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SENATE BILL No. 143

DIGEST OF SB 143 (Updated January 10, 2018 3:16 pm - DI 125)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Study of student performance grades. Requires the department of education (department) and the commission for higher education (commission) to study and submit a report describing as to whether there is any disparity in determining enrollment eligibility in a state educational institution or educational program offered by the state educational institution that is caused by the use of different grading scales by public secondary schools. Requires the department and commission to submit the report to the general assembly. Requires a public secondary school to submit certain information to the department regarding the calculation of a public secondary student's grade. Requires a state educational institution to submit certain information to the commission regarding the use of a public secondary student's grade point average for determining enrollment eligibility.

Effective: Upon passage.

Leising, Kruse

January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
January 11, 2018, amended, reported favorably — 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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission for higher
3 education established under IC 21-18-2-1.
4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "state educational institution" has
5 the meaning set forth in IC 21-7-13-32.
6 (c) The definitions used in IC 20 apply throughout this
7 SECTION.
8 (d) On or before September 1, 2018, the department shall
9 request that each public secondary school submit information to
10 the department in an electronic format describing the following:
11 (1) The type of grading system that is used to evaluate a
12 student's progress. If the public secondary school uses an A
13 through F grading system, the public secondary school shall
14 indicate what percentile is required for a student to achieve a
15 particular letter grade.
16 (2) Any other information the department may request to
17 measure the parity of rigor between public secondary schools
18 when the public secondary schools assign student grades.

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1 Each public secondary school shall submit the information
2 requested by the department in a time frame and manner
3 prescribed by the department.

4 (e) On or before September 1, 2018, the commission shall
5 request that each state educational institution submit information
6 to the commission in an electronic format describing whether a
7 public secondary school student's grade point average is used to
8 determine enrollment eligibility for the state educational institution
9 or a particular educational program offered by the state
10 educational institution. The state educational institution shall
11 submit the information requested to the commission in the time
12 frame and manner prescribed by the commission. If the state
13 educational institution uses a public secondary school student's
14 grade point average to determine enrollment eligibility, the state
15 educational institution shall include the following information:

16 (1) A description of how a public secondary school student's
17 grade point average is used to determine enrollment eligibility
18 into the state educational institution or educational program.

19 (2) A description of whether a public secondary school
20 student's grade point average is determined using a four (4)
21 point grading scale and whether a public secondary school
22 student's letter grades are used to calculate the grading scale.

23 (3) Any other information the commission may request to
24 determine whether a public secondary school student's grade
25 point average is measured uniformly among public secondary
26 schools with different grading scales when the state
27 educational institution determines enrollment eligibility.

28 (f) Not later than November 1, 2018, the department and the
29 commission shall jointly prepare and submit a report to the
30 general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6. The
31 report must include the following:

32 (1) A detailed description of the results of the information
33 submitted to the department or commission under subsections
34 (d) and (e).

35 (2) A description of any disparity in determining enrollment
36 eligibility in a state educational institution or educational
37 program offered by the state educational institution that is
38 caused by the use of different grading scales by public
39 secondary schools.

40 (3) Any recommendations by the department or the
41 commission in preventing disparities described in subdivision
42 (2).



1 **(4) Any information the department or the commission**
2 **determines is necessary.**
3 **(g) This SECTION expires January 1, 2019.**
4 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 143, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 1, delete "As used in this".

Page 1, delete lines 2 through 3.

Page 1, line 4, delete "(b)".

Page 1, run in lines 1 through 4.

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) As used in this SECTION, "state educational institution" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-7-13-32."

Page 2, line 5, delete "approved postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 7, delete "secondary" and insert "**public secondary school**".

Page 2, line 8, delete "approved".

Page 2, line 9, delete "postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 10, delete "approved postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 11, delete "approved postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 14, delete "approved postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 14, after "a" insert "**public**".

Page 2, line 16, delete "approved postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 18, after "how a" insert "**public**".

Page 2, line 20, delete "approved postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 22, after "whether a" insert "**public secondary school**".

Page 2, line 24, after "a" insert "**public**".

Page 2, line 29, delete "approved".

Page 2, line 30, delete "postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

Page 2, line 40, delete "an approved postsecondary" and insert "**a state**".

Page 2, line 41, delete "approved".

Page 2, line 42, delete "postsecondary" and insert "**state**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 143 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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