

HOUSE BILL No. 1380

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Citations Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 20-19; IC 20-24; IC 20-25.7; IC 20-26; IC 20-32; IC 20-35; IC 20-46; IC 20-51; IC 20-51.4; IC 20-52.

Synopsis: Various education matters. Requires the secretary of education to prepare and submit to the general assembly the following: (1) A plan to establish a pilot program concerning the use, operation, and management of school facilities to promote student learning and outcomes. (2) A plan to establish a pilot program concerning student transportation. Makes various changes to innovation network school and participating innovation network charter school provisions regarding the following: (1) The terms that must be included in an agreement entered into between: (A) an innovation network team and the governing body of a school corporation; and (B) an organizer and the governing body of a school corporation. (2) Restrictions on altering (Continued next page)

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an agreement. (3) Restrictions on a school corporation charging an innovation network school or participating innovation network charter school for goods and services. (4) Required distribution of state tuition support. (5) Restrictions regarding altering the use of a facility occupied by an innovation network school or participating innovation network charter school. (6) Administrative fees. Makes changes to the student learning recovery grant program concerning the following: (1) The purpose for which the program was established with regard to disruption in education caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic and insufficient alternatives. (2) The limitation of the program to only certain state fiscal years. (3) Allowing the department of education (department) to require matching grant amounts. Provides that a student's Indiana enrichment scholarship account terminates under conditions established by the department (instead of October 1, 2024). Includes charter school corporations in certain provisions concerning the distribution of state tuition support to an organizer. Provides that when a parent agrees to participate in a: (1) mediation or (2) facilitated individualized education program (IEP) meeting through the department; and subsequently initiates a due process hearing, a public agency shall have the burden of proof at the subsequent due process hearing. Provides that a public agency shall have the burden of proof, including the burden of persuasion and production, for all expedited due process hearings, regardless of whether a mediation or facilitated IEP meeting was initiated before filing for the expedited due process hearing. Provides that a public agency shall not require, as part of a resolution of a due process hearing or a dispute relating to the provision of special education services to a particular student, that a parent of a student or an emancipated student enter into a nondisclosure, nondisparagement, or confidentiality agreement or clause. Amends the date by which a student has to be a certain age to be eligible to participate in a school scholarship program and the Indiana education scholarship account program. Removes a condition with regard to requiring certain school corporations to accept transferring students who do not have legal settlement in the school corporation. Removes provisions regarding the payment of transfer tuition. Provides that a transferee corporation may not require a parent or student requesting transfer to the school corporation to pay transfer tuition or any other fee associated with the transfer of the student. Removes a provision that requires use of certain federal funds under the Indiana student enrichment grant program. Repeals the following provisions regarding the student learning recovery grant program: (1) The appropriation in the 2021 fiscal year. (2) The expiration of the program. Repeals provisions regarding the expiration of the Indiana student enrichment grant program. Makes certain changes to the referendum time line.



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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:

SECTION 1. IC 4-21.5-3-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2011
SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 14. (a) An administrative law judge conducting a
proceeding shall keep a record of the administrative law judge's
proceedings under this article.

- (b) If a motion is based on facts not otherwise appearing in the record for the proceeding, the administrative law judge may hear the matter on affidavits presented by the respective parties or the administrative law judge may direct that the matter be heard wholly or partly on oral testimony or depositions.
- (c) Except as provided in IC 20-35-6-5, at each stage of the proceeding, the agency or other person requesting that an agency take action or asserting an affirmative defense specified by law has the burden of persuasion and the burden of going forward with the proof of the request or affirmative defense. Before the hearing on which the



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party intends to assert it, a party shall, to the extent possible, disclose
any affirmative defense specified by law on which the party intends to
rely. If a prehearing conference is held in the proceeding, a party
notified of the conference shall disclose the party's affirmative defense
in the conference

- (d) The proceedings before an administrative law judge are de novo. SECTION 2. IC 20-19-3-32 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 32. Not later than November 1, 2024, the secretary of education shall prepare and submit to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 a plan to establish a pilot program that provides innovative approaches concerning the use, operation, and management of school facilities to promote:
 - (1) enhanced learning environments;
 - (2) unique learning opportunities; and
 - (3) improved student academic and health outcomes.

SECTION 3. IC 20-19-3-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 33. Not later than November 1, 2024, the secretary of education shall prepare and submit to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 a plan to establish a pilot program that encompasses innovative approaches for increasing transportation of students enrolled at a:

- (1) public school, including a charter school; or
- (2) nonpublic school with at least one (1) employee; to travel to and from a school or other learning opportunities in a safe and efficient manner.

SECTION 4. IC 20-24-1-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4.5. "Charter school corporation" means a collection of charter schools operated by the same organizer under a single charter and approved by the state board to receive a school corporation identification number.

SECTION 5. IC 20-24-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2015, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. (a) The organizer is the fiscal agent for the charter school.

- (b) The organizer has exclusive control of:
 - (1) funds received by the charter school; and
 - (2) financial matters of the charter school.
- (c) The organizer shall maintain accounts of all funds received and disbursed by the organizer. The organizer shall maintain separate



accountings of all funds received and disbursed by each charter school it holds.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 20-43, an organizer that operates more than one (1) charter school or charter school corporation may file, before July 1 of each year, a notice with the department that the organizer desires to receive the tuition support distributions, and in the case of an adult high school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-2.3), funding provided in the state biennial budget for adult high schools, for all the charter schools the organizer operates or the charter school corporation as a whole. After the organizer's authorizer or authorizers verify to the department that the organizer operates the charter schools or charter school corporation, the department shall distribute the tuition support, and in the case of an adult high school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-2.3), funding provided in the state biennial budget for adult high schools, for the verified charter schools to the organizer or the charter school corporation. The organizer or charter school corporation may distribute the tuition support distribution it receives to each charter school it operates in the amounts determined by the organizer. However, an organizer that receives money from the state under this subsection may not use any of the money received for expenses incurred outside Indiana that are not directly related to the charter school the organizer operates in Indiana.

(e) Organizers or charter school corporations receiving tuition support under this section may submit a consolidated audit in accordance with guidelines established by the state examiner and submit any required financial reporting to the department in a manner prescribed by the state examiner. A consolidated audit must include a breakdown of the activities, financial position, and functional expenses of the school. The state examiner shall establish guidelines and prescribe reporting requirements for organizers under this section that are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the needs of the department.

SECTION 6. IC 20-25.7-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2023, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall enter into an agreement with an innovation network team to establish an innovation network school or to reconstitute an eligible school as an innovation network school under section 3 or 4 of this chapter. An innovation network team may consist of or include teachers, a principal, a superintendent, or any combination of these individuals who were employed at the eligible school before the agreement is entered.

(b) The terms of the agreement must specify the following:



1	(1) A statement that the innovation network school is considered to be part of the school correction and not considered a concrete
2 3	to be part of the school corporation and not considered a separate local educational agency.
4	(2) A statement that the innovation network team authorizes the
5	department to include the innovation network school's
6	performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 when
7	calculating the school corporation's performance assessment
8	under rules adopted by the state board.
9	(3) The amount of state and federal funding including tuition
10	support, and money levied as property taxes that will be
11	distributed by the school corporation to the innovation network
12	school.
13	(4) The performance goals and accountability metrics agreed
14	upon for the innovation network school.
15	(5) Grounds for termination of the agreement, including the right
16	of termination if the innovation network team fails to:
17	(A) comply with the conditions or procedures established in
18	the agreement;
19	(B) meet generally accepted fiscal management and
20	government accounting principles;
21	(C) comply with applicable laws; or
22	(D) meet the educational goals set forth in the agreement
23 24	between the board and the innovation network team.
	(6) For an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30, 2023,
25	the process the board is required to follow in determining whether
26	to renew the agreement.
27	(6) For an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30,
28	2024, and subject to section 9 of this chapter, the innovation
29	network school's enrollment and discipline policies, including
30	defined attendance areas and enrollment zones.
31 32	(7) Subject to an administrative fee as described in subsection
33	(f), for an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30, 2024, a statement that the school corporation will distribute
34	one hundred percent (100%) of state tuition support dollars
35	that the school corporation receives from student enrollment
36	in the innovation network school in accordance with the
37	school funding formula to the innovation network school.
38	(c) If an agreement is entered into under subsection (a), the board
39	shall notify the department that an agreement has been entered into
40	under this section within thirty (30) days after the agreement is entered

(d) Upon receipt of the notification under subsection (c), for school



years starting after the date of the agreement:

- (1) the department shall include the innovation network school's performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's performance assessment under rules adopted by the state board;
- (2) the department shall treat the innovation network school in the same manner as a school operated by the school corporation when calculating the total amount of state and federal funding to be distributed to the school corporation; and
- (3) if requested by an innovation network school established under IC 20-25.5-4-2(a)(2) (before its repeal) or IC 20-25.7-4-4(a)(2), the department may use student growth as the state board's exclusive means to determine the innovation network school's category or designation of school improvement under 511 IAC 6.2-10-10 for a period of three (3) years. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the department may not use student growth as the state board's exclusive means to determine an innovation network school's category or designation of school improvement. This subdivision expires July 1, 2023.

A school corporation and an innovation network school are not entitled to any state funding in addition to the amount the school corporation and school would otherwise be eligible to receive if the innovation network school were a public school maintained by the school corporation.

- (e) If a board or innovation network team fails to follow the renewal process described in subsection (b)(6), (b)(7), the board or innovation network team may appeal to the state board. The state board shall hear the appeal in a public meeting and ensure that the board or innovation network team follows the renewal process specified in the agreement. The board may not terminate an agreement until the board has provided evidence to the state board that the board has complied with the renewal process specified in the agreement. The state board shall issue a decision on an appeal under this subsection not later than sixty (60) days after the date the board or innovation network team submitted the appeal to the state board.
- (f) If an administrative fee is included in an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30, 2023, under this section, the fee may not exceed one percent (1%) of the total amount of state tuition support that is distributed to the school corporation based on the student enrollment of the innovation network school.
- (g) An agreement entered into between the board and an innovation network team under this section may not be altered



1	without approval from the innovation network team.
2	SECTION 7. IC 20-25.7-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2023,
3	SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) For as long as an innovation network team
5	operates an innovation network school:
6	(1) the innovation network team may use the school building, the
7	accompanying real property, and the building's contents,
8	equipment, and supplies, as provided in the agreement established
9	under section 5 of this chapter;
10	(2) the school corporation may:
11	(A) provide transportation for students attending the
12	innovation network school; and
13	(B) maintain and repair the buildings and grounds consistent
14	with the maintenance and repair to the school corporation's
15	other buildings and grounds; and
16	(3) the innovation network team and the school corporation may
17	enter into an agreement to transfer the ownership of a school
18	corporation facility to the innovation network team; and
19	(4) the school corporation may not alter the use of the facility
20	occupied by the innovation network school without agreement
21	from the innovation network team.
22	(b) If an innovation network team contracts with a school
23	corporation for goods or services, the school corporation may not
24	charge the innovation network team more for the goods or services than
25	the school corporation pays for the goods or services. A school
26	corporation may not require an innovation network team to contract for
27	specific goods or services provided by the school corporation or any
28	other entity.
29	(c) A school corporation and an innovation network team may
30	negotiate to require specific services with regard to an innovation
31	network school during the term of an agreement. However, subject to
32	subsection (d), an innovation network team must be able to select the
33	service provider for the services.
34	(d) A school corporation may require an innovation network school
35	to:
36	(1) use the school corporation's student information system; and
37	(2) comply with the school corporation's networking,
38	cybersecurity, and device standards.
39	However, nothing in this subsection may be construed to allow a school

corporation to alter an innovation network team's autonomy to

determine the academic programming of the innovation network team's



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- (e) For as long as an innovation network team operates an innovation network school, the school corporation may distribute money levied as property taxes to the innovation network team. Property taxes distributed to an innovation network team must be used only for a purpose for which the property taxes could have been used by the school corporation. Property taxes distributed under this subsection may supplement services and property provided under subsection (a) or (b). The parties may jointly modify an agreement described in section 5 of this chapter to implement this subsection.
- (f) An agreement concerning the transfer of ownership of a school corporation facility to an innovation network team described in subsection (a) is not subject to IC 20-26-7.1.

SECTION 8. IC 20-25.7-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023, SECTION 159, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2023, SECTION 31, AND AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. (a) The board may enter into an agreement with an organizer to reconstitute an eligible school as a participating innovation network charter school or to establish a participating innovation network charter school at a location selected by the board within the boundary of the school corporation. Notwithstanding IC 20-26-7.1, a participating innovation network charter school may be established within a vacant school building.

- (b) The terms of the agreement entered into between the board and an organizer must specify the following:
 - (1) A statement that the organizer authorizes the department to include the charter school's performance assessment results under IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's performance assessment under rules adopted by the state board.
 - (2) The amount of state funding, including tuition support Subject to an administrative fee as described in subsection (g), a statement that the school corporation will distribute one hundred percent (100%) of state tuition support dollars that the school corporation receives from student enrollment in the participating innovation network charter school in accordance with the school funding formula to the participating innovation network charter school (if the participating innovation network charter school is treated in the same manner as a school operated by the school corporation under subsection (d)(2)). and money levied as property taxes that will be distributed by the school corporation to the organizer.



1	(3) The performance goals and accountability metrics agreed
2	upon for the charter school in the charter agreement between the
3	organizer and the authorizer and, for an agreement entered into
4	or renewed after June 30, 2024, a statement that the school
5	corporation is prohibited from setting additional performance
6	goals or accountability metrics.
7	(4) For an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30,
8	2023, the process the board is required to follow in determining
9	whether to renew the agreement.
10	(4) The amount of money levied as property taxes that will be
11	distributed by the school corporation to the organizer.
12	(5) For an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30,
13	2024, and subject to section 5 of this chapter, the participating
14	innovation network charter school's enrollment and discipline
15	policies, including defined attendance areas and enrollment
16	zones.
17	(6) For an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30,
18	2024, a statement that the innovation agreement shall not
19	create an obligation that would cause the organizer to be in
20	violation of its charter agreement (as described in
21	IC 20-24-1-3).
22	(c) If an organizer and the board enter into an agreement under
23	subsection (a), the organizer and the board shall notify the department
24	that the agreement has been made under this section within thirty (30)
25	days after the agreement is entered into.
26	(d) Upon receipt of the notification under subsection (c), for school
27	years starting after the date of the agreement:
28	(1) the department shall include the participating innovation
29	network charter school's performance assessment results under
30	IC 20-31-8 when calculating the school corporation's performance
31	assessment under rules adopted by the state board;
32	(2) the department shall treat the participating innovation network
33	charter school in the same manner as a school operated by the
34	school corporation when calculating the total amount of state
35	funding to be distributed to the school corporation unless
36	subsection (e) applies; and
37	(3) if requested by a participating innovation network charter
38	school that reconstitutes an eligible school, the department may
39	use student growth as the state board's exclusive means to
40	determine the innovation network charter school's category or
41 42	designation of school improvement under 511 IAC 6.2-10-10 for
	a period of three (3) years. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school



year, the department may not use student growth as the state
board's exclusive means to determine an innovation network
charter school's category or designation of school improvement.
This subdivision expires July 1, 2023.
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- (e) If a participating innovation network school was established before January 1, 2016, and for the current school year has a complexity index that is greater than the complexity index for the school corporation that the innovation network school has contracted with, the innovation network school shall be treated as a charter school for purposes of determining tuition support. This subsection expires June 30, 2023. 2025.
- (f) If the board or organizer fails to follow the process described in subsection (b)(4), (b)(6), the board or organizer may appeal to the state board. The state board shall hear the appeal in a public meeting and ensure that the board or organizer follows the renewal process specified in the agreement. The board may not terminate an agreement until the board has provided evidence to the state board that the board has complied with the renewal process specified in the agreement. The state board shall issue a decision on an appeal under this subsection not later than sixty (60) days after the date the board or organizer submitted the appeal to the state board.
- (g) If an administrative fee is included in an agreement entered into or renewed after June 30, 2023, under this section, the fee may not exceed one percent (1%) of the total amount of state tuition support that is distributed to the school corporation based on the participating innovation network charter school's student enrollment.
- (h) An agreement entered into between the board and an organizer under this section may not be altered without approval from the organizer.

SECTION 9. IC 20-25.7-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2023, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. (a) For as long as a charter school remains a participating innovation network charter school: the school corporation may:

- (1) **the school corporation may** provide transportation for students attending the participating innovation network charter school:
- (2) **the school corporation may** maintain and repair the buildings and grounds used by the participating innovation network charter school consistent with the maintenance and repair to the school corporation's other buildings and grounds; and
- (3) the school corporation may enter into an agreement to



- transfer the ownership of a school corporation facility to the organizer; and
- (4) the school corporation may not alter the use of the facility occupied by the participating innovation network charter school without agreement from the organizer.
- (b) If an organizer contracts with a school corporation for goods or services, the school corporation may not charge the organizer more for the goods or services than the school corporation pays for the goods or services. A school corporation may not require an organizer to contract for specific goods or services provided by the school corporation or any other entity.
- (c) A school corporation and an organizer may negotiate to require specific services with regard to a participating innovation network charter school during the term of an agreement. However, an organizer must be able to select the service provider for the services.
- (d) For as long as a charter school remains a participating innovation network charter school, the school corporation may distribute money levied as property taxes to the charter school. Property taxes distributed to a charter school must be used only for a purpose for which the property taxes could have been used by the school corporation. Property taxes distributed under this subsection may supplement services and property provided under subsection (a) or (b). The parties may jointly modify an agreement described in section 2 of this chapter to implement this subsection.
- (e) An agreement concerning the transfer of ownership of a school corporation facility described in subsection (a) is not subject to IC 20-26-7.1.
- (f) A school corporation may not charge an organizer an amount for goods and services that is greater than the amount the organizer receives in property tax (IC 20-46-8-11.2).

SECTION 10. IC 20-25.7-5-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to an administrative fee as described in section 2(g) of this chapter, a school corporation that enters into an agreement with an organizer under this chapter shall distribute one hundred percent (100%) of state tuition support dollars that the school corporation receives from student enrollment in the participating innovation network charter school in accordance with the school funding formula to the participating innovation network charter school.

(b) Unless an agreement entered into before July 1, 2024, between a board and an organizer provides otherwise, all



participating innovation network charter schools operating under existing agreements with boards as of July 1, 2024, will receive funds as required under subsection (a).

SECTION 11. IC 20-26-11-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.30-2010, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) A school corporation may accept a transferring student without approval of the transferor corporation under section 5 of this chapter.

- (b) A transfer may be accepted regardless of whether, as a condition of the transfer, the transferee school requires the requesting parents or student to pay transfer tuition in an amount determined under the formula established in section 13 of this chapter for the payment of transfer tuition by a transferor school corporation. However, if the transferee school elects to charge transfer tuition, the transferee school may not offset the amounts described in section 13(b) STEP TWO (B) through section 13(b) STEP TWO (D) of this chapter from the amount charged to the requesting parents or student.
- (c) When the transferee school elects to charge tuition to the requesting parents or student, the tuition determined under subsection (b) must be paid by the parents or the student before the end of the school year in installments as determined by the transferee corporation.
- (d) Failure to pay a tuition installment that is agreed to by the parents or student and the transferee school corporation is a ground for exclusion from school.
- (e) If the transferee school elects not to charge transfer tuition to the parents or student under this section, the transferee school may not charge transfer tuition or fees to the transferor school.
- (b) A transferee corporation may not require a parent or student requesting transfer to the school corporation to pay transfer tuition or any other fee associated with the transfer of the student.

SECTION 12. IC 20-26-11-6.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6.7. (a) This section:

- (1) applies to a school corporation that does not have a policy of accepting transfer students having legal settlement outside the attendance area of the transferee school corporation; and
- (2) does not apply to a school corporation that has more than one
- (1) high school.
- (b) Notwithstanding this chapter, a school corporation shall accept a transferring student who resides in Indiana and who does not have legal settlement in the school corporation if:



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1	(1) the student attended a state accredited nonpublic elementary
2	school located in the attendance area of the transferee school
3	corporation for at least two (2) school years immediately
4	preceding the school year in which the student transfers to a high
5	school in the transferee school corporation under this section;
6	(2) the student is transferring because the state accredited
7	nonpublic school from which the student is transferring does not
8	offer grades 9 through 12; and
9	(3) the majority of the students in the same grade as the
10	transferring student at the state accredited nonpublic school have
11	legal settlement in the transferee school corporation and will
12	attend a school under the authority of the transferee school
13	corporation; and
14	(4)(3) the transferee school corporation has the capacity to accept
15	students.
16	(c) If the number of students who request to transfer to a transferee
17	school corporation under this section causes the school corporation to
18	exceed the school corporation's maximum student capacity, the
19	governing body shall determine which students will be admitted as
20	transfer students by a random drawing in a public meeting.
21	SECTION 13. IC 20-32-8.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2023,
22	SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) The student learning recovery grant program
24	is established to provide grants to an eligible entity for the purpose of
25	providing recovery learning and remediation to students in

(1) have experienced learning loss;

kindergarten through grade 12 who:

- (2) have fallen behind in acquiring anticipated grade level academic skills and knowledge;
- (3) have scored below academic standards or average benchmarks; or
- (4) are at risk of falling below academic standards.
- due to the disruption in student education caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and insufficient instructional alternatives.
 - (b) The department shall administer the program.
- (c) The department may award grants to eligible entities under the program. in state fiscal year 2024 and state fiscal year 2025 from funds appropriated during the 2021 regular session of the Indiana general assembly that have not been obligated.

SECTION 14. IC 20-32-8.7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2023, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) To be eligible to receive a grant under this
2	chapter, an eligible entity must do the following:
3	(1) Apply on a form and in a manner established by the
4	department.
5	(2) Apply by a date established by the department.
6	(3) Develop and submit to the department a student learning
7	recovery plan that meets the requirements in section 8 of this
8	chapter and any other requirements established by the department.
9	including a requirement that a school corporation or charter
10	school identified in the plan provide a matching grant in an
11	amount determined by the department.
12	(4) Specify the amount requested in the student learning recovery
13	plan submitted by the eligible entity under subdivision (3).
14	(b) If a school corporation or charter school is required to provide
15	a matching grant as part of a student learning recovery plan, the
16	matching grant may only consist of federal funds received by the
17	school corporation or charter school.
18	SECTION 15. IC 20-32-8.7-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2021,
19	SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 8. (a) To be eligible to receive a grant under this
21	chapter, an eligible entity must develop and submit to the department
22	a student learning recovery plan to provide recovery learning to
23	students of the eligible entity described in section 5(a) of this chapter.
24	(b) A plan developed under subsection (a) must do the following:
25	(1) Address learning loss associated with the purpose of the
26	program described in section 5(a) of this chapter.
27	(2) Identify metrics to measure learning recovery under the
28	program as well as the proposed measurable and specific
29	improvements to be made to demonstrate learning recovery.
30	(3) Provide for recovery learning to be offered in an in person
31	setting, and may not offer recovery learning in a virtual setting.
32	(4) Include requirements that if the eligible entity receives any
33	federal grants or money for a similar purpose in which the eligible
34	entity is requesting a grant under this chapter, the eligible entity
35	must use the federal grant or money before using any grant money
36	awarded by the department under section 9 of this chapter.
37	SECTION 16. IC 20-32-8.7-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2023,
38	SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 13. (a) Not later than July 1 2023, and July 1,
40	2024, of each year, the department shall prepare an annual report that
41	includes the following:
42	(1) A list of all of the eligible entities that participated in the



1	program.
2	(2) The amount of the grant awarded to each participating eligible
3	entity.
4	(3) The total amount of grants awarded under this chapter.
5	(b) The department shall submit the report described in subsection
6	(a) to the:
7	(1) governor; and
8	(2) legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
9	SECTION 17. IC 20-32-8.7-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
10	1, 2024]. Sec. 15. There is appropriated to the fund one hundred fifty
11	million dollars (\$150,000,000) from the state general fund for the
12	purposes of providing grants under this chapter for the state fiscal year
13	beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. Funds appropriated
14	under this section do not revert to the state general fund and remain
15	available to be spent for purposes of the program.
16	SECTION 18. IC 20-32-8.7-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
17	1, 2024]. Sec. 16. This chapter expires July 1, 2025.
18	SECTION 19. IC 20-35-6-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
19	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
20	1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a due process hearing (as
21	defined in 511 IAC 7-32-27) and expedited due process hearing (as
22	defined in 511 IAC 7-32-37).
23	(b) In the event a parent agrees to participate in a:
24	(1) mediation (as described in 511 IAC 7-45-2); or
25	(2) facilitated individualized education program (IEP)
26	meeting through the department;
27	and subsequently initiates a due process hearing (as defined in 511
28	IAC 7-32-27), a public agency (as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-77) shall
29	have the burden of proof at the subsequent due process hearing (as
30	defined in 511 IAC 7-32-27), including the burden of persuasion
31	and production. The burden must be met by a preponderance of
32	the evidence.
33	(c) A public agency (as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-77) shall have
34	the burden of persuasion and production, for all expedited due
35	process hearings (as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-37), regardless of
36	whether a mediation (as described in 511 IAC 7-45-2) or facilitated
37	IEP meeting was initiated before filing for the expedited due
38	process hearing (as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-37). The burden must
39	be met by a preponderance of the evidence.
40	(d) The notice of procedural safeguards required under 511
41 42	IAC 7-37-1 shall include a description of the requirements established by this section.



1	SECTION 20. IC 20-35-6-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3	1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) A public agency (as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-77)
4	shall not require as part of a resolution of:
5	(1) a due process hearing (as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-27); or
6	(2) a dispute relating to the provision of special education
7	services to a particular student;
8	that a parent of a student or an emancipated student enter into or
9	agree to a nondisclosure, nondisparagement, or confidentiality
10	agreement or clause.
11	(b) The case conference committee shall at least annually
12	provide the parent of the student or the emancipated student a
13	copy of this section.
14	(c) The department shall include the rights provided to a parent
15	of a student or an emancipated student under subsection (a) on the
16	department's website to be located with information describing a
17	parent's or an emancipated student's due process hearing rights.
18	SECTION 21. IC 20-46-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2023,
19	SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 8. (a) Subject to subsections (e), (f), and (g) and
21	this chapter, the governing body of a school corporation may adopt a
22	resolution to place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot for any
23	of the following purposes:
24	(1) The governing body of the school corporation determines that
25	it cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public educational duty
26	unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under this chapter.
27	(2) The governing body of the school corporation determines that
28	a referendum tax levy under this chapter should be imposed to
29	replace property tax revenue that the school corporation will not
30	receive because of the application of the credit under
31	IC 6-1.1-20.6.
32	(3) Except for resolutions described in subsection (b), the
33	governing body makes the determination required under
34	subdivision (1) or (2) and determines to share a portion of the
35	referendum proceeds with a charter school, excluding a virtual
36	charter school, in the manner prescribed in subsection (e).
37	(b) A resolution for a referendum for a county described in section
38	21 of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023, shall specify that
39	a portion of the proceeds collected from the proposed levy will be
40	distributed to applicable charter schools in the manner described under
41	section 21 of this chapter.
42	(c) The governing body of the school corporation shall certify a



copy of the resolution to place a referendum on the ballot to the following:

(1) The department of local government finance, including:

(A) the language for the question required by section 10 of this chapter, or in the case of a resolution to extend a referendum levy certified to the department of local government finance

(B) a copy of the revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g).

after March 15, 2016, section 10.1 of this chapter; and

The language of the public question must include the estimated average percentage increases certified by the county auditor under section 10(e) or 10.1(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The governing body of the school corporation shall also provide the county auditor's certification described in section 10(e) or 10.1(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The department of local government finance shall post the values certified by the county auditor to the department's website. The department shall review the language for compliance with section 10 or 10.1 of this chapter, whichever is applicable, and either approve or reject the language. The department shall send its decision to the governing body of the school corporation not more than ten (10) days after the resolution is submitted to the department. If the language is approved, the governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of the resolution, including the language for the question and the department's approval.

- (2) The county fiscal body of each county in which the school corporation is located (for informational purposes only).
- (3) The circuit court clerk of each county in which the school corporation is located.
- (d) If a school safety referendum tax levy under IC 20-46-9 has been approved by the voters in a school corporation at any time in the previous three (3) years, the school corporation may not:
 - (1) adopt a resolution to place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot; or
 - (2) otherwise place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot.
- (e) Except as provided in section 21 of this chapter, the resolution described in subsection (a) must indicate whether proceeds in the school corporation's education fund collected from a tax levy under this chapter will be used to provide a distribution to a charter school or charter schools, excluding a virtual charter school, under IC 20-40-3-5 as well as the amount that will be distributed to the particular charter school or charter schools. A school corporation may request from the



designated charter school or charter schools any financial documentation necessary to demonstrate the financial need of the charter school or charter schools.

- (f) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. The resolution described in subsection (a) shall include a projection of the amount that the school corporation expects to be distributed to a particular charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, under section 21 of this chapter if the charter school voluntarily elects to participate in the referendum in the manner described in subsection (i). At least sixty (60) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact the department to determine the number of students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have legal settlement in the school corporation but attend a charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, and who receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction. The department shall provide the school corporation with the number of students with legal settlement in the school corporation who attend a charter school and who receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction, which shall be disaggregated for each particular charter school, excluding a virtual charter school or adult high school. The projection may include an expected increase in charter schools during the term the levy is imposed under this chapter. The department of local government finance shall prescribe the manner in which the projection shall be calculated. The governing body shall take into consideration the projection when adopting the revenue spending plan under subsection (g).
- (g) As part of the resolution described in subsection (a), the governing body of the school corporation shall adopt a revenue spending plan for the proposed referendum tax levy that includes:
 - (1) an estimate of the amount of annual revenue expected to be collected if a levy is imposed under this chapter;
 - (2) the specific purposes for which the revenue collected from a levy imposed under this chapter will be used;
 - (3) an estimate of the annual dollar amounts that will be expended for each purpose described in subdivision (2); and
 - (4) for a resolution for a referendum that is adopted after May 10, 2023, for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter, the projected revenue that shall be distributed to charter schools as provided in subsections (f) and (i). The revenue spending plan shall also take into consideration deviations in the proposed



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revenue spending plan if the actual charter school distributions exceed or are lower than the projected charter school distributions described in subsection (f). The resolution shall include for each charter school that elects to participate under subsection (i) information described in subdivisions (1) through (3).

- (h) A school corporation shall specify in its proposed budget the school corporation's revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g) and annually present the revenue spending plan at its public hearing on the proposed budget under IC 6-1.1-17-3.
- (i) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least forty-five (45) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact each charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, disclosed by the department to the school corporation under subsection (f) to determine whether the charter school will participate in the referendum. The notice must include the total amount of the school corporation's expected need, the corresponding estimate for that amount divided by the number of students enrolled in the school corporation, and the date on which the governing body of the school corporation will vote on the resolution. The charter school must respond in writing to the school corporation, which may be by electronic mail addressed to the superintendent of the school corporation, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date that the resolution described in subsection (a) is to be voted on by the governing body. If the charter school elects to not participate in the referendum, the school corporation may exclude distributions to the charter school under section 21 of this chapter and from the projection described in subsection (f). If the charter school elects to participate in the referendum, the charter school may receive distributions under section 21 of this chapter and must be included in the projection described in subsection (f). In addition, a charter school that elects to participate in the referendum under this subsection shall contribute a proportionate share of the cost to conduct the referendum based on the total combined ADM of the school corporation and any participating charter schools.
- (j) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least thirty (30) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) referendum submitted to the voters under this chapter is voted on by the governing body, public in a primary or general election, the school corporation that is



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pursuing the resolution referendum and any charter school that has elected to participate under subsection (i), shall post a referendum disclosure statement on each school's respective website that contains the following information:

- (1) The salaries of all employees employed by position within the school corporation or charter school listed from highest salary to lowest salary and a link to Gateway Indiana for access to individual salaries.
- (2) An acknowledgment that the school corporation or charter school is not committing any crime described in IC 35-44.1-1.
- (3) A link to the school corporation's or charter school's most recent state board of accounts audit on the state board of accounts' website.
- (4) The current enrollment of the school corporation or charter school disaggregated by student group and race.
- (5) The school corporation's or charter school's high school graduation rate.
- (6) The school corporation's or charter school's annual retention rate for teachers for the previous five (5) years.

SECTION 22. IC 20-46-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2023, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to this chapter, the governing body of a school corporation may adopt a resolution to place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot if the governing body of the school corporation determines that a referendum levy should be imposed for measures to improve school safety as described in IC 20-40-20-6(a) or IC 20-40-20-6(b).

- (b) Except as provided in section 22 of this chapter, a school corporation may, with the approval of the majority of members of the governing body, distribute a portion of the proceeds of a tax levy collected under this chapter that is deposited in the fund to a charter school, excluding a virtual charter school, that is located within the attendance area of the school corporation, to be used by the charter school for the purposes described in IC 20-40-20-6(a).
- (c) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) that is adopted after May 10, 2023, in a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter. A resolution shall specify that a portion of the proceeds of the proposed levy will be distributed to applicable charter schools in the manner described under section 22 of this chapter if the charter school voluntarily elects to participate in the referendum in the manner described in subsection (i).
 - (d) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection



(a) that is adopted after May 10, 2023, in a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter. The resolution described in subsection (a) shall include a projection of the amount that the school corporation expects to be distributed to a particular charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, under section 22 of this chapter that elects to participate in the referendum under subsection (i). At least sixty (60) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact the department to determine the number of students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have legal settlement in the school corporation but attend a charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, and who receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction. The department shall provide the school corporation with the number of students with legal settlement in the school corporation who attend a charter school, which shall be disaggregated for each particular charter school, excluding a virtual charter school or adult high school. The projection may include an expected increase in charter schools during the term the levy is imposed. The department of local government finance shall prescribe the manner in which the projection shall be calculated. The governing body shall take into consideration the projection when adopting the revenue spending plan under subsection (g).

- (e) The governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of the resolution to the following:
 - (1) The department of local government finance, including:
 - (A) the language for the question required by section 9 of this chapter, or in the case of a resolution to extend a referendum levy certified to the department of local government finance, section 10 of this chapter; and
 - (B) a copy of the revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g).

The language of the public question must include the estimated average percentage increases certified by the county auditor under section 9(d) or 10(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The governing body of the school corporation shall also provide the county auditor's certification described in section 9(d) or 10(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The department of local government finance shall post the values certified by the county auditor to the department's website. The department shall review the language for compliance with section 9 or 10 of this chapter, whichever is applicable, and either approve or reject the language. The department shall send its decision to the governing body of the



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1	school corporation not more than ten (10) days after the resolution
2	is submitted to the department. If the language is approved, the
3	governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of
4	the resolution, including the language for the question and the
5	department's approval.
6	(2) The county fiscal body of each county in which the school
7	corporation is located (for informational purposes only).
8	(3) The circuit court clerk of each county in which the school
9	corporation is located.
10	(f) Except as provided in section 22 of this chapter, the resolution
11	described in subsection (a) must indicate whether proceeds in the
12	school corporation's fund collected from a tax levy under this chapter
13	will be used to provide a distribution to a charter school or charter
14	schools, excluding a virtual charter school, under IC 20-40-20-6(b) as
15	well as the amount that will be distributed to the particular charter
16	school or charter schools. A school corporation may request from the
17	designated charter school or charter schools any financial
18	documentation necessary to demonstrate the financial need of the
19	charter school or charter schools.
20	(g) As part of the resolution described in subsection (a), the

- (g) As part of the resolution described in subsection (a), the governing body of the school corporation shall adopt a revenue spending plan for the proposed referendum tax levy that includes:
 - (1) an estimate of the amount of annual revenue expected to be collected if a levy is imposed under this chapter;
 - (2) the specific purposes described in IC 20-40-20-6 for which the revenue collected from a levy imposed under this chapter will be used;
 - (3) an estimate of the annual dollar amounts that will be expended for each purpose described in subdivision (2); and
 - (4) for a resolution for a referendum that is adopted after May 10, 2023, for a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter, the projected revenue that shall be distributed to charter schools as provided in subsection (d). The revenue spending plan shall also take into consideration deviations in the proposed revenue spending plan if the actual charter school distributions exceed or are lower than the projected charter school distributions described in subsection (d). The resolution shall include for each charter school that elects to participate under subsection (i) information described in subdivisions (1) through (3).
- (h) A school corporation shall specify in its proposed budget the school corporation's revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g) and annually present the revenue spending plan at its public hearing



on the proposed budget under IC 6-1.1-17-3.

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(i) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least forty-five (45) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact each charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, disclosed by the department to the school corporation under subsection (f) to determine whether the charter school will participate in the referendum. The notice must include the total amount of the school corporation's expected need, the corresponding estimate of that amount divided by the number of students enrolled in the school corporation, and the date on which the governing body of the school corporation will vote on the resolution. The charter school must respond in writing to the school corporation, which may be by electronic mail addressed to the superintendent of the school corporation, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date that the resolution described in subsection (a) is to be voted on by the governing body. If the charter school elects to not participate in the referendum, the school corporation may exclude distributions to the charter school under section 22 of this chapter and from the projection described in subsection (d). If the charter school elects to participate in the referendum, the charter school may receive distributions under section 22 of this chapter and must be included in the projection described in subsection (d). In addition, a charter school that elects to participate in the referendum under this subsection shall contribute a proportionate share of the cost to conduct the referendum based on the total combined ADM of the school corporation and any participating charter schools.

- (j) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least thirty (30) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) referendum submitted to the voters under this chapter is voted on by the governing body, public in a primary or general election, the school corporation that is pursuing the resolution referendum and any charter school that has elected to participate under subsection (i), shall post a referendum disclosure statement on each school's respective website that contains the following information:
 - (1) The salaries of all employees employed by position within the school corporation or charter school listed from highest salary to lowest salary and a link to Gateway Indiana for access to individual salaries.



(2) An acknowledgment that the school corporation or charter
school is not committing any crime described in IC 35-44.1-1.
(3) A link to the school corporation's or charter school's mos
recent state board of accounts audit on the state board of accounts
website.
(4) The current enrollment of the school corporation or charter
school disaggregated by student group and race.
(5) The school corporation's or charter school's high school
graduation rate.
(6) The school corporation's or charter school's annual retention
rate for teachers for the previous five (5) years.
SECTION 23. IC 20-51-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023
SECTION 216, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. "Eligible student" refers to ar
individual who:
(1) has legal settlement in Indiana;
(2) is at least four (4) years of age and less than twenty-two (22)
years of age on the date in the school year specified in
IC 20-33-2-7; on October 1 of the applicable school year;
(3) either has been or is currently enrolled in a participating
school; and
(4) is a member of a household with an annual income of no
more than four hundred percent (400%) of the amount required
for the individual to qualify for the federal free or reduced price
lunch program.
SECTION 24. IC 20-51.4-2-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.165-2021
SECTION 180, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4. "Eligible student" refers to ar
individual who:
(1) has legal settlement in Indiana;
(2) is at least five (5) years of age and less than twenty-two (22)
years of age on the date in the school year specified in
IC 20-33-2-7; on October 1 of the applicable school year;
(3) is a student with a disability at the time the account is
established who requires special education and for whom:
(A) an individualized education program;
(B) a service plan developed under 511 IAC 7-34; or
(C) a choice special education plan developed under 511
IAC 7-49;
has been developed; and
(4) meets the annual income qualification requirement for a
choice scholarship student under IC 20-51-1.



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1	SECTION 25. IC 20-52-3-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.168-2022,
2	SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. (a) To be considered an enrichment student, the
4	student must at a minimum:
5	(1) have experienced learning loss;
6	(2) have fallen behind in acquiring anticipated grade level
7	academic skills and knowledge;
8	(3) have scored below academic standards or average
9	benchmarks; or
10	(4) be at risk of falling below academic standards.
11	However, the department may establish more stringent criteria for
12	determining eligibility for a grant under this article.
13	(b) For each school year, the department shall determine, based on
14	the amount of funds available for the program, the number of grants
15	that the department will award under the program. The number of
16	applications approved and the number of grants awarded under this
17	article by the department for the school year may not exceed the
18	number determined by the department under this section.
19	(e) Only federal funds may be used to award grants under this
20	article. A grant may not be made under this article after funds received
21	by the department from the Elementary and Secondary School
22	Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER fund) are exhausted.

Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER fund) are exhausted. SECTION 26. IC 20-52-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2023, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. (a) An enrichment student who currently maintains an account is entitled to a grant amount, the amount of which shall be subject to available funding and determined by the department. The department shall deposit the enrichment grant amount under this section into an enrichment student's account in a manner established by the department.

- (b) Except as provided in Subject to subsection (c), at the end of the year in which an account is established, the parent of an enrichment student may roll over for use in a subsequent year the amount available in the enrichment student's account.
- (c) The department shall determine the conditions under which an enrichment student's account shall terminate October 1, 2024. terminates.

SECTION 27. IC 20-52-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]. (Expiration).



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1380, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 11, delete "an Indiana" and insert "a pilot program that provides innovative approaches concerning the use, operation, and management of school facilities to promote:

- (1) enhanced learning environments;
- (2) unique learning opportunities; and
- (3) improved student academic and health outcomes.".

Page 2, delete lines 12 through 19.

Page 2, line 24, delete "the" and insert "a pilot program that encompasses innovative approaches for increasing transportation of students enrolled at a:

- (1) public school, including a charter school; or
- (2) nonpublic school with at least one (1) employee; to travel to and from a school or other learning opportunities in a safe and efficient manner."

Page 2, delete lines 25 through 32.

Page 3, line 5, delete "Except in the case of a charter school".

Page 3, line 6, delete "corporation,".

Page 3, line 6, delete "the" and insert "The".

Page 3, line 32, after "examiner." insert "A consolidated audit must include a breakdown of the activities, financial position, and functional expenses of the school."

Page 3, delete lines 36 through 42.

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 24.

Page 5, line 31, delete "For" and insert "Subject to an administrative fee as described in subsection (f), for".

Page 6, reset in roman lines 35 through 39.

Page 6, line 40, delete "(f)" and insert "(g)".

Page 8, line 13, after "services" insert "for which funds from the school corporation's property tax levy (IC 20-46-8) are paid for the school corporation".

Page 8, line 15, delete "operating" and insert "operations".

Page 8, line 16, delete "IC 20-46-1" and insert "IC 20-46-8".

Page 8, line 18, after "transfers" delete "the" and insert "a".

Page 8, line 19, delete "described in subdivision (1)".

Page 8, line 20, after "fund" insert "under IC 20-40-3".

Page 8, line 24, delete "A" and insert "Subject to an administrative



fee as described in section 5(f) of this chapter, a".

Page 9, line 11, delete "A" and insert "Subject to an administrative fee as described in subsection (g), a".

Page 11, reset in roman lines 8 through 12.

Page 11, line 13, delete "(g)" and insert "(h)".

Page 12, line 15, after "services" insert "for which funds from the school corporation's property tax levy (IC 20-46-8) are paid for the school corporation".

Page 12, line 17, delete "operating" and insert "operations".

Page 12, line 18, delete "IC 20-46-1" and insert "IC 20-46-8".

Page 12, line 20, after "transfers" delete "the" and insert "a".

Page 12, line 21, delete "described in subdivision (1)".

Page 12, line 22, after "fund" insert "under IC 20-40-3".

Page 12, line 26, delete "A" and insert "Subject to an administrative fee as described in section 2(g) of this chapter, a".

Page 13, line 34, reset in roman "(a)".

Page 14, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A transferee corporation may not require a parent or student requesting transfer to the school corporation to pay transfer tuition or any other fee associated with the transfer of the student.".

Page 17, delete line 42.

Delete pages 18 through 27.

Page 28, delete lines 1 through 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 23. IC 20-46-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2023, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 8. (a) Subject to subsections (e), (f), and (g) and this chapter, the governing body of a school corporation may adopt a resolution to place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot for any of the following purposes:

- (1) The governing body of the school corporation determines that it cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public educational duty unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under this chapter.
- (2) The governing body of the school corporation determines that a referendum tax levy under this chapter should be imposed to replace property tax revenue that the school corporation will not receive because of the application of the credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6.
- (3) Except for resolutions described in subsection (b), the governing body makes the determination required under subdivision (1) or (2) and determines to share a portion of the



referendum proceeds with a charter school, excluding a virtual charter school, in the manner prescribed in subsection (e).

- (b) A resolution for a referendum for a county described in section 21 of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023, shall specify that a portion of the proceeds collected from the proposed levy will be distributed to applicable charter schools in the manner described under section 21 of this chapter.
- (c) The governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of the resolution to place a referendum on the ballot to the following:
 - (1) The department of local government finance, including:
 - (A) the language for the question required by section 10 of this chapter, or in the case of a resolution to extend a referendum levy certified to the department of local government finance after March 15, 2016, section 10.1 of this chapter; and
 - (B) a copy of the revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g).

The language of the public question must include the estimated average percentage increases certified by the county auditor under section 10(e) or 10.1(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The governing body of the school corporation shall also provide the county auditor's certification described in section 10(e) or 10.1(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The department of local government finance shall post the values certified by the county auditor to the department's website. The department shall review the language for compliance with section 10 or 10.1 of this chapter, whichever is applicable, and either approve or reject the language. The department shall send its decision to the governing body of the school corporation not more than ten (10) days after the resolution is submitted to the department. If the language is approved, the governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of the resolution, including the language for the question and the department's approval.

- (2) The county fiscal body of each county in which the school corporation is located (for informational purposes only).
- (3) The circuit court clerk of each county in which the school corporation is located.
- (d) If a school safety referendum tax levy under IC 20-46-9 has been approved by the voters in a school corporation at any time in the previous three (3) years, the school corporation may not:
 - (1) adopt a resolution to place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot; or



- (2) otherwise place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot.
- (e) Except as provided in section 21 of this chapter, the resolution described in subsection (a) must indicate whether proceeds in the school corporation's education fund collected from a tax levy under this chapter will be used to provide a distribution to a charter school or charter schools, excluding a virtual charter school, under IC 20-40-3-5 as well as the amount that will be distributed to the particular charter school or charter schools. A school corporation may request from the designated charter school or charter schools any financial documentation necessary to demonstrate the financial need of the charter school or charter schools.
- (f) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. The resolution described in subsection (a) shall include a projection of the amount that the school corporation expects to be distributed to a particular charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, under section 21 of this chapter if the charter school voluntarily elects to participate in the referendum in the manner described in subsection (i). At least sixty (60) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact the department to determine the number of students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have legal settlement in the school corporation but attend a charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, and who receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction. The department shall provide the school corporation with the number of students with legal settlement in the school corporation who attend a charter school and who receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction, which shall be disaggregated for each particular charter school, excluding a virtual charter school or adult high school. The projection may include an expected increase in charter schools during the term the levy is imposed under this chapter. The department of local government finance shall prescribe the manner in which the projection shall be calculated. The governing body shall take into consideration the projection when adopting the revenue spending plan under subsection (g).
- (g) As part of the resolution described in subsection (a), the governing body of the school corporation shall adopt a revenue spending plan for the proposed referendum tax levy that includes:
 - (1) an estimate of the amount of annual revenue expected to be collected if a levy is imposed under this chapter;
 - (2) the specific purposes for which the revenue collected from a



levy imposed under this chapter will be used;

- (3) an estimate of the annual dollar amounts that will be expended for each purpose described in subdivision (2); and
- (4) for a resolution for a referendum that is adopted after May 10, 2023, for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter, the projected revenue that shall be distributed to charter schools as provided in subsections (f) and (i). The revenue spending plan shall also take into consideration deviations in the proposed revenue spending plan if the actual charter school distributions exceed or are lower than the projected charter school distributions described in subsection (f). The resolution shall include for each charter school that elects to participate under subsection (i) information described in subdivisions (1) through (3).
- (h) A school corporation shall specify in its proposed budget the school corporation's revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g) and annually present the revenue spending plan at its public hearing on the proposed budget under IC 6-1.1-17-3.
- (i) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least forty-five (45) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact each charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, disclosed by the department to the school corporation under subsection (f) to determine whether the charter school will participate in the referendum. The notice must include the total amount of the school corporation's expected need, the corresponding estimate for that amount divided by the number of students enrolled in the school corporation, and the date on which the governing body of the school corporation will **vote on the resolution.** The charter school must respond in writing to the school corporation, which may be by electronic mail addressed to the superintendent of the school corporation, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date that the resolution described in subsection (a) is to be voted on by the governing body. If the charter school elects to not participate in the referendum, the school corporation may exclude distributions to the charter school under section 21 of this chapter and from the projection described in subsection (f). If the charter school elects to participate in the referendum, the charter school may receive distributions under section 21 of this chapter and must be included in the projection described in subsection (f). In addition, a charter school that elects to participate in the referendum under this subsection shall contribute a proportionate share of the cost to conduct the referendum



based on the total combined ADM of the school corporation and any participating charter schools.

- (j) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 21(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least thirty (30) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) referendum submitted to the voters under this chapter is voted on by the governing body, public in a primary or general election, the school corporation that is pursuing the resolution referendum and any charter school that has elected to participate under subsection (i), shall post a referendum disclosure statement on each school's respective website that contains the following information:
 - (1) The salaries of all employees employed by position within the school corporation or charter school listed from highest salary to lowest salary and a link to Gateway Indiana for access to individual salaries.
 - (2) An acknowledgment that the school corporation or charter school is not committing any crime described in IC 35-44.1-1.
 - (3) A link to the school corporation's or charter school's most recent state board of accounts audit on the state board of accounts' website.
 - (4) The current enrollment of the school corporation or charter school disaggregated by student group and race.
 - (5) The school corporation's or charter school's high school graduation rate.
 - (6) The school corporation's or charter school's annual retention rate for teachers for the previous five (5) years.

SECTION 24. IC 20-46-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2023, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to this chapter, the governing body of a school corporation may adopt a resolution to place a referendum under this chapter on the ballot if the governing body of the school corporation determines that a referendum levy should be imposed for measures to improve school safety as described in IC 20-40-20-6(a) or IC 20-40-20-6(b).

(b) Except as provided in section 22 of this chapter, a school corporation may, with the approval of the majority of members of the governing body, distribute a portion of the proceeds of a tax levy collected under this chapter that is deposited in the fund to a charter school, excluding a virtual charter school, that is located within the attendance area of the school corporation, to be used by the charter school for the purposes described in IC 20-40-20-6(a).



- (c) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) that is adopted after May 10, 2023, in a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter. A resolution shall specify that a portion of the proceeds of the proposed levy will be distributed to applicable charter schools in the manner described under section 22 of this chapter if the charter school voluntarily elects to participate in the referendum in the manner described in subsection (i).
- (d) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) that is adopted after May 10, 2023, in a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter. The resolution described in subsection (a) shall include a projection of the amount that the school corporation expects to be distributed to a particular charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, under section 22 of this chapter that elects to participate in the referendum under subsection (i). At least sixty (60) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact the department to determine the number of students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have legal settlement in the school corporation but attend a charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, and who receive not more than fifty percent (50%) virtual instruction. The department shall provide the school corporation with the number of students with legal settlement in the school corporation who attend a charter school, which shall be disaggregated for each particular charter school, excluding a virtual charter school or adult high school. The projection may include an expected increase in charter schools during the term the levy is imposed. The department of local government finance shall prescribe the manner in which the projection shall be calculated. The governing body shall take into consideration the projection when adopting the revenue spending plan under subsection (g).
- (e) The governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of the resolution to the following:
 - (1) The department of local government finance, including:
 - (A) the language for the question required by section 9 of this chapter, or in the case of a resolution to extend a referendum levy certified to the department of local government finance, section 10 of this chapter; and
 - (B) a copy of the revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g).

The language of the public question must include the estimated average percentage increases certified by the county auditor under section 9(d) or 10(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The governing



body of the school corporation shall also provide the county auditor's certification described in section 9(d) or 10(f) of this chapter, as applicable. The department of local government finance shall post the values certified by the county auditor to the department's website. The department shall review the language for compliance with section 9 or 10 of this chapter, whichever is applicable, and either approve or reject the language. The department shall send its decision to the governing body of the school corporation not more than ten (10) days after the resolution is submitted to the department. If the language is approved, the governing body of the school corporation shall certify a copy of the resolution, including the language for the question and the department's approval.

- (2) The county fiscal body of each county in which the school corporation is located (for informational purposes only).
- (3) The circuit court clerk of each county in which the school corporation is located.
- (f) Except as provided in section 22 of this chapter, the resolution described in subsection (a) must indicate whether proceeds in the school corporation's fund collected from a tax levy under this chapter will be used to provide a distribution to a charter school or charter schools, excluding a virtual charter school, under IC 20-40-20-6(b) as well as the amount that will be distributed to the particular charter school or charter schools. A school corporation may request from the designated charter school or charter schools any financial documentation necessary to demonstrate the financial need of the charter school or charter schools.
- (g) As part of the resolution described in subsection (a), the governing body of the school corporation shall adopt a revenue spending plan for the proposed referendum tax levy that includes:
 - (1) an estimate of the amount of annual revenue expected to be collected if a levy is imposed under this chapter;
 - (2) the specific purposes described in IC 20-40-20-6 for which the revenue collected from a levy imposed under this chapter will be used;
 - (3) an estimate of the annual dollar amounts that will be expended for each purpose described in subdivision (2); and
 - (4) for a resolution for a referendum that is adopted after May 10, 2023, for a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter, the projected revenue that shall be distributed to charter schools as provided in subsection (d). The revenue spending plan shall also take into consideration deviations in the proposed revenue



- spending plan if the actual charter school distributions exceed or are lower than the projected charter school distributions described in subsection (d). The resolution shall include for each charter school that elects to participate under subsection (i) information described in subdivisions (1) through (3).
- (h) A school corporation shall specify in its proposed budget the school corporation's revenue spending plan adopted under subsection (g) and annually present the revenue spending plan at its public hearing on the proposed budget under IC 6-1.1-17-3.
- (i) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least forty-five (45) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) is voted on by the governing body, the school corporation shall contact each charter school, excluding virtual charter schools or adult high schools, disclosed by the department to the school corporation under subsection (f) to determine whether the charter school will participate in the referendum. The notice must include the total amount of the school corporation's expected need, the corresponding estimate of that amount divided by the number of students enrolled in the school corporation, and the date on which the governing body of the school corporation will vote on the resolution. The charter school must respond in writing to the school corporation, which may be by electronic mail addressed to the superintendent of the school corporation, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date that the resolution described in subsection (a) is to be voted on by the governing body. If the charter school elects to not participate in the referendum, the school corporation may exclude distributions to the charter school under section 22 of this chapter and from the projection described in subsection (d). If the charter school elects to participate in the referendum, the charter school may receive distributions under section 22 of this chapter and must be included in the projection described in subsection (d). In addition, a charter school that elects to participate in the referendum under this subsection shall contribute a proportionate share of the cost to conduct the referendum based on the total combined ADM of the school corporation and any participating charter schools.
- (j) This subsection applies to a resolution described in subsection (a) for a county described in section 22(a) of this chapter that is adopted after May 10, 2023. At least thirty (30) days before the resolution described in subsection (a) referendum submitted to the voters under this chapter is voted on by the governing body, public in a primary or general election, the school corporation that is



pursuing the resolution referendum and any charter school that has elected to participate under subsection (i), shall post a referendum disclosure statement on each school's respective website that contains the following information:

- (1) The salaries of all employees employed by position within the school corporation or charter school listed from highest salary to lowest salary and a link to Gateway Indiana for access to individual salaries.
- (2) An acknowledgment that the school corporation or charter school is not committing any crime described in IC 35-44.1-1.
- (3) A link to the school corporation's or charter school's most recent state board of accounts audit on the state board of accounts' website.
- (4) The current enrollment of the school corporation or charter school disaggregated by student group and race.
- (5) The school corporation's or charter school's high school graduation rate.
- (6) The school corporation's or charter school's annual retention rate for teachers for the previous five (5) years.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1380 as introduced.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 4.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1380 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 9, delete "(a)".

Page 2, line 19, delete "(a)".

Page 12, delete lines 12 through 42.

Page 13, delete lines 1 through 5.



Page 26, delete line 42.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1380 as printed January 18, 2024).

BEHNING

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1380 be amended to read as follows:

Page 4, line 30, delete "zones as established".

Page 4, line 31, delete "by the innovation network team." and insert "**zones.**".

Page 4, delete lines 32 through 38.

Page 4, line 39, delete "(8)" and insert "(7)".

Page 7, delete lines 21 through 42.

Page 8, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 9, line 7, after "enrollment" insert "zones.".

Page 9, delete lines 8 through 15.

Page 9, line 17, delete "board agrees that the charter" and insert "innovation agreement shall not create an obligation that would cause the organizer to be in violation of its charter agreement (as described in IC 20-24-1-3)."

Page 9, line 16, delete "(7)" and insert "(6)".

Page 9, delete lines 18 through 20.

Page 11, delete lines 27 through 38, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(f) A school corporation may not charge an organizer an amount for goods and services that is greater than the amount the organizer receives in property tax (IC 20-46-8-11.2).".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1380 as printed January 18, 2024.)

BEHNING

