

HOUSE BILL No. 1443

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Task force to study schools for the deaf and blind. Establishes the Indiana Schools for the Deaf and the Blind or Visually Impaired task force (task force) to evaluate and make recommendations to the budget committee relating to the operation of the physical plants of the Indiana School for the Deaf and the Indiana School for the Blind or Visually Impaired. Provides that the task force shall make its final recommendations to the budget committee on or before December 1, 2020. Establishes the task force advisory committee (advisory committee) to advise the task force on matters necessary for the task force to carry out its responsibilities. Provides that the department of administration shall provide staffing and administrative support for the task force and the advisory committee.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.

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

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The definitions**
2 **used in IC 20 apply throughout this SECTION.**
3 (b) **As used in this SECTION, "advisory committee" refers to**
4 **the task force advisory committee established in subsection (g).**
5 (c) **As used in this SECTION, "task force" refers to the Indiana**
6 **Schools for the Deaf and the Blind or Visually Impaired task force**
7 **established in subsection (d).**
8 (d) **The Indiana Schools for the Deaf and the Blind or Visually**
9 **Impaired task force is established to evaluate and make**
10 **recommendations to the budget committee relating to the**
11 **operation of the physical plants of the Indiana School for the Deaf**
12 **and the Indiana School for the Blind or Visually Impaired. The**
13 **task force consists of the following members:**
14 **(1) The superintendent of the Indiana School for the Deaf, or**
15 **the superintendent's designee.**
16 **(2) The superintendent of the Indiana School for the Blind or**
17 **Visually Impaired, or the superintendent's designee.**
18 **(3) The commissioner of the department of administration**



- 1 created by IC 4-13-1-2, or the commissioner's designee.
- 2 (4) One (1) member, who is a current or former student of the
- 3 Indiana School for the Deaf, appointed by the governor.
- 4 (5) One (1) member, who is a current or former student of the
- 5 Indiana School for the Blind or Visually Impaired, appointed
- 6 by the governor.
- 7 (6) One (1) member, nominated by Hear Indiana
- 8 (HearIndiana.org) and appointed by the governor.
- 9 (7) One (1) member of the senate, appointed by the president
- 10 pro tempore of the senate.
- 11 (8) One (1) member of the house of representatives, appointed
- 12 by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 13 (e) The chairperson of the legislative council during the 2019
- 14 interim shall appoint one (1) of the members under subsection (d)
- 15 to serve as chairperson of the task force. The task force shall meet
- 16 at the call of the chairperson of the task force. Each member
- 17 appointed under subsection (d) serves at the will of the member's
- 18 appointing authority. A quorum of the task force consists of five (5)
- 19 members. The affirmative vote of at least five (5) members is
- 20 necessary for the task force to approve the final report and for
- 21 other official action of the task force.
- 22 (f) The task force shall do the following:
- 23 (1) On or before December 1, 2019, make recommendations
- 24 to the budget committee as to whether the Indiana School for
- 25 the Deaf and the Indiana School for the Blind or Visually
- 26 Impaired should be combined into a single campus.
- 27 (2) If the task force does not recommend combining the
- 28 schools described in subdivision (1) into a single campus, the
- 29 task force shall evaluate and make recommendations to the
- 30 budget committee regarding how to implement master plans
- 31 for the Indiana School for the Deaf and the Indiana School for
- 32 the Blind or Visually Impaired for the next:
- 33 (A) five (5) years;
- 34 (B) ten (10) years; and
- 35 (C) fifteen (15) years.
- 36 (3) If the task force recommends combining the schools
- 37 described in subdivision (1) into a single campus, the task
- 38 force shall evaluate and make recommendations to the budget
- 39 committee regarding potential options for combining the
- 40 campuses of the schools described in subdivision (1) and
- 41 include a cost analysis of each potential solution that
- 42 incorporates the savings projected by not operating two (2)



1 **separate campuses.**

2 **(4) Make final recommendations that comply with Article 9,**
 3 **Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana to the**
 4 **budget committee on or before December 1, 2020.**

5 **(g) The task force advisory committee is established to advise**
 6 **the task force, in a manner prescribed by the task force, on matters**
 7 **necessary for the task force to carry out its responsibilities under**
 8 **this SECTION. The advisory committee is composed of the**
 9 **following members:**

10 **(1) The operations director for the Indiana School for the**
 11 **Deaf.**

12 **(2) The operations director for the Indiana School for the**
 13 **Blind or Visually Impaired.**

14 **(3) The budget director, or the budget director's designee.**

15 **(4) The commissioner of the commission for higher education,**
 16 **or the commissioner's designee.**

17 **(5) The superintendent of public instruction, or the**
 18 **superintendent of public instruction's designee.**

19 **(6) One (1) member representing the construction industry,**
 20 **appointed by the governor.**

21 **(7) One (1) member who is a parent of a current student at the**
 22 **Indiana School for the Deaf, appointed by the governor.**

23 **(8) One (1) member who is a parent of a current student at the**
 24 **Indiana School for the Blind or Visually impaired, appointed**
 25 **by the governor.**

26 **(h) The chairperson of the legislative council during the 2019**
 27 **interim shall appoint one (1) of the members under subsection (g)**
 28 **to serve as chairperson of the advisory committee. The advisory**
 29 **committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson of the task force**
 30 **or the chairperson of the advisory committee. Each member**
 31 **appointed by the governor under subsection (g) serves at the will**
 32 **of the governor. A quorum of the advisory committee consists of**
 33 **five (5) members. The advisory committee shall make**
 34 **recommendations and advise the task force in a manner prescribed**
 35 **by the chairperson of the task force.**

36 **(i) The department of administration created by IC 4-13-1-2**
 37 **shall provide staffing and administrative support for the task force**
 38 **and the advisory committee necessary for the task force and**
 39 **advisory committee to carry out their duties and responsibilities**
 40 **under this SECTION.**

41 **(j) Each member of the task force or advisory committee who is**
 42 **not a state employee or a member of the general assembly is not**



1 entitled to the minimum salary per diem or reimbursement for
2 traveling expenses and other expenses. Each member of the task
3 force or advisory committee who is a state employee but who is not
4 a member of the general assembly is entitled to reimbursement for
5 traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in
6 connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel
7 policies and procedures established by the department of
8 administration and approved by the budget agency. Each member
9 of the task force who is a member of the general assembly is
10 entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel
11 allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees
12 established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel
13 allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from
14 appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative
15 services agency.

16 (k) Meetings of the task force and the advisory committee must
17 comply with IC 5-14-1.5.

18 (l) This SECTION expires January 1, 2021.

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

