

HOUSE BILL No. 2137

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-6.1-5-2.5.

Synopsis: Teacher compensation. Provides a method to allow school corporations to count the number of course credit hours and the graduate degrees attributable to individual teachers for purposes of providing teachers' salaries, compensation, and other benefits. Requires recognition of course credits and graduate degrees that are approved by the professional standards board. Allows recognition of courses and graduate degrees that are not approved by the professional standards board. Provides equivalent salary, compensation, and benefits for teachers who hold master's degrees and teachers who have at least 36 hours of approved academic credit above an undergraduate degree. Allows a school corporation to provide equivalent salary, compensation, and benefits for teachers who hold master's degrees and teachers who have at least 30 hours of academic credit above an undergraduate degree.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) For school corporations**
- 4 **where teacher salaries, compensation, and other benefits are**
- 5 **determined under a contract reached through collective bargaining**
- 6 **under IC 20-7.5, this section applies to teacher salaries,**
- 7 **compensation, and other benefits under collective bargaining**
- 8 **contracts that are executed and take effect after June 30, 2001.**
- 9 (b) As used in this section, "approved academic credit" refers
- 10 to academic credit in courses approved by the board.
- 11 (c) As used in this section, "approved graduate degree" refers
- 12 to a graduate degree that is approved by the board.
- 13 (d) For purposes of determining teachers' salaries,
- 14 compensation, and other benefits, the following apply:
- 15 (1) A school corporation shall count in the number of credit
- 16 hours attributable to an individual teacher all hours of
- 17 approved academic credit that the teacher earns beyond an



- 1 undergraduate degree.
- 2 **(2) A school corporation may elect to count in the number of**
- 3 **credit hours attributable to an individual teacher any credit**
- 4 **hours that a teacher earns beyond an undergraduate degree**
- 5 **that are not approved academic credit.**
- 6 **(3) A school corporation shall recognize an approved**
- 7 **graduate degree that a teacher earns.**
- 8 **(4) A school corporation may elect to recognize a graduate**
- 9 **degree that a teacher earns that is not an approved graduate**
- 10 **degree.**
- 11 **(5) A school corporation shall recognize as equivalent:**
- 12 **(A) a teacher who earns a master's degree; and**
- 13 **(B) a teacher who earns at least thirty-six (36) hours of**
- 14 **approved academic credit.**
- 15 **(6) A school corporation may elect to recognize as equivalent:**
- 16 **(A) a teacher who earns a master's degree; and**
- 17 **(B) a teacher who earns at least thirty (30) credit hours**
- 18 **beyond an undergraduate degree that are either approved**
- 19 **or not approved academic credit.**
- 20 **(7) A school corporation shall count in the number of credit**
- 21 **hours attributable to an individual teacher all hours of**
- 22 **approved academic credit that the teacher earns in courses**
- 23 **beyond:**
- 24 **(A) a master's degree; or**
- 25 **(B) thirty-six (36) hours of approved academic credit**
- 26 **above an undergraduate degree.**
- 27 **(8) A school corporation may elect to count in the number of**
- 28 **credit hours attributable to an individual teacher any credit**
- 29 **hours that the teacher earns that are either approved or not**
- 30 **approved academic credit in courses beyond:**
- 31 **(A) a master's degree; or**
- 32 **(B) thirty (30) hours of credit above an undergraduate**
- 33 **degree.**
- 34 **(e) Compensation for continuing education or professional**
- 35 **development activities that are required in order to obtain or**
- 36 **retain a teaching license shall be determined in accordance with**
- 37 **IC 20-7.5. This section does not limit the rights of the school**
- 38 **employer or the exclusive representative to mutually establish**
- 39 **under IC 20-7.5 compensation for continuing education or**
- 40 **professional development activities that are in addition to**
- 41 **requirements to obtain or retain a teaching license.**

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