
SENATE BILL No. 85

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-31.

Synopsis: Study of schools with low graduation rates. Creates the high school graduation study committee to study the causes of low graduation rates in certain schools and how the graduation rates can be improved.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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 2-5-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2011]:

4 **Chapter 31. High School Graduation Study Committee**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the high**
6 **school graduation study committee established by section 2 of this**
7 **chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. The high school graduation study committee is**
9 **established to do the following:**

- 10 (1) **Study the causes of low graduation rates in Indiana high**
- 11 **schools that have less than a fifty percent (50%) graduation**
- 12 **rate.**
- 13 (2) **Identify best practices that increase graduation rates in**
- 14 **high schools in Indiana and other states.**
- 15 (3) **Highlight training and technical assistance opportunities**
- 16 **for high schools to effectively address low graduation rates.**

17 **Sec. 3. The committee consists of the following thirteen (13)**



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members:

- (1) The state superintendent of public instruction or the state superintendent's designee.**
- (2) The executive director of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents or the executive director's designee.**
- (3) The executive director of the Indiana School Board Association or the executive director's designee.**
- (4) Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.**
- (5) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. The members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.**
- (6) One (1) public high school principal appointed by the governor.**
- (7) One (1) charter high school principal appointed by the governor.**
- (8) One (1) nonpublic accredited high school principal appointed by the governor.**
- (9) One (1) certificated employee (as defined in IC 20-29-2-4), who is a public high school teacher, appointed by the governor.**
- (10) One (1) certificated employee (as defined in IC 20-29-2-4) who is a teacher at a charter high school, appointed by the governor.**
- (11) One (1) individual, who is a teacher at an accredited nonpublic high school, appointed by the governor.**

Sec. 4. Each member of the committee serves a term of two (2) years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy holds office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 5. The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a legislative member of the committee to serve as chair of the committee.

Sec. 6. The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council except that the members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 7. The legislative services agency shall provide administrative support for the committee. At the request of the legislative services agency, the department of education shall assign staff to provide research and other support to assist the legislative services agency in providing administrative support to the

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committee.

Sec. 8. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.

Sec. 9. Not later than December 1, 2012, the committee shall submit a status report to the governor and the legislative council on the activities of the committee and any action it has taken. The committee shall issue a final report stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the committee by June 30, 2013. The committee shall submit the reports to the governor and the legislative council. A report submitted under this section to the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 10. This chapter expires July 1, 2013.

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