
HOUSE BILL No. 1189

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-25.1.

Synopsis: Bullying prevention task force. Creates the school bullying prevention task force for students with disabilities to: (1) study the causes and effects of bullying in schools; (2) identify practices that reduce incidences of bullying; (3) highlight training and technical assistance opportunities for schools to effectively address bullying; and (4) evaluate the effectiveness of schools' current antibullying policies and other antibullying programs for students with disabilities. (The introduced version of this bill was produced by the Indiana Commission on Autism.)

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 10, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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 20-20-25.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]:

4 **Chapter 25.1. The School Bullying Prevention Task Force for**
5 **Students With Disabilities**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the school**
7 **bullying prevention task force for students with disabilities**
8 **established by section 2 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. The school bullying prevention task force for students**
10 **with disabilities is established to do the following:**

- 11 **(1) Study the causes and effects of bullying on students with**
12 **disabilities in schools.**
- 13 **(2) Identify practices that reduce incidences of bullying**
14 **against students with disabilities.**
- 15 **(3) Highlight training and technical assistance opportunities**
16 **for schools to effectively address bullying against students**
17 **with disabilities.**



1 (4) Evaluate the effectiveness of schools' current antibullying
2 policies and other antibullying programs as they apply to
3 students with disabilities.

4 **Sec. 3. The task force consists of the following eleven (11)**
5 **members:**

6 (1) One (1) employee of the department appointed under
7 section 4 of this chapter.

8 (2) One (1) certificated employee (as defined in IC 20-29-2-4)
9 appointed under section 4 of this chapter who is a teacher.

10 (3) The governor or the governor's designee.

11 (4) The executive director of the Indiana Association of Public
12 School Superintendents or the executive director's designee.

13 (5) The executive director of the Indiana Association of School
14 Principals or the executive director's designee.

15 (6) One (1) individual appointed under section 5 of this
16 chapter who is a parent of a child with a disability (as defined
17 in IC 20-35-1-2) enrolled in:

18 (A) a public school;

19 (B) a charter school; or

20 (C) an accredited nonpublic school;

21 and in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, grade 3, grade 4, grade
22 5, or grade 6.

23 (7) One (1) individual appointed under section 6 of this
24 chapter who is a parent of a child with a disability (as defined
25 in IC 20-35-1-2) enrolled in:

26 (A) a public school;

27 (B) a charter school; or

28 (C) an accredited nonpublic school;

29 and in grade 7, grade 8, grade 9, grade 10, grade 11, or grade
30 12.

31 (8) Two (2) members of the house of representatives
32 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The
33 members appointed under this subdivision may not be
34 members of the same political party.

35 (9) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president
36 pro tempore of the senate. The members appointed under this
37 subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

38 **Sec. 4. The members of the task force designated under section**
39 **3(1) and 3(2) of this chapter shall be appointed by the governor.**

40 **Sec. 5. The member of the task force designated under section**
41 **3(6) of this chapter shall be appointed by the speaker of the house**
42 **of representatives.**

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1 **Sec. 6. The member of the task force designated under section**
2 **3(7) of this chapter shall be appointed by the president pro**
3 **tempore of the senate.**

4 **Sec. 7. Each member of the task force serves a term of two (2)**
5 **years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy holds office for the**
6 **remainder of the unexpired term.**

7 **Sec. 8. The task force shall elect by majority vote one (1) of its**
8 **members as chairperson and one (1) of its members as vice**
9 **chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson serve a term of**
10 **two (2) years.**

11 **Sec. 9. The task force shall meet at least quarterly and at other**
12 **times as the members consider necessary.**

13 **Sec. 10. The department shall provide staff for the task force.**

14 **Sec. 11. Each member of the task force who is not a state**
15 **employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided**
16 **by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) but is entitled to reimbursement for traveling**
17 **expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with**
18 **the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and**
19 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
20 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**

21 **Sec. 12. Each member of the task force who is a state employee**
22 **but who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to**
23 **reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually**
24 **incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the**
25 **state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana**
26 **department of administration and approved by the budget agency.**

27 **Sec. 13. Each member of the task force who is a member of the**
28 **general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,**
29 **and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly**
30 **serving on interim study committees established by the legislative**
31 **council.**

32 **Sec. 14. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members of**
33 **the task force are required for the task force to take action on any**
34 **measure, including issuance of the final report under section 15 of**
35 **this chapter.**

36 **Sec. 15. Not later than December 1, 2012, the task force shall**
37 **submit a status report to the governor and the legislative council**
38 **on the activities of the task force and any action it has taken. The**
39 **task force shall issue a final report stating the findings, conclusions,**
40 **and recommendations of the task force by June 30, 2013. The task**
41 **force shall submit the reports to the governor and the legislative**
42 **council. A report submitted under this section to the legislative**

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1 **council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
2 **Sec. 16. This chapter expires July 1, 2013.**

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