



February 17, 2012

**ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL No. 1220**

DIGEST OF HB 1220 (Updated February 15, 2012 6:52 pm - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 21-18.

Synopsis: Commission for higher education. Allows the commission for higher education to approve or disapprove existing or new associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, or programs leading to a certificate or other indication of accomplishment. Requires degree proposals submitted to the commission for higher education for approval to provide justifications for any additional credit requirements. Requires each state educational institution to review its undergraduate degree programs to determine the number of credit hours required for the degree and to report the results of the review to the commission, including a justification for any associate degree program of more than 60 hours or baccalaureate degree program of more than 120 hours.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

Rhoads, Behning, Noe

(SENATE SPONSORS — LEISING, YODER, BANKS, KRUSE)

January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 11, 2012, reported — Do Pass.
January 13, 2012, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 17, 2012, read third time, call withdrawn.
January 31, 2012, re-read third time, passed. Yeas 60, nays 35.

SENATE ACTION

February 1, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
February 16, 2012, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-18-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2011,
2 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 5. The commission may approve or disapprove
4 the:

- 5 (1) establishment of any new branches, regional or other
6 campuses, or extension centers;
- 7 (2) establishment of any new college or school; or
- 8 (3) offering ~~on any campus~~ of any **proposed or existing**:
 - 9 (A) ~~additional~~ associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree; or
 - 10 (B) ~~additional~~ program leading to a certificate or other
11 indication of accomplishment.

12 SECTION 2. IC 21-18-9-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
13 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
14 1, 2012]: **Sec. 8. (a) Each state educational institution shall review
15 each undergraduate degree program offered by the state
16 educational institution to determine the number of credit hours
17 required for the degree and report the results to the commission.**

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- 1 **If a degree program requires more than:**
- 2 **(1) sixty (60) credit hours for an associate degree; or**
- 3 **(2) one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for a baccalaureate**
- 4 **degree;**
- 5 **the state educational institution must provide justification to the**
- 6 **commission in the report for the additional credit hours required.**
- 7 **(b) In providing justification under subsection (a):**
- 8 **(1) if the state educational institution documents that the**
- 9 **additional credit hours are required by:**
- 10 **(A) specific program standards established by external**
- 11 **accreditation bodies; or**
- 12 **(B) occupational certification or licensure;**
- 13 **the commission shall accept the justification; and**
- 14 **(2) if the state educational institution documents that the**
- 15 **additional credit hours are related to:**
- 16 **(A) employer requirements; or**
- 17 **(B) enhanced program quality and content;**
- 18 **the commission may accept the justification.**
- 19 **(c) The commission shall require a review and report of the**
- 20 **credit hours required for degree programs under this section at**
- 21 **least every three (3) years.**
- 22 **(d) A proposal submitted to the commission under section 5 of**
- 23 **this chapter must provide justification for a degree that requires**
- 24 **more than:**
- 25 **(1) sixty (60) credit hours for an associate degree; or**
- 26 **(2) one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for a baccalaureate**
- 27 **degree.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1220, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BEHNING, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

 COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1220, 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 1, line 12, delete "IC 21-18-9-7" and insert "IC 21-18-9-8".

Page 1, line 14, delete "7." and insert "8".

Page 1, line 15, delete "or proposed".

Page 2, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) In providing justification under subsection (a):

(1) if the state educational institution documents that the additional credit hours are required by:

(A) specific program standards established by external accreditation bodies; or

(B) occupational certification or licensure;

the commission shall accept the justification; and

(2) if the state educational institution documents that the additional credit hours are related to:

(A) employer requirements; or

(B) enhanced program quality and content;

the commission may accept the justification."

Page 2, line 7, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 2, line 7, delete "periodic".

Page 2, line 9, delete "section." and insert "section at least every three (3) years.

(d) A proposal submitted to the commission under section 5 of this chapter must provide justification for a degree that requires more than:

(1) sixty (60) credit hours for an associate degree; or

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(2) one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for a baccalaureate degree."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1220 as printed January 11, 2012.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1.

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