
SENATE BILL No. 283

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-19-2-10; IC 20-20-8-10.

Synopsis: High school dropout recovery schools. Requires the department of education to modify accreditation standards for a nonpublic school that contracts with a school corporation to provide alternative education services for students who have dropped out of high school to accommodate the nonpublic school's program and student population. Provides that the nonpublic school is not subject to being placed in a performance category or designation. Provides that the contract between a nonpublic school and a school corporation must specify which data required to be reported as part of a school's annual performance report will be reported by the school corporation, and which will be reported by the nonpublic school.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, 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 20-19-2-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
- 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 10. (a) It is the policy of the state that the state:
- 4 (1) recognizes that nonpublic schools provide education to
- 5 children in Indiana;
- 6 (2) has an interest in ensuring that all Indiana children are well
- 7 educated in both curricular and extracurricular programs; and
- 8 (3) should facilitate the transferability of comparable academic
- 9 credit between appropriate nonpublic schools and state supported
- 10 educational institutions.
- 11 (b) The state board shall implement a system of recognition of the
- 12 educational programs of nonpublic schools to fulfill the policy set forth
- 13 in subsection (a).
- 14 (c) The system of recognition described under subsection (b) must:
- 15 (1) be voluntary in nature with respect to the nonpublic school;
- 16 (2) recognize the characteristics that distinguish nonpublic
- 17 schools from public schools; and



- 1 (3) be a recognition system that is separate from the accreditation
 2 standards required of public schools and available to nonpublic
 3 schools under section 8(a)(5) of this chapter.
- 4 (d) This section does not prohibit a nonpublic school from seeking
 5 accreditation under section 8(a)(5) of this chapter.
- 6 (e) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
 7 this section.
- 8 **(f) The department shall modify accreditation standards for a**
 9 **nonpublic school that enters into a contract with a school**
 10 **corporation to provide alternative education services for students**
 11 **who have dropped out of high school to accommodate the**
 12 **nonpublic school's program and student population. The modified**
 13 **accreditation standards shall be set forth in a letter of**
 14 **understanding between the nonpublic school and the department.**
 15 **A nonpublic school to which this subsection applies is not subject**
 16 **to being placed in a category or designation under IC 20-31-8-4.**
- 17 SECTION 2. IC 20-20-8-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 18 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 19 1, 2012]: **Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to a school corporation**
 20 **that enters into a contract with a nonpublic school to provide**
 21 **alternative education services for students who have dropped out**
 22 **of high school.**
- 23 **(b) In the contract between the school corporation and the**
 24 **nonpublic school, the parties shall specify which data required to**
 25 **be reported under section 8 of this chapter shall be reported by:**
- 26 **(1) the school corporation; and**
 27 **(2) the nonpublic school;**
- 28 **for students who have legal settlement in the school corporation**
 29 **but attend the nonpublic school for all or part of a school year.**

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