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# SENATE BILL No. 493

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-43-10-3.

**Synopsis:** Achievement test grant. Provides to a school corporation a \$500 per pupil state tuition support grant for each pupil who passes the ISTEP examination or each high school student who passes the required Core 40 end of course assessment in high school english, algebra, or biology, if the school corporation (including a charter school) had either an overall ISTEP and end of course assessment pass rate greater than 85% or a year over year ISTEP and end of course assessment overall pass rate increase of at least 6%.

**Effective:** January 1, 2014.

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

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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 20-43-10-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JANUARY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 3. (a) As used in the section, "achievement**
- 4 **test" means a:**
- 5 **(1) test required by the ISTEP program; or**
- 6 **(2) Core 40 end of course assessment for the following:**
- 7 **(A) Algebra I.**
- 8 **(B) English 10.**
- 9 **(C) Biology I.**
- 10 **(b) As used in the section, "eligible pupil" means:**
- 11 **(1) a pupil who took the test required by the ISTEP program;**
- 12 **or**
- 13 **(2) a high school pupil who took a Core 40 end of course**
- 14 **assessment;**
- 15 **in the school year ending in the previous calendar year or in the**
- 16 **school year immediately preceding that school year.**
- 17 **(c) A school corporation qualifies for a grant under this section**



- 1 **if the school corporation had either:**
- 2 **(1) an overall achievement test pass rate greater than**
- 3 **eighty-five percent (85%) in the school year ending in the**
- 4 **previous calendar year; or**
- 5 **(2) an increase in its year over year overall achievement test**
- 6 **pass rate of at least six percent (6%) comparing the pass rate**
- 7 **for the school year ending in the previous calendar year to the**
- 8 **pass rate for the school year immediately preceding that**
- 9 **school year.**
- 10 **The determination for a school corporation for a calendar year**
- 11 **shall be made using the pass rate on the achievement tests taken by**
- 12 **all eligible pupils throughout the school corporation.**
- 13 **(d) For a school corporation that qualifies under subsection (c),**
- 14 **the school corporation's achievement test grant for a year is the**
- 15 **product of:**
- 16 **(1) the count of the school corporation's eligible pupils who**
- 17 **had a passing score on their achievement test in the school**
- 18 **year ending in the previous calendar year; multiplied by**
- 19 **(2) five hundred dollars (\$500).**
- 20 **(b) An amount received by a school corporation as an**
- 21 **achievement test grant may be used for any general fund purpose.**

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