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Commission Takes Steps to Improve Outcomes-Based Performance Funding for Higher Education

Stakeholder feedback will help improve the funding formula and drive outcomes for Indiana students

(INDIANAPOLIS) – With a continued focus on affordability, accessibility, attainment, and alignment, the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) yesterday presented an overview of Indiana’s current public higher education performance funding formula and launched a collaborative effort to ensure continued improvement in future years. The Commission is [seeking feedback](#) from stakeholders, including higher education, business and industry, and state and community leaders to ensure the revised formula prioritizes alignment with local, regional, and statewide needs, and ultimately, helps maximize outcomes for students.

For more than two decades, the Indiana General Assembly has solidified the formula and determined the funding amount for Indiana’s Outcomes-Based Performance Funding (OBPF). These incentives, which have been funded at varying levels, have provided funding to public higher education institutions that improve student outcomes. The current formula, implemented in 2023, remains in place through 2027.

“Stakeholder feedback continues to have an enormous impact on finding solutions and continuously improving education in Indiana,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “By hearing directly from Hoosiers, including those closest to this important work, we can ensure the recommendations we make for Indiana’s Outcomes-Based Performance Funding formula reflect the strongest possible formula for Indiana, driving key outcomes that matter for our students and their future.”

Stakeholders are invited to [submit feedback](#) on Indiana’s OBPF formula by Friday, July 3. The Commission will use that feedback to finalize recommendations for the formula. These recommendations will be presented to the Indiana General Assembly for final consideration.

In addition to the performance funding discussion, the Commission in partnership with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, also provided an overview of Indiana’s implementation of Workforce Pell. As of July 1, 2026, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act extends federal Pell Grant eligibility to “eligible workforce programs,” with a new set of eligibility criteria focused on short-term, direct-to-workforce programs. Prior to this extension, Pell Grants, which

provide need-based federal financial aid, could only be used for programs lasting 15 weeks or longer.

While federal rulemaking for Workforce Pell is still being finalized, Indiana's Workforce Pell Committee has already begun working with Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University, and Local Workforce Development Boards to discuss which training programs or occupations should be prioritized for the pilot launch in Indiana. Indiana's Workforce Pell Policy and Program Approval Process will be available for public comment this summer, pending review and final consideration by Governor Mike Braun.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's higher education coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through postsecondary education and training, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrated 35 years in 2025.