

Adopted          Rejected

# COMMITTEE REPORT

**YES:                    11**  
**NO:                     2**

**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1136, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1            Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2            SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 3            CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 4            [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) For school corporations**
- 5            **where teacher salaries, compensation, and other benefits are**
- 6            **determined under a contract reached through collective bargaining**
- 7            **under IC 20-7.5, this section applies to teacher salaries,**
- 8            **compensation, and other benefits under collective bargaining**
- 9            **contracts that are executed and take effect after July 1, 2000.**
- 10            **(b) As used in this section, "approved academic credit" refers**
- 11            **to academic credit in courses approved by the board.**
- 12            **(c) As used in this section, "approved graduate degree" refers**
- 13            **to a graduate degree that is approved by the board.**
- 14            **(d) For purposes of determining teachers' salaries,**

- 1        **compensation, and other benefits, the following apply:**
- 2            **(1) A school corporation shall count in the number of credit**
- 3            **hours attributable to an individual teacher all hours of**
- 4            **approved academic credit that the teacher earns beyond an**
- 5            **undergraduate degree.**
- 6            **(2) A school corporation may elect to count in the number of**
- 7            **credit hours attributable to an individual teacher any credit**
- 8            **hours that a teacher earns beyond an undergraduate degree**
- 9            **that are not approved academic credit.**
- 10          **(3) A school corporation shall recognize an approved**
- 11          **graduate degree that a teacher earns.**
- 12          **(4) A school corporation may elect to recognize a graduate**
- 13          **degree that a teacher earns that is not an approved graduate**
- 14          **degree.**
- 15          **(5) A school corporation shall recognize as equivalent:**
- 16                **(A) a teacher who earns a master's degree; and**
- 17                **(B) a teacher who earns thirty-six (36) hours of approved**
- 18                **academic credit.**
- 19          **(6) A school corporation may elect to recognize as equivalent:**
- 20                **(A) a teacher who earns a master's degree; and**
- 21                **(B) a teacher who earns thirty-six (36) credit hours beyond**
- 22                **an undergraduate degree that are not approved academic**
- 23                **credit.**
- 24          **(7) A school corporation shall count in the number of credit**
- 25          **hours attributable to an individual teacher all hours of**
- 26          **approved academic credit that the teacher earns in courses**
- 27          **beyond:**
- 28                **(A) a master's degree; or**
- 29                **(B) thirty-six (36) hours of approved academic credit**
- 30                **above an undergraduate degree.**
- 31          **(8) A school corporation may elect to count in the number of**
- 32          **credit hours attributable to an individual teacher any credit**
- 33          **hours that the teacher earns that are not approved academic**
- 34          **credit in courses beyond:**

- 1                   **(A) a master's degree; or**
- 2                   **(B) thirty-six (36) hours of credit above an undergraduate**
- 3                   **degree.**

(Reference is to HB 1136 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

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Representative Cheney