
HOUSE BILL No. 1350

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-32.5.

Synopsis: RITE program grants. Provides that the department of education shall develop the rewarding innovation, technology, and excellence program (RITE) to provide grants rewarding schools that have exhibited improvement toward benchmarks established by the state board of education. Provides that a school corporation that applies for a grant under the RITE program must demonstrate how the school corporation's: (1) innovation; (2) use of technology; or (3) other efforts to achieve excellence; have led to improvement in meeting the benchmarks. Specifies that grants under the RITE program must be made from the innovation fund. Provides that the amounts necessary to make grants under the RITE program are appropriated from the innovation fund. Provides that a school corporation receiving a grant under the RITE program must match the grant at a rate that is at least \$1 of local money for each \$1 granted to the school corporation. Limits the total amount of all grants that may be made to a particular school corporation under the RITE program to \$50,000. Limits the total amount of all grants that may be made to all school corporations under the RITE program for all state fiscal years to \$1,000,000. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 11, 2012, 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 finance and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-32.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2012]:
- 4 **Chapter 32.5. Rewarding Innovation, Technology, and**
- 5 **Excellence (RITE) Program**
- 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "RITE program" refers to the**
- 7 **rewarding innovation, technology, and excellence program**
- 8 **established by section 2 of this chapter.**
- 9 **Sec. 2. The rewarding innovation, technology, and excellence**
- 10 **program is established. The department shall administer the**
- 11 **program.**
- 12 **Sec. 3. (a) The department shall develop the RITE program to**
- 13 **provide grants rewarding schools that have exhibited improvement**
- 14 **toward the benchmarks established by the state board under**
- 15 **section 4 of this chapter.**
- 16 **(b) The grants under the RITE program shall be made from the**
- 17 **innovation fund established by P.L.229-2011. The amounts**



1 necessary to make the grants under the RITE program are
2 appropriated from the innovation fund.

3 **Sec. 4. (a) The state board shall develop benchmarks to be used
4 for purposes of awarding grants under the RITE program.**

5 **(b) A school corporation that applies for a grant under the
6 RITE program must demonstrate how the school corporation's:**

- 7 **(1) innovation;**
8 **(2) use of technology; or**
9 **(3) other efforts to achieve excellence;**

10 **have led to improvement in meeting the benchmarks developed
11 under subsection (a).**

12 **Sec. 5. (a) The department shall develop standards and
13 guidelines for school corporations that wish to apply for a grant
14 under the RITE program.**

15 **(b) The department shall determine which benchmarks are
16 appropriate for a particular school corporation applying for a
17 grant under the RITE program.**

18 **(c) A school corporation applying for a grant under the RITE
19 program shall for two (2) school years, certify to the department
20 the information requested by the department to determine the
21 school corporation's improvement in meeting the benchmarks
22 developed under section 4(a) of this chapter.**

23 **Sec. 6. After reviewing an application submitted by a school
24 corporation and the information submitted by the school
25 corporation under section 5(c) of this chapter, the department may
26 determine that the school corporation is entitled to a grant under
27 the RITE program. If the department makes a determination to
28 award a grant to a school corporation, the department shall
29 determine the amount of the grant and the restrictions, if any, on
30 the purposes for which the grant may be used.**

31 **Sec. 7. A school corporation receiving a grant under the RITE
32 program must match the grant at a rate that is at least one dollar
33 (\$1) of local money for each one dollar (\$1) granted to the school
34 corporation. The local money used to match the grant may include
35 money from the school corporation, a public school foundation, a
36 community foundation, or any other private source.**

37 **Sec. 8. (a) The total amount of all grants that may be made to a
38 particular school corporation under the RITE program for all
39 state fiscal years may not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).**

40 **(b) The total amount of all grants that may be made to all school
41 corporations under the RITE program for all state fiscal years may
42 not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).**

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