

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 338, 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 1, line 11, after "12." insert "(a)".
- 2 Page 1, line 15, delete "." and insert "**to include as a component of**
- 3 **the school improvement plans required under IC 20-31-5.**
- 4 **(b) The department shall provide resources and guidance to**
- 5 **school corporations concerning evidence based practices and**
- 6 **effective strategies that reduce absenteeism in schools."**
- 7 Page 3, line 29, delete "." and insert "**or without being absent**
- 8 **under a parental request that has been filed with the school."**
- 9 Page 3, delete lines 41 through 42.
- 10 Page 4, delete lines 1 through 7.
- 11 Page 5, line 15, delete "." and insert ", **as set forth in the plan**
- 12 **developed under IC 20-19-3-12."**
- 13 Page 5, delete lines 30 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 14 insert:
- 15 "SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The legislative**
- 16 **council is requested to establish a study committee on education**
- 17 **matters during the 2013 legislative interim to study the following**
- 18 **issues:**
- 19 **(1) The development of definitions of excused and unexcused**
- 20 **absences from school.**

- 1 **(2) The effectiveness of voluntary agreements between school**
- 2 **corporations and courts having juvenile jurisdiction in**
- 3 **providing court supervised educational programs, alternative**
- 4 **programs, or diversion programs for students who are**
- 5 **habitually truant, suspended, or expelled from school,**
- 6 **including:**
 - 7 **(A) the number and types of agreements and programs in**
 - 8 **Indiana;**
 - 9 **(B) the effects of the programs on families and students;**
 - 10 **and**
 - 11 **(C) the success of the programs in reintegrating students**
 - 12 **into the classroom.**
- 13 **(3) Evidence based practices and model programs for**
- 14 **reducing absenteeism and supporting student engagement and**
- 15 **achievement.**
- 16 **(4) Any other issue related to student absenteeism.**
- 17 **(b) This SECTION expires November 1, 2013.**
- 18 **SECTION 8. An emergency is declared for this act."**
- 19 Delete pages 6 through 12.
- 20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 338 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

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Chairperson