

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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*Whereas, due to the disparity among the operations and performance of the various state schools, a uniform evaluation service would provide mutual benefits to schools through the sharing of excellent practices and policies among schools and districts;*

*Whereas, a uniform school evaluation service would analyze academic and financial indicators and trends, provide valuable comparative benchmarks, and present objective findings regarding the performance of school districts or school sites; and*

*Whereas, by sharing this data, school districts and school sites would have a better opportunity to improve student achievement and improve the management of school systems:  
Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to establish an  
2 interim study committee with the responsibility of examining the issue  
3 of creating a school evaluation program, or referring this issue to an  
4 existing statutory committee.

5 SECTION 2. That this committee, if established, shall charge this  
6 program to focus on the following six (6) categories of analysis:  
7 expenditures; student results; return on resources; finances, taxes, debt;  
8 learning environment; and demographics.

9 SECTION 3. That this committee, if established, shall require this  
10 program to reconcile disparate school performance data by identifying  
11 allocations of baseline and incremental school district spending;  
12 linking student achievement with expenditures patterns; tracking  
13 financial health; monitoring debt and capital spending levels; and  
14 measuring the return on a district's educational resources.

15 SECTION 4. That this committee, if established, shall require this  
16 program to provide extensive comparisons with regional and  
17 socioeconomic peer school systems and statewide averages, as well as  
18 monitor changes over time and identify important trends, when  
19 researching each analytical area.

20 SECTION 5. That this committee, if established, shall operate  
21 under the direction of the legislative council, and that the committee  
22 shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

23 SECTION 6. That this committee, if established, is permitted to  
24 make legislative recommendations based on the review and analysis if  
25 appropriate.

26 SECTION 7. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a  
27 copy of this resolution to the members of the Legislative Council.

