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HOUSE BILL No. 1136

DIGEST OF HB 1136 (Updated January 26, 2000 12:56 PM - DI 22)

Citations Affected: IC 20-6.1.

Synopsis: Teacher compensation. Provides a method to allow school corporations to count the number of course credit hours and the graduate degrees attributable to individual teachers for purposes of providing teachers' salaries, compensation, and other benefits. Requires recognition of course credits and graduate degrees that are approved by the professional standards board. Allows recognition of courses and graduate degrees that are not approved by the professional standards board. Provides equivalent salary, compensation, and benefits for teachers who hold master's degrees and teachers who have 36 hours of approved academic credit.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

Thompson, Porter, Hoffman, Oxley

January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 26, 2000, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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 20-6.1-5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) For school corporations**
4 **where teacher salaries, compensation, and other benefits are**
5 **determined under a contract reached through collective bargaining**
6 **under IC 20-7.5, this section applies to teacher salaries,**
7 **compensation, and other benefits under collective bargaining**
8 **contracts that are executed and take effect after July 1, 2000.**
9 (b) As used in this section, "approved academic credit" refers
10 to academic credit in courses approved by the board.
11 (c) As used in this section, "approved graduate degree" refers
12 to a graduate degree that is approved by the board.
13 (d) For purposes of determining teachers' salaries,
14 compensation, and other benefits, the following apply:
15 (1) A school corporation shall count in the number of credit
16 hours attributable to an individual teacher all hours of
17 approved academic credit that the teacher earns beyond an

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- 1 undergraduate degree.
- 2 **(2) A school corporation may elect to count in the number of**
- 3 **credit hours attributable to an individual teacher any credit**
- 4 **hours that a teacher earns beyond an undergraduate degree**
- 5 **that are not approved academic credit.**
- 6 **(3) A school corporation shall recognize an approved**
- 7 **graduate degree that a teacher earns.**
- 8 **(4) A school corporation may elect to recognize a graduate**
- 9 **degree that a teacher earns that is not an approved graduate**
- 10 **degree.**
- 11 **(5) A school corporation shall recognize as equivalent:**
- 12 **(A) a teacher who earns a master's degree; and**
- 13 **(B) a teacher who earns thirty-six (36) hours of approved**
- 14 **academic credit.**
- 15 **(6) A school corporation may elect to recognize as equivalent:**
- 16 **(A) a teacher who earns a master's degree; and**
- 17 **(B) a teacher who earns thirty-six (36) credit hours beyond**
- 18 **an undergraduate degree that are not approved academic**
- 19 **credit.**
- 20 **(7) A school corporation shall count in the number of credit**
- 21 **hours attributable to an individual teacher all hours of**
- 22 **approved academic credit that the teacher earns in courses**
- 23 **beyond:**
- 24 **(A) a master's degree; or**
- 25 **(B) thirty-six (36) hours of approved academic credit**
- 26 **above an undergraduate degree.**
- 27 **(8) A school corporation may elect to count in the number of**
- 28 **credit hours attributable to an individual teacher any credit**
- 29 **hours that the teacher earns that are not approved academic**
- 30 **credit in courses beyond:**
- 31 **(A) a master's degree; or**
- 32 **(B) thirty-six (36) hours of credit above an undergraduate**
- 33 **degree.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1136, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1136 as introduced.)

CHENEY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 2.

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