

# SENATE BILL No. 460

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-0.5-8.

**Synopsis:** Review of new higher education programs. Removes the authority of the commission for higher education to approve new academic degree programs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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January 14, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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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 20-12-0.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 8. The commission  
3 shall have the following powers and duties:  
4 (1) To develop, continually keep current, and implement a long  
5 range plan for postsecondary education. In developing this plan,  
6 the commission shall take into account the plans and interests of  
7 the state private institutions, anticipated enrollments in state  
8 postsecondary institutions, financial needs of students, and other  
9 factors pertinent to the quality of educational opportunity  
10 available to the citizens of Indiana. The plan shall define the  
11 educational missions and the projected enrollments of the various  
12 state educational institutions.  
13 (2) To consult with and make recommendations to the  
14 commission on vocational and technical education within the  
15 department of workforce development on all postsecondary  
16 vocational education programs. The commission shall biennially  
17 prepare a plan for implementing postsecondary vocational



1 education programming after considering the long range state  
2 plan developed under IC 20-1-18.3-10. The commission shall  
3 submit this plan to the commission on vocational and technical  
4 education within the department of workforce development for its  
5 review and recommendations, and shall specifically report on how  
6 the plan addresses preparation for employment.

7 (3) To make recommendations to the general assembly and the  
8 governor concerning the long range plan, and prepare to submit  
9 drafts and proposed legislation needed to implement the plan. The  
10 commission may also make recommendations to the general  
11 assembly concerning the plan for postsecondary vocational  
12 education under subdivision (2).

13 (4) To review the legislative request budgets of all state  
14 educational institutions preceding each session of the general  
15 assembly and to make recommendations concerning  
16 appropriations and bonding authorizations to state educational  
17 institutions including public funds for financial aid to students by  
18 any state agency. The commission may review all programs of any  
19 state educational institution, regardless of the source of funding,  
20 and may make recommendations to the governing board of the  
21 institution, the governor, and the general assembly concerning the  
22 funding and the disposition of the programs. In making this  
23 review, the commission may request and shall receive, in such  
24 form as may reasonably be required, from all state educational  
25 institutions, complete information concerning all receipts and all  
26 expenditures.

27 (5) To submit to the commission on vocational and technical  
28 education within the department of workforce development for its  
29 review under IC 20-1-18.3-15 the legislative budget requests  
30 prepared by state educational institutions for state and federal  
31 funds for vocational education. These budget requests shall be  
32 prepared upon request of the budget director, shall cover the  
33 period determined by the budget director, and shall be made  
34 available to the commission within the department of workforce  
35 development before review by the budget committee.

36 (6) To make, or cause to be made, studies of the needs for various  
37 types of postsecondary education and to make recommendations  
38 to the general assembly and the governor concerning the  
39 organization of these programs. The commission shall make or  
40 cause to be made studies of the needs for various types of  
41 postsecondary vocational education and shall submit to the  
42 commission on vocational and technical education within the

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1 department of workforce development its findings in this regard.

2 (7) To approve or disapprove the establishment of any new  
3 branches, regional or other campuses, or extension centers or of  
4 any new college or school. ~~or the offering on any campus of any~~  
5 ~~additional associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree, or of any~~  
6 ~~additional program of two (2) semesters, or their equivalent in~~  
7 ~~duration, leading to a certificate or other indication of~~  
8 ~~accomplishment. After March 29, 1971, no state educational~~  
9 ~~institution shall establish any new branch, regional campus, or~~  
10 ~~extension center or any new or additional academic college, or~~  
11 ~~school, or offer any new degree or certificate as defined in this~~  
12 ~~subdivision without the approval of the commission or without~~  
13 ~~specific authorization by the general assembly. Any state~~  
14 ~~educational institution may enter into contractual agreements with~~  
15 ~~governmental units or with business and industry for specific~~  
16 ~~programs to be wholly supported by the governmental unit or~~  
17 ~~business and industry without the approval of The commission~~  
18 **may not approve or disapprove any academic, degree, or**  
19 **other program offered or to be offered at a state educational**  
20 **institution.**

21 (8) If so designated by the governor or the general assembly, to  
22 serve as the agency for the purposes of receiving or administering  
23 funds available for postsecondary education programs, projects,  
24 and facilities for any of the acts of the United States Congress  
25 where the acts of Congress require the state to designate such an  
26 agency or commission. However, this subdivision does not  
27 provide for the designation of the commission by the governor as  
28 the recipient of funds which may be provided by acts of the  
29 United States Congress, received by an agency, a board, or a  
30 commission designated by the general assembly.

31 (9) To designate and employ an executive officer and necessary  
32 employees, to designate their titles, and to fix the compensation  
33 in terms of the employment.

34 (10) To appoint appropriate advisory committees composed of  
35 representatives of state educational institutions, representatives of  
36 private colleges and universities, students, faculty, and other  
37 qualified persons.

38 (11) To employ all powers properly incident to or connected with  
39 any of the foregoing purposes, powers, or duties, including the  
40 power to adopt rules.

41 (12) To develop a definition for and report biennially to the:

42 (A) general assembly;

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1 (B) governor; and  
2 (C) commission on vocational and technical education within  
3 the department of workforce development;  
4 on attrition and persistence rates by students enrolled in state  
5 vocational education.

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