

## TITLE 646 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Regulatory Analysis LSA Document #24-633

#### I. Description of Rule

**a. History and Background of the Rule** – HEA 1623-2023 established new requirements for executive agency rulemaking and provided a safe harbor for executive agencies to come into compliance with Indiana Code regarding fees, fines, and civil penalties set by the agency. This proposed rule is being promulgated to comply with HEA 1623.

Fees assessed by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) Office for Career and Technical Schools (OCTS) are set forth in statute. [IC 22-4.1-21-1](#) *et seq.* sets forth minimum fee amounts to be assessed by DWD, but DWD could increase those fees above the statutory minimum. The OCTS fees currently assessed were set before January 1, 2023. This rule adds to Indiana's Administrative Code the specific dollar amount of each OCTS fee as currently charged by DWD.

**b. Scope of the Rule** – This rule specifies the dollar amounts of the current OCTS fees assessed by DWD. This rule will be added to [646 IAC 5](#) and does not change the amount of the fees currently charged by DWD.

**c. Statement of Need** – This rule is required to comply with HEA 1623.

**d. Statutory Authority for the Proposed Rule** –

The statutory authority for DWD to adopt OCTS rules is [IC 22-4.1-21-10](#).

The statutory authority for DWD to assess OCTS fees is:

[IC 22-4.1-21-13](#): In-state and out-of-state school applications for authorization

[IC 22-4.1-21-24](#)(a): Authorization issuance

[IC 22-4.1-21-24](#)(e): Annual authorization renewal

[IC 22-4.1-21-29](#)(c): New agent application

[IC 22-4.1-21-29](#)(d): Annual agent application

**e. Fees, Fines, and Civil Penalties** – This rule adds the OCTS fees assessed by the Department as a new administrative rule under [646 IAC 5](#), so postsecondary proprietary educational institutions may look to Indiana's Administrative Code to determine what DWD will charge.

Pursuant to [IC 4-22-2-19.6](#)(e), the OCTS fees were reviewed by the budget committee prior to July 1, 2024.

#### II. Fiscal Impact Analysis

**a. Anticipated Effective Date of the Rule** – The anticipated effective date for this rule is on or before July 1, 2025, pursuant to [IC 4-22-2-19.6](#)(e).

**b. Estimated Fiscal Impact on State and Local Government** – This rule does not impact expenditures and revenues of DWD or local government because the rule does not change the amount of the OCTS fees currently charged by DWD.

**c. Sources of Expenditures or Revenues Affected by the Rule** – This rule does not impact the source of expenditures or revenues of DWD or local government because the amounts charged for OCTS fees are the same as those currently charged by DWD.

#### III. Impacted Parties

DWD currently regulates 102 non-credit bearing, non-degree granting postsecondary proprietary schools. Because this rule provides the specific OCTS fee amounts DWD is currently charging, there is no impact. This rule is being promulgated to comply with HEA 1623.

**IV. Changes in Proposed Rule**

Indiana Admin. Code Provision	Proposed Changes
<a href="#">646 IAC 5-15-1</a>	Adds the current OCTS fee amounts currently charged by DWD.

**V. Benefit Analysis**

- a. Estimate of Primary and Direct Benefits of the Rule** – The primary and direct benefit of this rule is compliance with HEA 1623.
- b. Estimate of Secondary or Indirect Benefits of the Rule** – The secondary or indirect benefit of this rule is increased transparency regarding fees charged by DWD.
- c. Estimate of Any Cost Savings to Regulated Industries** – This rule will not provide cost savings.

**VI. Cost Analysis**

- a. Estimate of Compliance Costs for Regulated Entities** – Because the proposed OCTS fee amounts are what are currently charged by DWD, there is no change to the direct cost or indirect cost associated with this rule.
- b. Estimate of Administrative Expenses Imposed by the Rules** – This rule does not make changes to the current operations of DWD. No additional legal, consulting, reporting, accounting, or other administrative expenses are imposed by this rule.
- c. The fees, fines, and civil penalties analysis required by [IC 4-22-2-19.6](#)** – This rule is being promulgated pursuant to [IC 4-22-2-19.6](#)(e) and does not add or increase a fee, fine, or civil penalty.
- d. If the implementation costs of the proposed rule are expected to exceed the threshold set in [IC 4-22-2-22.7\(c\)\(6\)](#)** – This rule will not exceed the threshold set in [IC 4-22-2-22.7\(c\)\(6\)](#).

**VII. Sources of Information**

- a. Independent Verifications or Studies** – No studies were relied upon for a cost-benefit analysis.
- b. Sources Relied Upon in Determining and Calculating Costs and Benefits** – No sources were relied upon for a cost-benefit analysis.

**VIII. Regulatory Analysis**

There are no new requirements proposed in this rule; rather, this rule provides the current OCTS fees and ensures compliance with HEA 1623. This proposed rule is necessary for compliance with [IC 4-22-2-19.6](#), so the benefits outweigh the costs.

**IX. Contact Information of Staff to Answer Substantive Questions**

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