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## HOUSE BILL No. 1794

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DIGEST OF HB 1794 (Updated January 27, 2005 3:47 pm - DI 109)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1.

**Synopsis:** Graduation rate determination. Includes certain additional groups of students in the determination of a school's graduation rate. Establishes certain procedures concerning a student who has left school and whose location is unknown to the school.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
February 1, 2005, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-8.1-15-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 10. The graduation rate  
3 for a cohort in a high school is the percentage determined under STEP  
4 SEVEN of the following formula:  
5 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of  
6 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for  
7 which the graduation rate is being determined.  
8 STEP TWO: Add:  
9 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and  
10 (B) the number of students who:  
11 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which  
12 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;  
13 and  
14 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.  
15 STEP THREE: Add:  
16 (A) the sum determined under STEP TWO; and  
17 (B) the number of retained students from earlier cohorts who

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1 became members of the cohort for whom the graduation rate  
 2 is being determined.  
 3 STEP FOUR: Add:  
 4 (A) the sum determined under STEP THREE; and  
 5 (B) the number of students who:  
 6 (i) began the reporting year in a cohort that expects to  
 7 graduate during a future reporting year; and  
 8 (ii) graduate during the current reporting year.  
 9 STEP FIVE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP  
 10 FOUR the number of students who have left the cohort for any of  
 11 the following reasons:  
 12 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.  
 13 (B) Removal by the student's parents under IC 20-8.1-3-34 to  
 14 provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public  
 15 schools.  
 16 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or  
 17 death.  
 18 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department  
 19 of correction.  
 20 (E) Placement by a court order or the division of family and  
 21 children.  
 22 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.  
 23 (G) Graduation before the beginning of the reporting year.  
 24 (H) Students who ~~have left school and whose location cannot~~  
 25 ~~be determined:~~ **attended school in Indiana for less than one**  
 26 **(1) school year and who cannot be located.**  
 27 **(I) Students who cannot be located and have been reported**  
 28 **to the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing**  
 29 **children.**  
 30 STEP SIX: Determine the total number of students who have  
 31 graduated during the current reporting year.  
 32 STEP SEVEN: Divide:  
 33 (A) the number determined under STEP SIX; by  
 34 (B) the remainder determined under STEP FIVE.  
 35 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-15-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 36 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 11. (a) If a student has left the**  
 38 **school, the student is not included in clauses (A) through (I) of**  
 39 **STEP FIVE of the formula established in section 10 of this chapter.**  
 40 **If the location of the student is unknown to the school, the principal**  
 41 **shall send a certified letter to the last known address of the student,**  
 42 **inquiring about the student's whereabouts and status. If the**

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1 student is not located after the certified letter is delivered or if no  
 2 response is received, the principal may submit the student's  
 3 information, including last known address, parent or guardian  
 4 name, student testing number, and other pertinent data to the state  
 5 attendance officer. The state attendance officer, using all available  
 6 state data and any other means available, shall attempt to locate  
 7 the student and report the student's location and school enrollment  
 8 status to the principal so that the principal can appropriately send  
 9 student records to the new school or otherwise document the  
 10 student's status.

11 (b) If a school corporation cannot provide written proof that a  
 12 student should be included in clauses (A) through (I) of STEP  
 13 FIVE of section 10 of this chapter, the student is considered a  
 14 dropout.

15 SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-15-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 16 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 12.** For each high school, the  
 18 department shall calculate an estimated graduation rate that is  
 19 determined by the total number of graduates for the reporting year  
 20 divided by the total number of students enrolled in grade 9 at the  
 21 school three (3) years before the reporting year. For any school  
 22 where the difference between the estimated graduation rate and  
 23 the number determined under STEP SEVEN of section 10 of this  
 24 chapter is more than five percent (5%), the department shall  
 25 request the data used in determining that the missing students are  
 26 classified under one (1) or more of clauses (A) through (I) of STEP  
 27 FIVE of section 10 of this chapter.

28 SECTION 4. IC 20-8.1-15-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 13.** For any school that cannot  
 31 provide written proof supporting the school's determinations to  
 32 include a student under clauses (A) through (I) of STEP FIVE of  
 33 section 10 of this chapter, the department shall require the  
 34 publication of the corrected graduation rate in the next school  
 35 year's report required under IC 20-1-21-4.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1794, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

NOE, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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