

HOUSE BILL No. 1081

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-11-31.

Synopsis: Public school transfers. Requires the governing body of a school corporation to establish the number of interdistrict transfer students the school corporation has the capacity to accept and the date by which transfer requests must be received by the governing body. Requires the governing body to publish the transfer request deadline on the school corporation's Internet web site, and to report the date to the department of education. Requires the department of education to publish the transfer request deadlines on the department's Internet web site. Provides that if the number of transfer requests exceeds the school corporation's capacity, admissions must be determined by a random drawing at a public meeting. Provides that a governing body may not deny an interdistrict transfer for any reason other than capacity. Allows a governing body to limit transfers to ensure that a student who was a transfer student during a school year may continue to attend school in the school corporation, and to allow the siblings of a transfer student to attend school in the school corporation.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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 20-26-11-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: **Sec. 31. (a) The governing body of a**
4 **school corporation shall establish annually:**
5 **(1) the number of transfer students the school corporation has**
6 **the capacity to accept in each:**
7 **(A) school building; and**
8 **(B) grade level within each school building; and**
9 **(2) the date by which requests to transfer into the school**
10 **corporation must be received by the governing body.**
11 **(b) After establishing the date under subsection (a)(2), the**
12 **governing body shall:**
13 **(1) publish the date on the school corporation's Internet web**
14 **site; and**
15 **(2) report the date to the department.**
16 **(c) The department shall publish the dates received from school**
17 **corporations under subsection (b) on the department's Internet**



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(d) If the number of requests to transfer into the school corporation received by the date established under subsection (a)(2) exceeds the capacity established under subsection (a)(1), each timely requestor must be given an equal chance to transfer. The governing body must determine which requestors will be admitted as transfer students to each school building and grade level by random drawing in a public meeting.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (f), a governing body of a school corporation may not deny a request to transfer into the school corporation based upon the requestor's academic record, scores on ISTEP tests, disciplinary record, or disability, or any other factor not related to the school corporation's capacity.

(f) A governing body may limit new transfers to a school building or grade level to:

- (1) ensure that a student who attends a school within the school corporation as a transfer student during a school year may continue to attend in subsequent school years; and
- (2) allow the siblings of a transfer student to attend a school within the school corporation.

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