
SENATE BILL No. 250

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-22; IC 21-3-13.

Synopsis: Full day kindergarten and school readiness. Establishes a grant program for full day kindergarten and school readiness programs beginning in the 2001-2002 school year. Requires school corporations to develop a plan and submit it to the department of education and Indiana state board of education for approval before receiving a grant. Provides a \$1,500 grant per full day kindergarten pupil. Provides a school readiness program grant of \$1,200 per program enrollee. Appropriates \$185 per kindergarten ADM (1/2 ADM per pupil) to schools to cover costs in developing a school readiness plan.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2000; July 1, 2001.

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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 20-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2000]:

4 **Chapter 22. School Readiness Program Plan**
5 **Sec. 1. The Indiana state board of education shall adopt rules**
6 **under IC 4-22-2 establishing the criteria for acceptable school**
7 **readiness programs that may be approved under this chapter. The**
8 **rules must provide that programs similar to the following are**
9 **approved:**
10 (1) **Head Start under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.**
11 (2) **Even Start.**
12 (3) **Transitional kindergarten.**
13 (4) **Other nationally accepted programs that improve school**
14 **readiness.**

15 **The criteria must be based on national studies and research on**
16 **school readiness programs.**

17 **Sec. 2. Each school corporation may adopt a plan to provide a**



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1 full day kindergarten or school readiness program, or both. The
 2 plan must comply with the rules adopted under this chapter and
 3 must include the following:

4 (1) Goals, objectives, and expectations of the program that are
 5 consistent with the school corporation goals and state student
 6 achievement or performance goals.

7 (2) Anticipated or estimated participation in each program.

8 (3) Physical space needs, specifically identifying the potential
 9 need for more classrooms or facilities or expansion of existing
 10 rooms and including the estimated cost for additional space
 11 that would be attributable to having a program.

12 (4) Transportation needs, including necessary additional bus
 13 routes and buses and the estimated cost for necessary
 14 expansion of transportation.

15 (5) Personnel needs, including necessary additional teachers,
 16 aides, and other staff that would be required to maintain an
 17 eighteen to one (18:1) student to teacher ratio in full day
 18 kindergarten and the estimated cost for necessary additional
 19 personnel.

20 (6) Professional development plans for program teachers,
 21 including a description of the types and amount of training
 22 that teachers in the program will be asked or required to
 23 complete before implementing a program.

24 (7) Academic structure of the program, including the mix of
 25 subject areas and activities that will be provided in the
 26 program.

27 (8) Evaluation methods that will be used to monitor progress
 28 toward meeting or exceeding the program goals, objectives,
 29 and expectations.

30 A school corporation that has a full day kindergarten program that
 31 allows any kindergarten age child to participate may submit a plan
 32 that describes what the school corporation is doing to satisfy
 33 subdivisions (1), (2), (7), and (8).

34 Sec. 3. (a) A governing body shall conduct a public hearing to
 35 allow all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment
 36 on the plan. Notice of the hearing must be given at least fourteen
 37 (14) days before the hearing in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b).
 38 After the public hearing, the governing body may revise the plan
 39 and hold another public hearing on the revised plan.

40 (b) The approved plan must be submitted to the department of
 41 education for review and approval before January 1, 2001, to
 42 receive a grant for the 2001-2002 school year. A school corporation

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1 that does not submit a plan in 2000 must submit a plan to the
 2 department of education for review and approval before January
 3 1 of a year to receive a grant in subsequent school years.

4 (c) The plan must then be submitted to the Indiana state board
 5 of education for approval.

6 (d) A school corporation is not entitled to program funding
 7 under IC 21-3-13 until a plan is approved by the Indiana state
 8 board of education.

9 SECTION 2. IC 21-3-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 10 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2001]:

12 **Chapter 13. Full Day Kindergarten and School Readiness**
 13 **Grants**

14 **Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in IC 21-3-1.6 apply throughout**
 15 **this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "full day kindergarten**
 17 **enrollment" means the ADM for children enrolled in full day**
 18 **kindergarten.**

19 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school readiness program**
 20 **enrollment" means the number of children enrolled in the school**
 21 **corporation's school readiness program even though the child may**
 22 **also be enrolled in the school corporation's half day kindergarten.**
 23 **It does not include children who are enrolled in the school**
 24 **corporation's full day kindergarten.**

25 **Sec. 4. In addition to the amount a school corporation is**
 26 **entitled to receive under this article, each school corporation is**
 27 **entitled to receive a grant for its full day kindergarten program**
 28 **that is implemented under a plan approved under IC 20-1-22. The**
 29 **amount of the kindergarten grant for a school year is the product**
 30 **of:**

31 (1) the school corporation's full day kindergarten enrollment;
 32 multiplied by

33 (2) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

34 A school corporation shall use the grant for its full day
 35 kindergarten program under the plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

36 **Sec. 5. In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled**
 37 **to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to**
 38 **receive a grant for pupils attending a school readiness program**
 39 **other than full day kindergarten that is implemented under a plan**
 40 **approved under IC 20-1-22. The amount of the school readiness**
 41 **grant for a school year is the product of:**

42 (1) the school corporation's school readiness program

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1 enrollment; multiplied by

2 (2) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200).

3 A school corporation shall use the grant for its school readiness
4 programs as set forth in its plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

5 **Sec. 6. This chapter expires January 1, 2003.**

6 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Each school
7 corporation is entitled to a school readiness program planning
8 grant during December 2000 for planning and implementing a
9 school readiness program as permitted by IC 20-1-22, as added by
10 this act. The amount of each school corporation's grant is the
11 school corporation's 2000-2001 average daily membership for
12 kindergarten, as defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1, multiplied by one
13 hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185).

14 (b) There is appropriated to the department of education from
15 the state general fund the amount needed to make grant
16 distributions under this SECTION. Distributions of this
17 appropriation shall be made in December 2000. The distributions
18 must be used only to pay for one (1) or more of the following:

19 (1) Developing and submitting the school corporation's school
20 readiness program plan.

21 (2) Professional development of kindergarten teachers under
22 the rules established by the professional standards board
23 under IC 20-1-1.4.

24 (3) Implementing full day kindergarten or school readiness
25 programs as described in IC 20-1-22, as added by this act.

26 (4) Operating full day kindergarten programs in existence on
27 January 1, 2000.

28 (c) The Indiana state board of education shall adopt emergency
29 rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 before July 1, 2000, establishing the
30 criteria for acceptable school readiness programs under
31 IC 20-1-22, as added by this act, for the 2001-2002 school year. The
32 emergency rules adopted under this SECTION expire on the
33 earlier of:

34 (1) the date rules are adopted under IC 20-1-22-1, as added by
35 this act; or

36 (2) July 1, 2001.

37 (d) This SECTION expires July 2, 2001.

38 SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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