

SENATE BILL No. 483

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-33-2-48.

Synopsis: Regulation of homeschooling. Requires a parent who withdraws the parent's chronically absent child from a public school in order to homeschool the child to: (1) present to the school from which the child is withdrawing a plan regarding the curriculum and courses the child will complete while homeschooled; (2) meet with the superintendent of the school from which the child is withdrawing not less than two times each semester for the first full school year in which the student is homeschooled to provide a progress report; and (3) meet with the superintendent not less than two times annually for each subsequent school year. Requires a superintendent to designate a homeschooled student as a habitual truant and report the student to an intake officer of the juvenile court or the department of child services and the prosecuting attorney under certain conditions. Requires a superintendent to provide the parent of a homeschooled student with a notice of compulsory attendance violation under certain conditions.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

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 20-33-2-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 48. (a) This section applies to:**
4 (1) **the parent of a homeschooled student; and**
5 (2) **the homeschooled student.**
6 (b) **As used in this section, "chronically absent" refers to a**
7 **student who:**
8 (1) **is enrolled in a public school; and**
9 (2) **has missed at least ten percent (10%) of the school days in**
10 **a school year, including excused and unexcused absences.**
11 (c) **As used in this section, to "homeschool" a student refers to**
12 **educating the student at a nonaccredited, nonpublic school with**
13 **less than one (1) employee in which the parent of the student**
14 **provides the student with instruction equivalent to that given in**
15 **public schools as permitted under section 28 of this chapter.**
16 (d) **As used in this section, "progress report" refers to a**
17 **thorough, documented report that contains evidence of a**



- 1 **homeschooled student's:**
 2 **(1) school work completion; and**
 3 **(2) learning progress.**
 4 **(e) As used in this section, "school of origin" refers to a public**
 5 **school from which a student withdrew in order to be**
 6 **homeschooled.**
 7 **(f) If the parent of a student who is chronically absent**
 8 **withdraws the student from a public school to homeschool the**
 9 **student, the parent must do the following:**
 10 **(1) Present a thorough plan to the school of origin regarding**
 11 **the curriculum and courses the homeschooled student will**
 12 **complete while homeschooled.**
 13 **(2) Meet with the superintendent of the school of origin not**
 14 **less than two (2) times each semester for the first full school**
 15 **year in which the student is homeschooled to provide a**
 16 **progress report.**
 17 **(3) Meet with the superintendent of the school of origin not**
 18 **less than two (2) times annually for each school year**
 19 **subsequent to the school year described in subdivision (2) to**
 20 **submit a progress report.**
 21 **(g) If the parent of a homeschooled student fails to present a**
 22 **progress report as required under subsection (f)(2) or (f)(3) or**
 23 **presents a progress report that, as determined by the**
 24 **superintendent, does not contain sufficient evidence of progress,**
 25 **the superintendent shall do the following:**
 26 **(1) Designate the homeschooled student as a habitual truant**
 27 **and report the student to:**
 28 **(A) an intake officer of the juvenile court or the**
 29 **department of child services as required under section 25**
 30 **of this chapter; and**
 31 **(B) the prosecuting attorney as required under section 26**
 32 **of this chapter.**
 33 **(2) Provide the parent of the student with a notice of**
 34 **compulsory attendance violation as required under section 27**
 35 **of this chapter.**

