**making a**
- 12 **determination on a proposal intended to obtain federal or private**
- 13 **research funding, the board shall be advised by a peer review panel**
- 14 **and shall consider the following factors in evaluating the proposal:**
- 15 (1) **The scientific merit of the proposal.**
- 16 (2) **The predicted future success of federal or private funding**
- 17 **for the proposal.**
- 18 (3) **The ability of the researcher to attract merit based**
- 19 **scientific funding of research.**
- 20 (4) **The extent to which the proposal evidences**
- 21 **interdisciplinary or inter-institutional collaboration among**
- 22 **two (2) or more Indiana institutions of higher education or**
- 23 **private sector partners, as well as cost sharing and**
- 24 **partnership support from the business community.**".
- 25 Page 4, line 16, after "board." insert "**In determining the**

1 **composition and duties of a peer review panel, the board shall**
2 **consider the National Institutes of Health and the National Science**
3 **Foundation peer review processes as models."**

4 Page 4, line 21, delete "an" and insert "**any other**".

5 Page 4, line 27, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
6 **technology**".

7 Page 5, line 37, delete ", including" and insert ".".

8 Page 5, delete lines 38 through 39.

9 Page 6, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new line block indented
10 and insert:

11 **"(10) Application information declared confidential by the**
12 **twenty-first century research and technology fund board**
13 **under IC 4-4-5.1."**

14 Page 9, line 32, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
15 **technology**".

16 Page 9, line 35, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
17 **technology**".

18 Page 9, line 38, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
19 **technology**".

20 Page 9, line 40, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
21 **technology**".

22 Page 10, line 13, delete "growth" and insert "**research and**
23 **technology**".

24 Page 10, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new line block indented
25 and insert:

26 **"(6) A list of all applicants whose application has been acted**
27 **upon either affirmatively or negatively by the board, the**
28 **amount of money requested in the application, and the**
29 **amount of money, if any, granted or loaned by the board."**

30 Page 10, line 14, delete "(6)" and insert "(7)".

(Reference is to ESB 514 as printed April 6, 1999.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Senate Bill 514

Signed by:

Senator Gard

Representative Behning

Senator Blade

Representative Klinker

Senate Conferees

House Conferees