
HOUSE BILL No. 1517

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-29.

Synopsis: Youth advisory council. Changes the age of eligibility to be a youth advisory council (council) member from 14 to 18 years of age to 16 to 20 years of age. Staggers the terms of the council members. Provides that the appointing authority may remove an appointed member of the council for cause, including the failure to attend at least two meetings within a one year period. Provides that a member who attends a meeting of the council has a lawful excuse to be absent from school. Establishes the youth advisory council fund (fund) to receive appropriations, grants, gifts, and donations. Provides that money in the fund is available, with the approval of the budget agency, to augment and supplement the funds appropriated to the department of education to implement the council.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-29-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the youth**
4 **advisory council fund established by section 7.5 of this chapter.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 2-5-29-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2009]: **Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter, "office" means the office**
8 **of the state superintendent of public instruction.**

9 SECTION 3. IC 2-5-29-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.69-2008, SECTION
10 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
11 2009]: Sec. 3. (a) The council consists of the following **twenty-two**
12 **(22)** members, who must be at least ~~fourteen (14)~~ **sixteen (16)** years of
13 age and not more than ~~eighteen (18)~~ **twenty (20)** years of age at the
14 time of appointment:

- 15 (1) Five (5) members appointed by the president pro tempore of
16 the senate.
- 17 (2) Five (5) members appointed by the minority leader of the



1 senate.

2 (3) Five (5) members appointed by the speaker of the house of

3 representatives.

4 (4) Five (5) members appointed by the minority leader of the

5 house of representatives.

6 (5) Two (2) members appointed by the governor.

7 (b) The members of the council shall be selected so as to give

8 representation to the various geographical areas of Indiana.

9 (c) The members of the council shall annually elect a chairperson

10 of the council from among the members.

11 (d) Members of the council shall serve for a two (2) year term and

12 may be reappointed.

13 **(e) The appointing authority may remove an appointed member**

14 **of the council for cause. Cause includes the failure to attend at least**

15 **two (2) meetings within a one (1) year period.**

16 SECTION 4. IC 2-5-29-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY

18 1, 2009]: **Sec. 3.6. (a) This section applies to a student who attends**

19 **either a public school or a nonpublic school.**

20 **(b) Attending a meeting of the council as a member is a lawful**

21 **excuse for a student to be absent from school, when verified by a**

22 **certificate of the state superintendent of public instruction. A**

23 **student excused from school attendance under this section may not**

24 **be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is**

25 **operative and may not be penalized by the school in any manner.**

26 SECTION 5. IC 2-5-29-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

27 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY

28 1, 2009]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) The youth advisory council fund is established**

29 **as a dedicated fund to be administered by the office. The fund**

30 **consists of:**

31 **(1) appropriations made to the fund by the general assembly;**

32 **and**

33 **(2) grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the**

34 **fund.**

35 **(b) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**

36 **money in the fund.**

37 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**

38 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**

39 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**

40 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**

41 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert**

42 **to the state general fund.**

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1 **(e) Money in the fund is available, with the approval of the**
 2 **budget agency, to augment and supplement the funds appropriated**
 3 **to the department of education to implement this chapter.**
 4 SECTION 6. IC 2-5-29-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 5 2009].
 6 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] **(a) This SECTION**
 7 **applies to members of the youth advisory council appointed under**
 8 **IC 2-5-29, as amended by this act, after June 30, 2010.**
 9 **(b) Notwithstanding IC 2-5-29-3, as amended by this act, the**
 10 **initial terms of the members are staggered as follows:**
 11 **(1) The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker**
 12 **of the house of representatives shall each designate three (3)**
 13 **members to serve two (2) year terms and two (2) members to**
 14 **serve one (1) year terms.**
 15 **(2) The minority leader of the senate and the minority leader**
 16 **of the house of representatives shall each designate two (2)**
 17 **members to serve two (2) year terms and three (3) members**
 18 **to serve one (1) year terms.**
 19 **(3) The governor shall designate one (1) member to serve a**
 20 **two (2) year term and one (1) member to serve a one (1) year**
 21 **term.**
 22 **(c) A member may be reappointed.**
 23 **(d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2012.**

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