

## **IC 20-20-4**

### **Chapter 4. Ambassador for Education**

#### **IC 20-20-4-1**

##### **Goals of ambassador**

Sec. 1. The following are the goals of the ambassador for education program:

- (1) Enhance the stature of teachers and the teaching profession.
- (2) Inspire and attract talented young people to become teachers.
- (3) Promote the teaching profession within community and business groups.
- (4) Support the activities of the Future Teachers of America clubs.
- (5) Represent Indiana teachers at business, education, and teacher leadership conferences and meetings.
- (6) Reward the teacher of the year for the teacher's outstanding contributions to the teaching profession.
- (7) Reward the teacher of the year for the teacher's contributions to the teacher's classroom and school.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-2**

##### **"Ambassador"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "ambassador" refers to the ambassador for education established by section 4 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-3**

##### **"School"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" means a school corporation or an accredited nonpublic school.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-4**

##### **Establishment of position**

Sec. 4. The position of ambassador for education is established to act as an education liaison to Indiana schools.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-5**

##### **Teacher of the year as ambassador**

Sec. 5. A teacher in a school who:

- (1) is selected by the state superintendent as teacher of the year; and
- (2) agrees to be ambassador;

is ambassador for a one (1) year term beginning July 1 after selection as teacher of the year and ending the following June 30.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-6**

##### **Professional leave for service as ambassador; reimbursement of costs**

Sec. 6. (a) The school where an ambassador is regularly employed shall do the following:

- (1) Grant the ambassador a one (1) year professional leave to serve as ambassador during the ambassador's term.
- (2) Allow the ambassador to return to the school from the professional leave:
  - (A) to the same or a comparable position as the ambassador held before the professional leave; and
  - (B) without loss of accrued benefits or seniority.
- (3) Continue to provide the ambassador all benefits of employment with the school other than salary.

(b) The department shall reimburse a school for the cost of benefits provided by the school to an ambassador under subsection (a)(3).

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-7**

##### **Election regarding service of professional leave**

Sec. 7. An ambassador may elect to serve the one (1) year professional leave at:

- (1) an Indiana postsecondary educational institution; or
- (2) the department.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.2-2007, SEC.201.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-8**

##### **Service with department**

Sec. 8. If an ambassador elects to serve a one (1) year professional leave with the department, the following apply:

- (1) The state coordinator of the ambassador for education program, as designated by the state superintendent, shall establish the ambassador's duties.
- (2) The ambassador is entitled to receive from the department the following:
  - (A) A salary in place of compensation from the school where the ambassador is regularly employed that equals the salary that the ambassador, if not serving as ambassador, would receive during the school year of the ambassador's term from the school where the ambassador is regularly employed.
  - (B) Actual expenses of the ambassador incurred as a result of the performance of duties under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-9**

##### **Service with postsecondary educational institution**

Sec. 9. If an ambassador elects to serve a one (1) year professional leave with an Indiana postsecondary educational institution, the following apply:

(1) The dean of the institution's school of education or the equivalent officer shall establish the ambassador's duties.

(2) The ambassador is entitled to receive from the institution the amount of compensation that the institution offers the ambassador.

(3) The ambassador is entitled to receive from the department compensation in an amount that when added to the amount provided under subdivision (2) equals the salary that the ambassador, if not serving as ambassador, would receive during the school year of the ambassador's term from the school where the ambassador is regularly employed.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.2-2007, SEC.202.*

#### **IC 20-20-4-10**

##### **Ambassador's duties**

Sec. 10. The ambassador's duties must match the relative skills and education background of the ambassador and reflect the goals of the ambassador for education program. However, duties may include the following:

(1) Providing professional development seminars and workshops in the subject matter areas in which the ambassador has expertise.

(2) Accompanying the state superintendent in the exercise of the state superintendent's duties throughout Indiana.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.*