
HOUSE BILL No. 1367

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-3-22-18; IC 20-22-2-1; IC 20-31; IC 20-35-11.

Synopsis: Deaf and hearing impaired education services. Establishes the center for deaf and hearing impaired education to ensure that children who are deaf or hearing impaired acquire optimal communication and academic abilities. Requires the office of management and budget to determine an appropriate agency to provide office space and staff support for the center. Transfers the outreach services and consultative services to local education agencies to assist in meeting the needs of locally enrolled students with hearing disabilities of the Indiana School for the Deaf to the center for deaf and hearing impaired education. Provides that the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Indiana School for the Deaf are subject to accountability provisions for performance and improvement, but are not subject to sanction provisions.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2012; October 1, 2012.

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January 11, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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.

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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 4-3-22-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 18. Before October 1, 2012, the OMB shall**
4 **determine an appropriate agency to provide office space and staff**
5 **support for the center for deaf and hearing impaired education**
6 **established under IC 20-35-11.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 20-22-2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
8 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE OCTOBER
9 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. The Indiana School for the Deaf is established as a
10 state educational ~~resource center that includes the following:~~

- 11 (1) ~~A residential and day school.~~
- 12 (2) ~~Outreach services:~~
- 13 (3) ~~Consultative services to local educational agencies to assist~~
14 ~~the agencies in meeting the needs of locally enrolled students with~~
15 ~~hearing disabilities.~~

16 SECTION 3. IC 20-31-1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
17 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,



2012]: Sec. 1. This article applies only to the following:

- (1) Public schools.
- (2) Except as provided in IC 20-31-7 and IC 20-31-9, nonpublic schools that voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-19-2-8.
- (3) Except as provided in IC 20-31-9, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Indiana School for the Deaf.**

SECTION 4. IC 20-31-9-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) A nonpublic school.
- (2) A charter school.
- (3) The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.**
- (4) The Indiana School for the Deaf.**

SECTION 5. IC 20-35-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012]:

Chapter 11. Center for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Education

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "center" refers to the center for deaf and hearing impaired education established under section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. The center for deaf and hearing impaired education is established.

Sec. 3. The center shall carry out the following duties to ensure that children who are deaf and children who are hearing impaired acquire optimal communication and academic abilities:

- (1) Monitoring and tracking the identification, early intervention, and education of children who are deaf and hearing impaired.**
- (2) Providing in-service education, coaching, and mentoring of professionals, including audiologists, deaf educators, early interventionists, general educators, guidance counselors, instructional assistants, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, social workers, special educators, and vision specialists.**
- (3) Developing student learning opportunities.**
- (4) Training the parents of deaf and hearing impaired children.**
- (5) Providing assessment services, including the following services:**
 - (A) Audiological assessments.**
 - (B) Signing, oral interpreting, and cued speech and**



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1 **language transliterating assessments for professionals.**
 2 **(C) Communication assessments.**
 3 **(D) Educational assessments.**
 4 **(E) Classroom assessments of instruction, acoustics, and**
 5 **other environmental aspects.**
 6 **(6) Supporting school corporations in providing services to**
 7 **students who are deaf and students who are hearing impaired,**
 8 **including program development, consultation, identifying best**
 9 **practices, and providing resources to work with parents and**
 10 **students.**
 11 **(7) Acting as a liaison with all state agencies that provide**
 12 **services to individuals who are deaf and hearing impaired,**
 13 **including the department of education, the state department**
 14 **of health, the family and social services administration, and**
 15 **the Indiana School for the Deaf.**
 16 **Sec. 4. The center may provide the services set forth in section**
 17 **3 of this chapter directly or through contract with other entities.**
 18 **SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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