

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1794, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 2, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new line double block
- 2 indented and insert:
- 3 **"(J) High ability students (as defined in IC 20-10.1-5.1-2) who**
- 4 **have withdrawn from school before graduation and are**
- 5 **full-time students in an accredited institution of higher**
- 6 **education during the semester in which the cohort**
- 7 **graduates."**
- 8 Page 2, line 38, delete "(I)" and insert "**(J)**".
- 9 Page 3, line 12, delete "(I)" and insert "**(J)**".
- 10 Page 3, line 26, delete "(I)" and insert "**(J)**".
- 11 Page 3, line 32, delete "(I)" and insert "**(J)**".
- 12 Page 3, after line 35, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 13 "SECTION 5. IC 20-26-13-10, AS ADDED BY HEA 1288-2005,
- 14 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 10. **Except as provided in section**
- 16 **11 of this chapter**, the graduation rate for a cohort in a high school is
- 17 the percentage determined under STEP SEVEN of the following
- 18 formula:
- 19 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of
- 20 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for
- 21 which the graduation rate is being determined.

- 1 STEP TWO: Add:
- 2 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and
- 3 (B) the number of students who:
- 4 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which
- 5 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;
- 6 and
- 7 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.
- 8 STEP THREE: Add:
- 9 (A) the sum determined under STEP TWO; and
- 10 (B) the number of retained students from earlier cohorts who
- 11 became members of the cohort for whom the graduation rate
- 12 is being determined.
- 13 STEP FOUR: Add:
- 14 (A) the sum determined under STEP THREE; and
- 15 (B) the number of students who:
- 16 (i) began the reporting year in a cohort that expects to
- 17 graduate during a future reporting year; and
- 18 (ii) graduate during the current reporting year.
- 19 STEP FIVE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP
- 20 FOUR the number of students who have left the cohort for any of
- 21 the following reasons:
- 22 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.
- 23 (B) Removal by the student's parents under IC 20-33-2-28 to
- 24 provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public
- 25 schools.
- 26 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or
- 27 death.
- 28 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department
- 29 of correction.
- 30 (E) Placement by a court order or the division of family and
- 31 children.
- 32 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.
- 33 (G) Graduation before the beginning of the reporting year.
- 34 (H) Leaving school, if the **student attended school in Indiana**
- 35 **for less than one (1) school year and the** location of the
- 36 student cannot be determined.
- 37 **(I) Leaving school, if the location of the student cannot be**
- 38 **determined and the student has been reported to the**

1 **Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children.**
 2 **(J) Withdrawing from school before graduation, if the**
 3 **student is a high ability student (as defined in IC 20-36-1-3)**
 4 **who is a full-time student at an accredited institution of**
 5 **higher education during the semester in which the cohort**
 6 **graduates.**

7 STEP SIX: Determine the total number of students who have
 8 graduated during the current reporting year.

9 STEP SEVEN: Divide:

10 (A) the number determined under STEP SIX; by

11 (B) the remainder determined under STEP FIVE.

12 SECTION 6. IC 20-26-13-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 11. (a) A student who has left**
 15 **school is not included in clauses (A) through (J) of STEP FIVE of**
 16 **the formula established in section 10 of this chapter unless the**
 17 **school corporation can provide written proof that the student has**
 18 **left the school for one (1) of the reasons set forth in clauses (A)**
 19 **through (J) of STEP FIVE of section 10 of this chapter. If the**
 20 **location of the student is unknown to the school, the principal of**
 21 **the school shall send a certified letter to the last known address of**
 22 **the student, inquiring about the student's whereabouts and status.**
 23 **If the student is not located after the certified letter is delivered or**
 24 **if no response is received, the principal may submit the student's**
 25 **information, including last known address, parent or guardian**
 26 **name, student testing number, and other pertinent data to the state**
 27 **attendance officer. The state attendance officer, using all available**
 28 **state data and any other means available, shall attempt to locate**
 29 **the student and report the student's location and school enrollment**
 30 **status to the principal so that the principal can appropriately send**
 31 **student records to the new school or otherwise document the**
 32 **student's status.**

33 **(b) If a school corporation cannot provide written proof that a**
 34 **student should be included in clauses (A) through (J) of STEP**
 35 **FIVE of section 10 of this chapter, the student is considered a**
 36 **dropout.**

37 SECTION 7. IC 20-26-13-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 38 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 12. For each high school, the**
 2 **department shall calculate an estimated graduation rate that is**
 3 **determined by the total number of graduates for the reporting year**
 4 **divided by the total number of students enrolled in grade 9 at the**
 5 **school three (3) years before the reporting year. For any school**
 6 **where the difference between the estimated graduation rate and the**
 7 **number determined under STEP SEVEN of section 10 of this**
 8 **chapter is more than five percent (5%), the department shall**
 9 **request the data used in determining that the missing students are**
 10 **classified under one (1) or more of clauses (A) through (J) of STEP**
 11 **FIVE of section 10 of this chapter.**

12 SECTION 8. IC 20-26-13-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 13. For any school that cannot**
 15 **provide written proof supporting the school's determination to**
 16 **include a student under any one (1) of clauses (A) through (J) of**
 17 **STEP FIVE of section 10 of this chapter, the department shall**
 18 **require the publication of the corrected graduation rate in the next**
 19 **school year's report required under IC 20-20-8-3."**

20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1794 as printed February 2, 2005.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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Chairperson