



February 20, 2004

**ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL No. 191**

DIGEST OF SB 191 (Updated February 18, 2004 4:06 pm - DI 109)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1.

**Synopsis:** Graduation rate determination. Specifies certain additional groups of students who are not included in determining a school's graduation rate.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.

**Lubbers**

(HOUSE SPONSORS — PORTER, BEHNING)

January 6, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

January 8, 2004, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 15, 2004, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

January 16, 2004, engrossed.

January 20, 2004, read third time, passed. Yeas 46, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 4, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

February 19, 2004, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2004)

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-8.1-15-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.81-2003,  
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 10. The graduation rate for a cohort in a high  
4 school is the percentage determined under STEP SEVEN of the  
5 following formula:  
6 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of  
7 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for  
8 which the graduation rate is being determined.  
9 STEP TWO: Add:  
10 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and  
11 (B) the number of students who:  
12 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which  
13 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;  
14 and  
15 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.  
16 STEP THREE: Add:  
17 (A) the sum determined under STEP TWO; and

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1 (B) the number of retained students from earlier cohorts who  
 2 became members of the cohort for whom the graduation rate  
 3 is being determined.  
 4 STEP FOUR: Add:  
 5 (A) the sum determined under STEP THREE; and  
 6 (B) the number of students who:  
 7 (i) began the reporting year in a cohort that expects to  
 8 graduate during a future reporting year; and  
 9 (ii) graduate during the current reporting year.  
 10 STEP FIVE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP  
 11 FOUR the number of students who have left the cohort for any of  
 12 the following reasons:  
 13 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.  
 14 (B) Removal by the student's parents under IC 20-8.1-3-34 to  
 15 provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public  
 16 schools.  
 17 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or  
 18 death.  
 19 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department  
 20 of correction.  
 21 (E) Placement by a court order or the division of family and  
 22 children.  
 23 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.  
 24 (G) Graduation before the beginning of the reporting year.  
 25 (H) Students who have left school and whose location cannot  
 26 be determined: **attended school in Indiana for less than one**  
 27 **(1) school year and who cannot be located.**  
 28 **(I) Students who cannot be located and have been reported**  
 29 **to the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing**  
 30 **children.**  
 31 STEP SIX: Determine the total number of students who have  
 32 graduated during the current reporting year.  
 33 STEP SEVEN: Divide:  
 34 (A) the number determined under STEP SIX; by  
 35 (B) the remainder determined under STEP FIVE.  
 36 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-15-11, IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 11. If a student has left the school,**  
 39 **the student is not included in clauses (A) through (I) of STEP FIVE**  
 40 **of the formula established in section 10 of this chapter, and the**  
 41 **location of the student is unknown to the school, the principal shall**  
 42 **send a certified letter to the last known address of the student,**

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1       inquiring about the student's whereabouts and status. If the  
2       certified letter fails to locate the student or if no response is  
3       received, the principal may submit the student's information,  
4       including last known address, parent or guardian name, student  
5       testing number, and other pertinent data, to the state attendance  
6       officer. The state attendance officer, using all available state data  
7       and any other means available, shall attempt to locate the student  
8       and report the student's location and school enrollment status to  
9       the principal so that the principal can appropriately send student  
10      records to the new school or otherwise document the student's  
11      status.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 191, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 27, after "(1)" insert "**school**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 191 as introduced.)

KENLEY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 191 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 30 and 31, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

**"(J) In instances where students have left the school, are not included in (A) through (I) above and their location is unknown to the school, the principal shall send a certified letter to the last known address of the student. If the certified letter fails to locate the student or if no response is received, the principal may submit the student's information including last known address, parent or guardian name, student testing number and other pertinent data to the State Attendance Officer. The State Attendance Officer, using all available state data and any other means available, shall attempt to locate the student and report the student's location and school enrollment status to the principal so that the principal can appropriately send student records to the new school or otherwise document the student's status."**

(Reference is to SB 191 as printed January 9, 2004.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 191, 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:

Page 2, delete lines 31 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 3.

Page 3, after line 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-15-11, IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 11. If a student has left the school, the student is not included in clauses (A) through (I) of STEP FIVE of the formula established in section 10 of this chapter, and the location of the student is unknown to the school, the principal shall send a certified letter to the last known address of the student, inquiring about the student's whereabouts and status. If the certified letter fails to locate the student or if no response is received, the principal may submit the student's information, including last known address, parent or guardian name, student testing number, and other pertinent data, to the state attendance officer. The state attendance officer, using all available state data and any other means available, shall attempt to locate the student and report the student's location and school enrollment status to the principal so that the principal can appropriately send student records to the new school or otherwise document the student's status.**"

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 191 as reprinted January 16, 2004.)

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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