



February 15, 2024

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 6

DIGEST OF SB 6 (Updated February 15, 2024 9:15 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 20-32.

Synopsis: Reading proficiency. Requires the department of education (department) to develop a method to identify students in grade 4 through grade 8 who: (1) did not pass the determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state board of education; and (2) are at risk of not being proficient in reading as determined by Lexile scores on the statewide summative assessment. Requires the department to develop guidance for schools regarding how to support students who are at risk of not being proficient in reading.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

**Raatz, Rogers, Crane,
Randolph Lonnie M**
(HOUSE SPONSOR — BEHNING)

January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

January 25, 2024, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 29, 2024, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 30, 2024, read third time, passed. Yeas 49, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 6, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

February 15, 2024, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-32-5.1-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 20. Beginning with the 2024-2025**
4 **school year, the department shall develop a method for identifying**
5 **students in grade 4 through grade 8 who:**
6 **(1) did not pass the determinant evaluation of reading skills**
7 **approved by the state board; and**
8 **(2) are at risk of not being proficient in reading as determined**
9 **by Lexile scores on the statewide summative assessment.**
10 **The department shall develop guidance for schools on how to**
11 **support students in grade 4 through grade 8 who are at risk of not**
12 **being proficient in reading.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 6, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 06 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 6, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 6 as printed January 26, 2024.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

