

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1233

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

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

SECTION 1. IC 20-20-45.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.231-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "allowable expenses" means:

- (1) payment of a stipend for a robotics team mentor;
- (2) fees, kits, and supplies required to:
 - (A) establish or maintain a robotics team; or
 - (B) participate in a robotics competition; and
- (3) event registrations, materials, transportation costs, travel costs, and other expenses associated with ~~attendance~~ at a robotics competition.

SECTION 2. IC 20-20-45.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.231-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible school" means a:

- (1) public school, including a charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4); ~~or~~
- (2) state accredited nonpublic school; **or**
- (3) **nonpublic school accredited by a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the state board.**

SECTION 3. IC 20-20-45.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.231-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible team" means a robotics competition team consisting of:

- (1) students in kindergarten through grade 12 who are:
 - (A) enrolled in an eligible school; ~~and~~ or
 - (B) on a community based robotics competition team; and**
- (2) at least one (1) adult who is a team mentor and team coach.

SECTION 4. IC 20-20-45.5-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.231-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 12. (a) The department shall develop guidelines to award grants, after June 30, 2023, to eligible teams for allowable expenses. The guidelines developed by the department must include a maximum grant award allotment for each eligible team based on the:

- (1) level of programming; ~~and~~
- (2) level of competition; **and**
- (3) number of participants;**

of various robotics competitions as determined by the department.

(b) The department shall award grants in a manner that maximizes the number of eligible teams that will be able to receive funds, with an emphasis on increasing the number of high school teams, and that expands the geographical distribution of eligible teams.

(c) The department shall award grants under this chapter for each school year not later than August 1 of the applicable school year.

SECTION 5. IC 20-20-45.5-14.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 14.3. The program and any participation by a team mentor and team coach in the program is not subject to collective bargaining.**



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

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