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# SENATE BILL No. 491

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-31-8-4; IC 20-35-8-1.

**Synopsis:** Accountability for certain schools. Requires the state board of education to place the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Indiana School for the Deaf in a category or designation of school improvement annually, and to report the placement to the general assembly. Requires the results of statewide assessments, academic progress, grade level, and graduation date for a student placed in the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Indiana School for the Deaf to be included in the accountability determinations for both the school corporation in which the student has legal settlement and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Indiana School for the Deaf, as applicable.

**Effective:** July 1, 2013.

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January 14, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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 20-31-8-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION  
2 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
3 2013]: Sec. 4. **(a)** The state board shall place each school in a category  
4 or designation of school improvement based on the department's  
5 findings from the assessment of the improvement of each school under  
6 section 2 of this chapter. The state board must place those schools that  
7 do not show improvement and in which less than ninety percent (90%)  
8 of the students meet academic standards in the lowest category or  
9 designation.

10 **(b) The state board shall place the Indiana School for the Blind**  
11 **and Visually Impaired and the Indiana School for the Deaf in a**  
12 **category or designation of school improvement under subsection**  
13 **(a).**

14 **(c) Before November 1 of each year, the state board shall report**  
15 **to the general assembly the category or designation of school**  
16 **improvement into which the Indiana School for the Blind and**  
17 **Visually Impaired and the Indiana School for the Deaf have been**



1 placed. The report must be in an electronic format under  
2 IC 5-14-6.

3 SECTION 2. IC 20-35-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.229-2011,  
4 SECTION 195, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in  
6 subsection (b), if a student with legal settlement in a school corporation  
7 is transferred to attend school in another school corporation because of  
8 a disability or multiple disabilities, the transferor corporation shall:

9 (1) either:

10 (A) provide; or

11 (B) pay for, in the amount determined under section 2 of this  
12 chapter;

13 any transportation that is necessary or feasible, as determined  
14 under section 2 of this chapter and the rules adopted by the state  
15 board; and

16 (2) pay transfer tuition for the student to the transferee  
17 corporation in accordance with IC 20-26-11.

18 (b) If the student attends a school operated through:

19 (1) a joint school service and supply program; or

20 (2) another cooperative program;

21 involving the school corporation of the student's legal settlement,  
22 transportation and other costs shall be made in amounts and at the  
23 times provided in the agreement or other arrangement made between  
24 the participating school corporations.

25 (c) Student data, including ~~ISTEP program testing scores; the~~  
26 **results of all statewide assessments**, academic progress, grade level,  
27 and graduation date, for a student described in subsection (a) **or (b)**  
28 shall be included in **accountability** determinations **made under**  
29 **IC 20-31-8** for the school corporation in which the student has legal  
30 settlement.

31 (d) **Student data set forth in subsection (c) for a student placed**  
32 **at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the**  
33 **Indiana School for the Deaf shall be included in the accountability**  
34 **determinations for both:**

35 (1) **the school corporation in which the student has legal**  
36 **settlement; and**

37 (2) **the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or**  
38 **the Indiana School for the Deaf, as applicable.**

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