
HOUSE BILL No. 1121

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-16-13; IC 20-10.1-16-16.

Synopsis: General high school diploma. Requires the issuance of a high school diploma to students who satisfy all minimum requirements for graduation and the issuance of a high school general diploma to students who satisfy all minimum requirements other than passing the grade 10 ISTEP examination or receiving a waiver.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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 20-10.1-16-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-1999,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) Beginning with the class of students
4 who expect to graduate during the 1999-2000 school year, each student
5 is required to meet:
6 (1) the academic standards tested in the graduation examination;
7 and
8 (2) any additional requirements established by the governing
9 body;
10 to be eligible to graduate **with a high school diploma**.
11 (b) A student who does not meet the academic standards tested in
12 the graduation examination shall be given the opportunity to be tested
13 during each semester of each grade following the grade in which the
14 student is initially tested until the student achieves a passing score.
15 (c) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the
16 graduation examination may be eligible to graduate **with a high school
17 diploma** if all of the following occur:

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1 (1) The principal of the school the student attends certifies that
 2 the student will within one (1) month of the student's scheduled
 3 graduation date successfully complete all components of the Core
 4 40 curriculum as established by the board under IC 20-10.1-5.7-1.

5 (2) The student otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation
 6 requirements.

7 (d) A student who does not achieve a passing score on the
 8 graduation examination and who does not meet the requirements of
 9 subsection (c) may be eligible to graduate **with a high school diploma**
 10 if the student does all of the following:

11 (1) Takes the graduation examination in each subject area in
 12 which the student did not achieve a passing score at least one (1)
 13 time every school year after the school year in which the student
 14 first takes the graduation examination.

15 (2) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the student
 16 by the student's school.

17 (3) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five
 18 percent (95%) with excused absences not counting against the
 19 student's attendance.

20 (4) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the
 21 courses comprising the credits specifically required for graduation
 22 by rule of the board.

23 (5) Obtains a written recommendation from a teacher of the
 24 student in each subject area in which the student has not achieved
 25 a passing score. The recommendation must:

26 (A) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school;
 27 and

28 (B) be supported by documentation that the student has
 29 attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:

30 (i) tests other than the graduation examination; or

31 (ii) classroom work.

32 (6) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation requirements.

33 (e) This subsection applies to a student who is a child with a
 34 disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1). If the student does not achieve a
 35 passing score on the graduation examination, the student's case
 36 conference committee may determine that the student is eligible to
 37 graduate **with a high school diploma** if the case conference committee
 38 finds the following:

39 (1) The student's teacher of record, in consultation with a teacher
 40 of the student in each subject area in which the student has not
 41 achieved a passing score, makes a written recommendation to the
 42 case conference committee. The recommendation must:

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- 1 (A) be concurred in by the principal of the student's school;
 2 and
 3 (B) be supported by documentation that the student has
 4 attained the academic standard in the subject area based upon:
 5 (i) tests other than the graduation examination; or
 6 (ii) classroom work.
- 7 (2) The student meets all of the following requirements:
 8 (A) Retakes the graduation examination in each subject area
 9 in which the student did not achieve a passing score as often
 10 as required by the student's individualized education program.
 11 (B) Completes remediation opportunities provided to the
 12 student by the student's school to the extent required by the
 13 student's individualized education program.
 14 (C) Maintains a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five
 15 percent (95%) to the extent required by the student's
 16 individualized education program with excused absences not
 17 counting against the student's attendance.
 18 (D) Maintains at least a "C" average or the equivalent in the
 19 courses comprising the credits specifically required for
 20 graduation by rule of the board.
 21 (E) Otherwise satisfies all state and local graduation
 22 requirements.
- 23 SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-16-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 24 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 16. The governing body of a**
 26 **school corporation or governing authority of a nonpublic school**
 27 **shall do the following:**
 28 (1) **Issue a high school diploma to each student who satisfies**
 29 **all minimum requirements for high school graduation.**
 30 (2) **Issue a high school general diploma to each student who**
 31 **satisfies all minimum requirements for high school graduation**
 32 **other than:**
 33 (A) **receiving a passing score on the grade 10 examination**
 34 **under the ISTEP program; or**
 35 (B) **meeting the requirements of section 13(c), 13(d), or**
 36 **13(e) of this chapter.**
 37 SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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