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Synopsis: School accreditation. Provides that the state board of education (state board) and the governing body of a school corporation or nonpublic school may not enter into, renew, or otherwise extend a contract to establish a freeway school after June 30, 2020. Provides that provisions relating to the establishment and administration of freeway schools expire July 1, 2025. Establishes new requirements to accredit a public or private school in Indiana. Provides that a school corporation or performance based accredited school may waive compliance with certain statutes or rules for a particular school that is placed in any of the three highest categories or designations of school improvement. Provides that a school corporation or performance based accredited school may submit a request to the state board to waive certain statutes or rules for a particular school that is placed in either of the two lowest categories or designations of school improvement. Provides that the following apply to nonpublic schools accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the state board: (1) Indiana secured school fund provisions. (2) Certain sale of school building provisions. (3) Certain textbook assistance provisions. Changes a provision concerning waivers from postsecondary readiness
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Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2020.

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January 16, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
January 30, 2020, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 3, 2020, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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competency requirements that references "nonaccredited nonpublic school" to "nonaccredited nonpublic school that has less than one employee". Voids an Indiana administrative rule relating to school accreditation. Repeals a provision that requires the state board to implement a system of recognizing certain education programs of nonpublic schools. Repeals: (1) provisions establishing performance qualified school districts; (2) a provision relating to performance based school accreditation; (3) a provision pertaining to school improvement plans; and (4) a provision pertaining to the recognition of educational programs of nonpublic schools. Makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

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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 4-3-27-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2019,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "high school"
4 means a high school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-7) that is:
5 (1) maintained by a school corporation;
6 (2) a charter school; or
7 (3) ~~an a state~~ accredited nonpublic school (**as defined in**
8 **IC 20-18-2-18.7**).
- 9 (b) Not later than July 1, 2019, the cabinet shall develop a
10 comprehensive career navigation and coaching system for Indiana that
11 does both of the following:
12 (1) Provides timely, comprehensive, relevant, and useful
13 information on careers, including at least:
14 (A) general and industry sector based regional, state, national,
15 and global information to identify both immediate and
16 potential career opportunities arising from:
17 (i) current employer needs;

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- 1 (ii) developing or foreseeable talent needs and trends; and
 2 (iii) other factors identified by the cabinet;
 3 (B) state, regional, and local labor market supply and demand
 4 information from the department of workforce development,
 5 industry sectors, and other verifiable sources; and
 6 (C) educational requirements and attainment information from
 7 employers, the department of workforce development, and
 8 other verifiable sources.
- 9 (2) Establishes strategies and identifies capacity to deliver career
 10 navigation and coaching to middle school, high school,
 11 postsecondary, and adult students, with priority being given to
 12 middle school and high school students, including at least:
- 13 (A) processes for identifying an individual's aptitude for and
 14 interest in, and the education and training required for, various
 15 career and employment opportunities;
 16 (B) the use of career coaches and other coaching resources,
 17 including the work one system, employers, Ivy Tech
 18 Community College, Vincennes University, and other
 19 postsecondary educational institutions; and
 20 (C) qualifications for career coaches and a training program to
 21 enable the career coaches to provide relevant information to
 22 the individuals being served.
- 23 (c) All high schools in Indiana shall participate in the career
 24 coaching program developed under subsection (b)(2).
- 25 (d) In developing the comprehensive career navigation and coaching
 26 system under subsection (b)(2), the cabinet shall:
- 27 (1) receive cooperation, support, and assistance from:
- 28 (A) the department of workforce development, the Indiana
 29 commission for higher education, and the department of
 30 education; and
 31 (B) the resources, providers, and institutions that the
 32 departments and the commission listed in clause (A) use and
 33 oversee;
- 34 (2) explore approaches and models from Indiana and other states
 35 and countries;
- 36 (3) where appropriate, use pilot programs or other scaling
 37 approaches to develop and implement the comprehensive career
 38 navigation and coaching system in a cost effective and efficient
 39 manner; and
 40 (4) work to coordinate and align resources to produce effective
 41 and efficient results to K-12 educational systems, postsecondary
 42 educational systems, the workforce development community,



- 1 employers, community based organizations, and other entities.
- 2 (e) The cabinet shall initially:
- 3 (1) focus on:
- 4 (A) students in, or of the age to be in, the last two (2) years of
- 5 high school; and
- 6 (B) working age adults; and
- 7 (2) use, to the extent possible, the department of workforce
- 8 development, the K-12 educational system, Ivy Tech Community
- 9 College, Vincennes University, and other existing resources to
- 10 implement the comprehensive career navigation and coaching
- 11 system with a later expansion of the system, as appropriate, to all
- 12 K-12 and postsecondary schools and institutions and their
- 13 students.
- 14 (f) Not later than July 1, 2019, the cabinet shall submit to:
- 15 (1) the governor;
- 16 (2) the commission for higher education;
- 17 (3) the state board of education; and
- 18 (4) the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6;
- 19 operating and funding recommendations to implement the
- 20 comprehensive career navigation and coaching system.
- 21 SECTION 2. IC 5-2-10.1-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.211-2018(ss),
- 22 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 23 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 13. A charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4)
- 24 or **an a state** accredited nonpublic school (**as defined in**
- 25 **IC 20-18-2-18.7**) may do one (1) or more of the following:
- 26 (1) Designate an individual to serve as the school safety specialist
- 27 for the school and comply with section 9 of this chapter.
- 28 (2) Establish a school safety plan in accordance with this chapter.
- 29 (3) Establish a safe school committee as described under section
- 30 12 of this chapter.
- 31 SECTION 3. IC 6-3-2-22, AS ADDED BY P.L.229-2011,
- 32 SECTION 85, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 33 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 22. (a) The following definitions apply throughout
- 34 this section:
- 35 (1) "Dependent child" means an individual who:
- 36 (A) is eligible to receive a free elementary or high school
- 37 education in an Indiana school corporation;
- 38 (B) qualifies as a dependent (as defined in Section 152 of the
- 39 Internal Revenue Code) of the taxpayer; and
- 40 (C) is the natural or adopted child of the taxpayer or, if custody
- 41 of the child has been awarded in a court proceeding to
- 42 someone other than the mother or father, the court appointed



- 1 guardian or custodian of the child.
 2 If the parents of a child are divorced, the term refers to the parent
 3 who is eligible to take the exemption for the child under Section
 4 151 of the Internal Revenue Code.
 5 (2) "Education expenditure" refers to any expenditures made in
 6 connection with enrollment, attendance, or participation of the
 7 taxpayer's dependent child in a private elementary or high school
 8 education program. The term includes tuition, fees, computer
 9 software, textbooks, workbooks, curricula, school supplies (other
 10 than personal computers), and other written materials used
 11 primarily for academic instruction or for academic tutoring, or
 12 both.
 13 (3) "Private elementary or high school education program" means
 14 attendance at:
 15 (A) a nonpublic school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-12); or
 16 (B) **an a state** accredited nonpublic school **(as defined in**
 17 **IC 20-18-2-18.7);**
 18 in Indiana that satisfies a child's obligation under IC 20-33-2 for
 19 compulsory attendance at a school. The term does not include the
 20 delivery of instructional service in a home setting to a dependent
 21 child who is enrolled in a school corporation or a charter school.
 22 (b) This section applies to taxable years beginning after December
 23 31, 2010.
 24 (c) A taxpayer who makes an unreimbursed education expenditure
 25 during the taxpayer's taxable year is entitled to a deduction against the
 26 taxpayer's adjusted gross income in the taxable year.
 27 (d) The amount of the deduction is:
 28 (1) one thousand dollars (\$1,000); multiplied by
 29 (2) the number of the taxpayer's dependent children for whom the
 30 taxpayer made education expenditures in the taxable year.
 31 A husband and wife are entitled to only one (1) deduction under this
 32 section.
 33 (e) To receive the deduction provided by this section, a taxpayer
 34 must claim the deduction on the taxpayer's annual state tax return or
 35 returns in the manner prescribed by the department.
 36 SECTION 4. IC 9-21-12-20.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.144-2019,
 37 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 20.5. (a) As used in this section, "elementary
 39 school":
 40 (1) has the meaning set forth in IC 20-18-2-4; and
 41 (2) includes public elementary schools and **state** accredited
 42 nonpublic elementary schools **that voluntarily become**



1 **accredited under IC 20-31-4.1.**

2 (b) As used in this section, "governing body" has the meaning set
3 forth in IC 20-18-2-5.

4 (c) If a school bus driver must load or unload an elementary school
5 student at a location that requires the student to cross a roadway that is
6 a U.S. route or state route as described in section 20(a)(1) of this
7 chapter, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall
8 present the school bus route described in this subsection to the
9 governing body for approval.

10 SECTION 5. IC 9-27-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2013,
11 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "driver training
13 school" means:

14 (1) a business enterprise that:

15 (A) is conducted by an individual, an association, a
16 partnership, a limited liability company, or a corporation for
17 the education and training of persons, practically or
18 theoretically, or both, to operate or drive motor vehicles or to
19 prepare an applicant for an examination or validation under
20 IC 9-24 for a driver's license; and

21 (B) charges consideration or tuition for the provision of
22 services; or

23 (2) a driver education program operated under the authority of:

24 (A) a school corporation (as defined in IC 36-1-2-17);

25 (B) a **state accredited** nonpublic secondary school that
26 voluntarily becomes accredited under ~~IC 20-19-2-8;~~
27 **IC 20-31-4.1;**

28 ~~(C) a nonpublic secondary school recognized under~~
29 ~~IC 20-19-2-10;~~

30 ~~(D)~~ (C) a postsecondary proprietary educational institution (as
31 defined in IC 22-4.1-21-9);

32 ~~(E)~~ (D) a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational
33 institution (as defined in IC 21-18.5-2-12);

34 ~~(F)~~ (E) a state educational institution (as defined in
35 IC 21-7-13-32); or

36 ~~(G)~~ (F) a nonaccredited nonpublic school.

37 (b) The term does not include a business enterprise that educates or
38 trains a person or prepares a person for an examination or a validation
39 given by the bureau to operate or drive a motor vehicle as a vocation.

40 SECTION 6. IC 9-27-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2015,
41 SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. (a) To establish or operate a driver training



1 school, the driver training school must obtain a driver training school
2 license from the bureau in the manner and form prescribed by the
3 bureau.

4 (b) Subject to subsections (c) and (d), the bureau shall adopt rules
5 under IC 4-22-2 that state the requirements for obtaining a driver
6 training school license.

7 (c) The rules adopted under subsection (b) must permit a licensed
8 driver training school to provide classroom training during which an
9 instructor is present in a county outside the county where the driver
10 training school is located to the students of:

11 (1) a school corporation (as defined in IC 36-1-2-17);

12 (2) a **state accredited** nonpublic secondary school that
13 voluntarily becomes accredited under ~~IC 20-19-2-8;~~
14 **IC 20-31-4.1;**

15 ~~(3) a nonpublic secondary school recognized under~~
16 ~~IC 20-19-2-10;~~

17 ~~(4) (3)~~ a state educational institution; or

18 ~~(5) (4)~~ a nonaccredited nonpublic school.

19 However, the rules must provide that a licensed driver training school
20 may provide classroom training in an entity listed in ~~subdivisions~~
21 **subdivision (1) through (3) or (2)** only if the governing body of the
22 entity approves the delivery of the training to its students.

23 (d) The rules adopted under subsection (b) must provide that driver
24 education instruction may not be provided to a child less than fifteen
25 (15) years of age.

26 SECTION 7. IC 10-21-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2019,
27 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this
29 chapter:

30 (1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school ~~(as~~
31 ~~described under IC 20-18-2-12)~~ that:

32 (A) has voluntarily become accredited under ~~IC 20-19-2-8;~~
33 **IC 20-31-4.1; or**

34 (B) **is accredited by a national or regional accrediting**
35 **agency that is recognized by the state board of education.**

36 (2) "Active event warning system" refers to a system that includes
37 services and technology that will notify available law enforcement
38 agencies in the area of a school building of a life threatening
39 emergency.

40 (3) "ADM" refers to average daily membership determined under
41 IC 20-43-4-2. In the case of a school corporation career and
42 technical education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, "ADM"



1 refers to the count on a full-time equivalency basis of students
 2 attending the school on the date ADM is determined under
 3 IC 20-43-4-2.

4 (4) "Board" refers to the secured school safety board established
 5 by section 3 of this chapter.

6 (5) "Fund" refers to the Indiana secured school fund established
 7 by section 2 of this chapter.

8 (6) "Law enforcement agency" refers to a state, local, or federal
 9 agency or department that would respond to an emergency event
 10 at a school, including both on duty and off duty officers within the
 11 agency or department.

12 (7) "Local plan" means the school safety plan described in
 13 IC 20-26-18.2-2(b).

14 (8) "School corporation or charter school" refers to an individual
 15 school corporation, a school corporation career and technical
 16 education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, or a charter school
 17 but also includes:

18 (A) a coalition of school corporations;

19 (B) a coalition of charter schools; or

20 (C) a coalition of both school corporations and charter schools;
 21 that intend to jointly employ a school resource officer or to jointly
 22 apply for a matching grant under this chapter, unless the context
 23 clearly indicates otherwise.

24 (9) "School official" refers to an employee of a school
 25 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school who
 26 has access to an active event warning system.

27 (10) "School resource officer" has the meaning set forth in
 28 IC 20-26-18.2-1.

29 SECTION 8. IC 16-35-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2017,
 30 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "child" means a child
 32 who is:

33 (1) at least three (3) years of age and less than seven (7) years of
 34 age; or

35 (2) enrolled in a public school, **state** accredited nonpublic school
 36 **(as defined in IC 20-18-2-18.7)**, or nonaccredited nonpublic
 37 school in kindergarten through grade 12.

38 SECTION 9. IC 16-41-37.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2009,
 39 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) The state department shall before July 1,
 41 2010:

42 (1) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish an indoor air quality



1 inspection, evaluation, and employee notification program to
 2 assist state agencies in improving indoor air quality; and

3 (2) amend 410 IAC 6-5.1 or adopt new rules under IC 4-22-2 to
 4 do the following:

5 (A) Establish an indoor air quality inspection, evaluation, and
 6 parent and employee notification program to assist schools in
 7 improving indoor air quality.

8 (B) Establish best practices to assure healthful indoor air
 9 quality in schools.

10 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the state department shall:

11 (1) inspect a school or state agency if the state department
 12 receives a complaint about the quality of air in the school or state
 13 agency;

14 (2) prepare a report, which may be in letter form, that:

15 (A) describes the state department's inspection findings;

16 (B) identifies any conditions that are contributing or could
 17 contribute to poor indoor air quality at the school or state
 18 agency, including:

19 (i) carbon dioxide levels;

20 (ii) humidity;

21 (iii) evidence of mold or water damage; and

22 (iv) excess dust;

23 (C) provides guidance on steps the school or state agency
 24 should take to address any issues; and

25 (D) requests a response from the school or state agency not
 26 later than sixty (60) days after the date of the report;

27 (3) report the results of the inspection to:

28 (A) the person who complained about the quality of air;

29 (B) the school's principal or the state agency head;

30 (C) the superintendent of the school corporation, if the school
 31 is part of a school corporation;

32 (D) the Indiana state board of education, if the school is a
 33 public school or ~~an~~ a state accredited nonpublic school (**as**
 34 **defined in IC 20-18-2-18.7**);

35 (E) the Indiana department of administration, if the inspected
 36 entity is a state agency; and

37 (F) the appropriate local or county board of health; and

38 (4) assist the school or state agency in developing a reasonable
 39 plan to improve air quality conditions found in the inspection.

40 (c) A complaint referred to in subsection (b)(1):

41 (1) must be in writing; and

42 (2) may be made by electronic mail.



1 (d) The state department may release the name of a person who files
 2 a complaint referred to in subsection (b)(1) only if the person has
 3 authorized the release in writing.

4 SECTION 10. IC 16-41-37.5-2.5, AS AMENDED BY THE
 5 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2020 GENERAL
 6 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2.5. (a) Before July 31, 2019, the state department
 8 shall distribute a manual of best practices for managing indoor air
 9 quality at schools as described in this section. The state department
 10 may use a manual on indoor air quality in schools developed by a
 11 federal health or environmental agency or another state and make
 12 additions or revisions to the manual to make the manual most useful to
 13 Indiana schools. The manual must include recommendations for radon
 14 testing. The state department shall provide the manual:

15 (1) to:

16 (A) the legislative council; and

17 (B) the department of education;

18 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6; and

19 (2) to the facilities manager and superintendent of each school
 20 corporation and the chief administrative officer of each **state**
 21 accredited nonpublic school **(as defined in IC 20-18-2-18.7)**.

22 (b) At least once every three (3) years the **state** department shall:

23 (1) review and revise the manual developed under subsection (a)
 24 to assure that the manual continues to represent best practices
 25 available to schools; and

26 (2) distribute the manual to individuals listed in subsection (a)(2).

27 SECTION 11. IC 20-18-2-18.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 28 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 18.7. "State accredited nonpublic
 30 school" means a nonpublic school that has voluntarily become
 31 accredited under IC 20-31-4.1.**

32 SECTION 12. IC 20-18-2-18.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 33 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 18.8. "State accredited school"
 35 means a public or nonpublic school that is accredited under
 36 IC 20-31-4.1.**

37 SECTION 13. IC 20-19-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.242-2017,
 38 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. (a) In addition to any other powers and duties
 40 prescribed by law, the state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
 41 concerning, but not limited to, the following matters:

42 (1) The designation and employment of the employees and



1 consultants necessary for the department. The state board shall fix
 2 the compensation of employees of the department, subject to the
 3 approval of the budget committee and the governor under
 4 IC 4-12-2.

5 (2) The establishment and maintenance of standards and
 6 guidelines for media centers, libraries, instructional materials
 7 centers, or any other area or system of areas in a school where a
 8 full range of information sources, associated equipment, and
 9 services from professional media staff are accessible to the school
 10 community. With regard to library automation systems, the state
 11 board may only adopt rules that meet the standards established by
 12 the state library board for library automation systems under
 13 IC 4-23-7.1-11(b).

14 (3) The establishment and maintenance of standards for student
 15 personnel and guidance services.

16 ~~(4) The inspection of all public schools in Indiana to determine
 17 the condition of the schools. The state board shall establish
 18 standards governing the accreditation of public schools.
 19 Observance of:~~

20 ~~(A) IC 20-31-4;~~

21 ~~(B) IC 20-28-5-2;~~

22 ~~(C) IC 20-28-6-3 through IC 20-28-6-7;~~

23 ~~(D) IC 20-28-11.5; and~~

24 ~~(E) IC 20-31-3; IC 20-32-4; IC 20-32-5 (for school years
 25 ending before July 1, 2018); IC 20-32-5.1 (for school years
 26 beginning after June 30, 2018); and IC 20-32-8;~~

27 ~~is a prerequisite to the accreditation of a school. Local public
 28 school officials shall make the reports required of them and
 29 otherwise cooperate with the state board regarding required
 30 inspections. Nonpublic schools may also request the inspection
 31 for classification purposes. Compliance with the building and site
 32 guidelines adopted by the state board is not a prerequisite of
 33 accreditation.~~

34 ~~(5) (4) The distribution of funds and revenues appropriated for the
 35 support of schools in the state.~~

36 ~~(6) The state board may not establish an accreditation system for
 37 nonpublic schools that is less stringent than the accreditation
 38 system for public schools.~~

39 ~~(7) A separate system for recognizing nonpublic schools under
 40 IC 20-19-2-10. Recognition of nonpublic schools under this
 41 subdivision constitutes the system of regulatory standards that
 42 apply to nonpublic schools that seek to qualify for the system of~~



- 1 recognition.
- 2 (8) (5) The establishment and enforcement of standards and
- 3 guidelines concerning the safety of students participating in
- 4 cheerleading activities.
- 5 (9) (6) Subject to IC 20-28-2, the preparation and licensing of
- 6 teachers.
- 7 (b) Before final adoption of any rule, the state board shall make a
- 8 finding on the estimated fiscal impact that the rule will have on school
- 9 corporations.
- 10 SECTION 14. IC 20-19-2-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 11 1, 2020]. See: 10: (a) It is the policy of the state that the state:
- 12 (1) recognizes that nonpublic schools provide education to
- 13 children in Indiana;
- 14 (2) has an interest in ensuring that all Indiana children are well
- 15 educated in both curricular and extracurricular programs; and
- 16 (3) should facilitate the transferability of comparable academic
- 17 credit between appropriate nonpublic schools and state supported
- 18 educational institutions.
- 19 (b) The state board shall implement a system of recognition of the
- 20 educational programs of nonpublic schools to fulfill the policy set forth
- 21 in subsection (a):
- 22 (c) The system of recognition described under subsection (b) must:
- 23 (1) be voluntary in nature with respect to the nonpublic school;
- 24 (2) recognize the characteristics that distinguish nonpublic
- 25 schools from public schools; and
- 26 (3) be a recognition system that is separate from the accreditation
- 27 standards required of public schools and available to nonpublic
- 28 schools under section 8(a)(4) of this chapter.
- 29 (d) This section does not prohibit a nonpublic school from seeking
- 30 accreditation under section 8(a)(4) of this chapter.
- 31 (e) The department shall waive accreditation standards for an
- 32 accredited nonpublic alternative school that enters into a contract with
- 33 a school corporation to provide alternative education services for
- 34 students who have:
- 35 (1) dropped out of high school;
- 36 (2) been expelled; or
- 37 (3) been sent to the nonpublic alternative school due to the
- 38 students' lack of success in the public school environment;
- 39 to accommodate the nonpublic alternative school's program and student
- 40 population. A nonpublic alternative school to which this subsection
- 41 applies is not subject to being placed in a category or designation under
- 42 IC 20-31-8-4. However, the nonpublic alternative school must comply



1 with all state reporting requirements and submit a school improvement
2 growth model on the anniversary date of the nonpublic alternative
3 school's original accreditation.

4 (f) The state board may accredit a nonpublic school under this
5 section at the time the nonpublic school begins operation in Indiana.

6 (g) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
7 this section.

8 SECTION 15. IC 20-19-2-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
9 1, 2020]. Sec. 11: (a) As used in this section, "plan" refers to a strategic
10 and continuous school improvement and achievement plan developed
11 under IC 20-31-5.

12 (b) A plan must:

13 (1) conform to the requirements of IC 20-31-5; and

14 (2) include a professional development program.

15 (c) The governing body may do the following for a school that
16 participates in a plan:

17 (1) Invoke a waiver of a rule adopted by the state board under
18 IC 20-31-5-5(b).

19 (2) Develop a plan for the admission of students who do not
20 reside in the school's attendance area but have legal settlement in
21 the school corporation.

22 (d) In approving a school corporation's actions under this section,
23 the state board shall consider whether the governing body has done the
24 following:

25 (1) Approved a school's plan.

26 (2) Demonstrated the support of the exclusive representative only
27 for the professional development program component of the plan.

28 (e) The state board may waive any statute or rule relating to
29 curriculum in accordance with IC 20-31-5-5.

30 (f) As part of the plan, the governing body may develop and
31 implement a policy to do the following:

32 (1) Allow the transfer of a student who resides in the school's
33 attendance area but whose parent requests that the student attend
34 another school in the school corporation of legal settlement.

35 (2) Inform parents of their rights under this section.

36 (g) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
37 this section.

38 SECTION 16. IC 20-20-5.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
39 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) The state superintendent shall notify the
41 governing bodies of each school corporation, charter school, and state
42 accredited nonpublic school immediately of:



- 1 (1) the initial publication and annual update on the department's
 2 Internet web site of the report described in section 2(c) of this
 3 chapter, including the Internet web site address where the report
 4 is published; and
 5 (2) updates of the following types of information in the report
 6 described in section 2(c) of this chapter:
 7 (A) The addition of materials.
 8 (B) The removal of materials.
 9 (C) Changes in the per unit price of curricular materials that
 10 exceed five percent (5%).
 11 (b) A notification under this section must state that:
 12 (1) the reviews of curricular materials included in the report
 13 described in section 2(c) of this chapter are departmental reviews
 14 only; and
 15 (2) each governing body has authority to adopt curricular
 16 materials for a school corporation.
 17 SECTION 17. IC 20-20-40-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.122-2013,
 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "school employee"
 20 means an individual employed by a school corporation or ~~an~~ a state
 21 accredited nonpublic school.
 22 SECTION 18. IC 20-20-40-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.191-2018,
 23 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 11. (a) The commission on seclusion and restraint
 25 in schools is established.
 26 (b) The commission has the following ten (10) members:
 27 (1) The designee of the state superintendent, who serves at the
 28 pleasure of the state superintendent.
 29 (2) A representative of the Autism Society of Indiana, chosen by
 30 the organization, who serves a two (2) year term.
 31 (3) A representative of the Arc of Indiana, chosen by the
 32 organization, who serves a two (2) year term.
 33 (4) A representative of the Indiana Council of Administrators of
 34 Special Education, chosen by the organization, who serves a two
 35 (2) year term.
 36 (5) A representative of Mental Health America of Indiana, chosen
 37 by the organization, who serves a two (2) year term.
 38 (6) A parent of a student with a disability, nominated by a
 39 member described in subdivisions (2), (3), and (5) and approved
 40 by a majority of the members described in subdivisions (1)
 41 through (5) and (8) through (10), who serves a two (2) year term.
 42 (7) A parent of a student who does not have a disability,



1 nominated by a member described in subdivisions (2), (3), and (5)
 2 and approved by a majority of the members described in
 3 subdivisions (1) through (5) and (8) through (10), who serves a
 4 two (2) year term.

5 (8) One (1) **state** accredited nonpublic school administrator
 6 nominated by the Indiana Non-public Education Association, who
 7 serves a two (2) year term.

8 (9) One (1) public school superintendent nominated by the
 9 Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, who serves
 10 a two (2) year term.

11 (10) One (1) member of the Indiana School Resource Officers
 12 Association chosen by the organization, who serves a two (2) year
 13 term.

14 (c) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee is
 15 entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).
 16 A member who is not a state employee is also entitled to
 17 reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually
 18 incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the
 19 state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana
 20 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

21 SECTION 19. IC 20-20-40-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2017,
 22 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 13. (a) The commission has the following duties:

- 24 (1) To adopt rules concerning the following:
- 25 (A) The use of restraint and seclusion in a school corporation
 26 or ~~an a state~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school, with an emphasis on
 27 eliminating or minimizing the use of restraint and seclusion.
 - 28 (B) The prevention of the use of types of restraint or seclusion
 29 that may harm a student, a school employee, a school
 30 volunteer, or the educational environment of the school.
 - 31 (C) Requirements for notifying parents.
 - 32 (D) Training regarding the use of restraint and seclusion,
 33 including the frequency of training and what employees must
 34 be trained.
 - 35 (E) The distribution of the seclusion and restraint policy to
 36 parents and the public.
 - 37 (F) Requirements for the reporting of incidents of restraint and
 38 seclusion in the annual school performance report, including
 39 incidents of restraint and seclusion involving school resource
 40 officers (as defined in IC 20-26-18.2-1).
 - 41 (G) Circumstances that may require more timely incident
 42 reporting and the requirements for such reporting.



- 1 (2) To develop, maintain, and revise a model restraint and
 2 seclusion plan for schools that includes the following elements:
 3 (A) A statement on how students will be treated with dignity
 4 and respect and how appropriate student behavior will be
 5 promoted and taught.
 6 (B) A statement ensuring that the school will use prevention,
 7 positive behavior intervention and support, and conflict
 8 deescalation to eliminate or minimize the need for use of any
 9 of the following:
 10 (i) Seclusion.
 11 (ii) Chemical restraint.
 12 (iii) Mechanical restraint.
 13 (iv) Physical restraint.
 14 (C) A statement ensuring that any behavioral intervention used
 15 will be consistent with the student's most current behavioral
 16 intervention plan, or individualized education program, if
 17 applicable.
 18 (D) Definitions for restraint and seclusion, as defined in this
 19 chapter.
 20 (E) A statement ensuring that if a procedure listed in clause
 21 (B) is used, the procedure will be used:
 22 (i) as a last resort safety procedure, employed only after
 23 another, less restrictive procedure has been implemented
 24 without success; and
 25 (ii) in a situation in which there is an imminent risk of injury
 26 to the student, other students, school employees, or visitors
 27 to the school.
 28 (F) An indication that restraint or seclusion may be used only
 29 for a short time period, or until the imminent risk of injury has
 30 passed.
 31 (G) A documentation and recording requirement governing
 32 instances in which procedures listed in clause (B) are used,
 33 including:
 34 (i) how every incident will be documented and debriefed;
 35 (ii) how responsibilities will be assigned to designated
 36 employees for evaluation and oversight; and
 37 (iii) designation of a school employee to be the keeper of
 38 such documents.
 39 (H) A requirement that the student's parent must be notified as
 40 soon as possible when an incident involving the student occurs
 41 that includes use of procedures listed in clause (B).
 42 (I) A requirement that a copy of an incident report must be



- 1 sent to the student's parent after the student is subject to a
 2 procedure listed in clause (B).
- 3 (J) Required recurrent training for appropriate school
 4 employees on the appropriate use of effective alternatives to
 5 physical restraint and seclusion, including the use of positive
 6 behavioral intervention and support and conflict deescalation.
 7 The training must include the safe use of physical restraint and
 8 seclusion in incidents involving imminent danger or serious
 9 harm to the student, school employees, or others.
 10 Consideration must be given to available school resources and
 11 the time commitments of school employees.
- 12 (3) To accept and review reports from the public and make
 13 nonbinding recommendations to the department of any suggested
 14 action to be taken.
- 15 (b) The model policy developed by the commission must take into
 16 consideration that implementation and reporting requirements for **state**
 17 accredited nonpublic schools may vary, and the model plan must
 18 provide **state** accredited nonpublic schools flexibility with regards to
 19 accountability under and implementation of the plan adopted by ~~an~~ **a**
 20 **state** accredited nonpublic school under section 14 of this chapter.
- 21 SECTION 20. IC 20-20-40-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2017,
 22 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 14. (a) A school corporation or **state** accredited
 24 nonpublic school shall adopt a restraint and seclusion plan that
 25 incorporates, at a minimum, the elements of the model plan developed
 26 under section 13 of this chapter. The school corporation's or **state**
 27 accredited nonpublic school's plan must become effective not later than
 28 July 1, 2014.
- 29 (b) The department has the authority to require schools to submit
 30 plans developed in accordance with section 13 of this chapter.
- 31 SECTION 21. IC 20-20-40-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.122-2013,
 32 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 15. (a) Nothing in this chapter may be construed
 34 to prevent a school employee from stopping a physical altercation,
 35 acting to prevent physical harm to a student or another individual, or
 36 acting to address an emergency until the emergency is over, whether or
 37 not the school employee has received training under this chapter.
- 38 (b) This chapter may not be construed to give rise to a cause of
 39 action, either civil or criminal, against the state, the department, a
 40 school corporation, ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school, the
 41 commission, or a member of the commission.
- 42 (c) In all matters relating to the plan adopted under section 14 of this



1 chapter, school corporation or **state** accredited nonpublic school
 2 personnel have qualified immunity with respect to an action taken to
 3 promote student conduct under a plan adopted under section 14 of this
 4 chapter if the action is taken in good faith and is reasonable.

5 SECTION 22. IC 20-24.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 6 2020]. (Performance Qualified School Districts).

7 SECTION 23. IC 20-25-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2013,
 8 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. Development and implementation of a staff
 10 performance evaluation plan for each school is a condition for
 11 accreditation for the school under ~~IC 20-19-2-8(a)(4)~~. **IC 20-31-4.1.**

12 SECTION 24. IC 20-26-7.1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.270-2019,
 13 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) Before a governing body may sell or
 15 exchange a building described in this section in accordance with
 16 IC 20-25-4-14, ~~IC 20-26-5-4(7)~~, **IC 20-26-5-4(a)(7)**, or IC 20-26-7-1,
 17 and except as provided in this chapter, a governing body shall make
 18 available for lease or purchase to any charter school any school
 19 building owned by the school corporation or any other entity that is
 20 related in any way to, or created by, the school corporation or the
 21 governing body, including but not limited to a building corporation,
 22 that:

23 (1) is vacant or unused; and

24 (2) was previously used for classroom instruction;
 25 in order for the charter school to conduct kindergarten through grade
 26 12 classroom instruction.

27 (b) The following are not required to comply with the requirements
 28 provided in section 4 of this chapter:

29 (1) A governing body that vacates a school building in order to:

30 (A) renovate the school building for future use by the school
 31 corporation; or

32 (B) demolish the school building and build a new school
 33 building on the same site as the demolished building.

34 (2) An emergency manager of a distressed school corporation
 35 under IC 6-1.1-20.3.

36 (3) The governing body of the School City of East Chicago school
 37 corporation for the Carrie Gosch Elementary School building.

38 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a lease entered into by a
 39 governing body under ~~IC 20-26-5-4(7)~~ **IC 20-26-5-4(a)(7)** prior to July
 40 1, 2019, with ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school shall remain in
 41 full force and effect. In addition, the governing body may, during or at
 42 the expiration of the term of such lease, sell the school building leased



1 under ~~IC 20-26-5-4(7)~~ **IC 20-26-5-4(a)(7)** to the nonpublic school at
 2 a purchase price mutually agreed to by the governing body and the
 3 nonpublic school.

4 SECTION 25. IC 20-26-7.1-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.270-2019,
 5 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. **(a) As used in this section, "accredited
 7 nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school that:**

8 **(1) has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-31-4.1; or**

9 **(2) is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency
 10 that is recognized by the state board.**

11 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** This section applies to a school building with a gross square
 12 footage of two hundred thousand (200,000) square feet or less.

13 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** If the school corporation receives notification from the
 14 department that the department has not received any preliminary
 15 requests to purchase or lease a vacant or unused school building under
 16 section 4(c)(1) of this chapter or a charter school has not met the
 17 requirements under section 4(c)(2) or 4(e) of this chapter, the school
 18 corporation must sell the school building to an accredited nonpublic
 19 school or postsecondary educational institution that sends a letter of
 20 intent to the school corporation to purchase the vacant or unused school
 21 building for an amount not more than the minimum bid for the vacant
 22 or unused school building determined in accordance with IC 36-1-11,
 23 or an amount agreed to by both parties.

24 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The accredited nonpublic school or postsecondary
 25 educational institution must submit its letter of intent to purchase the
 26 school building within thirty (30) days of the date the school
 27 corporation passes a resolution or takes other official action to close,
 28 no longer use, or no longer occupy a school building that was
 29 previously used for classroom instruction. However, in the event that
 30 a charter school has submitted a preliminary request to purchase or
 31 lease a school building, the accredited nonpublic school or
 32 postsecondary educational institution may send a letter of intent to
 33 purchase or lease the school building within ninety (90) days of the
 34 date that the school corporation passed a resolution or took official
 35 action to close, no longer use, or no longer occupy a school building.

36 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** Within forty-five (45) days of notice of the minimum bid, the
 37 accredited nonpublic school or postsecondary educational institution
 38 must provide a binding offer to the school corporation to purchase the
 39 property in its current condition and provide a nonrefundable down
 40 payment equal to five percent (5%) of the minimum bid or an amount
 41 agreed to by both parties. In the event that two (2) or more binding
 42 offers are submitted to the school corporation under this subsection, the



1 school corporation may select which offer to accept.

2 (e) (f) If the sale of the property does not close within one hundred
3 eighty (180) days of the school corporation's receipt of the binding
4 offer, and the delay in closing is not caused by the school corporation
5 or its representatives, the school corporation may refund the down
6 payment and sell or otherwise dispose of the school building under
7 IC 20-25-4-14, ~~IC 20-26-5-4(7)~~, **IC 20-26-5-4(a)(7)**, or IC 36-1-11.

8 SECTION 26. IC 20-26-11-6.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.17-2015,
9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6.7. (a) This section:

11 (1) applies to a school corporation that does not have a policy of
12 accepting transfer students having legal settlement outside the
13 attendance area of the transferee school corporation; and

14 (2) does not apply to a school corporation that has more than one
15 (1) high school.

16 (b) Notwithstanding this chapter, a school corporation shall accept
17 a transferring student who resides in Indiana and who does not have
18 legal settlement in the school corporation if:

19 (1) the student attended ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic
20 elementary school located in the attendance area of the transferee
21 school corporation for at least two (2) school years immediately
22 preceding the school year in which the student transfers to a high
23 school in the transferee school corporation under this section;

24 (2) the student is transferring because the **state** accredited
25 nonpublic school from which the student is transferring does not
26 offer grades 9 through 12;

27 (3) the majority of the students in the same grade as the
28 transferring student at the **state** accredited nonpublic school have
29 legal settlement in the transferee school corporation and will
30 attend a school under the authority of the transferee school
31 corporation; and

32 (4) the transferee school corporation has the capacity to accept
33 students.

34 (c) If the number of students who request to transfer to a transferee
35 school corporation under this section causes the school corporation to
36 exceed the school corporation's maximum student capacity, the
37 governing body shall determine which students will be admitted as
38 transfer students by a random drawing in a public meeting.

39 SECTION 27. IC 20-26-11-31, AS AMENDED BY P.L.251-2017,
40 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 31. (a) This section applies to a school corporation
42 that enrolls a student who has legal settlement in another school



1 corporation for the purpose of the student receiving services from ~~an~~
 2 **a state** accredited nonpublic alternative high school described in
 3 ~~IC 20-19-2-10(e)~~. **IC 20-31-4.1-2(c)**.

4 (b) A school corporation is entitled to receive state tuition support
 5 for a student described in subsection (a) in an amount equal to:

6 (1) the amount received by the school corporation in which the
 7 student is enrolled for ADM purposes; or

8 (2) the amount received by the school corporation in which the
 9 student has legal settlement;

10 whichever is greater.

11 SECTION 28. IC 20-26-11-32, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018,
 12 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 32. (a) This section does not apply
 14 to a school corporation if the governing body has adopted a policy of
 15 not accepting the transfer of any student who does not have legal
 16 settlement within the school corporation.

17 (b) The governing body of a school corporation shall annually
 18 establish:

19 (1) except as provided in subsection (m), the number of transfer
 20 students the school corporation has the capacity to accept in each
 21 grade level; and

22 (2) the date by which requests to transfer into the school
 23 corporation must be received by the governing body.

24 (c) After establishing the date under subsection (b)(2), the
 25 governing body shall:

26 (1) publish the date on the school corporation's Internet web site;
 27 and

28 (2) report the date to the department.

29 (d) The department shall publish the dates received from school
 30 corporations under subsection (c)(2) on the department's Internet web
 31 site.

32 (e) A student to whom this section applies may not request to
 33 transfer under this section primarily for athletic reasons to a school
 34 corporation in which the student does not have legal settlement.

35 (f) If the number of requests to transfer into a school corporation
 36 received by the date established for the school corporation under
 37 subsection (b)(2) exceeds the capacity established for the school
 38 corporation under subsection (b)(1), each timely request must be given
 39 an equal chance to be accepted, with the exception that a student
 40 described in subsection (h) shall be given priority. The governing body
 41 must determine which students will be admitted as transfer students to
 42 each school building and each grade level within the school corporation



- 1 by using a publicly verifiable random selection process.
- 2 (g) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), (k), and (m), the
3 governing body of a school corporation may not deny a request for a
4 student to transfer into the school corporation based upon the student's
5 academic record, scores on statewide assessment program tests,
6 disciplinary record, or disability, or upon any other factor not related
7 to the school corporation's capacity.
- 8 (h) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k), the governing
9 body of a school corporation may not deny a request for a student to
10 transfer into the school corporation if the student requesting to transfer:
11 (1) is a member of a household in which any other member of the
12 household is a student in the transferee school; or
13 (2) has a parent who is an employee of the school corporation.
- 14 (i) A governing body of a school corporation may limit the number
15 of new transfers to a school building or grade level in the school
16 corporation:
17 (1) to ensure that a student who attends a school within the school
18 corporation as a transfer student during a school year may
19 continue to attend the school in subsequent school years; and
20 (2) to allow a student described in subsection (h) to attend a
21 school within the school corporation.
- 22 (j) Notwithstanding subsections (f), (g), and (h), a governing body
23 of a school corporation may deny a request for a student to transfer to
24 the school corporation or may discontinue enrollment currently or in a
25 subsequent school year, or establish terms or conditions for enrollment
26 or for continued enrollment in a subsequent school year, if:
27 (1) the student has been suspended (as defined in IC 20-33-8-7)
28 or expelled (as defined in IC 20-33-8-3) during the twelve (12)
29 months preceding the student's request to transfer under this
30 section:
31 (A) for ten (10) or more school days;
32 (B) for a violation under IC 20-33-8-16;
33 (C) for causing physical injury to a student, a school employee,
34 or a visitor to the school; or
35 (D) for a violation of a school corporation's drug or alcohol
36 rules; or
37 (2) the student has had a history of unexcused absences and the
38 governing body of the school corporation believes that, based
39 upon the location of the student's residence, attendance would be
40 a problem for the student if the student is enrolled with the school
41 corporation.
- 42 For purposes of subdivision (1)(A), student discipline received under



1 IC 20-33-8-25(b)(7) for a violation described in subdivision (1)(B)
 2 through (1)(D) shall be included in the calculation of the number of
 3 school days that a student has been suspended.

4 (k) The governing body of a school corporation with a school
 5 building that offers a special curriculum may require a student who
 6 transfers to the school building to meet the same eligibility criteria
 7 required of all students who attend the school building that offers the
 8 special curriculum.

9 (l) The parent of a student for whom a request to transfer is made is
 10 responsible for providing the school corporation to which the request
 11 is made with records or information necessary for the school
 12 corporation to determine whether the request to transfer may be denied
 13 under subsection (j).

14 (m) Notwithstanding this section, the governing body of a school
 15 corporation may authorize the school corporation to enter into an
 16 agreement with ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school or charter
 17 school to allow students of the **state** accredited nonpublic school or
 18 charter school to transfer to a school within the school corporation.

19 (n) A school corporation that has adopted a policy to not accept
 20 student transfers after June 30, 2013, is not prohibited from enrolling
 21 a:

22 (1) transfer student who attended a school within the school
 23 corporation during the 2012-2013 school year; or

24 (2) member of a household in which any other member of the
 25 household was a transfer student who attended a school within the
 26 school corporation during the 2012-2013 school year.

27 However, if a school corporation enrolls a student described in
 28 subdivision (1) or (2), the school corporation shall also allow a student
 29 or member of the same household of a student who attended ~~an~~ **a state**
 30 accredited nonpublic school within the attendance area of the school
 31 corporation during the 2012-2013 school year to enroll in a school
 32 within the school corporation.

33 SECTION 29. IC 20-26-13-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 34 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to:

36 (1) a public high school; and

37 (2) ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic high school.

38 SECTION 30. IC 20-26-14-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.169-2019,
 39 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. (a) Before a school corporation, charter high
 41 school, or nonpublic high school with at least one (1) employee hires
 42 or allows an individual to coach an association recognized sport, the



- 1 school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high school shall:
- 2 (1) ask the individual:
- 3 (A) whether the individual is or has been accredited by the
- 4 association; and
- 5 (B) if the individual is or has been accredited by the
- 6 association, whether the individual's accreditation has ever
- 7 been suspended or revoked;
- 8 (2) request references from the individual;
- 9 (3) contact the references that the individual provides to the
- 10 school corporation, charter school, or **state** accredited nonpublic
- 11 high school; and
- 12 (4) contact the association to determine whether the individual's
- 13 accreditation has ever been suspended or revoked.
- 14 (b) Before allowing an individual to be a volunteer coach, a school
- 15 corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high school with at least
- 16 one (1) employee shall conduct an expanded criminal history check (as
- 17 defined in IC 20-26-2-1.5) on the individual.
- 18 (c) Without conferring the rights of an employee on a volunteer
- 19 coach, a school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high
- 20 school with at least one (1) employee is subject to IC 22-5-3-1
- 21 regarding a volunteer coach, including the provisions for civil
- 22 immunity regarding disclosures made about a volunteer coach.
- 23 SECTION 31. IC 20-26-15-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
- 24 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 25 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) **Subject to subsection (c)**, the state
- 26 board and the governing body of a school corporation must enter into
- 27 a contract that complies with this chapter to designate a school
- 28 corporation as a freeway school corporation or a school within a school
- 29 corporation as a freeway school if a school corporation:
- 30 (1) petitions the state board for designation as a freeway school
- 31 corporation or to have a school within the school corporation
- 32 designated as a freeway school; and
- 33 (2) agrees to comply with this chapter.
- 34 (b) A school corporation becomes a freeway school corporation and
- 35 a school becomes a freeway school when the contract is signed by:
- 36 (1) the state superintendent, acting for the state board after a
- 37 majority of the members of the state board have voted in a public
- 38 session to enter into the contract; and
- 39 (2) the president of the governing body of the school corporation,
- 40 acting for the governing body of the school corporation after a
- 41 majority of the members of the governing body have voted in a
- 42 public session to enter into the contract.



1 **(c) The state board and the governing body of a school**
 2 **corporation may not enter into, renew, or otherwise extend a**
 3 **contract under this chapter after June 30, 2020.**

4 SECTION 32. IC 20-26-15-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2018,
 5 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, the operation
 7 of the following is suspended for a freeway school corporation or a
 8 freeway school if the governing body of the school corporation elects
 9 to have the specific statute or rule suspended in the contract:

10 (1) The following statutes and rules concerning curriculum and
 11 instructional time:

12 IC 20-30-2-7

13 IC 20-30-5-8

14 IC 20-30-5-9

15 IC 20-30-5-11

16 511 IAC 6-7-6

17 511 IAC 6.1-5-0.5

18 511 IAC 6.1-5-1

19 511 IAC 6.1-5-2.5

20 511 IAC 6.1-5-3.5

21 511 IAC 6.1-5-4.

22 (2) The following rule concerning pupil/teacher ratios:

23 511 IAC 6.1-4-1.

24 (3) The following statutes and rules concerning curricular
 25 materials:

26 IC 20-26-12-24

27 IC 20-26-12-26

28 IC 20-26-12-1

29 IC 20-26-12-2

30 511 IAC 6.1-5-5.

31 (4) 511 IAC 6-7, concerning graduation requirements.

32 (5) ~~IC 20-31-4~~, **IC 20-31-4.1**, concerning the performance based
 33 accreditation system.

34 (6) IC 20-32-5 (before its expiration on July 1, 2018), concerning
 35 the ISTEP program established under IC 20-32-5-15, if an
 36 alternative locally adopted assessment program is adopted under
 37 section 6(4) of this chapter.

38 SECTION 33. IC 20-26-15-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 39 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. **(a) Subject to subsection (b)**, the
 41 governing body of a freeway school corporation and the state board
 42 acting jointly may amend a contract entered into under this chapter:



- 1 (1) to comply with any law enacted subsequent to the formation
 2 of the contract;
 3 (2) to alter the educational benefits to a level that is not below the
 4 minimum educational benefits listed in section 7 of this chapter;
 5 or
 6 (3) for a purpose jointly agreed to by the parties.

7 **(b) An amendment made under subsection (a) may not extend**
 8 **the term of a contract in effect on June 30, 2020.**

9 SECTION 34. IC 20-26-15-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.251-2017,
 10 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) **Subject to subsection (f)**, a nonpublic
 12 school may enter into a contract with the state board to become a
 13 freeway school.

14 (b) The state board and the governing body of a nonpublic school
 15 must enter into a contract that complies with this chapter to designate
 16 the nonpublic school as a freeway school if the nonpublic school:

- 17 (1) petitions the state board for designation as a freeway school;
 18 and
 19 (2) agrees to comply with this chapter.

20 (c) A nonpublic school becomes a freeway school when the contract
 21 is signed by:

- 22 (1) the state superintendent, acting for the state board after a
 23 majority of the members of the board have voted in a public
 24 session to enter into the contract; and
 25 (2) the president of the governing body of the nonpublic school,
 26 acting for the governing body of the nonpublic school after a
 27 majority of the members of the governing body have voted to
 28 enter into the contract.

29 (d) The state board shall accredit a nonpublic school that:

- 30 (1) becomes a freeway school under this chapter; and
 31 (2) complies with the terms of the contract.

32 (e) The state board may accredit a nonpublic school under this
 33 section at the time the nonpublic school enters into the contract under
 34 subsection (a).

35 **(f) The state board and the governing body of a nonpublic**
 36 **school may not enter into, renew, or otherwise extend a contract**
 37 **under this chapter after June 30, 2020.**

38 SECTION 35. IC 20-26-15-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 39 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 16. This chapter expires July**
 41 **1, 2025.**

42 SECTION 36. IC 20-26-18.2-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.227-2017,



1 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. A school corporation, ~~an~~ **a state** accredited
3 nonpublic school, or a charter school shall report all instances of:

- 4 (1) seclusion (as defined in IC 20-20-40-9);
- 5 (2) chemical restraint (as defined in IC 20-20-40-2);
- 6 (3) mechanical restraint (as defined in IC 20-20-40-4); and
- 7 (4) physical restraint (as defined in IC 20-20-40-5);

8 involving a school resource officer in accordance with the restraint and
9 seclusion plan adopted by the school corporation, **state** accredited
10 nonpublic school, or charter school under IC 20-20-40-14.

11 SECTION 37. IC 20-26.5-1-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.190-2018,
12 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. As used in this article, "coalition member"
14 refers to a school corporation, eligible school (as defined in
15 IC 20-51-1-4.7), or **state** accredited nonpublic school that is approved
16 by the state board under IC 20-26.5-2 to become a member of a
17 coalition established under IC 20-26.5-2.

18 SECTION 38. IC 20-26.5-2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.190-2018,
19 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. (a) The state board may approve not more than
21 one (1) coalition of continuous improvement school districts under this
22 chapter to offer flexibility and innovation to schools to improve student
23 outcomes.

24 (b) To establish a coalition under this chapter, at least four (4), but
25 not more than a total of eight (8), of any of the following must jointly
26 submit a plan to the state board in a manner prescribed by the state
27 board:

- 28 (1) A school corporation.
- 29 (2) An eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).
- 30 (3) ~~An~~ **A state** accredited nonpublic school.
- 31 (c) The plan submitted under subsection (b) must include:
 - 32 (1) a description of the various educational programs that will be
33 offered by members of the proposed coalition;
 - 34 (2) a description that identifies potential coalition member
35 partnerships with:
 - 36 (A) business or industry;
 - 37 (B) postsecondary educational institutions; or
 - 38 (C) community partners;
 - 39 (3) the specific goals and the measurable student outcomes to be
40 obtained by the proposed coalition members; and
 - 41 (4) an explanation of how student performance in achieving the
42 specific outcomes will be measured, evaluated, and reported.



1 If a plan submitted to the state board includes a request to suspend all
 2 or portions of IC 20-30 for a proposed coalition, the plan must include
 3 how the specific goal of the proposed coalition will be achieved by
 4 suspending all or portions of IC 20-30. The state board may approve a
 5 plan that proposes to suspend all or portions of IC 20-30 only if the
 6 suspension is related to a specific goal of the proposed coalition.

7 (d) The state board may approve a coalition under this chapter if the
 8 state board determines that the coalition will:

- 9 (1) improve student performance and outcomes;
 10 (2) offer coalition members flexibility in the administration of
 11 educational programs; and
 12 (3) promote innovative educational approaches to student
 13 learning.

14 (e) The plan approved by the state board under subsection (d) must
 15 apply uniformly for each member of the coalition.

16 (f) Upon approval of the coalition by the state board under
 17 subsection (d), the state board shall post the following on the state
 18 board's Internet web site:

- 19 (1) A copy of the plan approved by the state board under
 20 subsection (d).
 21 (2) Information describing how a school corporation, an eligible
 22 school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7), or ~~an~~ **a state** accredited
 23 nonpublic school may submit an application to become a coalition
 24 member to the coalition under section 2(b) of this chapter.

25 SECTION 39. IC 20-26.5-2-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.190-2018,
 26 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) Subject to subsection (b), if the state board
 28 approves a coalition under section 1(d) of this chapter, the applicants
 29 that jointly submitted an application under section 1 of this chapter
 30 become coalition members.

31 (b) In addition to the coalition members described in subsection (a),
 32 a school corporation, an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7),
 33 or ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school may become a coalition
 34 member by submitting an application to the coalition, in a manner
 35 prescribed by the coalition. The coalition may submit a
 36 recommendation to the state board that an applicant under this
 37 subsection should be approved to participate in the coalition. Subject
 38 to subsection (c), the state board shall approve an application submitted
 39 under this subsection.

40 (c) For:

- 41 (1) the 2018-2019 school year, not more than a total of eight (8)
 42 school corporations, eligible schools (as defined in



1 IC 20-51-1-4.7), or **state** accredited nonpublic schools may
 2 participate in the coalition;
 3 (2) the 2019-2020 school year, not more than a total of twelve
 4 (12) school corporations, eligible schools (as defined in
 5 IC 20-51-1-4.7), or **state** accredited nonpublic schools may
 6 participate in the coalition; and
 7 (3) the 2020-2021 school year, not more than a total of sixteen
 8 (16) school corporations, eligible schools (as defined in
 9 IC 20-51-1-4.7), or **state** accredited nonpublic schools may
 10 participate in the coalition.

11 (d) Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and each school year
 12 thereafter, the state board shall limit the number of coalition members
 13 to thirty (30) school corporations, eligible schools (as defined in
 14 IC 20-51-1-4.7), or **state** accredited nonpublic schools.

15 SECTION 40. IC 20-26.5-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.267-2019,
 16 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the
 18 following may be suspended for a coalition member in accordance with
 19 the coalition's plan:

- 20 (1) Subject to section 1(c) of this chapter, IC 20-30, concerning
- 21 curriculum.
- 22 (2) The following statutes and rules concerning curricular
- 23 materials:
- 24 IC 20-26-12-1.
- 25 IC 20-26-12-2.
- 26 IC 20-26-12-24.
- 27 IC 20-26-12-26.
- 28 511 IAC 6.1-5-5.
- 29 (3) The following rules concerning teacher licenses:
- 30 511 IAC 16.
- 31 511 IAC 17.
- 32 (4) Subject to subsection (c), IC 20-31-3 (concerning the adoption
- 33 of academic standards).
- 34 (5) ~~IC 20-31-4~~, **IC 20-31-4.1**, concerning the performance based
- 35 accreditation system.
- 36 (6) Except as provided in subsection (b), any other statute in
- 37 IC 20 or rule in 511 IAC requested to be suspended as part of the
- 38 plan that is approved by the state board under section 1 of this
- 39 chapter.
- 40 (b) A coalition member may not suspend under subsection (a)(6)
- 41 any of the following:
- 42 (1) IC 20-26-5-10 (criminal history and child protection index



- 1 check).
- 2 (2) IC 20-28 (school teachers).
- 3 (3) IC 20-29 (collective bargaining).
- 4 (4) IC 20-31 (accountability for performance and improvement),
- 5 except for IC 20-31-3 and ~~IC 20-31-4~~. **IC 20-31-4.1.**
- 6 (5) Subject to subsection (c), IC 20-32-4 (graduation
- 7 requirements).
- 8 (6) IC 20-32-5.1 (Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment
- 9 Readiness Network (ILEARN) program).
- 10 (7) IC 20-33 (students).
- 11 (8) IC 20-34 (student health and safety measures).
- 12 (9) IC 20-35 (special education).
- 13 (10) IC 20-36 (high ability students).
- 14 (11) IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting procedures).
- 15 (12) IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).
- 16 (13) IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).
- 17 (14) IC 20-42 (fiduciary funds and accounts).
- 18 (15) IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student instruction
- 19 and learning).
- 20 (16) IC 20-43 (state tuition support).
- 21 (17) IC 20-44 (property tax levies).
- 22 (18) IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).
- 23 (19) IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease
- 24 agreements).
- 25 (20) IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).
- 26 (21) IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds; state
- 27 advances and loans).
- 28 (22) IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).
- 29 (c) A coalition member must comply with the postsecondary
- 30 readiness competency requirements under IC 20-32-4-1.5(b)(1).
- 31 However, notwithstanding any other law, a coalition member may
- 32 replace high school courses on the high school transcript with courses
- 33 on the same subject matter with equal or greater rigor to the required
- 34 high school course and may count such a course as satisfying the
- 35 equivalent diploma requirements established by IC 20 and any
- 36 applicable state board administrative rules or requirements. If the
- 37 coalition member school offers courses that are not aligned with
- 38 requirements adopted by the state board under IC 20-30-10, a parent of
- 39 a student and the student who intends to enroll in a course that is not
- 40 aligned with requirements adopted by the state board under
- 41 IC 20-30-10 must provide consent to the coalition member school to
- 42 enroll in the course. The consent form used by the coalition, which



1 shall be developed in collaboration with the commission for higher
 2 education, must notify the parent and the student that enrollment in the
 3 course may affect the student's ability to attend a particular
 4 postsecondary educational institution or enroll in a particular course at
 5 a particular postsecondary educational institution because the course
 6 does not align with requirements established by the state board under
 7 IC 20-30-10.

8 SECTION 41. IC 20-27-10-0.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.144-2019,
 9 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 0.5. (a) On or before September 1, 2019, and each
 11 September 1 thereafter, each school corporation, charter school, and
 12 **state** accredited nonpublic school that provides transportation for
 13 students must review the school's school bus routes and school bus
 14 safety policies to improve the safety of students and adults.

15 (b) The state school bus committee, in consultation with the
 16 department, shall develop and post on the department's Internet web
 17 site school bus safety guidelines or best practices. The guidelines or
 18 best practices must include procedures to be taken to ensure that
 19 students do not enter a roadway until approaching traffic has come to
 20 a complete stop.

21 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsection (b), the
 22 department, in consultation with the department of transportation, shall
 23 include on the department's Internet web site information on how an
 24 individual or school may petition to reduce maximum speed limits in
 25 areas necessary to ensure that students are safely loaded onto or
 26 unloaded from a school bus.

27 SECTION 42. IC 20-28-3-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2015,
 28 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3.5. The guidelines developed under section 3 of
 30 this chapter must incorporate methods that assist individuals in
 31 developing competency in employing approaches to create positive
 32 classroom and school climates that are culturally responsive, including:

- 33 (1) classroom management strategies;
- 34 (2) restorative justice;
- 35 (3) positive behavioral interventions and supports;
- 36 (4) social and emotional training as described in IC 12-21-5-2,
 37 ~~IC 20-19-2-10~~, IC 20-19-3-12, and IC 20-26-5-34.2; and
- 38 (5) conflict resolution.

39 SECTION 43. IC 20-28-3-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.183-2017,
 40 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Each school corporation, charter school,
 42 and **state** accredited nonpublic school shall require each school



1 employee likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within
 2 the scope of the employee's employment to attend or participate in
 3 training on child abuse and neglect, including:

- 4 (1) training on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect
 5 under IC 31-33-5; and
- 6 (2) training on recognizing possible signs of child abuse or
 7 neglect;

8 at least once every two (2) years.

9 (b) The format of training under this section may include:

- 10 (1) an in-person presentation;
- 11 (2) an electronic or technology based medium, including
 12 self-review modules available on an online system;
- 13 (3) an individual program of study of designated materials; or
- 14 (4) any other method approved by the governing body that is
 15 consistent with current professional development standards.

16 (c) The training required under this section must count toward the
 17 requirements for professional development required by the governing
 18 body.

19 (d) The training required under this section must be during the
 20 school employee's contracted day or at a time chosen by the employee.

21 SECTION 44. IC 20-28-3-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2018,
 22 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. (a) For purposes of this section, "teacher"
 24 includes the following:

- 25 (1) A superintendent who holds a license under IC 20-28-5.
- 26 (2) A principal.
- 27 (3) A teacher.
- 28 (4) A librarian.
- 29 (5) A school counselor.
- 30 (6) A school psychologist.
- 31 (7) A school nurse.
- 32 (8) A school social worker.

33 (b) Beginning after June 30, 2018, each school corporation, charter
 34 school, and **state** accredited nonpublic school:

- 35 (1) shall require all teachers; and
- 36 (2) may require any other appropriate school employees;

37 who are employed at schools that provide instruction to students in any
 38 combination of grade 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 to attend or participate
 39 in at least two (2) hours of research based inservice youth suicide
 40 awareness and prevention training every three (3) school years. The
 41 training required under this subsection must be during the teacher's or
 42 school employee's contracted day or at a time chosen by the teacher or



- 1 employee.
- 2 (c) Subject to subsection (e), the format of training required under
3 this section may include:
- 4 (1) an in-person presentation;
- 5 (2) an electronic or technology based medium, including
6 self-review modules available on an online system;
- 7 (3) an individual program of study of designated materials; or
- 8 (4) any other method approved by the governing body that is
9 consistent with current professional development standards.
- 10 (d) The inservice training required under this section shall count
11 toward the requirements for professional development required by the
12 governing body.
- 13 (e) The research based youth suicide awareness and prevention
14 training program required under subsection (b) must be:
- 15 (1) demonstrated to be an effective or promising program; and
- 16 (2) recommended by the Indiana Suicide Prevention Network
17 Advisory Council.
- 18 (f) A school or school corporation may leverage any:
- 19 (1) existing or new state and federal grant funds; or
- 20 (2) free or reduced cost evidence based youth suicide awareness
21 and prevention training provided by any state agency or qualified
22 statewide or local organization;
- 23 to cover the costs of the training required under this section.
- 24 SECTION 45. IC 20-28-3-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.211-2018(ss),
25 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation and **state**
27 accredited nonpublic school shall require all school employees likely
28 to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the
29 employee's employment to attend or participate in at least one (1) hour
30 of inservice training every two (2) school years pertaining to the
31 identification and reporting of human trafficking.
- 32 (b) The format of the inservice training required under this section
33 may include:
- 34 (1) an in-person presentation;
- 35 (2) an electronic or technology based medium, including
36 self-review modules available on an online system;
- 37 (3) an individual program of study of designated materials; or
- 38 (4) any other method approved by the governing body, or the
39 equivalent authority for ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school,
40 that is consistent with current professional development
41 standards.
- 42 (c) The inservice training required under this section shall count



1 toward the requirements for professional development required by the
 2 governing body or the equivalent authority for ~~an a state~~ accredited
 3 nonpublic school.

4 SECTION 46. IC 20-28-4-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
 5 SECTION 251, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 10. (a) The state board may adopt
 7 rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.

8 (b) Rules adopted under this section must include a requirement that
 9 entities approved to offer the program submit an annual report to the
 10 department of the number of individuals who:

11 (1) enroll in; and

12 (2) complete;

13 the program.

14 (c) Rules adopted under this section may not require that there be a
 15 shortage of other licensed teachers in order for the governing body of
 16 a school corporation, including a charter school, or the appointing
 17 authority of ~~an a state~~ accredited nonpublic school to employ a
 18 program participant.

19 (d) Rules adopted under this section may not impose program
 20 requirements, participant qualification requirements, or licensing
 21 requirements that are in addition to the requirements set forth in this
 22 chapter.

23 SECTION 47. IC 20-30-1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 24 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. This article applies only to the following:

26 (1) Public schools.

27 (2) ~~Nonpublic schools that voluntarily have become accredited~~
 28 ~~under IC 20-19-2-8: State accredited nonpublic schools.~~

29 SECTION 48. IC 20-30-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2013,
 30 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) A student instructional day in grades 1
 32 through 6 consists of at least five (5) hours of instructional time. Except
 33 as provided in subsection ~~(b); (c); or (d); (b) or (c)~~, a student
 34 instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six (6)
 35 hours of instructional time.

36 (b) ~~Except as provided in subsection (c);~~ An instructional day for a
 37 school flex program under section 2.2 of this chapter consists of a
 38 minimum of three (3) hours of instructional time.

39 (c) ~~A student instructional day for a qualified high school (as~~
 40 ~~defined in IC 20-24.2-1-3) consists of any amount of instructional time.~~

41 ~~(d)~~ (c) A high school student who is enrolled in at least twelve (12)
 42 credit hours of on-campus dual credit courses (as described in



1 IC 21-43-1-2.5) is not required to comply with subsection (a) during
 2 the semester in which the student is enrolled in at least twelve (12)
 3 credit hours.

4 SECTION 49. IC 20-30-5-5.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.115-2017,
 5 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5.7. (a) Not later than December 15, 2018, and
 7 each December 15 thereafter, each public school, including a charter
 8 school, and **state** accredited nonpublic school shall provide age
 9 appropriate and research and evidence based instruction on child abuse
 10 and child sexual abuse to students in kindergarten through grade 12.

11 (b) The department, in consultation with school safety specialists
 12 and school counselors, shall identify outlines or materials for the
 13 instruction described in subsection (a) and incorporate the instruction
 14 in kindergarten through grade 12.

15 (c) Instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse may be
 16 delivered by a school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other
 17 person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and child
 18 sexual abuse.

19 SECTION 50. IC 20-30-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.97-2019,
 20 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall include in the
 22 school corporation's curriculum the following studies:

23 (1) Language arts, including:

- 24 (A) English;
- 25 (B) grammar;
- 26 (C) composition;
- 27 (D) speech; and
- 28 (E) second languages.

29 (2) Mathematics.

30 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:

- 31 (A) constitutions;
- 32 (B) governmental systems; and
- 33 (C) histories;

34 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of
 35 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
 36 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the
 37 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40
 38 with technical honors designation, each high school shall
 39 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United
 40 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

41 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.

42 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.



1 (6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of
2 alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.

3 (7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject
4 to revision by the state board.

5 (b) Each:

6 (1) school corporation;

7 (2) charter school; and

8 (3) **state** accredited nonpublic school;

9 shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester
10 elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school
11 year.

12 (c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the
13 school corporation, charter school, or **state** accredited nonpublic school
14 through a course access program administered by the department.

15 SECTION 51. IC 20-30-5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
16 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 13. Throughout instruction on human sexuality or
18 sexually transmitted diseases, ~~an~~ **a state** accredited school shall:

19 (1) require a teacher to teach abstinence from sexual activity
20 outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school age
21 children;

22 (2) include in the instruction that abstinence from sexual activity
23 is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy,
24 sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health
25 problems; and

26 (3) include in the instruction that the best way to avoid sexually
27 transmitted diseases and other associated health problems is to
28 establish a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the
29 context of marriage.

30 SECTION 52. IC 20-30-5-19, AS ADDED BY P.L.154-2009,
31 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 19. (a) Each school corporation, charter school,
33 and **state** accredited nonpublic school shall include in its curriculum
34 for all students in grades 6 through 12 instruction concerning personal
35 financial responsibility.

36 (b) A school corporation, a charter school, and ~~an~~ **a state** accredited
37 nonpublic school may meet the requirements of subsection (a) by:

38 (1) integrating, within its curriculum, instruction; or

39 (2) conducting a seminar;

40 that is designed to foster overall personal financial responsibility.

41 (c) The state board shall adopt a curriculum that ensures personal
42 financial responsibility is taught:



1 (1) in a manner appropriate for each grade level; and
 2 (2) as a separate subject or as units incorporated into appropriate
 3 subjects;

4 as determined by the state board.

5 SECTION 53. IC 20-30-5-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2019,
 6 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 20. (a) As used in this section, "charter school"
 8 does not include a virtual charter school, as defined in IC 20-24-1-10.

9 (b) As used in this section, "psychomotor skills" means skills using
 10 hands on practice to support cognitive learning.

11 (c) Except as provided in subsection (f), each school corporation,
 12 charter school, and **state** accredited nonpublic school shall include in
 13 the charter school's, school corporation's, or **state** accredited nonpublic
 14 school's high school health education curriculum instruction in
 15 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external
 16 defibrillator for its students. The instruction must incorporate the
 17 psychomotor skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 18 and use an automated external defibrillator and must include either of
 19 the following:

20 (1) An instructional program developed by the American Heart
 21 Association or the American Red Cross.

22 (2) An instructional program that is nationally recognized and is
 23 based on the most current national evidence based emergency
 24 cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 25 and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

26 (d) A school corporation, a charter school, or ~~an~~ **a state** accredited
 27 nonpublic school may offer the instruction required in subsection (c)
 28 or may arrange for the instruction to be provided by available
 29 community based providers. The instruction is not required to be
 30 provided by a teacher. If instruction is provided by a teacher, the
 31 teacher is not required to be a certified trainer of cardiopulmonary
 32 resuscitation.

33 (e) This section shall not be construed to require a student to
 34 become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an
 35 automated external defibrillator. However, if a school corporation,
 36 charter school, or **state** accredited nonpublic school chooses to offer a
 37 course that results in certification being earned, the course must be
 38 taught by an instructor authorized to provide the instruction by the
 39 American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or a similar
 40 nationally recognized association.

41 (f) A school administrator may waive the requirement that a student
 42 receive instruction under subsection (c) if the student has a disability



1 or is physically unable to perform the psychomotor skill component of
2 the instruction required under subsection (c).

3 SECTION 54. IC 20-30-5-21, AS ADDED BY P.L.219-2015,
4 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 21. ~~An~~ **A state** accredited school may not offer,
6 support, or promote any student program, class, or activity that
7 provides student instruction that is contrary to a curriculum required to
8 be provided to students under this chapter.

9 SECTION 55. IC 20-30-5-22, AS ADDED BY P.L.162-2017,
10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 22. (a) Each:

- 12 (1) school corporation;
- 13 (2) charter school; and
- 14 (3) **state** accredited nonpublic school;

15 shall offer Indiana studies as a one (1) semester elective course in its
16 high school curriculum at least once every school year.

17 (b) The course described in subsection (a) may be offered by the
18 school corporation, charter school, or **state** accredited nonpublic school
19 through a course access program administered by the department.

20 SECTION 56. IC 20-30-7-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
21 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. A school corporation may enter into an
23 agreement with:

- 24 (1) another school corporation;
- 25 (2) ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school; or
- 26 (3) both entities described in subdivisions (1) and (2);

27 to offer a joint summer school program for high school students.

28 SECTION 57. IC 20-30-14.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.226-2015,
29 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) The state certificate of biliteracy is created
31 to:

- 32 (1) encourage students to study languages;
- 33 (2) certify the attainment of biliteracy;
- 34 (3) provide employers with a method of identifying individuals
35 with language and biliteracy skills;
- 36 (4) provide postsecondary educational institutions with an
37 additional method to recognize applicants for admission;
- 38 (5) prepare students with twenty-first century skills;
- 39 (6) recognize the value of foreign language and native language
40 instruction in public schools; and
- 41 (7) strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of
42 diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a



1 community.

2 (b) The receipt of the certificate demonstrates the attainment of a
3 high level of proficiency by a graduate of a public or ~~an a state~~
4 accredited nonpublic high school, sufficient for meaningful use in
5 college and a career, in one (1) or more languages in addition to
6 English.

7 (c) A school corporation, a charter school, or ~~an a state~~ accredited
8 nonpublic high school is not required to participate in the certificate
9 program.

10 SECTION 58. IC 20-30-14.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.226-2015,
11 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. The state board shall:

- 13 (1) establish the criteria for earning a certificate, including:
14 (A) the number of credits a student must earn in English and
15 language arts and in a language other than English; and
16 (B) assessments of foreign language and English proficiency
17 the state board considers necessary;
18 (2) direct the department to prepare and deliver to participating
19 school corporations, charter schools, and **state** accredited
20 nonpublic high schools an appropriate mechanism for awarding
21 the certificate and designating on a student's transcript that the
22 student has been awarded a certificate; and
23 (3) direct the department to provide any other information the
24 state board considers necessary for school corporations, charter
25 schools, and **state** accredited nonpublic high schools to
26 successfully participate in the certificate program.

27 SECTION 59. IC 20-30-14.5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.226-2015,
28 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. A participating school corporation, charter
30 school, or **state** accredited nonpublic high school shall:

- 31 (1) maintain appropriate records to identify students who have
32 earned a certificate; and
33 (2) make the appropriate designation on the transcript of each
34 student who earns a certificate.

35 SECTION 60. IC 20-31-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2016,
36 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. This article applies only to the following:

- 38 (1) Except as provided in ~~IC 20-31-4-1.1~~, **IC 20-31-4.1-3**, public
39 schools.
40 (2) Except as provided in IC 20-31-7 and IC 20-31-9, ~~nonpublic~~
41 ~~schools that voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-19-2-8:~~
42 **state accredited nonpublic schools.**



1 SECTION 61. IC 20-31-2-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 2 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. "School" refers to a public school or ~~an~~ **a state**
 4 accredited nonpublic school.

5 SECTION 62. IC 20-31-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 6 2020]. (Performance Based Accreditation).

7 SECTION 63. IC 20-31-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2020]:

10 **Chapter 4.1. Performance Based Accreditation**

11 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "legal standards" means Indiana**
 12 **statutes and rules adopted by the state board that apply to each**
 13 **school for accreditation.**

14 **Sec. 2. (a) A school in Indiana shall be accredited under the**
 15 **system established by this chapter if the school meets legal**
 16 **standards as determined by the state board.**

17 **(b) The state board shall establish a performance based**
 18 **accreditation system for accrediting schools in Indiana under this**
 19 **chapter.**

20 **(c) The department shall waive accreditation standards for an**
 21 **accredited nonpublic alternative school that enters into a contract**
 22 **with a school corporation to provide alternative education services**
 23 **for students who have:**

24 **(1) dropped out of high school;**

25 **(2) been expelled; or**

26 **(3) been sent to the nonpublic alternative school due to the**
 27 **students' lack of success in the public school environment;**
 28 **to accommodate the nonpublic alternative school's program and**
 29 **student population. A nonpublic alternative school to which this**
 30 **subsection applies is not subject to being placed in a category or**
 31 **designation under IC 20-31-8-4. However, the nonpublic**
 32 **alternative school must comply with all state reporting**
 33 **requirements and submit a school improvement growth model on**
 34 **the anniversary date of the nonpublic alternative school's original**
 35 **accreditation.**

36 **(d) The state board may accredit a nonpublic school under this**
 37 **chapter at the time the nonpublic school begins operation in**
 38 **Indiana.**

39 **Sec. 3. (a) The state board shall accredit a school that:**

40 **(1) becomes a charter school under IC 20-24; and**

41 **(2) complies with the requirements under IC 20-24.**

42 **(b) An authorizer (as defined in IC 20-24-1-2.5) of a charter**



1 school is responsible for ensuring that the charter school is in
 2 compliance with applicable legal standards as determined by the
 3 state board.

4 (c) This chapter, with the exception of this section, does not
 5 apply to a charter school.

6 Sec. 4. (a) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to
 7 subsection (c), a school corporation or school accredited under this
 8 chapter may waive compliance with any provision in this title or
 9 511 IAC for a particular school that is placed in any of the three (3)
 10 highest categories or designations of school improvement under
 11 IC 20-31-8.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to subsection (c),
 13 a school corporation or school accredited under this chapter may
 14 submit a request to the state board, in a manner prescribed by the
 15 state board, to waive compliance with any provision in this title or
 16 511 IAC for a particular school that is placed in either of the two
 17 (2) lowest categories or designations of school improvement under
 18 IC 20-31-8. The state board may approve the request for the
 19 particular school. If a school that received a waiver under
 20 subsection (a) subsequently is placed in either of the two (2) lowest
 21 categories or designations of school improvement under
 22 IC 20-31-8, the school corporation or school must submit a request
 23 for the particular school to the state board, in a manner prescribed
 24 by the state board, to waive a statute or rule for the particular
 25 school under this subsection. The state board may approve the
 26 school corporation's or school's request.

27 (c) A school corporation or school accredited under this chapter
 28 may not suspend any of the following:

- 29 (1) IC 20-23 (organization of school corporations).
- 30 (2) IC 20-26-5-10 (criminal history and child protection index
 31 check).
- 32 (3) IC 20-28 (school teachers).
- 33 (4) IC 20-29 (collective bargaining).
- 34 (5) IC 20-31 (accountability for performance and
 35 improvement).
- 36 (6) IC 20-32-4 (graduation requirements).
- 37 (7) IC 20-32-5.1 (Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment
 38 Readiness Network (ILEARN) program).
- 39 (8) IC 20-32-8.5 (reading deficiency remediation).
- 40 (9) IC 20-33 (students).
- 41 (10) IC 20-34 (student health and safety measures).
- 42 (11) IC 20-35 (special education).



- 1 **(12) IC 20-36 (high ability students).**
- 2 **(13) IC 20-39 (accounting and financial reporting**
- 3 **procedures).**
- 4 **(14) IC 20-40 (government funds and accounts).**
- 5 **(15) IC 20-41 (extracurricular funds and accounts).**
- 6 **(16) IC 20-42 (fiduciary funds and accounts).**
- 7 **(17) IC 20-42.5 (allocation of expenditures to student**
- 8 **instruction and learning).**
- 9 **(18) IC 20-43 (state tuition support).**
- 10 **(19) IC 20-44 (property tax levies).**
- 11 **(20) IC 20-46 (levies other than general fund levies).**
- 12 **(21) IC 20-47 (related entities; holding companies; lease**
- 13 **agreements).**
- 14 **(22) IC 20-48 (borrowing and bonds).**
- 15 **(23) IC 20-49 (state management of common school funds;**
- 16 **state advances and loans).**
- 17 **(24) IC 20-50 (homeless children and foster care children).**

18 **Sec. 5. The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
 19 **necessary to implement this chapter.**

20 SECTION 64. IC 20-32-1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 21 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. This article applies only to the following:

- 23 (1) Public schools.
- 24 (2) ~~Nonpublic schools that voluntarily have become accredited~~
- 25 ~~under IC 20-19-2-8:~~ **State accredited nonpublic schools.**

26 SECTION 65. IC 20-32-2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 27 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. "Student" means an individual who is enrolled
 29 in:

- 30 (1) a public school;
- 31 (2) ~~an a state~~ **an a state** accredited nonpublic school; or
- 32 (3) another nonpublic school that has requested and received from
 33 the state board specific approval of the school's educational
 34 program.

35 SECTION 66. IC 20-32-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
 36 SECTION 238, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "student"
 38 refers to a student who meets the following conditions:

- 39 (1) Is enrolled in a public school, ~~an a state~~ **an a state** accredited nonpublic
 40 school, or a nonpublic school that has requested and received
 41 from the state board specific approval for the school's education
 42 program.



- 1 (2) Is in at least grade 9.
- 2 (3) If the student is a student with a disability (as defined in
- 3 IC 20-35-1-8), would benefit from the participation under this
- 4 chapter as determined by the individualized education program
- 5 for the student.
- 6 SECTION 67. IC 20-32-4-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019,
- 7 SECTION 84, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 8 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1.5. (a) This subsection expires July 1, 2022.
- 9 Except as provided in subsection (f) and sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
- 10 of this chapter, each student is required to meet:
- 11 (1) the academic standards tested in the graduation examination;
- 12 (2) the Core 40 course and credit requirements adopted by the
- 13 state board under IC 20-30-10; and
- 14 (3) any additional requirements established by the governing
- 15 body;
- 16 to be eligible to graduate.
- 17 (b) Except as provided in subsection (f) and sections 4, 4.1, 5, 6, 7,
- 18 8, 9, and 10 of this chapter, beginning with the class of students who
- 19 expect to graduate during the 2022-2023 school year, each student
- 20 shall:
- 21 (1) demonstrate college or career readiness through a pathway
- 22 established by the state board, in consultation with the department
- 23 of workforce development and the commission for higher
- 24 education;
- 25 (2) meet the Core 40 course and credit requirements adopted by
- 26 the state board under IC 20-30-10; and
- 27 (3) meet any additional requirements established by the governing
- 28 body;
- 29 to be eligible to graduate.
- 30 (c) The state board shall establish graduation pathway requirements
- 31 under subsection (b)(1) in consultation with the department of
- 32 workforce development and the commission for higher education. A
- 33 graduation pathway requirement may include the following
- 34 postsecondary readiness competencies approved by the state board:
- 35 (1) International baccalaureate exams.
- 36 (2) Nationally recognized college entrance assessments.
- 37 (3) Advanced placement exams.
- 38 (4) Assessments necessary to receive college credit for dual credit
- 39 courses.
- 40 (5) Industry recognized certificates.
- 41 (6) The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.
- 42 (7) Cambridge International exams.



- 1 (8) Any other competency approved by the state board.
- 2 (d) If the state board establishes a nationally recognized college
3 entrance exam as a graduation pathway requirement, the nationally
4 recognized college entrance exam must be offered to a student at the
5 school in which the student is enrolled and during the normal school
6 day.
- 7 (e) When an apprenticeship is established as a graduation pathway
8 requirement, the state board shall establish as an apprenticeship only
9 an apprenticeship program registered under the federal National
10 Apprenticeship Act (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) or another federal
11 apprenticeship program administered by the United States Department
12 of Labor.
- 13 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school corporation, charter
14 school, or **state** accredited nonpublic school may voluntarily elect to
15 use graduation pathways described in subsection (b) in lieu of the
16 graduation examination requirements specified in subsection (a) prior
17 to July 1, 2022.
- 18 (g) The state board, in consultation with the department of
19 workforce development and the commission for higher education, shall
20 approve college and career pathways relating to career and technical
21 education, including sequences of courses leading to student
22 concentrators.
- 23 SECTION 68. IC 20-32-4-4.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.192-2018,
24 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
25 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4.1. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a student may
26 receive a waiver from the postsecondary readiness competency
27 requirements established under section 1.5(c) of this chapter:
- 28 (1) if:
- 29 (A) the student was unsuccessful in completing a
30 postsecondary readiness competency requirement established
31 by the state board under section 1.5(c) of this chapter by the
32 conclusion of the student's senior year, including a student
33 who was in the process of completing a competency at one (1)
34 school that was not offered by the school to which the student
35 transferred; and
- 36 (B) the student attempted to achieve at least three (3) separate
37 postsecondary readiness competencies established by the state
38 board under section 1.5(c) of this chapter; or
- 39 (2) if a student transfers to a school subject to the requirements of
40 this chapter during the student's senior year from a nonaccredited
41 nonpublic school **that has less than one (1) employee** or a school
42 out of state and the student:



- 1 (A) attempted to achieve at least one (1) postsecondary
 2 readiness competency requirement established by the state
 3 board under section 1.5(c) of this chapter; and
 4 (B) was unsuccessful in completing the attempted
 5 postsecondary readiness competency described in clause (A).
 6 (b) For a student to receive a waiver described in subsection (a), the
 7 student must:
 8 (1) maintain at least a "C" average, or its equivalent, throughout
 9 the student's high school career in courses comprising credits
 10 required for the student to graduate;
 11 (2) maintain a school attendance rate of at least ninety-five
 12 percent (95%) with excused absences not counting against the
 13 student's attendance;
 14 (3) satisfy all other state and local graduation requirements
 15 beyond the postsecondary readiness competency requirements
 16 established by the state board under section 1.5(c) of this chapter;
 17 and
 18 (4) demonstrate postsecondary planning, including:
 19 (A) college acceptance;
 20 (B) acceptance in an occupational training program;
 21 (C) workforce entry; or
 22 (D) military enlistment;
 23 that is approved by the principal of the student's school.
 24 SECTION 69. IC 20-33-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2012,
 25 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 10. (a) Each public school shall and each private
 27 school may require a student who initially enrolls in the school to
 28 provide:
 29 (1) the name and address of the school the student last attended;
 30 and
 31 (2) a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or other
 32 reliable proof of the student's date of birth.
 33 (b) Not more than fourteen (14) days after initial enrollment in a
 34 school, the school shall request the student's records from the school
 35 the student last attended.
 36 (c) If the document described in subsection (a)(2):
 37 (1) is not provided to the school not more than thirty (30) days
 38 after the student's enrollment; or
 39 (2) appears to be inaccurate or fraudulent;
 40 the school shall notify the Indiana clearinghouse for information on
 41 missing children and missing endangered adults established under
 42 IC 10-13-5-5 and determine if the student has been reported missing.



1 (d) A school in Indiana receiving a request for records shall send the
 2 records promptly to the requesting school. However, if a request is
 3 received for records to which a notice has been attached under
 4 IC 31-36-1-5 (or IC 31-6-13-6 before its repeal), the school:

5 (1) shall immediately notify the Indiana clearinghouse for
 6 information on missing children and missing endangered adults;

7 (2) may not send the school records without the authorization of
 8 the clearinghouse; and

9 (3) may not inform the requesting school that a notice under
 10 IC 31-36-1-5 (or IC 31-6-13-6 before its repeal) has been attached
 11 to the records.

12 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), if a parent of a child who has
 13 enrolled in ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school is in breach of a
 14 contract that conditions release of student records on the payment of
 15 outstanding tuition and other fees, the **state** accredited nonpublic
 16 school shall provide a requesting school sufficient verbal information
 17 to permit the requesting school to make an appropriate placement
 18 decision regarding the child.

19 SECTION 70. IC 20-33-2-47, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 20 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 47. (a) A school corporation may develop and
 22 implement a system of notifying the parent of a student when:

23 (1) the student fails to attend school; and

24 (2) the student does not have an excused absence for that day.

25 (b) A school corporation or ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school
 26 shall report to the local health department the percentage of student
 27 absences above a threshold determined by the department by rule
 28 adopted under IC 4-22-2.

29 (c) If a school corporation implements a notification system under
 30 this chapter, the attendance officer or the attendance officer's designee
 31 shall make a reasonable effort to contact by telephone the parent of
 32 each student who has failed to attend school and does not have an
 33 excused absence for that day.

34 (d) If an attendance officer or an attendance officer's designee has
 35 made a reasonable effort to contact a parent under subsection (c), the
 36 school corporation is immune from liability for any damages suffered
 37 by the parent claimed because of failure to contact the parent.

38 SECTION 71. IC 20-33-3-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 39 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) This chapter applies to a child less than
 41 eighteen (18) years of age who is employed or is seeking employment
 42 in Indiana.



1 (b) A child less than eighteen (18) years of age who is a resident of
 2 Indiana and who requires an employment certificate shall obtain the
 3 employment certificate from the issuing officer of the:

- 4 (1) **state** accredited school (~~as described in IC 20-19-2-8(a)(5)~~)
 5 that the child attends; or
 6 (2) school corporation in which the child resides.

7 (c) A child less than eighteen (18) years of age who is not a resident
 8 of Indiana and who requires an employment certificate to work in
 9 Indiana shall obtain the certificate from the issuing officer of the school
 10 corporation in which the child is:

- 11 (1) employed; or
 12 (2) seeking employment.

13 The judge of a court with juvenile jurisdiction may suspend the
 14 application of this chapter in cases involving juvenile delinquents or
 15 incorrigibles whenever, in the opinion of the judge, the welfare of a
 16 child warrants this action.

17 SECTION 72. IC 20-33-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2007,
 18 SECTION 147, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. (a) The issuing officer in each
 20 **state** accredited school (~~as described in IC 20-19-2-8(a)(5)~~) shall be an
 21 individual who is:

- 22 (1) a guidance counselor;
 23 (2) a school social worker; or
 24 (3) an attendance officer for the school corporation and a teacher
 25 licensed by the division of professional standards of the
 26 department under IC 20-28-4 or IC 20-28-5;

27 and designated in writing by the principal.

28 (b) During the times in which the individual described in subsection
 29 (a) is not employed by the school or when school is not in session, there
 30 shall be an issuing officer available:

- 31 (1) who is a teacher licensed by the division of professional
 32 standards of the department under IC 20-28-4 or IC 20-28-5; and
 33 (2) whose identity and hours of work shall be determined by the
 34 principal.

35 SECTION 73. IC 20-33-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
 36 SECTION 114, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. (a) **As used in this section,**
 38 **"accredited nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school that:**

- 39 (1) **has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-31-4.1; or**
 40 (2) **is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency**
 41 **that is recognized by the state board.**

42 (a) (b) If a parent of a child or an emancipated minor who is



1 enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school meets the financial
 2 eligibility standard under section 2 of this chapter, the parent or the
 3 emancipated minor may receive a reimbursement from the department
 4 as provided in this chapter for the costs or some of the costs incurred
 5 by the parent or emancipated minor in fees that are reimbursable under
 6 section 7 of this chapter.

7 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The department shall provide each accredited nonpublic
 8 school with sufficient application forms for assistance, prescribed by
 9 the state board of accounts.

10 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** Each accredited nonpublic school shall provide the parents
 11 or emancipated minors who wish to apply for assistance with:

12 (1) the appropriate application forms; and

13 (2) any assistance needed in completing the application form.

14 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The parent or emancipated minor shall submit the application
 15 to the accredited nonpublic school. The accredited nonpublic school
 16 shall make a determination of financial eligibility subject to appeal by
 17 the parent or emancipated minor.

18 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** If a determination is made that the applicant is eligible for
 19 assistance, subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** applies.

20 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** To be guaranteed some level of reimbursement from the
 21 department, the principal or other designee shall submit the
 22 reimbursement request before November 1 of a school year.

23 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** In its request, the principal or other designee shall certify to
 24 the department:

25 (1) the number of students who are enrolled in the accredited
 26 nonpublic school and who are eligible for assistance under this
 27 chapter;

28 (2) the costs incurred in providing:

29 (A) curricular materials (including curricular materials used in
 30 special education and high ability classes); and

31 (B) workbooks, digital content, and consumable curricular
 32 materials (including workbooks, consumable curricular
 33 materials, and other consumable teaching materials that are
 34 used in special education and high ability classes) that are
 35 used by students for not more than one (1) school year;

36 (3) that the curricular materials described in subdivision (2)(A)
 37 (except any curricular materials used in special education classes
 38 and high ability classes) have been adopted by the governing
 39 body; and

40 (4) any other information required by the department.

41 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** The amount of reimbursement that a parent or emancipated
 42 minor is entitled to receive shall be determined as provided in section



1 9.5 of this chapter.

2 ~~(j)~~ **(j)** The accredited nonpublic school shall distribute the money
3 received under this chapter to the appropriate eligible parents or
4 emancipated minors.

5 ~~(k)~~ **(k)** Section 7(f) of this chapter applies to parents or emancipated
6 minors as described in this section.

7 ~~(l)~~ **(l)** The accredited nonpublic school and the department shall
8 maintain complete and accurate information concerning the number of
9 applicants determined to be eligible for assistance under this section.

10 ~~(m)~~ **(m)** The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
11 implement this section.

12 SECTION 74. IC 20-33-5-9.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
13 SECTION 258, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9.5. (a) This section applies to
15 reimbursements made under this chapter in the state fiscal year
16 beginning after June 30, 2013.

17 (b) The amount of reimbursement that a school corporation or an
18 accredited nonpublic school **(as defined in section 9(a) of this**
19 **chapter)** is entitled to receive under section 7 of this chapter in a state
20 fiscal year is equal to the amount determined in the following STEPS:

21 STEP ONE: Determine the amount appropriated to make
22 reimbursements under this chapter for the state fiscal year.

23 STEP TWO: Determine the total number of eligible students for
24 which reimbursement was requested under either section 7 or 9
25 of this chapter before November 1 of the previous calendar year
26 by all school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools.

27 STEP THREE: Divide the result determined in STEP ONE by the
28 number determined in STEP TWO.

29 STEP FOUR: Multiply:

30 (A) the STEP THREE result; by

31 (B) the number of eligible students for which reimbursement
32 was requested under section 7 or 9 of this chapter before
33 November 1 of the state fiscal year by the school corporation
34 or the accredited nonpublic school.

35 SECTION 75. IC 20-33-9-10.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.25-2016,
36 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 10.5. (a) This section does not apply to a charter
38 school or ~~an a state~~ accredited nonpublic school.

39 (b) A school employee shall report any incidence of suspected
40 criminal organization activity, criminal organization intimidation, or
41 criminal organization recruitment to the principal and the school safety
42 specialist.



1 (c) The principal and the school safety specialist may take
 2 appropriate action to maintain a safe and secure school environment,
 3 including providing appropriate intervention services.

4 SECTION 76. IC 20-34-3-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2019,
 5 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 20. (a) The governing body of a school
 7 corporation shall require each school in the governing body's
 8 jurisdiction to conduct periodic emergency preparedness drills during
 9 the school year in compliance with rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 by
 10 the state board.

11 (b) Each school and attendance center shall conduct at least:

12 (1) one (1) tornado preparedness drill; and

13 (2) one (1) manmade occurrence disaster drill;

14 during each semester.

15 (c) At least one (1) manmade occurrence disaster drill required
 16 under subsection (b) must be an active shooter drill and must be
 17 conducted within ninety (90) calendar days after the beginning of the
 18 school year.

19 (d) Each:

20 (1) **state** accredited nonpublic school; and

21 (2) charter school;

22 must conduct at least one (1) active shooter drill during each school
 23 year.

24 (e) Notwithstanding rules established by the state fire marshal under
 25 IC 12-17-12-19, a drill conducted under subsection (b) may be
 26 conducted instead of a periodic or monthly fire evacuation drill
 27 requirement established by the state fire marshal. However, a drill
 28 conducted under subsection (b) may not be made:

29 (1) instead of more than two (2) periodic or monthly fire
 30 evacuation drills in a particular school semester; and

31 (2) in two (2) consecutive months.

32 (f) The governing body of a school corporation may direct schools
 33 to conduct emergency preparedness drills in addition to those required
 34 under subsection (b).

35 (g) The governing body of a school corporation shall require each
 36 principal to file a certified statement that all drills have been conducted
 37 as required under this section.

38 SECTION 77. IC 20-34-3-23, AS ADDED BY P.L.211-2018(ss),
 39 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 23. (a) Each charter school and **state** accredited
 41 nonpublic school shall adopt a local school safety and emergency plan
 42 that includes:



- 1 (1) safety and emergency training and educational opportunities
 2 for school employees; and
 3 (2) periodic safety and emergency preparedness and evacuation
 4 drills.

5 (b) Each charter school and **state** accredited nonpublic school shall
 6 provide a copy of the floor plans for each building located on the
 7 school's property that clearly indicates each exit, the interior rooms and
 8 hallways, and the location of any hazardous materials located in the
 9 building to the law enforcement agency and the fire department that
 10 have jurisdiction over the school.

11 SECTION 78. IC 20-34-4.5-0.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.117-2017,
 12 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 0.6. As used in this chapter, "school" means **a**:

- 14 (1) ~~a~~ public school;
 15 (2) ~~a~~ charter school; or
 16 (3) ~~an~~ **state** accredited nonpublic school.

17 SECTION 79. IC 20-34-5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.166-2007,
 18 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "school employee"
 20 means an individual employed by:

- 21 (1) a public school, including a charter school, or ~~an~~ **a state**
 22 accredited nonpublic school;
 23 (2) a local health department working with a school under this
 24 chapter; or
 25 (3) another entity with which a school has contracted to perform
 26 the duties required under this chapter.

27 SECTION 80. IC 20-34-7-1.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.135-2016,
 28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter, "school" refers to a
 30 public school and ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school.

31 SECTION 81. IC 20-34-8-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.139-2014,
 32 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" refers to a
 34 public school and ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school.

35 SECTION 82. IC 20-34-8-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.139-2014,
 36 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) ~~Before July 1, 2015~~; The department shall
 38 disseminate guidelines, information sheets, and forms to each **state**
 39 accredited nonpublic school, charter school, and each school
 40 corporation for distribution to schools to inform and educate coaches,
 41 student athletes, and parents and legal guardians of student athletes of
 42 the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest to student athletes.



- 1 (b) The department:
 2 (1) may consult with an association, medical professionals, and
 3 others with expertise in diagnosing and treating sudden cardiac
 4 arrest; and
 5 (2) may request the assistance of an association in disseminating
 6 the guidelines, information sheets, and forms required under
 7 subsection (a).
 8 (c) The department may disseminate the guidelines, information
 9 sheets, and forms required under this section in an electronic format.
- 10 SECTION 83. IC 20-34-9-1, AS AMENDED BY THE
 11 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2020 GENERAL
 12 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to a virtual charter
 14 school (as defined in ~~IC 20-24-7-13(a)~~) **IC 20-24-1-10**) or a virtual
 15 **state** accredited nonpublic school.
- 16 SECTION 84. IC 20-34-9-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.153-2019,
 17 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. Beginning after June 30, 2020, and subject to
 19 available funding, a school corporation, a charter school, and ~~an~~ **a state**
 20 accredited nonpublic school are eligible for a grant under this chapter
 21 if the school corporation, charter school, or **state** accredited nonpublic
 22 school meets the requirements of this chapter.
- 23 SECTION 85. IC 20-34-9-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.153-2019,
 24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) The student and parent support services
 26 grant program is established to provide grants to school corporations,
 27 charter schools, and **state** accredited nonpublic schools for the
 28 development and implementation of student and parent support
 29 services plans to support parents caring for at-risk students.
- 30 (b) The department, in coordination with the division of mental
 31 health and addiction, shall administer the program.
- 32 SECTION 86. IC 20-34-9-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.153-2019,
 33 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. A school corporation, a charter school, or ~~an~~ **a**
 35 **state** accredited nonpublic school must do the following to participate
 36 in the program:
 37 (1) Apply to the department to participate in the program.
 38 (2) Submit to the department a student and parent support
 39 services plan that the school corporation, charter school, or **state**
 40 accredited nonpublic school intends to implement and that
 41 includes the following:
 42 (A) A process for a teacher or school employee to notify a



1 school official to contact a student's parent if the student
 2 demonstrates a repeated pattern of aberrant or abnormal
 3 behavior. The parental notification process described in this
 4 clause must also include that the school will hold a conference
 5 with the student and the student's parent.

6 (B) A requirement that the conference described in clause (A)
 7 must address the student's potential need for and benefit from:

- 8 (i) school based treatment services; or
- 9 (ii) treatment services provided by an outside professional
 10 care provider that is contracted and paid for by the school
 11 corporation, charter school, or **state** accredited nonpublic
 12 school.

13 (C) A procedure for a parent who chooses to seek services for
 14 the student to follow that includes granting written parental
 15 consent for the student to receive services by a service
 16 provider described under clause (B).

17 (D) A requirement to ensure that a school shall maintain the
 18 confidentiality of any medical records that result from a
 19 student's participation in any treatment described in clause (B).

20 The school must adopt a policy that prohibits the school from:

- 21 (i) sharing any reports or notes resulting from the provision
 22 of school based treatment services described in clause (B)(i)
 23 with other school officials; and
- 24 (ii) maintaining any reports, notes, diagnosis, or
 25 appointments that result from a student's participation in any
 26 treatment described in clause (B)(i) through (B)(ii) in the
 27 student's permanent educational file.

28 SECTION 87. IC 20-34-9-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.153-2019,
 29 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) Before June 30, 2020, and before each June
 31 30 thereafter, the department shall evaluate and prepare a report
 32 concerning development and implementation of the following:

- 33 (1) The program.
- 34 (2) The plans submitted and implemented by school corporations,
 35 charter schools, and **state** accredited nonpublic schools.

36 (b) The department shall submit the report described in subsection
 37 (a) to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

38 SECTION 88. IC 20-47-6-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2019,
 39 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "school" means a
 41 public school, including a charter school, ~~an~~ a **state** accredited
 42 nonpublic school, or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).



1 SECTION 89. IC 21-7-13-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2 2020]. ~~Sec. 4. "Accredited nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school~~
3 ~~that has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-19-2-8.~~

4 SECTION 90. IC 21-7-13-31.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 31.5. "State accredited nonpublic**
7 **school" means a nonpublic school that has voluntarily become**
8 **accredited under IC 20-31-4.1.**

9 SECTION 91. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2016,
10 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) Unless a student qualifies under subsection
12 (b), to qualify to participate in the program, a student must meet the
13 following requirements:

14 (1) Be a resident of Indiana.

15 (2) Be:

16 (A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8 at a:

17 (i) public school; or

18 (ii) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the state
19 board of education or by a national or regional accrediting
20 agency whose accreditation is accepted as a school
21 improvement plan under ~~IC 20-31-4-2~~; **IC 20-31-4.1-2**; or

22 (B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that
23 are adopted under IC 21-18.5-4-9(2) to include students who
24 are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.

25 (3) Be a member of a household with an annual income of not
26 more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for
27 free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch
28 program, as determined for the immediately preceding taxable
29 year for the household for which the student was claimed as a
30 dependent.

31 (4) Agree, in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
32 or guardian, that the student will:

33 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
34 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;

35 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
36 IC 35-48-1-9);

37 (C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in
38 IC 9-30-5;

39 (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described
40 in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or
41 IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their
42 repeal));



- 1 (E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high
 2 school:
 3 (i) for admission to an eligible institution; and
 4 (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance
 5 available to the eligible student to attend an eligible
 6 institution;
 7 (F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation
 8 of:
 9 (i) at least 2.0, if the student graduates from high school
 10 before July 1, 2014; and
 11 (ii) at least 2.5, if the student graduates from high school
 12 after June 30, 2014;
 13 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading
 14 scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and
 15 12; and
 16 (G) complete an academic success program required under the
 17 rules adopted by the commission, if the student initially enrolls
 18 in high school after June 30, 2013.
- 19 (b) A student qualifies to participate in the program if the student:
 20 (1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the
 21 consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by
 22 a child placing agency in:
 23 (A) a foster family home;
 24 (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;
 25 (C) a child caring institution; or
 26 (D) a group home;
 27 (2) meets the requirements in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(2);
 28 and
 29 (3) agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker (as
 30 defined in IC 31-9-2-11) or legal guardian, to the conditions set
 31 forth in subsection (a)(4).
- 32 (c) The commission may require that an applicant apply
 33 electronically to participate in the program using an online Internet
 34 application on the commission's **Internet** web site.
- 35 SECTION 92. IC 21-12-8-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2019,
 36 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to an applicant who
 38 attends or has attended any of the following:
 39 (1) An approved secondary school.
 40 (2) ~~An~~ **A state** accredited nonpublic school.
 41 (3) A nonaccredited nonpublic school.
 42 (b) An applicant is eligible to receive a high value workforce ready



- 1 credit-bearing grant if the following conditions are met:
- 2 (1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by the
- 3 commission.
- 4 (2) The applicant:
- 5 (A) has received a diploma of graduation from a school
- 6 described in subsection (a);
- 7 (B) has been granted a:
- 8 (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;
- 9 or
- 10 (ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED)
- 11 diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal),
- 12 IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or
- 13 (C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final
- 14 year of study at a school described in subsection (a) and will
- 15 be eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution
- 16 of higher learning.
- 17 (3) The applicant is enrolled in an eligible certificate program, as
- 18 determined under section 2(4) of this chapter, at Ivy Tech
- 19 Community College, Vincennes University, or a program
- 20 approved by the commission.
- 21 (4) The applicant enrolls at least half-time for purposes of federal
- 22 financial aid.
- 23 (5) The applicant has not received any grant for the maximum
- 24 number of academic terms specified for the grant in
- 25 IC 21-12-13-1 or IC 21-12-13-2.
- 26 (6) The applicant is not eligible for any state financial aid
- 27 program described in IC 21-12-13-1(a) or IC 21-12-13-2(a).
- 28 (7) The applicant is identified as financially independent from the
- 29 applicant's parents as determined by the Free Application for
- 30 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- 31 (8) The applicant has correctly filed the FAFSA and, if eligible
- 32 for aid, accepts all offered federal scholarships and grants.
- 33 (9) Except as provided under subsection (c), the applicant
- 34 maintains satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the
- 35 eligible institution.
- 36 (10) The applicant has not previously received a baccalaureate
- 37 degree, an associate degree, or an eligible certificate.
- 38 (11) The applicant meets any other minimum criteria established
- 39 by the commission.
- 40 (c) This subsection applies to an applicant who does not maintain
- 41 satisfactory academic progress under subsection (b)(9) but meets all the
- 42 other conditions required under subsection (b). An applicant is eligible



1 to receive a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant if the
2 applicant meets one (1) of the following:

3 (1) The applicant has not attended an eligible institution for the
4 immediately preceding two (2) academic years.

5 (2) The applicant:

6 (A) attended an eligible institution at any time during the
7 immediately preceding two (2) academic years; and

8 (B) maintained satisfactory academic progress, as determined
9 by the eligible institution, during the period described in
10 clause (A) in which the applicant attended the eligible
11 institution.

12 (d) If an applicant is identified as dependent as determined by the
13 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the applicant must:

14 (1) meet the criteria specified in subsection (b), except for
15 subsection (b)(4), (b)(7), and (b)(9);

16 (2) enroll full time for purposes of federal financial aid;

17 (3) maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the
18 eligible institution; and

19 (4) complete a workforce ready grant success program, as
20 determined by the commission, if the applicant graduates from
21 high school after December 31, 2018.

22 (e) If the demand for high value workforce ready credit-bearing
23 grants exceeds the available appropriation, as determined by the
24 commission, the commission shall prioritize the applicants identified
25 as independent as determined by the Free Application for Federal
26 Student Aid (FAFSA).

27 SECTION 93. IC 21-12-16-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) An applicant who is enrolled in an
30 accredited postsecondary educational institution after June 30, 2017,
31 may qualify for a scholarship under this chapter. To qualify for a
32 scholarship, an applicant must:

33 (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the commission;

34 (2) except as provided in subsection (b), have graduated from an
35 Indiana nonaccredited nonpublic or **state** accredited high school
36 **accredited under IC 20-31-4.1** and either:

37 (A) graduated in the highest twenty percent (20%) of students
38 in the applicant's high school graduating class; or

39 (B) received a score in the top twentieth percentile on the SAT
40 or ACT examination;

41 (3) have participated in school activities and community service
42 activities during high school;



- 1 (4) have applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an
 2 accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the
 3 commission under section 10 of this chapter;
 4 (5) agree in writing to:
 5 (A) obtain a license to teach under IC 20-28-5; and
 6 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public
 7 school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in
 8 Indiana after graduating with a baccalaureate degree from the
 9 accredited postsecondary educational institution described in
 10 subdivision (4); and
 11 (6) meet any other criteria established by the commission.
 12 (b) A student who graduates from a nonaccredited nonpublic school
 13 must meet the requirement described in subsection (a)(2)(B) in order
 14 to meet the eligibility requirement described in subsection (a)(2).
 15 SECTION 94. IC 21-13-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2016,
 16 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. The William A. Crawford minority teacher
 18 scholarship fund is established:
 19 (1) to encourage and promote qualified minority individuals to
 20 pursue a career in teaching in **state** accredited schools **accredited**
 21 **under IC 20-31-4.1** in Indiana;
 22 (2) to enhance the number of individuals who may serve as role
 23 models for the minority students in Indiana; and
 24 (3) to rectify the shortage of minority teachers teaching in **state**
 25 accredited schools **accredited under IC 20-31-4.1** in Indiana.
 26 SECTION 95. IC 21-13-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
 27 SECTION 318, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. An individual qualifies for an
 29 initial scholarship from the fund if the individual:
 30 (1) is a minority student;
 31 (2) is admitted to an eligible institution as a full-time student or
 32 already attends an eligible institution as a full-time student;
 33 (3) either:
 34 (A) intends to pursue; or
 35 (B) in the case of a student who is already attending an eligible
 36 institution, pursues;
 37 a course of study that would enable the student, upon graduation,
 38 to teach in ~~an~~ **a state** accredited school **accredited under**
 39 **IC 20-31-4.1** in Indiana;
 40 (4) agrees, in writing, to apply for a teaching position in ~~an~~ **a state**
 41 accredited school **accredited under IC 20-31-4.1** in Indiana
 42 following that student's certification as a teacher, and, if hired, to



1 teach for at least three (3) years; and
 2 (5) meets any other minimum criteria established by the
 3 commission.

4 SECTION 96. IC 21-13-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2016,
 5 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. An individual may apply for a stipend under
 7 this chapter if the individual:

8 (1) is a student who is enrolled in a course of study at an eligible
 9 institution that would enable the student, upon graduation, to
 10 teach in ~~an~~ **a state** accredited school **accredited under**
 11 **IC 20-31-4.1** in Indiana in:

12 (A) special education; or
 13 (B) a high-need field;
 14 (2) will participate in student teaching as part of the student's
 15 degree requirements;
 16 (3) has earned a cumulative grade point average upon entering
 17 student teaching that:

18 (A) is required by an eligible institution for admission to the
 19 eligible institution's school of education; or
 20 (B) is at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as
 21 determined by the eligible institution, if the eligible
 22 institution's school of education does not require a certain
 23 minimum cumulative grade point average;

24 (4) agrees, in writing, to apply for a teaching position at an
 25 accredited school in Indiana following the student's certification
 26 as a teacher, and, if hired, to teach for at least three (3) years; and
 27 (5) meets any other minimum criteria established by the
 28 commission.

29 SECTION 97. IC 21-13-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2016,
 30 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. (a) The Earline S. Rogers student teaching
 32 stipend for minority students is established.

33 (b) An individual may apply for a stipend under this chapter if the
 34 individual:

35 (1) is a minority student enrolled in an eligible institution;
 36 (2) will participate in:
 37 (A) student teaching as part of the student's degree
 38 requirements; or
 39 (B) a school administration internship as part of the student's
 40 graduate degree program;
 41 (3) has earned a cumulative grade point average:
 42 (A) upon entering student teaching that:



- 1 (i) is required by an eligible institution for admission to the
 2 eligible institution's school of education; or
 3 (ii) is at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as
 4 determined by the eligible institution, if the eligible
 5 institution's school of education does not require a certain
 6 minimum cumulative grade point average; or
 7 (B) upon beginning a school administration internship that is
 8 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by
 9 the eligible institution;
 10 (4) agrees, in writing, in the case of an individual entering student
 11 teaching, to apply for a teaching position at ~~an~~ **a state** accredited
 12 school **accredited under IC 20-31-4.1** in Indiana following the
 13 student's certification as a teacher, and, if hired, to teach for at
 14 least three (3) years; and
 15 (5) meets any other minimum criteria established by the
 16 commission.

17 SECTION 98. IC 21-18-12-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.111-2013,
 18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana e-transcript program is created
 20 to allow students at all **state** accredited high schools **accredited under**
 21 **IC 20-31-4.1** located in Indiana to request that the student's school
 22 transcripts be transmitted electronically to state educational
 23 institutions, participating Indiana not-for-profit or privately endowed
 24 institutions, and participating Indiana institutions authorized by the
 25 board for proprietary education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1.

26 (b) The commission shall administer the program.

27 (c) Beginning July 1, 2013, the department of education established
 28 by IC 20-19-3-1, in collaboration with the state educational institutions
 29 and the commission, shall develop a common electronic transcript,
 30 using common data fields and formats that are required by state
 31 educational institutions.

32 (d) Not later than July 1, 2015, all public secondary schools shall
 33 use the common electronic transcript developed by the department of
 34 education.

35 (e) The governing body of ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic
 36 secondary school may elect to use the common electronic transcript
 37 developed by the department of education.

38 SECTION 99. IC 22-4.1-25-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.191-2018,
 39 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "school" includes a
 41 public school, a charter school, ~~an~~ **a state** accredited nonpublic school
 42 (**as defined in IC 20-18-2-18.7**), and a nonaccredited nonpublic



1 school.
2 SECTION 100. IC 34-31-10-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2013,
3 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "school" means a:
5 (1) a public school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-15); or
6 (2) an state accredited nonpublic school (as defined in
7 ~~IC 20-18-2-12~~; **IC 20-18-2-18.7**).
8 SECTION 101. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020] **(a) 511 IAC 6.1 is**
9 **void. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and**
10 **Indiana Register shall remove this rule from the Indiana**
11 **Administrative Code.**
12 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.**
13 SECTION 102. **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. 455, 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 6, delete lines 26 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 7. IC 10-21-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2019, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school ~~(as described under IC 20-18-2-12)~~ that:

(A) has voluntarily become accredited under ~~IC 20-19-2-8. IC 20-31-4.1~~; or

(B) is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency that is recognized by the state board of education.

(2) "Active event warning system" refers to a system that includes services and technology that will notify available law enforcement agencies in the area of a school building of a life threatening emergency.

(3) "ADM" refers to average daily membership determined under IC 20-43-4-2. In the case of a school corporation career and technical education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, "ADM" refers to the count on a full-time equivalency basis of students attending the school on the date ADM is determined under IC 20-43-4-2.

(4) "Board" refers to the secured school safety board established by section 3 of this chapter.

(5) "Fund" refers to the Indiana secured school fund established by section 2 of this chapter.

(6) "Law enforcement agency" refers to a state, local, or federal agency or department that would respond to an emergency event at a school, including both on duty and off duty officers within the agency or department.

(7) "Local plan" means the school safety plan described in IC 20-26-18.2-2(b).

(8) "School corporation or charter school" refers to an individual school corporation, a school corporation career and technical education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, or a charter school



but also includes:

- (A) a coalition of school corporations;
- (B) a coalition of charter schools; or
- (C) a coalition of both school corporations and charter schools; that intend to jointly employ a school resource officer or to jointly apply for a matching grant under this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- (9) "School official" refers to an employee of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school who has access to an active event warning system.
- (10) "School resource officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-26-18.2-1."

Delete pages 7 through 13.

Page 14, delete lines 1 through 28.

Page 25, delete lines 4 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 25. IC 20-26-7.1-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.270-2019, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. **(a) As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school that:**

- (1) has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-31-4.1; or**
- (2) is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency that is recognized by the state board.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** This section applies to a school building with a gross square footage of two hundred thousand (200,000) square feet or less.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** If the school corporation receives notification from the department that the department has not received any preliminary requests to purchase or lease a vacant or unused school building under section 4(c)(1) of this chapter or a charter school has not met the requirements under section 4(c)(2) or 4(e) of this chapter, the school corporation must sell the school building to an accredited nonpublic school or postsecondary educational institution that sends a letter of intent to the school corporation to purchase the vacant or unused school building for an amount not more than the minimum bid for the vacant or unused school building determined in accordance with IC 36-1-11, or an amount agreed to by both parties.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** The accredited nonpublic school or postsecondary educational institution must submit its letter of intent to purchase the school building within thirty (30) days of the date the school corporation passes a resolution or takes other official action to close, no longer use, or no longer occupy a school building that was previously used for classroom instruction. However, in the event that



a charter school has submitted a preliminary request to purchase or lease a school building, the accredited nonpublic school or postsecondary educational institution may send a letter of intent to purchase or lease the school building within ninety (90) days of the date that the school corporation passed a resolution or took official action to close, no longer use, or no longer occupy a school building.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** Within forty-five (45) days of notice of the minimum bid, the accredited nonpublic school or postsecondary educational institution must provide a binding offer to the school corporation to purchase the property in its current condition and provide a nonrefundable down payment equal to five percent (5%) of the minimum bid or an amount agreed to by both parties. In the event that two (2) or more binding offers are submitted to the school corporation under this subsection, the school corporation may select which offer to accept.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** If the sale of the property does not close within one hundred eighty (180) days of the school corporation's receipt of the binding offer, and the delay in closing is not caused by the school corporation or its representatives, the school corporation may refund the down payment and sell or otherwise dispose of the school building under IC 20-25-4-14, ~~IC 20-26-5-4(7)~~, **IC 20-26-5-4(a)(7)**, or IC 36-1-11."

Page 26, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 30, line 42, delete "May 14, 2020." and insert "**June 30, 2020.**".

Page 32, line 5, delete "May 14, 2020." and insert "**June 30, 2020.**".

Page 32, line 34, delete "May 14, 2020." and insert "**June 30, 2020.**".

Page 32, line 37, delete "May" and insert "**June 30, 2020.**".

Page 32, delete line 38.

Page 47, line 24, delete "A school" and insert "**A school corporation or school**".

Page 48, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert "**Sec. 5. The state board may revoke the accreditation of a school under this chapter if the state board determines the following:**

(1) The school has failed to meet the accreditation standards established by the state board.

(2) The school has failed to comply with a federal or state law or regulation.

Page 48, line 15, delete "5." and insert "**6.**".

Page 50, line 38, delete "at least" and insert "**less than**".

Page 53, delete lines 32 through 42.

Delete page 54.

Page 55, delete lines 1 through 40, begin a new paragraph and



insert:

"SECTION 74. IC 20-33-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013, SECTION 114, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. **(a) As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school that:**

- (1) has voluntarily become accredited under IC 20-31-4.1; or**
- (2) is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency that is recognized by the state board.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** If a parent of a child or an emancipated minor who is enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school meets the financial eligibility standard under section 2 of this chapter, the parent or the emancipated minor may receive a reimbursement from the department as provided in this chapter for the costs or some of the costs incurred by the parent or emancipated minor in fees that are reimbursable under section 7 of this chapter.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** The department shall provide each accredited nonpublic school with sufficient application forms for assistance, prescribed by the state board of accounts.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Each accredited nonpublic school shall provide the parents or emancipated minors who wish to apply for assistance with:

- (1) the appropriate application forms; and
- (2) any assistance needed in completing the application form.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** The parent or emancipated minor shall submit the application to the accredited nonpublic school. The accredited nonpublic school shall make a determination of financial eligibility subject to appeal by the parent or emancipated minor.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** If a determination is made that the applicant is eligible for assistance, subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** applies.

~~(f)~~ **(g)** To be guaranteed some level of reimbursement from the department, the principal or other designee shall submit the reimbursement request before November 1 of a school year.

~~(g)~~ **(h)** In its request, the principal or other designee shall certify to the department:

- (1) the number of students who are enrolled in the accredited nonpublic school and who are eligible for assistance under this chapter;
- (2) the costs incurred in providing:
 - (A) curricular materials (including curricular materials used in special education and high ability classes); and
 - (B) workbooks, digital content, and consumable curricular materials (including workbooks, consumable curricular materials, and other consumable teaching materials that are



- used in special education and high ability classes) that are used by students for not more than one (1) school year;
- (3) that the curricular materials described in subdivision (2)(A) (except any curricular materials used in special education classes and high ability classes) have been adopted by the governing body; and
- (4) any other information required by the department.

~~(h)~~ **(i)** The amount of reimbursement that a parent or emancipated minor is entitled to receive shall be determined as provided in section 9.5 of this chapter.

~~(i)~~ **(j)** The accredited nonpublic school shall distribute the money received under this chapter to the appropriate eligible parents or emancipated minors.

~~(j)~~ **(k)** Section 7(f) of this chapter applies to parents or emancipated minors as described in this section.

~~(k)~~ **(l)** The accredited nonpublic school and the department shall maintain complete and accurate information concerning the number of applicants determined to be eligible for assistance under this section.

~~(l)~~ **(m)** The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

SECTION 75. IC 20-33-5-9.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013, SECTION 258, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9.5. (a) This section applies to reimbursements made under this chapter in the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2013.

(b) The amount of reimbursement that a school corporation or an accredited nonpublic school **(as defined in section 9(a) of this chapter)** is entitled to receive under section 7 of this chapter in a state fiscal year is equal to the amount determined in the following STEPS:

STEP ONE: Determine the amount appropriated to make reimbursements under this chapter for the state fiscal year.

STEP TWO: Determine the total number of eligible students for which reimbursement was requested under either section 7 or 9 of this chapter before November 1 of the previous calendar year by all school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools.

STEP THREE: Divide the result determined in STEP ONE by the number determined in STEP TWO.

STEP FOUR: Multiply:

(A) the STEP THREE result; by

(B) the number of eligible students for which reimbursement was requested under section 7 or 9 of this chapter before November 1 of the state fiscal year by the school corporation



or the accredited nonpublic school."
Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 455 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 455 be amended to read as follows:

Page 25, line 40, delete "June" and insert "**July 1, 2025.**".

Page 25, delete line 41.

Page 41, delete lines 18 through 23.

Page 41, line 24, delete "6." and insert "**5.**".

(Reference is to SB 455 as printed January 31, 2020.)

BUCHANAN

