

HOUSE BILL No. 1219

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-24-1-5; IC 20-24-5-5; IC 20-24-11; IC 20-52.

Synopsis: Parental initiatives for school reorganization. Establishes the following parental initiatives for school reorganization: (1) The conversion of an existing public school into a charter school. (2) A petition to have the state board of education consider intervention in the school. Repeals current provisions concerning the conversion of existing public schools into charter schools.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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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 20-24-1-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
2 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2012]: Sec. 5. "Conversion charter school" means a charter school
4 established under ~~IC 20-24-1-1~~ **IC 20-52-1** by the conversion of an
5 existing school into a charter school. The term includes a new school
6 to which students from other schools in the school corporation are
7 assigned or transferred.

8 SECTION 2. IC 20-24-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.91-2011,
9 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c),
11 and (d), a charter school must enroll any eligible student who submits
12 a timely application for enrollment.

13 (b) This subsection applies if the number of applications for a
14 program, class, grade level, or building exceeds the capacity of the
15 program, class, grade level, or building. If a charter school receives a
16 greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, each
17 timely applicant must be given an equal chance of admission. The



1 organizer must determine which of the applicants will be admitted to
 2 the charter school or the program, class, grade level, or building by
 3 random drawing in a public meeting.

4 (c) A charter school may limit new admissions to the charter school
 5 to:

6 (1) ensure that a student who attends the charter school during a
 7 school year may continue to attend the charter school in
 8 subsequent years; and

9 (2) allow the siblings of a student who attends a charter school to
 10 attend the charter school.

11 (d) This subsection applies to an existing school that converts to a
 12 charter school under ~~IC 20-24-11~~ **IC 20-5-2-1**. During the school year
 13 in which the existing school converts to a charter school, the charter
 14 school may limit admission to:

15 (1) those students who were enrolled in the charter school on the
 16 date of the conversion; and

17 (2) siblings of students described in subdivision (1).

18 SECTION 3. IC 20-24-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 19 2012]. (Conversion of Existing Public Schools Into Charter Schools).

20 SECTION 4. IC 20-52 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 21 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 22 2012]:

23 **ARTICLE 52. PARENTAL INITIATIVES FOR SCHOOL**
 24 **REORGANIZATION**

25 **Chapter 1. Existing Public School Conversion to Charter School**

26 **Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to an existing public**
 27 **elementary or secondary school that has been scheduled for closure**
 28 **by the governing body of the school corporation in which the**
 29 **school is located.**

30 **Sec. 2. An existing public elementary or secondary school may**
 31 **be converted into a charter school if:**

32 **(1) the parents of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the**
 33 **students who attend the school have signed a petition**
 34 **requesting the conversion, which must be completed not later**
 35 **than ninety (90) days after the date of the first signature; or**

36 **(2) the governing body votes to convert an existing school**
 37 **within the school corporation.**

38 **Sec. 3. If parents successfully complete a petition under section**
 39 **2(1) of this chapter for a school that has been placed in either of the**
 40 **two (2) lowest categories or designations under IC 20-31-8-4 for**
 41 **four (4) consecutive years, the governing body may not serve as**
 42 **that charter school's sponsor.**



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1 **Sec. 4. A conversion charter school shall accept all students who**
2 **attended the school before its conversion and who wish to attend**
3 **the conversion charter school. If any space remains, the conversion**
4 **charter school shall comply with the student admissions and**
5 **enrollment requirements of IC 20-24-5.**

6 **Chapter 2. Low-Performing Schools**

7 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a school that is in:**

8 (1) the second or subsequent year of placement in the lowest
9 category or designation; or

10 (2) the third or subsequent year of placement in either of the
11 two (2) lowest categories or designations;
12 **under IC 20-31-8-4.**

13 **Sec. 2. The parents of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the**
14 **students who attend the school may petition the state board to**
15 **place the school immediately under IC 20-31-9-4. The petition must**
16 **be completed not later than ninety (90) days after the date of the**
17 **first signature.**

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