

HOUSE BILL No. 1203

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26; IC 20-26.5-2-3; IC 20-33-5; IC 20-40; IC 20-41; IC 20-42-3-10.

Synopsis: Elimination of textbook fees. Requires each public school to provide curricular materials at no cost to each student enrolled in the public school. Establishes the student resource fund (fund) to provide state advancements for costs incurred by public schools in providing curricular materials to students at no cost. Provides that the department of education (department) shall administer the fund. Provides that for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2023, money in the fund is continually appropriated. Provides that a governing body or organizer of a charter school: (1) may purchase from a publisher any curricular materials selected by proper officials; (2) may rent curricular materials to certain nonpublic schools; and (3) may not rent the curricular materials to any student enrolled in any public school. Repeals a requirement that a school corporation must offer curricular materials at a reasonable rate to a family that moves during the school term. Repeals a requirement that a township trustee must use specified accounting methods for a curricular materials rental fund. Makes conforming changes. Requests an appropriation in the state budget to the fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Appropriates from the state general fund to the office of the secretary of family and social services an amount sufficient to meet maintenance of effort requirements in the state budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.270-2019,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) In carrying out the school purposes of a
4 school corporation, the governing body acting on the school
5 corporation's behalf has the following specific powers:
6 (1) In the name of the school corporation, to sue and be sued and
7 to enter into contracts in matters permitted by applicable law.
8 However, a governing body may not use funds received from the
9 state to bring or join in an action against the state, unless the
10 governing body is challenging an adverse decision by a state
11 agency, board, or commission.
12 (2) To take charge of, manage, and conduct the educational affairs
13 of the school corporation and to establish, locate, and provide the
14 necessary schools, school libraries, other libraries where
15 permitted by law, other buildings, facilities, property, and
16 equipment.
17 (3) To appropriate from the school corporation's general fund



1 (before January 1, 2019) or the school corporation's operations
 2 fund (after December 31, 2018) an amount, not to exceed the
 3 greater of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per budget year or one
 4 dollar (\$1) per pupil, not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred
 5 dollars (\$12,500), based on the school corporation's ADM of the
 6 previous year (as defined in IC 20-43-1-7) to promote the best
 7 interests of the school corporation through:

8 (A) the purchase of meals, decorations, memorabilia, or
 9 awards;

10 (B) provision for expenses incurred in interviewing job
 11 applicants; or

12 (C) developing relations with other governmental units.

13 (4) To do the following:

14 (A) Acquire, construct, erect, maintain, hold, and contract for
 15 construction, erection, or maintenance of real estate, real estate
 16 improvements, or an interest in real estate or real estate
 17 improvements, as the governing body considers necessary for
 18 school purposes, including buildings, parts of buildings,
 19 additions to buildings, rooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums,
 20 playgrounds, playing and athletic fields, facilities for physical
 21 training, buildings for administrative, office, warehouse, repair
 22 activities, or housing school owned buses, landscaping, walks,
 23 drives, parking areas, roadways, easements and facilities for
 24 power, sewer, water, roadway, access, storm and surface
 25 water, drinking water, gas, electricity, other utilities and
 26 similar purposes, by purchase, either outright for cash (or
 27 under conditional sales or purchase money contracts providing
 28 for a retention of a security interest by the seller until payment
 29 is made or by notes where the contract, security retention, or
 30 note is permitted by applicable law), by exchange, by gift, by
 31 devise, by eminent domain, by lease with or without option to
 32 purchase, or by lease under IC 20-47-2, IC 20-47-3, or
 33 IC 20-47-5.

34 (B) Repair, remodel, remove, or demolish, or to contract for
 35 the repair, remodeling, removal, or demolition of the real
 36 estate, real estate improvements, or interest in the real estate
 37 or real estate improvements, as the governing body considers
 38 necessary for school purposes.

39 (C) Provide for conservation measures through utility
 40 efficiency programs or under a guaranteed savings contract as
 41 described in IC 36-1-12.5.

42 (5) To acquire personal property or an interest in personal



1 property as the governing body considers necessary for school
2 purposes, including buses, motor vehicles, equipment, apparatus,
3 appliances, books, furniture, and supplies, either by cash purchase
4 or under conditional sales or purchase money contracts providing
5 for a security interest by the seller until payment is made or by
6 notes where the contract, security, retention, or note is permitted
7 by applicable law, by gift, by devise, by loan, or by lease with or
8 without option to purchase and to repair, remodel, remove,
9 relocate, and demolish the personal property. All purchases and
10 contracts specified under the powers authorized under subdivision
11 (4) and this subdivision are subject solely to applicable law
12 relating to purchases and contracting by municipal corporations
13 in general and to the supervisory control of state agencies as
14 provided in section 6 of this chapter.

15 (6) To sell or exchange real or personal property or interest in real
16 or personal property that, in the opinion of the governing body, is
17 not necessary for school purposes, in accordance with IC 20-26-7
18 and IC 20-26-7.1, to demolish or otherwise dispose of the
19 property if, in the opinion of the governing body, the property is
20 not necessary for school purposes and is worthless, and to pay the
21 expenses for the demolition or disposition.

22 (7) To lease any school property for a rental that the governing
23 body considers reasonable or to permit the free use of school
24 property for:

25 (A) civic or public purposes; or

26 (B) the operation of a school age child care program for
27 children who are at least five (5) years of age and less than
28 fifteen (15) years of age that operates before or after the school
29 day, or both, and during periods when school is not in session;

30 if the property is not needed for school purposes. Under this
31 subdivision, the governing body may enter into a long term lease
32 with a nonprofit corporation, community service organization, or
33 other governmental entity, if the corporation, organization, or
34 other governmental entity will use the property to be leased for
35 civic or public purposes or for a school age child care program.
36 However, if payment for the property subject to a long term lease
37 is made from money in the school corporation's debt service fund,
38 all proceeds from the long term lease must be deposited in the
39 school corporation's debt service fund so long as payment for the
40 property has not been made. The governing body may, at the
41 governing body's option, use the procedure specified in
42 IC 36-1-11-10 in leasing property under this subdivision.



1 (8) To do the following:

2 (A) Employ, contract for, and discharge superintendents,
 3 supervisors, principals, teachers, librarians, athletic coaches
 4 (whether or not they are otherwise employed by the school
 5 corporation and whether or not they are licensed under
 6 IC 20-28-5), business managers, superintendents of buildings
 7 and grounds, janitors, engineers, architects, physicians,
 8 dentists, nurses, accountants, teacher aides performing
 9 noninstructional duties, educational and other professional
 10 consultants, data processing and computer service for school
 11 purposes, including the making of schedules, the keeping and
 12 analyzing of grades and other student data, the keeping and
 13 preparing of warrants, payroll, and similar data where
 14 approved by the state board of accounts as provided below,
 15 and other personnel or services as the governing body
 16 considers necessary for school purposes.

17 (B) Fix and pay the salaries and compensation of persons and
 18 services described in this subdivision that are consistent with
 19 IC 20-28-9-1.5.

20 (C) Classify persons or services described in this subdivision
 21 and to adopt a compensation plan with a salary range that is
 22 consistent with IC 20-28-9-1.5.

23 (D) Determine the number of the persons or the amount of the
 24 services employed or contracted for as provided in this
 25 subdivision.

26 (E) Determine the nature and extent of the duties of the
 27 persons described in this subdivision.

28 The compensation, terms of employment, and discharge of
 29 teachers are, however, subject to and governed by the laws
 30 relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and discharge
 31 of teachers. The compensation, terms of employment, and
 32 discharge of bus drivers are subject to and governed by laws
 33 relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and discharge
 34 of bus drivers.

35 (9) Notwithstanding the appropriation limitation in subdivision
 36 (3), when the governing body by resolution considers a trip by an
 37 employee of the school corporation or by a member of the
 38 governing body to be in the interest of the school corporation,
 39 including attending meetings, conferences, or examining
 40 equipment, buildings, and installation in other areas, to permit the
 41 employee to be absent in connection with the trip without any loss
 42 in pay and to reimburse the employee or the member the



- 1 employee's or member's reasonable lodging and meal expenses
 2 and necessary transportation expenses. To pay teaching personnel
 3 for time spent in sponsoring and working with school related trips
 4 or activities.
- 5 (10) Subject to IC 20-27-13, to transport children to and from
 6 school, when in the opinion of the governing body the
 7 transportation is necessary, including considerations for the safety
 8 of the children. The transportation must be otherwise in
 9 accordance with applicable law.
- 10 (11) To provide a lunch program for a part or all of the students
 11 attending the schools of the school corporation, including the
 12 establishment of kitchens, kitchen facilities, kitchen equipment,
 13 lunch rooms, the hiring of the necessary personnel to operate the
 14 lunch program, and the purchase of material and supplies for the
 15 lunch program, charging students for the operational costs of the
 16 lunch program, fixing the price per meal or per food item. To
 17 operate the lunch program as an extracurricular activity, subject
 18 to the supervision of the governing body. To participate in a
 19 surplus commodity or lunch aid program.
- 20 (12) To purchase curricular materials **and** to furnish curricular
 21 materials without cost. ~~or to rent curricular materials to students,~~
 22 ~~and to participate in a curricular materials aid program, all in~~
 23 ~~accordance with applicable law.~~
- 24 (13) To accept students transferred from other school corporations
 25 and to transfer students to other school corporations in accordance
 26 with applicable law.
- 27 (14) To make budgets, to appropriate funds, and to disburse the
 28 money of the school corporation in accordance with applicable
 29 law. To borrow money against current tax collections and
 30 otherwise to borrow money, in accordance with IC 20-48-1.
- 31 (15) To purchase insurance or to establish and maintain a
 32 program of self-insurance relating to the liability of the school
 33 corporation or the school corporation's employees in connection
 34 with motor vehicles or property and for additional coverage to the
 35 extent permitted and in accordance with IC 34-13-3-20. To
 36 purchase additional insurance or to establish and maintain a
 37 program of self-insurance protecting the school corporation and
 38 members of the governing body, employees, contractors, or agents
 39 of the school corporation from liability, risk, accident, or loss
 40 related to school property, school contract, school or school
 41 related activity, including the purchase of insurance or the
 42 establishment and maintenance of a self-insurance program



1 protecting persons described in this subdivision against false
2 imprisonment, false arrest, libel, or slander for acts committed in
3 the course of the persons' employment, protecting the school
4 corporation for fire and extended coverage and other casualty
5 risks to the extent of replacement cost, loss of use, and other
6 insurable risks relating to property owned, leased, or held by the
7 school corporation. In accordance with IC 20-26-17, to:

8 (A) participate in a state employee health plan under
9 IC 5-10-8-6.7;

10 (B) purchase insurance; or

11 (C) establish and maintain a program of self-insurance;
12 to benefit school corporation employees, including accident,
13 sickness, health, or dental coverage, provided that a plan of
14 self-insurance must include an aggregate stop-loss provision.

15 (16) To make all applications, to enter into all contracts, and to
16 sign all documents necessary for the receipt of aid, money, or
17 property from the state, the federal government, or from any other
18 source.

19 (17) To defend a member of the governing body or any employee
20 of the school corporation in any suit arising out of the
21 performance of the member's or employee's duties for or
22 employment with, the school corporation, if the governing body
23 by resolution determined that the action was taken in good faith.
24 To save any member or employee harmless from any liability,
25 cost, or damage in connection with the performance, including the
26 payment of legal fees, except where the liability, cost, or damage
27 is predicated on or arises out of the bad faith of the member or
28 employee, or is a claim or judgment based on the member's or
29 employee's malfeasance in office or employment.

30 (18) To prepare, make, enforce, amend, or repeal rules,
31 regulations, and procedures:

32 (A) for the government and management of the schools,
33 property, facilities, and activities of the school corporation, the
34 school corporation's agents, employees, and pupils and for the
35 operation of the governing body; and

36 (B) that may be designated by an appropriate title such as
37 "policy handbook", "bylaws", or "rules and regulations".

38 (19) To ratify and approve any action taken by a member of the
39 governing body, an officer of the governing body, or an employee
40 of the school corporation after the action is taken, if the action
41 could have been approved in advance, and in connection with the
42 action to pay the expense or compensation permitted under



- 1 IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, **IC 20-26-12-1**,
 2 IC 20-40-12, and IC 20-48-1 or any other law.
- 3 (20) To exercise any other power and make any expenditure in
 4 carrying out the governing body's general powers and purposes
 5 provided in this chapter or in carrying out the powers delineated
 6 in this section which is reasonable from a business or educational
 7 standpoint in carrying out school purposes of the school
 8 corporation, including the acquisition of property or the
 9 employment or contracting for services, even though the power or
 10 expenditure is not specifically set out in this chapter. The specific
 11 powers set out in this section do not limit the general grant of
 12 powers provided in this chapter except where a limitation is set
 13 out in IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-40-12,
 14 IC 20-40-18 (after December 31, 2018), and IC 20-48-1 by
 15 specific language or by reference to other law.
- 16 (b) A superintendent hired under subsection (a)(8):
 17 (1) is not required to hold a teacher's license under IC 20-28-5;
 18 and
 19 (2) is required to have obtained at least a master's degree from an
 20 accredited postsecondary educational institution.
- 21 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-5-38, AS ADDED BY P.L.94-2019,
 22 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 38. (a) As used in this section, "juvenile detention
 24 facility" refers to the following:
 25 (1) A juvenile detention facility under IC 31-31-8.
 26 (2) A juvenile detention center under IC 31-31-9.
 27 (3) A shelter care facility that is licensed to care for more than ten
 28 (10) children.
- 29 (b) As used in this section, "school materials" includes curricular
 30 materials and syllabi for a particular grade level or course. The term
 31 does not include hardware that will be consumed, accessed, or used by
 32 a single student during a semester or school year.
- 33 (c) If a child is or will be detained in a juvenile detention facility for
 34 more than seven (7) calendar days, the school corporation shall, upon
 35 request by the juvenile detention facility or the child's parent, provide
 36 to the juvenile detention facility the school materials for the grade level
 37 or courses in which the child is enrolled or would be enrolled if the
 38 child were not detained. The school corporation may provide the school
 39 materials in an electronic format.
- 40 (d) The school corporation shall, upon request by the juvenile
 41 detention facility or the child's parent, deliver to the juvenile detention
 42 facility the school materials described in subsection (c) at least once



1 every seven (7) calendar days, excluding any days that are not student
2 instructional days.

3 (e) ~~Except for the assessment of rental fees for curricular materials~~
4 ~~under IC 20-26-12~~, The school corporation is responsible for any costs
5 associated with preparing and delivering school materials under this
6 section.

7 (f) The school corporation is not required to provide school
8 materials that have been requested by a juvenile detention facility or
9 the child's parent under this section if the:

10 (1) child is released from the juvenile detention facility; or

11 (2) juvenile detention facility or the child's parent requests that
12 the school corporation no longer provide the school materials.

13 SECTION 3. IC 20-26-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
14 SECTION 150, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. ~~(a) Except as provided in~~
16 ~~subsection (b) and~~ Notwithstanding any other law, each governing
17 body **of a school corporation and each organizer of a charter school**
18 shall purchase from a publisher, either individually or through a
19 purchasing cooperative of school corporations, **as applicable**, the
20 curricular materials selected by the proper local officials, and shall **rent**
21 **provide at no cost** the curricular materials to each student enrolled in
22 a ~~public~~ **the school corporation or charter school. that is:**

23 ~~(1) in compliance with the minimum certification standards of the~~
24 ~~state board; and~~

25 ~~(2) located within the attendance unit served by the governing~~
26 ~~body.~~

27 ~~(b) This section does not prohibit a governing body from suspending~~
28 ~~the operation of this section under a contract entered into under~~
29 ~~IC 20-26-15.~~

30 SECTION 4. IC 20-26-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
31 SECTION 151, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2. (a) A governing body **or an**
33 **organizer of a charter school** may purchase from a publisher any
34 curricular material selected by the proper local officials. The governing
35 body **or the organizer of a charter school** may **not** rent the curricular
36 materials to students enrolled in any public ~~or nonpublic~~ school.

37 **(b) A governing body or an organizer of a charter school may**
38 **rent curricular materials to students enrolled in any nonpublic**
39 **school** that is

40 ~~(1) in compliance with the minimum certification standards of the~~
41 ~~state board. and~~

42 ~~(2) located within the attendance unit served by the governing~~



- 1 body:
 2 The annual rental rate may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the
 3 retail price of the curricular materials:
 4 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the governing body may not
 5 assess a rental fee of more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the retail
 6 price of curricular materials that have been:
 7 (1) extended for usage by students under section 24(e) of this
 8 chapter; and
 9 (2) paid for through rental fees previously collected.
 10 (c) A governing body or an organizer of a charter school may
 11 negotiate the rental rate for the curricular materials rented to any
 12 nonpublic school under subsection (b).
 13 (d) A governing body shall collect and deposit the amounts
 14 received from the rental of curricular materials to a nonpublic
 15 school into the curricular materials account, in accordance with
 16 IC 20-40-22-7, in equal amounts for each public school of the
 17 school corporation.
 18 (e) An organizer of a charter school shall deposit all money
 19 received from the rental of curricular materials to a nonpublic
 20 school into the charter school's curricular materials account
 21 described in IC 20-40-22-7.
 22 (e) (f) This section does not limit other laws.
 23 SECTION 5. IC 20-26-12-26 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2023]. Sec. 26. If a family moves during the school term from one
 25 (1) school corporation to another within the state, the corporation from
 26 which they move shall:
 27 (1) evaluate the affected children's curricular materials; and
 28 (2) offer to purchase the curricular materials at a reasonable price
 29 for resale to any family that moves into that corporation during a
 30 school term.
 31 SECTION 6. IC 20-26-15-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,
 32 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, the operation
 34 of the following is suspended for a freeway school corporation or a
 35 freeway school if the governing body of the school corporation elects
 36 to have the specific statute or rule suspended in the contract:
 37 (1) The following statutes and rules concerning curriculum and
 38 instructional time:
 39 IC 20-30-2-7
 40 IC 20-30-5-8
 41 IC 20-30-5-9
 42 IC 20-30-5-11



- 1 511 IAC 6-7-6
- 2 511 IAC 6.1-5-0.5
- 3 511 IAC 6.1-5-1
- 4 511 IAC 6.1-5-2.5
- 5 511 IAC 6.1-5-3.5
- 6 511 IAC 6.1-5-4.
- 7 (2) The following rule concerning pupil/teacher ratios:
- 8 511 IAC 6.1-4-1.
- 9 (3) The following statutes and rules concerning curricular
- 10 materials:
- 11 IC 20-26-12-24
- 12 ~~IC 20-26-12-26~~
- 13 IC 20-26-12-1, **except for the provision of curricular**
- 14 **materials at no cost to a student enrolled in a public school.**
- 15 IC 20-26-12-2, **except for the prohibition of renting**
- 16 **curricular materials to students enrolled in a public school.**
- 17 511 IAC 6.1-5-5.
- 18 (4) 511 IAC 6-7, concerning graduation requirements.
- 19 (5) IC 20-31-4.1, concerning the performance based accreditation
- 20 system.
- 21 (6) IC 20-32-5 (before its expiration on July 1, 2018), concerning
- 22 the ISTEP program established under IC 20-32-5-15, if an
- 23 alternative locally adopted assessment program is adopted under
- 24 section 6(4) of this chapter.
- 25 SECTION 7. IC 20-26.5-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.126-2022,
- 26 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 27 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the
- 28 following may be suspended for a coalition member in accordance with
- 29 the coalition's plan:
- 30 (1) Subject to section 1(c) of this chapter, IC 20-30, concerning
- 31 curriculum.
- 32 (2) The following statutes and rules concerning curricular
- 33 materials:
- 34 IC 20-26-12-1, **except for the provision of curricular**
- 35 **materials at no cost to a student enrolled in a public school.**
- 36 IC 20-26-12-2, **except for the prohibition of renting**
- 37 **curricular materials to students enrolled in a public school.**
- 38 IC 20-26-12-24.
- 39 ~~IC 20-26-12-26.~~
- 40 511 IAC 6.1-5-5.
- 41 (3) The following rules concerning teacher licenses:
- 42 511 IAC 16.



- 1 511 IAC 17.
 2 (4) Subject to subsection (c), IC 20-31-3 (concerning the adoption
 3 of academic standards).
 4 (5) IC 20-31-4.1, concerning the performance based accreditation
 5 system.
 6 (6) Except as provided in subsection (b), any other statute in
 7 IC 20 or rule in 511 IAC requested to be suspended as part of the
 8 plan that is approved by the state board under section 1 of this
 9 chapter.
 10 (b) A coalition member may not suspend under subsection (a)(6)
 11 any of the following:
 12 (1) IC 20-26-5-10 (criminal history and child protection index
 13 check).
 14 (2) IC 20-28 (school teachers).
 15 (3) IC 20-29 (collective bargaining).
 16 (4) IC 20-31 (accountability for performance and improvement),
 17 except for IC 20-31-3 and IC 20-31-4.1.
 18 (5) Subject to subsection (c), IC 20-32-4 (graduation
 19 requirements).
 20 (6) IC 20-32-5.1 (Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment
 21 Readiness Network (ILEARN) program).
 22 (7) IC 20-33 (students).
 23 (8) IC 20-34 (student health and safety measures).
 24 (9) IC 20-35 (special education).
 25 (10) IC 20-35.5 (dyslexia screening and intervention).
 26 (11) IC 20-36 (high ability students).
 27 (12) IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).
 28 (13) IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
 29 (14) IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
 30 (15) IC 20-42 (fiduciary funds and accounts).
 31 (16) IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction
 32 and learning).
 33 (17) IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
 34 (18) IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
 35 (19) IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
 36 (20) IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease
 37 agreements).
 38 (21) IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
 39 (22) IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
 40 advances and loans).
 41 (23) IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
 42 (c) A coalition member must comply with the postsecondary



1 readiness competency requirements under IC 20-32-4-1.5(b)(1).
 2 However, notwithstanding any other law, a coalition member may
 3 replace high school courses on the high school transcript with courses
 4 on the same subject matter with equal or greater rigor to the required
 5 high school course and may count such a course as satisfying the
 6 equivalent diploma requirements established by IC 20 and any
 7 applicable state board administrative rules or requirements. If the
 8 coalition member school offers courses that are not aligned with
 9 requirements adopted by the state board under IC 20-30-10, a parent of
 10 a student and the student who intends to enroll in a course that is not
 11 aligned with requirements adopted by the state board under
 12 IC 20-30-10 must provide consent to the coalition member school to
 13 enroll in the course. The consent form used by the coalition, which
 14 shall be developed in collaboration with the commission for higher
 15 education, must notify the parent and the student that enrollment in the
 16 course may affect the student's ability to attend a particular
 17 postsecondary educational institution or enroll in a particular course at
 18 a particular postsecondary educational institution because the course
 19 does not align with requirements established by the state board under
 20 IC 20-30-10.

21 SECTION 8. IC 20-33-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 22 SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) If a parent of a child or an
 24 emancipated minor who is enrolled in a public school, in kindergarten
 25 or grades 1 through 12, meets the financial eligibility standard under
 26 section 2 of this chapter, the parent or the emancipated minor may not
 27 be required to pay the fees for ~~curricular materials~~, supplies or other
 28 required class fees. The fees shall be paid by the school corporation
 29 that the child attends.

30 (b) The school corporation may apply for a reimbursement under
 31 section 7 of this chapter from the department of the costs incurred
 32 under subsection (a).

33 ~~(c) To the extent the reimbursement received by the school~~
 34 ~~corporation is less than the rental fee assessed for curricular materials,~~
 35 ~~the school corporation may request that the parent or emancipated~~
 36 ~~minor pay the balance of this amount.~~

37 SECTION 9. IC 20-33-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
 38 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 39 2023]: Sec. 5. All school corporations must give notice in nontechnical
 40 language and in a manner that can be reasonably expected to reach
 41 parents of students before the collection of any fees for ~~schoolbooks~~
 42 **and supplies or other required class fees that are not curricular**



- 1 **materials.** This notice must inform the parents of the following:
 2 (1) The availability of assistance.
 3 (2) The eligibility standards.
 4 (3) The procedure for obtaining assistance, including the right and
 5 method of appeal.
 6 (4) The availability of application forms at a designated school
 7 office.
- 8 SECTION 10. IC 20-33-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 9 SECTION 113, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) If a determination is made
 11 that the applicant is eligible for assistance, the school corporation shall
 12 pay the cost of the student's required fees.
- 13 ~~(b) A school corporation shall receive a reimbursement from the~~
 14 ~~department for some or all of the costs incurred by a school corporation~~
 15 ~~during a school year in providing curricular materials assistance to~~
 16 ~~students who are eligible under section 2 of this chapter.~~
- 17 ~~(c)~~ (b) To be guaranteed some level of reimbursement from the
 18 department, the governing body of a school corporation shall request
 19 the reimbursement before November 1 of a school year.
- 20 ~~(d)~~ (c) In its request, the governing body shall certify to the
 21 department:
 22 (1) the number of students who are enrolled in that school
 23 corporation and who are eligible for assistance under this chapter;
 24 (2) the costs incurred by the school corporation in providing:
 25 (A) curricular materials (including curricular materials used in
 26 special education and high ability classes) to these students;
 27 (B) workbooks, digital content, and consumable curricular
 28 materials (including workbooks, consumable curricular
 29 materials, and other consumable instructional materials that
 30 are used in special education and high ability classes) that are
 31 used by students for not more than one (1) school year; and
 32 (C) instead of the purchase of curricular materials,
 33 developmentally appropriate material for instruction in
 34 kindergarten through the grade 3 level, laboratories, and
 35 children's literature programs;
 36 ~~(3) that the curricular materials described in subdivision (2)(A)~~
 37 ~~(except curricular materials used in special education classes and~~
 38 ~~high ability classes) have been adopted by the governing body;~~
 39 and
 40 ~~(4) (2)~~ any other information required by the department.
- 41 ~~(e)~~ (d) Each school within a school corporation shall maintain
 42 complete and accurate information concerning the number of students



1 determined to be eligible for assistance under this chapter. This
 2 information shall be provided to the department upon request.

3 ~~(g)~~ (e) Parents receiving other governmental assistance or aid that
 4 considers educational needs in computing the entire amount of
 5 assistance granted may not be denied assistance if the applicant's total
 6 family income does not exceed the standards established by this
 7 chapter.

8 ~~(g)~~ (f) The amount of reimbursement that a school corporation is
 9 entitled to receive shall be determined as provided in section 9.5 of this
 10 chapter.

11 SECTION 11. IC 20-33-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,
 12 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "accredited
 14 nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school that:

- 15 (1) has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-31-4.1; or
- 16 (2) is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency that
 17 is recognized by the state board.

18 (b) If a parent of a child or an emancipated minor who is enrolled in
 19 an accredited nonpublic school meets the financial eligibility standard
 20 under section 2 of this chapter, the parent or the emancipated minor
 21 may receive a reimbursement from the department as provided in this
 22 chapter for the costs or some of the costs incurred by the parent or
 23 emancipated minor ~~in~~ **for curricular materials and** fees that are
 24 reimbursable under section 7 of this chapter.

25 (c) The department shall provide each accredited nonpublic school
 26 with sufficient application forms for assistance, prescribed by the state
 27 board of accounts.

28 (d) Each accredited nonpublic school shall provide the parents or
 29 emancipated minors who wish to apply for assistance with:

- 30 (1) the appropriate application forms; and
- 31 (2) any assistance needed in completing the application form.

32 (e) The parent or emancipated minor shall submit the application to
 33 the accredited nonpublic school. The accredited nonpublic school shall
 34 make a determination of financial eligibility subject to appeal by the
 35 parent or emancipated minor.

36 (f) If a determination is made that the applicant is eligible for
 37 assistance, subsection (b) applies.

38 (g) To be guaranteed some level of reimbursement from the
 39 department, the principal or other designee shall submit the
 40 reimbursement request before November 1 of a school year.

41 (h) In its request, the principal or other designee shall certify to the
 42 department:



- 1 (1) the number of students who are enrolled in the accredited
 2 nonpublic school and who are eligible for assistance under this
 3 chapter;
 4 (2) the costs incurred in providing:
 5 (A) curricular materials (including curricular materials used in
 6 special education and high ability classes); and
 7 (B) workbooks, digital content, and consumable curricular
 8 materials (including workbooks, consumable curricular
 9 materials, and other consumable teaching materials that are
 10 used in special education and high ability classes) that are
 11 used by students for not more than one (1) school year;
 12 (3) that the curricular materials described in subdivision (2)(A)
 13 (except any curricular materials used in special education classes
 14 and high ability classes) have been adopted by the governing
 15 body; and
 16 (4) any other information required by the department.
 17 (i) The amount of reimbursement that a parent or emancipated
 18 minor is entitled to receive shall be determined as provided in section
 19 9.5 of this chapter.
 20 (j) The accredited nonpublic school shall distribute the money
 21 received under this chapter to the appropriate eligible parents or
 22 emancipated minors.
 23 (k) Section ~~7(f)~~ 7(e) of this chapter applies to parents or
 24 emancipated minors as described in this section.
 25 (l) The accredited nonpublic school and the department shall
 26 maintain complete and accurate information concerning the number of
 27 applicants determined to be eligible for assistance under this section.
 28 (m) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
 29 this section.
 30 SECTION 12. IC 20-33-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.251-2017,
 31 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) A school corporation may not:
 33 (1) withhold ~~curricular materials and~~ supplies;
 34 (2) require any special services from a child; or
 35 (3) deny the child any benefit or privilege;
 36 because the parent fails to pay required fees.
 37 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school corporation may take
 38 any action authorized by law to collect unpaid fees from parents who
 39 are determined to be ineligible for assistance, including recovery of
 40 reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in addition to a judgment
 41 award against those parents.
 42 (c) A school corporation may designate a full-time employee of the



1 school corporation to represent the school corporation in a small claims
 2 court action under subsection (b) if the claim does not exceed one
 3 thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). The employee designated
 4 under this subsection is not required to be an attorney.

5 SECTION 13. IC 20-33-5-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
 6 SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 14. (a) The school curricular
 8 materials reimbursement contingency fund is established to reimburse
 9 ~~school corporations~~, eligible parents of children who attend accredited
 10 nonpublic schools and emancipated minors who attend accredited
 11 nonpublic schools as provided in section 9 of this chapter for assistance
 12 provided under this chapter. The fund consists of money appropriated
 13 to the fund by the general assembly. The secretary of education shall
 14 administer the fund.

15 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the school
 16 curricular materials reimbursement contingency fund not currently
 17 needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other
 18 public funds may be invested.

19 SECTION 14. IC 20-40-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2018,
 20 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) Money in the fund may be used for payment
 22 of all ~~unreimbursed~~ costs of curricular materials for the school
 23 corporation's students ~~who were eligible for free or reduced lunches in~~
 24 ~~the previous school year.~~ **that are not advanced or reimbursed from**
 25 **the student resource fund established by IC 20-40-22-3.**

26 (b) Money in the fund may not be used for payment of debt service,
 27 lease payments, or similar obligations for a controlled project that is
 28 approved by the voters in a referendum under IC 6-1.1-20.

29 (c) The governing body may transfer **for each school of the school**
 30 **corporation** the amount levied to cover ~~unreimbursed~~ costs of
 31 curricular materials under this section to the **school's** curricular
 32 materials ~~rental fund~~; **account established in accordance with**
 33 **IC 20-40-22-7**, the extracurricular account, or the education fund.

34 SECTION 15. IC 20-40-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 35 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2023]:

37 **Chapter 22. Student Resource Fund**

38 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the student**
 39 **resource fund established by section 3 of this chapter.**

40 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "public school" means a:**

- 41 (1) school maintained by a school corporation; or
 42 (2) charter school.



1 **Sec. 3. (a) The student resource fund is established. The purpose**
 2 **of the fund is to provide funding for state advancements or**
 3 **reimbursements of costs incurred by public schools to provide**
 4 **curricular materials to students at no cost as required by**
 5 **IC 20-26-12-1. The department shall administer the fund.**

6 **(b) The fund consists of the following:**

7 **(1) Appropriations by the general assembly.**

8 **(2) Donations.**

9 **(3) Federal grants or other federal appropriations.**

10 **(4) Interest and other earnings derived from investment of**
 11 **money in the fund.**

12 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not**
 13 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 14 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
 15 **accrues from these investments must be deposited in the fund.**

16 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
 17 **revert to the state general fund.**

18 **(e) For a state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2023, money**
 19 **in the fund is continually appropriated for the purposes of this**
 20 **chapter.**

21 **(f) Money in the fund may not be used for the costs of**
 22 **administering this chapter.**

23 **Sec. 4. Money in the fund may be used only for the:**

24 **(1) advancement of costs; or**

25 **(2) reimbursement of expenditures;**

26 **incurred by a public school to purchase curricular materials that**
 27 **are provided to each student at no cost as required by**
 28 **IC 20-26-12-1.**

29 **Sec. 5. The department shall annually determine an average cost**
 30 **amount per student for curricular materials for each public school**
 31 **to determine the distribution amount under this chapter. The**
 32 **amount determined by the department under this section must be**
 33 **identical for all public schools.**

34 **Sec. 6. (a) The department shall annually determine the total**
 35 **distribution amount from the fund in a state fiscal year.**

36 **(b) Beginning July 15, 2023, and July 15 of each year thereafter,**
 37 **the department shall distribute to each public school from the**
 38 **student resource fund an amount equal to the average cost amount**
 39 **per student for curricular materials as determined under section**
 40 **5 of this chapter multiplied by the fall count of ADM for the public**
 41 **school.**

42 **(c) If the total distribution amount from the fund is less than the**



1 amount needed to pay the cost of all curricular materials provided
 2 to each student at all public schools, the department shall make
 3 distributions from the fund to each public school based on the cost
 4 of curricular materials per student as determined under section 5
 5 of this chapter on a pro rata basis.

6 **Sec. 7. Each public school shall establish a separate curricular**
 7 **materials account. A public school that receives a distribution of**
 8 **money from the student resource fund under this chapter shall**
 9 **deposit the distributed amount in the public school's curricular**
 10 **materials account established for the purpose of receiving funds**
 11 **for the costs to the public school for curricular materials. Money**
 12 **in the account may be used only for the costs of curricular**
 13 **materials.**

14 SECTION 16. IC 20-41-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2019,
 15 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2. Any self-supporting programs maintained by a
 17 school corporation, including

18 (1) school lunch, and

19 (2) rental or sale of curricular materials;

20 may be established as a separate funds; fund, separate and apart from
 21 any other school corporation fund, if no local tax rate is established for
 22 the programs.

23 SECTION 17. IC 20-41-2-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 24 2023]. Sec. 2: Each township trustee in operating a curricular materials
 25 rental program may use either of the following accounting methods:

26 (1) The township trustee may supervise and control the program
 27 through its school corporation account by establishing a curricular
 28 materials rental fund.

29 (2) If curricular materials have not been purchased and financial
 30 commitments or guarantees for the purchases have not been made
 31 by the school corporation, the township trustee may have the
 32 program operated by the individual schools of the school
 33 corporation through the school corporation's extracurricular
 34 account or accounts under IC 20-41-1.

35 SECTION 18. IC 20-41-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 36 SECTION 121, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) If a school lunch fund is
 38 established under section 1 of this chapter, or a curricular materials
 39 rental fund is established under section 2 of this chapter, the receipts
 40 and expenditures for each the program shall be made to and from the
 41 proper fund without appropriation or the application of other laws
 42 relating to the budgets of local governmental units.



1 (b) If ~~either a school lunch program or both programs~~ under
 2 ~~sections section 1 and 2~~ of this chapter ~~are is~~ operated through the
 3 extracurricular account, the township trustee shall approve the amount
 4 of the bond of the treasurer of the extracurricular account in an amount
 5 the township trustee considers necessary to protect the account for all
 6 funds coming into the hands of the treasurer.

7 SECTION 19. IC 20-41-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2018,
 8 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ A governing body in operating a curricular
 10 materials ~~rental~~ program under IC 20-26-5-4(a)(12) may use either of
 11 the following accounting methods:

12 (1) The governing body may supervise and control the program
 13 through the school corporation's curricular materials ~~rental~~ fund
 14 or education fund.

15 (2) If curricular materials have not been purchased and financial
 16 commitments or guarantees for the purchases have not been made
 17 by the school corporation, the governing body may cause the
 18 program to be operated by the individual schools of the school
 19 corporation through the school corporation's extracurricular
 20 account or accounts in accordance with IC 20-41-1.

21 ~~(b) If the governing body determines that a hardship exists due to~~
 22 ~~the inability of a student's family to purchase or rent curricular~~
 23 ~~materials; taking into consideration the income of the family and the~~
 24 ~~demands on the family; the governing body may furnish curricular~~
 25 ~~materials to the student without charge; without reference to the~~
 26 ~~application of any other statute or rule except IC 20-26-1 through~~
 27 ~~IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-40-12, and IC 20-48-1.~~

28 SECTION 20. IC 20-41-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.244-2017,
 29 SECTION 89, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6. (a) If a school lunch fund is established under
 31 section 4 of this chapter and the school corporation's education fund is
 32 used under section 5 of this chapter, the receipts and expenditures from
 33 a fund for the program to which the fund relates shall be made to and
 34 from the appropriate fund without appropriation or the application of
 35 other statutes and rules relating to the budgets of municipal
 36 corporations.

37 (b) If either the lunch program or the curricular materials ~~rental~~
 38 program is handled through the extracurricular account, the governing
 39 body of the school corporation shall approve the amount of the bond of
 40 the treasurer of the extracurricular account in an amount the governing
 41 body considers sufficient to protect the account for all funds coming
 42 into the hands of the treasurer of the account.



1 SECTION 21. IC 20-42-3-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 2 SECTION 124, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. The trustee, with the advice and
 4 consent of the township board, shall use the account for the following
 5 educational purposes:

6 ~~(1) Each year the trustee shall pay, to the parent or legal guardian~~
 7 ~~of any child whose residence is within the township, the initial~~
 8 ~~cost for the rental of curricular materials used in any elementary~~
 9 ~~or secondary school that has been accredited by the state. The~~
 10 ~~reimbursement for the rental of curricular materials shall be for~~
 11 ~~the initial yearly rental charge only. Curricular materials~~
 12 ~~subsequently lost or destroyed may not be paid for from this~~
 13 ~~account.~~

14 ~~(2)~~ (1) Students who are residents of the township for the last two
 15 (2) years of their secondary education and who still reside within
 16 the township are entitled to receive financial assistance in an
 17 amount not to exceed an amount determined by the trustee and
 18 the township board during an annual review of postsecondary
 19 education fees and tuition costs of education at any accredited
 20 postsecondary educational institution. Amounts to be paid to each
 21 eligible student shall be set annually after this review. The
 22 amount paid each year must be:

23 (A) equitable for every eligible student without regard to race,
 24 religion, creed, sex, disability, or national origin; and

25 (B) based on the number of students and the amount of funds
 26 available each year.

27 ~~(3)~~ (2) A person who has been a permanent resident of the
 28 township continuously for at least two (2) years and who needs
 29 educational assistance for job training or retraining may apply to
 30 the trustee of the township for financial assistance. The trustee
 31 and the township board shall review each application and make
 32 assistance available according to the need of each applicant and
 33 the availability of funds.

34 ~~(4)~~ (3) If all the available funds are not used in any one (1) year,
 35 the unused funds shall be retained in the account by the trustee for
 36 use in succeeding years.

37 SECTION 22. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) **Not later than July**
 38 **15, 2023, each:**

39 (1) **township trustee that operates a school corporation; or**

40 (2) **governing body of a school corporation;**

41 **shall distribute an equal amount of the remaining balance from the**
 42 **school corporation's curricular materials rental fund, established**



1 under IC 20-41-2, into the curricular materials account of each
 2 public school of the school corporation that is established in
 3 accordance with IC 20-40-22-7, as added by this act.

4 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2024.

5 SECTION 23. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) As used in this
 6 SECTION, "student resource fund" refers to the student resource
 7 fund established by IC 20-40-22-3, as added by this act.

8 (b) The state can and should appropriate from the state general
 9 fund an amount sufficient to fully fund advancements and
 10 reimbursements from the student resource fund in the state budget
 11 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

12 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.

13 SECTION 24. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) As used in this
 14 SECTION, "MOE requirement" means the state maintenance of
 15 effort required under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy
 16 Families (TANF) program.

17 (b) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the
 18 secretary of family and social services.

19 (c) The office shall do the following:

20 (1) Prepare a report that includes the following:

21 (A) Information regarding whether there are any funds
 22 available that could meet the MOE requirement that are
 23 not currently being used to meet the MOE requirement.

24 (B) An estimate of the amount of additional funds that are
 25 needed to meet the MOE requirement because of the
 26 elimination of the textbook reimbursement program by
 27 this act.

28 (C) Recommendations regarding the appropriation of
 29 sufficient funds to meet the MOE requirement.

30 (2) Not later than November 1, 2023, submit the report
 31 prepared under subdivision (1) to the following:

32 (A) The budget committee.

33 (B) The general assembly in an electronic format under
 34 IC 5-14-6.

35 (d) There is appropriated annually from the state general fund
 36 to the office an amount sufficient to meet MOE requirements in the
 37 state budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
 38 June 30, 2025.

39 (e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.

