

HOUSE BILL No. 1288

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-8-8; IC 20-33-2-38.1.

Synopsis: School attendance officers. Requires school corporations to include information on their truancy rates in their annual performance reports. Provides that beginning with the 2008-2009 school year: (1) the department of education shall rank all school corporations according to their truancy rates; and (2) each school corporation ranked among the 25% of all school corporations having the highest truancy rates shall appoint an attendance officer.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, 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 20-20-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.185-2006,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 8. The report must include the following
4 information:
5 (1) Student enrollment.
6 (2) Graduation rate (as defined in IC 20-26-13-6).
7 (3) Attendance rate.
8 (4) The following test scores, including the number and
9 percentage of students meeting academic standards:
10 (A) ISTEP program test scores.
11 (B) Scores for assessments under IC 20-32-5-21, if
12 appropriate.
13 (C) For a freeway school, scores on a locally adopted
14 assessment program, if appropriate.
15 (5) Average class size.
16 (6) The number and percentage of students in the following
17 groups or programs:



- 1 (A) Alternative education, if offered.
 2 (B) Vocational education.
 3 (C) Special education.
 4 (D) Gifted or talented, if offered.
 5 (E) Remediation.
 6 (F) Limited English language proficiency.
 7 (G) Students receiving free or reduced price lunch under the
 8 national school lunch program.
 9 (H) School flex program, if offered.
 10 (7) Advanced placement, including the following:
 11 (A) For advanced placement tests, the percentage of students:
 12 (i) scoring three (3), four (4), and five (5); and
 13 (ii) taking the test.
 14 (B) For the Scholastic Aptitude Test:
 15 (i) test scores for all students taking the test;
 16 (ii) test scores for students completing the academic honors
 17 diploma program; and
 18 (iii) the percentage of students taking the test.
 19 (8) Course completion, including the number and percentage of
 20 students completing the following programs:
 21 (A) Academic honors diploma.
 22 (B) Core 40 curriculum.
 23 (C) Vocational programs.
 24 (9) The percentage of grade 8 students enrolled in algebra I.
 25 (10) The percentage of graduates who pursue higher education.
 26 (11) School safety, including:
 27 (A) the number of students receiving suspension or expulsion
 28 for the possession of alcohol, drugs, or weapons; and
 29 (B) the number of incidents reported under IC 20-33-9.
 30 (12) Financial information and various school cost factors,
 31 including the following:
 32 (A) Expenditures per pupil.
 33 (B) Average teacher salary.
 34 (C) Remediation funding.
 35 (13) Technology accessibility and use of technology in
 36 instruction.
 37 (14) Interdistrict and intradistrict student mobility rates, if that
 38 information is available.
 39 (15) The number and percentage of each of the following within
 40 the school corporation:
 41 (A) Teachers who are certificated employees (as defined in
 42 IC 20-29-2-4).

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- 1 (B) Teachers who teach the subject area for which the teacher
- 2 is certified and holds a license.
- 3 (C) Teachers with national board certification.
- 4 (16) The percentage of grade 3 students reading at grade 3 level.
- 5 (17) The number of students expelled, including the number
- 6 participating in other recognized education programs during their
- 7 expulsion.
- 8 (18) Chronic absenteeism, which includes the number of students
- 9 who have been absent more than ten (10) days from school within
- 10 a school year without being excused.
- 11 (19) The number of students who have dropped out of school,
- 12 including the reasons for dropping out.
- 13 (20) The number of student work permits revoked.
- 14 (21) The number of student driver's licenses revoked.
- 15 (22) The number of students who have not advanced to grade 10
- 16 due to a lack of completed credits.
- 17 (23) The number of students suspended for any reason.
- 18 (24) The number of students receiving an international
- 19 baccalaureate diploma.
- 20 (25) Other indicators of performance as recommended by the
- 21 education roundtable under IC 20-19-4.

22 **(26) The truancy rate, including the number and percentage**
 23 **of truant students.**

24 SECTION 2. IC 20-33-2-38.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 38.1. Notwithstanding any other**
 27 **law, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, a school**
 28 **corporation that is ranked among the twenty-five percent (25%) of**
 29 **all school corporations having the highest truancy rates, according**
 30 **to the ranking performed by the department of education based on**
 31 **truancy rates reported by school corporations under**
 32 **IC 20-20-8-8(26), shall appoint an attendance officer to carry out**
 33 **the attendance officer duties described in this chapter.**

34 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) **Beginning with the**
 35 **2007-2008 school year, the department of education shall annually**
 36 **compile statistics concerning student truancy rates. The statistics**
 37 **must include the number and percentage of truant students in each**
 38 **school corporation, as reported by the school corporations under**
 39 **IC 20-20-8-8(26), as amended by this act.**

40 (b) **The department of education shall annually rank all of the**
 41 **school corporations based on the statistics compiled under**
 42 **subsection (a), placing the school corporations in order according**

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1 to their truancy rates, from the highest truancy rate to the lowest
2 truancy rate.
3 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2010.

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