

SENATE BILL No. 332

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-5-25.

Synopsis: Education matters. Makes changes to the professional growth experience points requirements for a person renewing a practitioner license or accomplished practitioner license. Establishes a committee to study school accountability, school assessments, and teacher salary, professional development, and evaluations and make recommendations.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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 20-28-5-25, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2019,
2 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 25. (a) This section applies to a professional
4 growth plan that:

5 (1) begins after July 1, 2019; and

6 (2) is completed for the purpose of renewing a:

7 (A) practitioner license; or

8 (B) accomplished practitioner license.

9 (b) ~~Fifteen (15)~~ Subject to subsection (d), if a person provides
10 instruction in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 at any time during the term of
11 a license described in subsection (a)(2), ~~ten (10)~~ of the total number
12 of professional growth experience points required to renew a
13 practitioner license or an accomplished practitioner the license must be
14 obtained through the completion of one (1) or more of the following:

15 (1) An externship with a company.

16 (2) Professional development provided by the state, a local
17 business, or a community partner that provides opportunities for



1 schools and employers to partner in promoting career navigation.

2 (3) Professional development provided by the state, a local
3 business, or a community partner that outlines the:

4 (A) current and future economic needs of the community,
5 state, nation, and globe; and

6 (B) ways in which the current and future economic needs
7 described in clause (A) can be disseminated to students.

8 **(c) Subject to subsection (d), if a person provides instruction in**
9 **grade 6, 7, or 8 at any time during the term of a license described**
10 **in subsection (a)(2), five (5) of the total number of professional**
11 **growth experience points required to renew the license must be**
12 **obtained through the completion of one (1) or more of the**
13 **externships or professional development listed in subsection (b)(1)**
14 **through (b)(3).**

15 **(d) If a person provides instruction in a grade listed in**
16 **subsection (b) and a grade listed in subsection (c) during the term**
17 **of a license described in subsection (a)(2), the person is required to**
18 **obtain a total of ten (10) professional growth experience points as**
19 **required under subsection (b).**

20 **(e) If a person provides instruction in kindergarten through**
21 **grade 5 during the term of a license described in subsection (a)(2),**
22 **the person may obtain professional growth experience points**
23 **required to renew the license through the completion of one (1) or**
24 **more of the following:**

25 **(1) The externships or professional development listed in**
26 **subsection (b)(1) through (b)(3).**

27 **(2) Any other activities as determined by the state board.**

28 **However, if the person described under this subsection provides**
29 **instruction as described in subsection (b), (c), or (d) at any time**
30 **during the term of the license, the person is subject to subsection**
31 **(b), (c), or (d), as applicable.**

32 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The definitions**
33 **used in IC 20 apply throughout this SECTION.**

34 **(b) As used in this SECTION, "statewide assessment" refers to**
35 **the statewide assessment required under IC 20-32-5.1-7.**

36 **(c) A committee is established to study school accountability,**
37 **school assessments, and teacher salary, professional development,**
38 **and evaluations and to make recommendations of its findings. The**
39 **committee shall study and consider the following when making its**
40 **recommendations:**

41 **(1) The impact of eliminating funding for all benchmark,**
42 **formative, interim, or similar assessments other than the**



1 statewide assessment.

2 (2) The effect that the results from the statewide assessment
3 and other similar assessments have on school accountability,
4 teacher evaluations, and teacher salaries under current state
5 and federal law.

6 (3) Ways in which the statewide assessment and other similar
7 assessments could be used to positively affect teaching
8 methods and student development.

9 (4) The content and delivery of the results of the statewide
10 assessment to schools and parents.

11 (5) Engaging teachers or establishing a committee of teachers
12 to review and report to the general assembly regarding the
13 effectiveness of the statewide assessment.

14 (6) Increasing teacher engagement in the development of the
15 statewide assessment.

16 (7) Limiting how much the outcome of student assessments
17 affects teacher evaluations and salary.

18 (8) Requiring the department or state board to develop
19 specific and targeted professional development for
20 administrative staff and teachers in low performing schools.

21 (9) Methods that could be employed to continue monitoring
22 best practices and reward growth metrics in all schools.

23 (10) Considerations in raising teacher salaries in Indiana,
24 including considering:

25 (A) how teacher salaries in Indiana compare to teacher
26 salaries nationally and in the states surrounding Indiana;

27 (B) the fiscal impact of funding an increase in teacher
28 salaries in Indiana; and

29 (C) teacher pensions and the importance of continuing to
30 fully fund teacher pensions.

31 (11) Funding externships and other professional development
32 described in IC 20-28-5-25(b) for teachers.

33 (d) The committee may collect and consider any other studies,
34 research, or reports by other public or private agencies or entities
35 on the topics listed in subsection (c).

36 (e) Not later than December 1, 2020, the committee shall submit
37 its recommendations in a final report to the:

38 (1) governor; and

39 (2) general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

40 (f) The committee consists of the following twenty-three (23)
41 members:

42 (1) The superintendent of public instruction.



(2) The commissioner of the department of workforce development.

(3) The commissioner of the commission for higher education.

(4) The chairperson of the senate education and career development committee.

(5) The chairperson of the house of representatives education committee.

(6) A member of the state board elected by the state board with a majority vote not later than May 1, 2020.

(7) The governor shall appoint the following five (5) members:

(A) One (1) member who serves as chairperson of the panel. The member appointed as chairperson of the panel must be a current or former educator or school administrator.

(B) One (1) member who is a teacher.

(C) One (1) member who is a principal.

(D) One (1) member who is a school superintendent.

(E) One (1) member who is a faculty member or researcher at the college or university level and who has expertise in issues related to elementary and secondary education.

(8) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint the following four (4) members:

(A) One (1) member who is a teacher.

(B) One (1) member who is a principal.

(C) One (1) member who is a school superintendent.

(D) One (1) member who is a business leader.

(9) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the following four (4) members:

(A) One (1) member who is a teacher.

(B) One (1) member who is a principal.

(C) One (1) member who is a school superintendent.

(D) One (1) member who is a parent of a student in an elementary or secondary school.

(10) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint the following four (4) members:

(A) One (1) member who is a teacher.

(B) One (1) member who is a principal.

(C) One (1) member who is a school superintendent.

(D) One (1) member representing a school employee organization (as defined in IC 20-29-2-14).

(g) Members appointed under subsection (f) shall be appointed by the member's respective appointing authority not later than



1 **May 1, 2020. Each member appointed under subsection (f) serves**
 2 **at the will of the member's appointing authority.**

3 **(h) A quorum of the committee consists of twelve (12) members.**
 4 **The affirmative vote of at least twelve (12) members of the**
 5 **committee is necessary for any action to be taken by the committee.**

6 **(i) The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.**

7 **(j) The legislative services agency shall provide administrative**
 8 **support for the committee. Upon request, the state board and the**
 9 **department shall provide research, data, and technical assistance**
 10 **for the committee in a timely manner.**

11 **(k) Each member of the committee who is not a state employee**
 12 **is entitled to receive both of the following:**

13 **(1) The minimum salary per diem provided by**
 14 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).**

15 **(2) Reimbursement for travel expenses, as provided in the**
 16 **state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana**
 17 **department of administration and approved by the budget**
 18 **agency.**

19 **(l) Each member of the committee who is a state employee is**
 20 **entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses actually incurred in**
 21 **connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel**
 22 **policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 23 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**

24 **(m) Meetings of the committee must comply with IC 5-14-1.5.**

25 **(n) This SECTION expires January 1, 2021.**

26 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

