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HOUSE BILL No. 1413

DIGEST OF HB 1413 (Updated February 12, 2013 12:52 pm - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 20-20.

Synopsis: RITE program grants. Provides that the education roundtable, with approval by the state board of education, shall develop the rewarding innovation, technology, and excellence (RITE) program 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 to $50,000 the total amount of all grants that may be made to a particular school corporation under the RITE program. Limits to $1,000,000 the total amount of all grants that may be made to all school corporations under the RITE program for all state fiscal years.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
February 14, 2013, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. IC 20-20-32.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 32.5. Rewarding Innovation, Technology, and Excellence (RITE) Program

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "RITE program" refers to the rewarding innovation, technology, and excellence program established by section 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. The education roundtable established by IC 20-19-4-2, with approval by the state board, shall establish the rewarding innovation, technology, and excellence program. The education roundtable shall administer the RITE program. As requested by the education roundtable, the department shall assist the education roundtable in administering the RITE program.

Sec. 3. (a) The education roundtable, with approval by the state board, shall develop the RITE program to provide grants rewarding schools that have exhibited improvement toward

benchmarks established by the state board under section 4 of this chapter.

(b) The grants under the RITE program shall be made from the innovation fund established by P.L.229-2011. The amounts necessary to make the grants under the RITE program are appropriated from the innovation fund.

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

(b) 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 developed under subsection (a).

Sec. 5. (a) The education roundtable shall develop standards and guidelines for school corporations that wish to apply for a grant under the RITE program.

(b) The education roundtable shall determine which benchmarks are appropriate for a particular school corporation applying for a grant under the RITE program.

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

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

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

Sec. 8. (a) The total amount of all grants that may be made to a

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particular school corporation under the RITE program for all state fiscal years may not exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000).

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1413, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BEHNING, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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