
HOUSE BILL No. 1851

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4-16.

Synopsis: Service learning. Allows a high school to establish a service learning program under uniform guidelines established by the department of education. Provides that if a high school establishes a service learning program, a student must complete 40 hours of public service to be eligible for a high school diploma.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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 20-10.1-4-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]:

4 **Chapter 16. Service Learning**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "service learning" means a**
6 **teaching method that combines service to the community with**
7 **classroom instruction.**

8 **Sec. 2. (a) Each public and nonpublic high school may establish**
9 **as part of the curriculum a service learning program for students**
10 **that includes community service activities integrated with study**
11 **and reflection on the experiences gained through community**
12 **service activities. The state board of education shall prescribe this**
13 **program and its appropriate outlines and shall adopt the necessary**
14 **standards and guidelines for uniform implementation. If a school**
15 **adopts this program, a high school student attending the school**
16 **may not receive a diploma unless the student completes one (1) of**
17 **the following:**



- 1 **(1) Forty (40) hours of student service that includes**
- 2 **preparation, action, and reflection components and that, at**
- 3 **the discretion of the local school system, may begin during the**
- 4 **middle school grades.**
- 5 **(2) A locally designed program in student service that has**
- 6 **been approved by the state superintendent of public**
- 7 **instruction regarding the establishment of statewide**
- 8 **education goals and standards, including the ability for the**
- 9 **state board of education to set standards for community**
- 10 **service learning activities and programs.**
- 11 **(b) The department of education shall develop guidelines for a**
- 12 **school corporation to follow in implementing this chapter.**

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