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SENATE BILL No. 189

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Citations Affected: IC 20-24.2.

Synopsis: Performance-qualified school districts. Establishes performance-qualified school districts to provide flexibility in administration and instruction to school corporations that meet certain performance criteria. Provides that a performance-qualified school district is exempt from most rules and guidelines applicable to school boards or school corporations. Sets forth the performance criteria that must be met and the rules and guidelines with which a performance-qualified school district must continue to comply.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
January 17, 2013, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 20-24.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2013]:

4 **ARTICLE 24.2. PERFORMANCE-QUALIFIED SCHOOL**
5 **DISTRICTS**

6 **Chapter 1. Definitions**

7 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**
8 **article.**

9 **Sec. 2. "Data baseline" means the data elements established by**
10 **the department set forth in IC 20-24.2-2-3.**

11 **Sec. 3. "District" refers to a performance-qualified school**
12 **district.**

13 **Chapter 2. Establishment of Performance-Qualified School**
14 **Districts**

15 **Sec. 1. Performance-qualified school districts are established to**
16 **provide flexibility in administration and instruction to school**
17 **corporations that meet certain established performance criteria so**

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1 that the school corporations may provide curriculum, instruction,
 2 programs, and educational innovations designed to engage students
 3 in achievement greater than the achievement required for the
 4 school corporations to be placed in the highest performance
 5 category or designation by the department under IC 20-31-8.

6 **Sec. 2. (a) To be designated as a district, a school corporation
 7 must meet the following initial criteria:**

8 (1) Meet or exceed each element of the data baseline
 9 established under section 3 of this chapter.

10 (2) Be placed in the highest performance category or
 11 designation by the department under IC 20-31-8.

12 (b) After a school corporation meets the criteria set forth in
 13 subsection (a), the department shall certify the school corporation
 14 as a district for a four (4) year period. The certification is effective
 15 beginning with the school year following the school year in which
 16 the district is certified.

17 (c) A district that has been certified is exempt from any or all of
 18 the statutes and rules that are not set forth in IC 20-24.2-4, as
 19 selected by the district.

20 **Sec. 3. The department shall establish the data elements that
 21 comprise the data baseline. The data elements must demonstrate
 22 the curriculum and instruction of a school corporation to create
 23 academic performance at a high level through which students are
 24 college or career ready and globally competitive upon graduation
 25 from high school by achieving the following:**

26 (1) At least twenty-five percent (25%) of students graduating
 27 each year in the school corporation:

28 (A) must earn a grade of 3, 4, or 5 on at least one (1)
 29 Advanced Placement examination; or

30 (B) must graduate with a technical honors diploma.

31 (2) The school corporation must have a graduation rate of at
 32 least ninety percent (90%).

33 (3) Other data elements the department determines are
 34 appropriate.

35 **Sec. 4. During the period in which a school corporation is
 36 certified as a district, the district shall meet or exceed the following
 37 benchmarks each year for the district and for each school in the
 38 district:**

39 (1) For the district as a whole, there must be participation in
 40 performance-based measures determined jointly by the
 41 department and the district.

42 (2) For a high school, at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the

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- 1 students must achieve a passing score on end of course
 2 assessments in:
- 3 (A) Algebra I;
 - 4 (B) English 10; or
 - 5 (C) both Algebra I and English 10.
- 6 (3) For a middle school, at least eighty-five percent (85%) of
 7 the students in grades 6, 7, and 8 must achieve a passing score
 8 on ISTEP assessments in:
- 9 (A) English;
 - 10 (B) mathematics; or
 - 11 (C) both English and mathematics.
- 12 (4) For an elementary school:
- 13 (A) at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the students in
 14 grades 3, 4, and 5 must achieve a passing score on ISTEP
 15 assessments in:
 - 16 (i) English;
 - 17 (ii) mathematics; or
 - 18 (iii) both English and mathematics; and
 - 19 (B) at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the students in
 20 grade 3 must pass the required reading assessment.
- 21 **Sec. 5.** A district shall report annually to the department the
 22 district's performance concerning the criteria set forth in section
 23 2(a) of this chapter and the benchmarks set forth in section 4 of
 24 this chapter.
- 25 **Sec. 6. (a)** After a school corporation has received certification
 26 as a district, the department shall conduct a status review of the
 27 district's performance at the end of the third school year following
 28 the district's certification.
- 29 (b) If the district demonstrates that it continues to meet the
 30 criteria set forth in section 2(a) of this chapter and the benchmarks
 31 set forth in section 4 of this chapter, the school corporation shall be
 32 recertified as a district for an additional four (4) year period.
- 33 (c) If the district fails to meet the criteria set forth in section 2(a)
 34 of this chapter, the benchmarks set forth in section 4 of this
 35 chapter, or both, the school corporation shall receive a temporary
 36 certification as a district for the fourth year of the certification
 37 period. If, at the end of the fourth year, the school corporation fails
 38 to meet the criteria set forth in section 2(a) of this chapter or the
 39 benchmarks set forth in section 4 of this chapter, or both, the
 40 department shall remove the school corporation's certification as
 41 a district.
- 42 (d) A school corporation that has lost certification as a district

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1 under subsection (c) may be recertified as a district when the
 2 school corporation meets the criteria set forth in section 2(a) of this
 3 chapter.

4 **Chapter 3. Certificated Staff Evaluations and Funding**

5 **Sec. 1.** The department shall give approval to any system of
 6 rubric-based certificated staff evaluations designed and
 7 implemented by a district.

8 **Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding any other law, a school corporation may
 9 not receive a decrease in state funding based upon the school
 10 corporation's status as a district, or because of the implementation
 11 of a waiver of a statute or rule that is allowed to be waived by a
 12 district.

13 **Chapter 4. District Powers and Exemptions**

14 **Sec. 1. (a)** A district is accountable for ensuring continued
 15 compliance with:

- 16 (1) applicable federal and state laws; and
- 17 (2) the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution
 18 of the State of Indiana.

19 (b) A district is subject to all federal and state laws and
 20 constitutional provisions that prohibit discrimination.

21 **Sec. 2.** During each school year, a district shall provide at least:

- 22 (1) fifty-four thousand (54,000) minutes of instruction and
 23 learning for grades 1 through 6; and
- 24 (2) sixty-four thousand eight hundred (64,800) minutes of
 25 instruction and learning for grades 7 through 12.

26 However, the district is not required to provide at least one
 27 hundred eighty (180) student instructional days.

28 **Sec. 3.** Except as specifically provided in this article and section
 29 4 of this chapter, a rule or guideline adopted by the state board
 30 does apply to a district.

31 **Sec. 4.** The following rules and guidelines adopted under the
 32 following statutes apply to a district:

- 33 (1) IC 5-11-1-9 (required audits by the state board of
 34 accounts).
- 35 (2) IC 5-14 (public records and public meetings).
- 36 (3) IC 20-20-8 (school corporation annual performance
 37 report).
- 38 (4) IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).
- 39 (5) IC 20-26 (school corporation general administrative
 40 provisions).
- 41 (6) IC 20-27 (school transportation).
- 42 (7) IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies; notice and



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- 1 hearing; permanent revocation of license; data base of school
 2 employees who have been reported).
 3 (8) IC 20-28-6 (teacher contracts).
 4 (9) IC 20-28-7.5 (cancellation of teacher contracts).
 5 (10) IC 20-28-8 (contracts with school administrators).
 6 (11) IC 20-28-9 (teacher salary and related payments).
 7 (12) IC 20-28-10 (conditions of employment).
 8 (13) IC 20-29 (collective bargaining for teachers).
 9 (14) IC 20-30-3-2 and IC 20-30-3-4 (patriotic commemorative
 10 observances).
 11 (15) IC 20-30-5-19 (personal financial responsibility
 12 instruction).
 13 (16) IC 20-31 (accountability for school performance and
 14 improvement).
 15 (17) IC 20-32-4, IC 20-32-5, and IC 20-32-8, or any other
 16 statute, rule, or guideline related to standardized assessments
 17 (accreditation, assessment, and remediation).
 18 (18) IC 20-33 (students: general provisions).
 19 (19) IC 20-34-3 (health and safety measures).
 20 (20) IC 20-35 (special education).
 21 (21) IC 20-39 (accounting procedures).
 22 (22) IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
 23 (23) IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
 24 (24) IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student
 25 instruction).
 26 (25) IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
 27 (26) IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
 28 (27) IC 20-45 (general fund levies).
 29 (28) IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 30 (29) IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease
 31 agreements).
 32 (30) IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 33 (31) IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds;
 34 state advances and loans).
 35 (32) IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 36 Sec. 5. A district may display the words "Indiana
 37 Performance-Qualified School District" on the district's
 38 correspondence, Internet web site, and any other communications
 39 representing the district.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 189, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 33 through 35.

Page 2, line 36, delete "(4)" and insert "(3)".

Page 3, line 23, delete "I-READ" and insert "**required reading**".

Page 4, line 11, delete "A" and insert "**Notwithstanding any other law, a**".

Page 4, line 19, after "(2)" insert "**the Constitution of the United States and**".

Page 4, line 21, delete "on the basis" and insert ".".

Page 4, delete lines 22 through 29.

Page 4, line 37, delete "the".

Page 4, delete line 38 and insert "**section 4 of this chapter, a rule or guideline adopted by the state board does**".

Page 4, line 39, delete "district:" and insert "**district.**".

Page 4, delete lines 40 through 42.

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 3.

Page 5, line 4, delete "statutes and".

Page 5, between lines 7 and 8, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) IC 5-14 (public records and public meetings).

(3) IC 20-20-8 (school corporation annual performance report).

(4) IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations)."

Page 5, line 8, delete "(2)" and insert "**(5)**".

Page 5, line 10, delete "(3)" and insert "**(6)**".

Page 5, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(7) IC 20-28-5-8 (conviction of certain felonies; notice and hearing; permanent revocation of license; data base of school employees who have been reported)."

Page 5, line 11, delete "(4)" and insert "**(8)**".

Page 5, line 12, delete "(5)" and insert "**(9)**".

Page 5, line 13, delete "(6)" and insert "**(10)**".

Page 5, line 14, delete "(7)" and insert "**(11)**".

Page 5, line 15, delete "(8)" and insert "**(12)**".

Page 5, line 16, delete "(9)" and insert "**(13)**".



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Page 5, line 17, delete "(10)" and insert "**(14)**".
Page 5, line 19, delete "(11)" and insert "**(15)**".
Page 5, line 21, delete "(12)" and insert "**(16)**".
Page 5, line 23, delete "(13)" and insert "**(17)**".
Page 5, line 26, delete "(14)" and insert "**(18)**".
Page 5, line 27, delete "(15)" and insert "**(19)**".
Page 5, line 28, delete "(16)" and insert "**(20)**".
Page 5, line 29, delete "(17)" and insert "**(21)**".
Page 5, line 30, delete "(18)" and insert "**(22)**".
Page 5, line 31, delete "(19)" and insert "**(23)**".
Page 5, line 32, delete "(20)" and insert "**(24)**".
Page 5, line 34, delete "(21)" and insert "**(25)**".
Page 5, line 35, delete "(22)" and insert "**(26)**".
Page 5, line 36, delete "(23)" and insert "**(27)**".
Page 5, line 37, delete "(24)" and insert "**(28)**".
Page 5, line 38, delete "(25)" and insert "**(29)**".
Page 5, line 40, delete "(26)" and insert "**(30)**".
Page 5, line 41, delete "(27)" and insert "**(31)**".
Page 6, line 1, delete "(28)" and insert "**(32)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 189 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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