

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
DIGEST FOR ESB 85**

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5-33.5.

**Synopsis:** Graduation rate study. Conference committee report for ESB 85. Creates the education issues study committee to study the causes of low graduation rates in Indiana high schools and to identify and highlight certain ways of improving graduation rates. **(This conference committee report removes a provision requiring the education roundtable to study the issue of low graduation rates, adds a provision establishing a legislative study committee to study the issue of low graduation rates, and removes provisions concerning seatbelt and evacuation drills for school buses and special purpose buses.)**

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

Adopted

Rejected

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 85 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1           Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
2           "SECTION 1. IC 2-5-33.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
3           AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4           JULY 1, 2011]:  
5           **Chapter 33.5. Education Issues Study Committee**  
6           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**  
7           **education issues study committee established under section 2 of this**  
8           **chapter.**  
9           **Sec. 2. The legislative council, under IC 2-5-1.1-5(a)(2), shall**  
10           **establish an interim committee to be known as the education issues**  
11           **study committee. The committee shall do the following:**  
12           **(1) Study the causes of low graduation rates in Indiana high**  
13           **schools.**  
14           **(2) Identify best practices that increase graduation rates in**  
15           **high schools in Indiana and other states.**  
16           **(3) Highlight training and technical assistance opportunities**  
17           **for high schools to effectively address low graduation rates.**  
18           **(4) Study the impact that school counselors, teachers, school**  
19           **administrators, and parents have on graduation rates.**  
20           **(5) Study any additional topics the legislative council**  
21           **considers necessary.**  
22           **Sec. 3. The committee shall operate under the policies governing**

1 **study committees adopted by the legislative council. The committee**  
2 **shall submit a final report to the following:**

- 3 (1) **The legislative council.**
- 4 (2) **The governor.**
- 5 (3) **The education roundtable.**

6 **Sec. 4. This chapter expires December 31, 2011."**

7 Delete pages 2 through 3.

8 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to ESB 85 as reprinted April 19, 2011.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
on  
**Engrossed Senate Bill 85**

**S**igned by:

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Senator Leising  
Chairperson

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Representative Behning

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Senator Rogers

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Representative Smith V

**Senate Conferees**

**House Conferees**