
SENATE BILL No. 428

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-30-16-3; IC 20-20-28.

Synopsis: Lottery proceeds for Reggio Emilia schools. Establishes the Reggio Emilia grant fund. Requires \$50,000 of lottery revenue to be annually transferred to the department of education (DOE) for deposit in the Reggio Emilia grant fund. Requires the DOE to establish a grant program to assist the implementation and expansion of Reggio Emilia programs. Allows school corporations and other providers of early childhood and preschool programs to apply for grants. Appropriates the money in the Reggio Emilia grant fund to the DOE to carry out the grant program.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 12, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-30-16-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall transfer the surplus
4 revenue in the administrative trust fund as follows:

5 (1) Before the last business day of January, April, July, and
6 October, the commission shall transfer to the treasurer of state, for
7 deposit in the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund
8 (IC 5-10.4-2), seven million five hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$7,500,000). Notwithstanding any other law, including any
10 appropriations law resulting from a budget bill (as defined in
11 IC 4-12-1-2), the money transferred under this subdivision shall
12 be set aside in the pension stabilization fund (IC 5-10.4-2-5) to be
13 used as a credit against the unfunded accrued liability of the
14 pre-1996 account (as defined in IC 5-10.4-1-12) of the Indiana
15 state teachers' retirement fund. The money transferred is in
16 addition to the appropriation needed to pay benefits for the state
17 fiscal year.



1 (2) Before the last business day of January, April, July, and
 2 October, the commission shall transfer seven million five hundred
 3 thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) of the surplus revenue to the
 4 treasurer of state for deposit in the pension relief fund
 5 (IC 5-10.3-11).

6 **(3) Before the last business day of January, April, July, and**
 7 **October, the commission shall transfer twelve thousand five**
 8 **hundred dollars (\$12,500) to the department of education for**
 9 **deposit in the Reggio Emilia grant fund established by**
 10 **IC 20-20-28-8.**

11 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** The surplus revenue remaining in the fund on the last day
 12 of January, April, July, and October after the transfers under
 13 subdivisions (1) ~~and (2)~~ **through (3)** shall be transferred by the
 14 commission to the treasurer of state for deposit on that day in the
 15 build Indiana fund.

16 (b) The commission may make transfers to the treasurer of state
 17 more frequently than required by subsection (a). However, the number
 18 of transfers does not affect the amount that is required to be transferred
 19 for the purposes listed in subsection (a)(1) ~~and (a)(2)~~: **through (a)(3)**.
 20 Any amount transferred during the month in excess of the amount
 21 required to be transferred for the purposes listed in subsection (a)(1)
 22 ~~and (a)(2)~~ **through (a)(3)** shall be transferred to the build Indiana fund.

23 SECTION 2. IC 20-20-28-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 24 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 3.5. As used in this chapter,**
 26 **"Reggio Emilia" refers to an educational philosophy and its**
 27 **associated methods that originated in the villages around Reggio**
 28 **Emilia, Italy, following World War II.**

29 SECTION 3. IC 20-20-28-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 30 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 31 1, 2011]: **Sec. 8. (a) The Reggio Emilia grant fund is established.**
 32 **The money in the fund shall be used to provide grants under**
 33 **section 8.5 of this chapter.**

34 **(b) The department shall administer the fund.**

35 **(c) The fund consists of:**

36 **(1) money received by the department under**
 37 **IC 4-30-16-3(a)(3);**

38 **(2) gifts to the fund;**

39 **(3) appropriations from the general assembly; and**

40 **(4) grants, including grants from private entities.**

41 **(d) Money in the fund does not revert to the state general fund.**

42 **(e) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the**

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department for its use in carrying out a grant program established under section 8.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 20-20-28-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 8.5. (a) The department shall establish a grant program to assist school corporations and other providers of early childhood and preschool programs that offer a Reggio Emilia curriculum.

(b) To receive a grant under this section, the following must occur:

(1) The:

- (A) superintendent of the school corporation; or**
 - (B) chief executive officer of a provider of early childhood or preschool programs that is not a school corporation;**
- must apply to the department for a grant on forms provided by the department.**

(2) The application for a grant must include the following information:

- (A) A detailed description of a proposal for initiating or expanding the applicant's use of a Reggio Emilia curriculum.**
- (B) Evidence supporting the applicant's need to implement or expand the use of a Reggio Emilia curriculum.**
- (C) Any other pertinent information required by the department.**

(c) The department may award grants to school corporations and other providers of early childhood and preschool programs:

- (1) upon review of the applications received under this section;**
- (2) subject to available money; and**
- (3) in accordance with the following priorities:**
 - (A) To the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and rural applicants.**
 - (B) To address a documented need for new or expanded early childhood or preschool programs, including considering the percentage of children served by the applicant who are considered at risk.**
 - (C) To promote the use of the Reggio Emilia curriculum in initiating or expanding early childhood and preschool programs.**
 - (D) To reward applicants that demonstrate the greatest**

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- 1 **potential for replication and implementation in Indiana.**
- 2 **(d) A recipient of a grant awarded under this section must:**
- 3 **(1) agree to evaluate the impact and results of the recipient's**
- 4 **Reggio Emilia program; and**
- 5 **(2) submit the recipient's findings to the department.**

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