

SENATE BILL No. 377

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-19-9-6; IC 20-24; IC 20-25.7-4-9; IC 20-26; IC 31-34-20-5; IC 31-37-19-26.

Synopsis: Temporary exception to residency requirements. Provides that a student meets the residency requirements for enrollment at a public school if the parent of the student: (1) is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation within Indiana while on active duty pursuant to an official military order; and (2) submits to the public school certain information, including official documentation, as determined by the state board of education, regarding the transfer or pending transfer. Provides that the student is considered to have legal settlement in the attendance area of the school corporation in which the parent: (1) has submitted the required application and documentation; and (2) intends to reside. Requires a parent who is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation within Indiana to provide proof of residence to the public school not later than 10 instructional days after the arrival date provided on the required documentation. Provides that if the parent of the student fails to provide the proof of residence, the public school may expel the student.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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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 20-19-9-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.211-2019,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. **Except as provided under IC 20-26-19**, a
4 school corporation that operates a virtual education program may not
5 enroll a student unless the student is an Indiana resident. If the school
6 corporation that operates a virtual education program is unable to
7 verify that a student who attends the school corporation's virtual
8 education program is an Indiana resident, the school corporation must
9 pay back to the department the state tuition support distribution in an
10 amount determined by the department that the school corporation
11 received for that student.

12 SECTION 2. IC 20-24-5-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.159-2019,
13 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4.5. (a) A virtual charter school shall establish and
15 implement an annual onboarding process and orientation for virtual
16 charter school students and the students' parents. As part of the annual
17 onboarding process and orientation, the virtual charter school must



- 1 provide to a parent of a student:
- 2 (1) the student engagement and attendance requirements or
- 3 policies of the virtual charter school; and
- 4 (2) notice that a person who knowingly or intentionally deprives
- 5 a dependent of education commits a violation under IC 35-46-1-4.
- 6 (b) A student who is not enrolled in a virtual charter school before
- 7 July 1, 2020, must complete the annual onboarding process and
- 8 orientation established by the virtual charter school under subsection
- 9 (a) with the student's parent before the student may enroll in the virtual
- 10 charter school. If a student or student's parent does not participate in
- 11 the virtual charter school's annual onboarding process and orientation
- 12 established under subsection (a), the student may not enroll in the
- 13 virtual charter school.
- 14 (c) An authorizer shall review and monitor whether a virtual charter
- 15 school that is authorized by the authorizer complies with the
- 16 requirements under this section.
- 17 (d) An individual who is employed as a licensed teacher at a virtual
- 18 charter school must comply with any mandatory licensed teacher
- 19 training that is required under this title.
- 20 (e) A virtual charter school must require that if a student who
- 21 attends a virtual charter school accumulates the number of unexcused
- 22 absences sufficient to result in the student's classification as a habitual
- 23 truant (as described in IC 20-20-8-8(a)(17)), the student must be
- 24 withdrawn from enrollment in the virtual charter school.
- 25 (f) **Except as provided in IC 20-26-19**, a virtual charter school may
- 26 not enroll a student unless the student is an Indiana resident. If the
- 27 virtual charter school is unable to verify that a student who attends the
- 28 virtual charter school is an Indiana resident, the virtual charter school
- 29 must pay back to the department the state tuition support distribution
- 30 in an amount determined by the department that the virtual charter
- 31 school received for that student.
- 32 SECTION 3. IC 20-24-8-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.169-2005,
- 33 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 34 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) A charter school may not do the following:
- 35 (1) Operate at a site or for grades other than as specified in the
- 36 charter.
- 37 (2) Charge tuition to any student residing within the school
- 38 corporation's geographic boundaries. However, a charter school
- 39 may charge tuition for:
- 40 (A) a preschool program, unless charging tuition for the
- 41 preschool program is barred under federal law; or
- 42 (B) a latch key program;



1 if the charter school provides those programs.

2 (3) Except **as provided under IC 20-26-19 and except** for a
3 foreign exchange student who is not a United States citizen, enroll
4 a student who is not a resident of Indiana.

5 (4) Be located in a private residence.

6 (5) Provide solely home based instruction.

7 (b) A charter school is not prohibited from delivering instructional
8 services:

9 (1) through the Internet or another online arrangement; or

10 (2) in any manner by computer;

11 if the instructional services are provided to students enrolled in the
12 charter school in a manner that complies with any procedures adopted
13 by the department concerning online and computer instruction in public
14 schools.

15 SECTION 4. IC 20-25.7-4-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.214-2015,
16 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. (a) Any student who lives in the attendance area
18 served by a school that is operated as an innovation network school
19 under this chapter may attend the innovation network school. The
20 innovation network school may not refuse enrollment to a student who
21 lives in the attendance area **or a student described in IC 20-26-19-4.**

22 (b) This subsection applies if the number of applications for a
23 program, class, grade level, or building exceeds the capacity of the
24 program, class, grade level, or building. If an innovation network
25 school receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces
26 for students, each timely applicant must be given an equal chance of
27 admission.

28 SECTION 5. IC 20-26-11-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2006,
29 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter with respect to legal
31 settlement, transfers, and the payment of tuition, the words "residence",
32 "resides", or other comparable language means a permanent and
33 principal habitation that an individual uses for a home for a fixed or
34 indefinite period, at which the individual remains when not called
35 elsewhere for work, studies, recreation, or other temporary or special
36 purpose. These terms are not synonymous with legal domicile. Except
37 as provided in section ~~2(3)~~ **2(a)(3)** of this chapter, where a court order
38 grants an individual custody of a student, the residence of the student
39 is where that individual resides.

40 SECTION 6. IC 20-26-11-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2006,
41 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the**



- 1 legal settlement of a student is governed by the following provisions:
 2 (1) If the student:
 3 (A) is less than eighteen (18) years of age; or
 4 (B) is at least eighteen (18) years of age but is not
 5 emancipated;
 6 the legal settlement of the student is in the attendance area of the
 7 school corporation where the student's parents reside.
 8 (2) If the student's mother and father, in a situation to which
 9 subdivision (1) otherwise applies, are divorced or separated, the
 10 legal settlement of the student is the school corporation whose
 11 attendance area contains the residence of the parent with whom
 12 the student is living, in the following situations:
 13 (A) If a court order has not been made establishing the custody
 14 of the student.
 15 (B) Except as provided in subdivision (3), if both parents have
 16 agreed on the parent or person with whom the student will
 17 live.
 18 (C) If the parent granted custody of the student has abandoned
 19 the student.
 20 In the event of a dispute between the parents of the student, or
 21 between the parents and a student at least eighteen (18) years of
 22 age, the legal settlement of the student shall be determined as
 23 otherwise provided in this section.
 24 (3) If, in a situation in which subdivision (1) otherwise applies,
 25 the student's mother and father are divorced or separated, and if
 26 a court order grants the student's:
 27 (A) mother;
 28 (B) father; or
 29 (C) both mother and father;
 30 custody of the student, the legal settlement of the student is the
 31 school corporation whose attendance area contains the residence
 32 of the mother or father, as elected under section 2.5(a) of this
 33 chapter. If the custodial parent (or the student, if at least eighteen
 34 (18) years of age) does not make an election under section 2.5(a)
 35 of this chapter, the legal settlement of the student is the school
 36 corporation whose attendance area contains the residence of the
 37 parent granted physical custody by the court order.
 38 (4) If the legal settlement of a student, in a situation to which
 39 subdivision (1) otherwise applies, cannot reasonably be
 40 determined and the student is being supported by, cared for by,
 41 and living with some other individual, the legal settlement of the
 42 student is in the attendance area of that individual's residence,



1 except where the parents of the student are able to support the
 2 student but have placed the student in the home of another
 3 individual, or allowed the student to live with another individual,
 4 primarily for the purpose of attending school in the attendance
 5 area where the other individual resides. The school may, if the
 6 facts are in dispute, condition acceptance of the student's legal
 7 settlement on the appointment of that individual as legal guardian
 8 or custodian of the student, and the date of legal settlement will
 9 be fixed to coincide with the commencement of the proceedings
 10 for the appointment of a guardian or custodian. However, if a
 11 student does not reside with the student's parents because the
 12 student's parents are unable to support the child and the child is
 13 not residing with an individual other than a parent primarily to
 14 attend a particular school, the student's legal settlement is where
 15 the student resides, and the establishment of a legal guardianship
 16 may not be required by the school. In addition, a legal
 17 guardianship or custodianship established solely to attend school
 18 in a particular school corporation does not affect the
 19 determination of the legal settlement of the student under this
 20 chapter.

21 (5) If a student, to whom subdivision (1) would otherwise apply,
 22 is married and living with a spouse, the legal settlement of that
 23 student is in the attendance area of the school corporation where
 24 the student and the student's spouse reside.

25 (6) If the student's parents:

26 (A) are living outside the United States due to educational
 27 pursuits or a job assignment;

28 (B) do not maintain a permanent home in any school
 29 corporation in the United States; and

30 (C) have placed the student in the home of another individual;
 31 the legal settlement of the student is in the attendance area where
 32 the other individual resides.

33 (7) If the student is emancipated, the legal settlement is the
 34 attendance area of the school corporation of the student's
 35 residence.

36 (8) If a student's legal settlement is changed after the student has
 37 begun attending school in a school corporation in any school year,
 38 the effective date of change may:

39 (A) at the election of:

40 (i) the parent;

41 (ii) the student, if the student is at least eighteen (18) years
 42 of age; or



- 1 (iii) a juvenile court conducting a proceeding under
 2 IC 31-34-20-5, IC 31-34-21-10, IC 31-37-19-26, or
 3 IC 31-37-20-6 (or IC 31-6-4-18.5 before its repeal);
 4 be extended until the end of that semester; or
 5 (B) at the discretion of the school, until the end of that school
 6 year.
- 7 However, that election, where a student has completed grade 11
 8 in any school year, shall extend to the end of the following school
 9 year in grade 12.
- 10 (9) If a juvenile court has:
- 11 (A) made findings of fact concerning the legal settlement of a
 12 student under IC 31-34-20-5, IC 31-34-21-10, IC 31-37-19-26,
 13 or IC 31-37-20-6 (or IC 31-6-4-18.5 before its repeal); and
 14 (B) jurisdiction over the student under IC 31-34 or IC 31-37;
 15 the legal settlement of the student is the attendance area specified
 16 as the legal settlement in the latest findings of fact issued by the
 17 juvenile court.
- 18 **(b) This subsection applies to a student described in**
 19 **IC 20-26-19-4. A student is considered, from the date that the**
 20 **parent of the student submits the application and documentation**
 21 **required under IC 20-26-19-4(2) until the date that the parent**
 22 **provides proof of residence by the date required under**
 23 **IC 20-26-19-6, to have legal settlement in the attendance area of**
 24 **the school corporation in which the parent:**
- 25 **(1) has submitted the application and documentation required**
 26 **under IC 20-26-19-4(2); and**
 27 **(2) intends to reside.**
- 28 SECTION 7. IC 20-26-11-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2015,
 29 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2.5. (a) In the case of a student described in
 31 section ~~2(3)~~ **2(a)(3)** of this chapter, the:
- 32 (1) parent granted physical custody by a court; or
 33 (2) student, if the student is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 34 may elect for the student to have legal settlement in the school
 35 corporation whose attendance area contains the residence of the
 36 student's mother or the school corporation whose attendance area
 37 contains the residence of the student's father.
- 38 (b) An election under subsection (a) shall be made on a yearly basis
 39 and applies throughout the school year unless the student's parent no
 40 longer resides within the attendance area of the school corporation.
- 41 (c) The parent or student who makes an election under subsection
 42 (a) is not required to pay transfer tuition.



1 SECTION 8. IC 20-26-11-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2006,
 2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. The state superintendent shall prepare the form
 4 of agreement to be used under section ~~2(2)~~ **2(a)(2)** of this chapter and
 5 a form to be executed by any individual with whom the student is living
 6 under section ~~2(2)~~, **2(a)(2)**, ~~2(3)~~, **2(a)(3)**, ~~2(4)~~, **2(a)(4)**, or ~~2(6)~~ **2(a)(6)**
 7 of this chapter. The execution of the form by the individual and its
 8 continuance in force is a condition to the application of section ~~2(2)~~,
 9 **2(a)(2)**, ~~2(3)~~, **2(a)(3)**, ~~2(4)~~, **2(a)(4)**, or ~~2(6)~~ **2(a)(6)** of this chapter. The
 10 form must contain an agreement of the individual that the individual
 11 shall, with respect to dealing with the school corporation and for all
 12 other purposes under this article, assume all the duties and be subject
 13 to all the liabilities of a parent of the student in the same manner as if
 14 the individual were the student's parent. On the execution of that form
 15 and for as long as it remains in force, the individual has these duties
 16 and liabilities.

17 SECTION 9. IC 20-26-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 18 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2020]:

20 **Chapter 19. Temporary Exception to Residency Requirements**

21 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "active duty" means full-time**
 22 **service in:**

- 23 (1) the armed forces of the United States; or
 24 (2) the national guard;

25 **for a period that exceeds thirty (30) consecutive days in a calendar**
 26 **year.**

27 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "military installation" means a**
 28 **base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any**
 29 **ship, or other installation under the jurisdiction of the United**
 30 **States Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard.**

31 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public school" means a:**

- 32 (1) school maintained by a school corporation; or
 33 (2) charter school.

34 **Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other law, a student meets the**
 35 **residency requirements for enrollment at a public school in**
 36 **Indiana if the parent of the student meets the following:**

- 37 (1) The parent is transferred to or is pending transfer to a
 38 military installation within Indiana while on active duty
 39 pursuant to an official military order.
 40 (2) The parent submits to the public school:
 41 (A) an application, as determined by the public school, for
 42 enrollment in the public school; and



- 1 **(B) documentation, as determined by the state board,**
 2 **regarding the transfer or pending transfer.**
 3 **(3) If the parent is submitting an application described in**
 4 **subdivision (2)(A) to a public school maintained by a school**
 5 **corporation, the parent intends to reside in the attendance**
 6 **area of the school corporation.**
 7 **Sec. 5. In addition to any other means by which a public school**
 8 **accepts an application for enrollment of a student or registration**
 9 **in a course by a student, a public school shall accept an application**
 10 **for enrollment and course registration, as applicable, by electronic**
 11 **means for a student described in section 4 of this chapter.**
 12 **Sec. 6. (a) A parent of a student described in section 4 of this**
 13 **chapter shall provide proof of residence to the public school not**
 14 **later than ten (10) instructional days after the arrival date**
 15 **provided on the documentation described in section 4(2)(B) of this**
 16 **chapter.**
 17 **(b) A parent may use the address of any of the following as**
 18 **proof of residence for purposes of this section:**
 19 **(1) A temporary on base billeting facility.**
 20 **(2) A purchased or leased home or apartment.**
 21 **(3) Any federal government housing or off base military**
 22 **housing, including off base military housing that is provided**
 23 **through a public-private venture.**
 24 **(c) If a parent of a student fails to provide proof of residence to**
 25 **a public school in accordance with subsection (a), the public school**
 26 **may expel the student.**
 27 **Sec. 7. The state board:**
 28 **(1) shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 regarding the**
 29 **documentation required under section 4(2)(B) of this chapter;**
 30 **and**
 31 **(2) may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to otherwise implement**
 32 **this chapter.**
 33 **SECTION 10. IC 31-34-20-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-2012,**
 34 **SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 35 **JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies if the department or a**
 36 **juvenile court:**
 37 **(1) places a child;**
 38 **(2) changes the placement of a child; or**
 39 **(3) reviews the implementation of a decree under IC 31-34-21 of**
 40 **a child placed;**
 41 **in a state licensed private or public health care facility, child care**
 42 **facility, foster family home, or the home of a relative or other**



- 1 unlicensed caretaker.
- 2 (b) The juvenile court shall do the following:
- 3 (1) Make findings of fact concerning the legal settlement of the
- 4 child.
- 5 (2) Apply ~~IC 20-26-11-2(1)~~ **IC 20-26-11-2(a)(1)** through
- 6 ~~IC 20-26-11-2(8)~~ **IC 20-26-11-2(a)(8)** to determine where the
- 7 child has legal settlement.
- 8 (3) Include the findings of fact required by this section in:
- 9 (A) the dispositional order;
- 10 (B) the modification order; or
- 11 (C) the other decree;
- 12 making or changing the placement of the child.
- 13 (c) The juvenile court may determine that the legal settlement of the
- 14 child is in the school corporation in which the child will attend school
- 15 under IC 20-26-11-8(d).
- 16 (d) The juvenile court shall comply with the reporting requirements
- 17 under IC 20-26-11-9 concerning the legal settlement of the child.
- 18 (e) The department or a juvenile court may place a child in a public
- 19 school, regardless of whether the public school has a waiting list for
- 20 admissions, if the department or juvenile court determines that the
- 21 school's program meets the child's educational needs and the school
- 22 agrees to the placement. A placement under this subsection does not
- 23 affect the legal settlement of the child.
- 24 SECTION 11. IC 31-37-19-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-2012,
- 25 SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 26 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 26. (a) This section applies if a juvenile court:
- 27 (1) places a child;
- 28 (2) changes the placement of a child; or
- 29 (3) reviews the implementation of a decree under IC 31-37-20 (or
- 30 IC 31-6-4-19 before its repeal) of a child placed;
- 31 in a state licensed private or public health care facility, child care
- 32 facility, foster family home, or the home of a relative or other
- 33 unlicensed caretaker.
- 34 (b) The juvenile court shall do the following:
- 35 (1) Make findings of fact concerning the legal settlement of the
- 36 child.
- 37 (2) Apply ~~IC 20-26-11-2(1)~~ **IC 20-26-11-2(a)(1)** through
- 38 ~~IC 20-26-11-2(8)~~ **IC 20-26-11-2(a)(8)** to determine where the
- 39 child has legal settlement.
- 40 (3) Include the findings of fact required by this section in the:
- 41 (A) dispositional order;
- 42 (B) modification order; or



1 (C) other decree;
2 making or changing the placement of the child.
3 (c) The juvenile court may determine that the legal settlement of the
4 child is in the school corporation in which the child will attend school
5 under IC 20-26-11-8(d).
6 (d) The juvenile court shall comply with the reporting requirements
7 under IC 20-26-11-9 concerning the legal settlement of the child.
8 (e) The juvenile court may place a child in a public school,
9 regardless of whether the public school has a waiting list for
10 admissions, if the court determines that the school's program meets the
11 child's educational needs and the school agrees to the placement. A
12 placement under this subsection does not affect the legal settlement of
13 the child.

