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HOUSE BILL No. 1079

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Citations Affected: IC 20-26.

Synopsis: Student transfers. Provides that a school corporation that has adopted a policy not to accept student transfers after June 30, 2013, is not prohibited from enrolling a member of a household in which any other member of the household was a transfer student who attended a school within the school corporation during the 2012-2013 school year. Provides that in the event a school corporation enrolls a transfer student or a member of the same household of a transfer student that attended a school corporation during the 2012-2013 school year, the school corporation shall also allow a student or member of the same household of a student who attended an accredited nonpublic school within the attendance area of the school corporation during the 2012-2013 school year to enroll in a school within the school corporation.

Effective: July 1, 2013 (retroactive).

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January 9, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 14, 2014, reported — Do Pass.

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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 20-26-11-32, AS ADDED BY P.L.282-2013,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2013 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 32. (a) This section does not
4 apply to a school corporation if the governing body has adopted a
5 policy of not accepting the transfer of any student who does not have
6 legal settlement within the school corporation.
7 (b) The governing body of a school corporation shall annually
8 establish:
9 (1) the number of transfer students the school corporation has the
10 capacity to accept in each grade level; and
11 (2) the date by which requests to transfer into the school
12 corporation must be received by the governing body.
13 (c) After establishing the date under subsection (b)(2), the
14 governing body shall:
15 (1) publish the date on the school corporation's Internet web site;
16 and

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- 1 (2) report the date to the department.
- 2 (d) The department shall publish the dates received from school
3 corporations under subsection (c)(2) on the department's Internet web
4 site.
- 5 (e) A student to whom this section applies may not request to
6 transfer under this section primarily for athletic reasons to a school
7 corporation in which the student does not have legal settlement.
- 8 (f) If the number of requests to transfer into a school corporation
9 received by the date established for the school corporation under
10 subsection (b)(2) exceeds the capacity established for the school
11 corporation under subsection (b)(1), each timely request must be given
12 an equal chance to be accepted, with the exception that a student
13 described in subsection (h) shall be given priority. The governing body
14 must determine which students will be admitted as transfer students to
15 each school building and each grade level within the school corporation
16 by a random drawing in a public meeting.
- 17 (g) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k), the governing
18 body of a school corporation may not deny a request for a student to
19 transfer into the school corporation based upon the student's academic
20 record, scores on ISTEP tests, disciplinary record, or disability, or upon
21 any other factor not related to the school corporation's capacity.
- 22 (h) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k), the governing
23 body of a school corporation may not deny a request for a student to
24 transfer into the school corporation if the student requesting to transfer:
25 (1) is a member of a household in which any other member of the
26 household is a student in the transferee school; or
27 (2) has a parent who is an employee of the school corporation.
- 28 (i) A governing body of a school corporation may limit the number
29 of new transfers to a school building or grade level in the school
30 corporation:
31 (1) to ensure that a student who attends a school within the school
32 corporation as a transfer student during a school year may
33 continue to attend the school in subsequent school years; and
34 (2) to allow a student described in subsection (h) to attend a
35 school within the school corporation.
- 36 (j) Notwithstanding subsections (g) and (h), a governing body of a
37 school corporation may deny a request for a student to transfer to the
38 school corporation, or establish terms or conditions for enrollment that
39 prevent a student from enrolling in a school, if the student has been
40 suspended (as defined in IC 20-33-8-7) or expelled (as defined in
41 IC 20-33-8-3) during the twelve (12) months preceding the student's
42 request to transfer under this section:



- 1 (1) for ten (10) or more school days;
 2 (2) for a violation under IC 20-33-8-16;
 3 (3) for causing physical injury to a student, a school employee, or
 4 a visitor to the school; or
 5 (4) for a violation of a school corporation's drug or alcohol rules.

6 For purposes of subdivision (1), student discipline received under
 7 IC 20-33-8-25(b)(7) for a violation described in subdivisions (2)
 8 through (4) shall be included in the calculation of the number of school
 9 days that a student has been suspended.

10 (k) The governing body of a school corporation with a school
 11 building that offers a special curriculum may require a student who
 12 transfers to the school building to meet the same eligibility criteria
 13 required of all students who attend the school building that offers the
 14 special curriculum.

15 (l) The parent of a student for whom a request to transfer is made is
 16 responsible for providing the school corporation to which the request
 17 is made with records or information necessary for the school
 18 corporation to determine whether the request to transfer may be denied
 19 under subsection (j).

20 (m) A school corporation that has adopted a policy to not accept
 21 student transfers after June 30, 2013, is not prohibited from enrolling
 22 a:

- 23 (1) transfer student who attended a school within the school
 24 corporation during the 2012-2013 school year; **or**
 25 (2) **member of a household in which any other member of the**
 26 **household was a transfer student who attended a school**
 27 **within the school corporation during the 2012-2013 school**
 28 **year.**

29 **However, if a school corporation enrolls a student described in**
 30 **subdivision (1) or (2), the school corporation shall also allow a**
 31 **student or member of the same household of a student who**
 32 **attended an accredited nonpublic school within the attendance area**
 33 **of the school corporation during the 2012-2013 school year to**
 34 **enroll in a school within the school corporation.**

35 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1079, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1079 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

Representative Behning

