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Citations Affected: IC 5-14; IC 20-18; IC 20-25; IC 20-30; IC 20-32; IC 20-33; IC 20-37; IC 21-16; IC 34-13.

Synopsis: Various education matters. Provides that a school corporation or charter school may not charge a fee for the first five hours required to search for a record that is in an electronic format. Provides that a school corporation or charter school may charge a search fee for any time spent searching for a record that is in an electronic format that exceeds five hours. Makes changes to the definition of "elementary school". Provides that each school corporation may encourage the development of a community service ethic among high school students in grades 9 through 12. (Current law provides that each school corporation may encourage the development of a community service ethic among high school students in grade 11 or 12.) Provides that the governing body of a school corporation that operates a career or technical education center must admit students who attend a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school if the (Continued next page)

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charter school, state accredited nonpublic school, or student provides the governing body tuition for the student, which may not be greater than the per capita cost of operating the system of industrial or manual training. Provides that after June 30, 2020, any Core 40 college preparation curriculum models adopted by the state board of education (state board) shall include the requirement that each graduating senior shall submit to the United States Department of Education a free application for federal student aid unless a principal, a parent, or the student (if the student is an adult or is emancipated) provides a waiver. Provides that a student who is suspended is required to complete all assignments and school work assigned during the student's suspension. Provides that the principal, or the principal's designee, must ensure that the student receives notice of any assignments or school work due and teacher contact information if the student has questions regarding the assignments or school work during the student's suspension. Provides that a student shall be allowed to make up missed tests or quizzes when the student returns to school. Beginning with the 2022-2023 cohort, expands the EARN Indiana program to include secondary school students. Provides that a court, administrative law judge, or hearing officer shall award 25% of the attorney's fees, court costs, and other reasonable expenses of litigation in certain circumstances. Provides that if an individual or entity initiates an administrative proceeding against a public school that results in the administrative proceeding being heard by an administrative law judge or a hearing officer, and the individual or entity is not determined to be the prevailing party in the proceeding, the fees due to the administrative law judge or hearing officer shall be split equally between the parties to the administrative proceeding.
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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:

SECTION 1. IC 5-14-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2018, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) For the purposes of this section, "state agency" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-13-1-1.

(b) Except as provided in this section, a public agency may not charge any fee under this chapter for the following:

(1) To inspect a public record.

(2) This subdivision applies only to a school corporation and a charter school. To search for a record that is in an electronic format, if the search does not exceed five (5) hours.

(2) (3) To Subject to subdivision (2), to search for, examine, or review a record to determine whether the record may be disclosed.

(3) (4) To provide an electronic copy of a public record by electronic mail. However, a public agency may charge a fee for a

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public record transmitted by electronic mail if the fee for the
public record is authorized under:
(A) subsection (f) or (j);
(B) section 6(c) of this chapter; or
(C) IC 36-2-7-10 or IC 36-2-7-10.1 concerning records of the
county recorder.
(c) The Indiana department of administration shall establish a
uniform copying fee for the copying of one (1) page of a standard-sized
document by state agencies. The fee may not exceed the average cost
of copying records by state agencies or ten cents ($0.10) per page,
whichever is greater. A state agency may not collect more than the
uniform copying fee for providing a copy of a public record. However,
a state agency shall establish and collect a reasonable fee for copying
nonstandard-sized documents.
(d) This subsection applies to a public agency that is not a state
agency. The fiscal body (as defined in IC 36-1-2-6) of the public
agency, or the governing body, if there is no fiscal body, shall establish
a fee schedule for the certification or copying of documents. The fee for
certification of documents may not exceed five dollars ($5) per
document. The fee for copying documents may not exceed the greater
of:
(1) ten cents ($0.10) per page for copies that are not color copies
or twenty-five cents ($0.25) per page for color copies; or
(2) the actual cost to the agency of copying the document.
As used in this subsection, "actual cost" means the cost of paper and
the per-page cost for use of copying or facsimile equipment and does
not include labor costs or overhead costs. A fee established under this
subsection must be uniform throughout the public agency and uniform
to all purchasers.
(e) If:
(1) a person is entitled to a copy of a public record under this
chapter; and
(2) the public agency which is in possession of the record has
reasonable access to a machine capable of reproducing the public
record;
the public agency must provide at least one (1) copy of the public
record to the person. However, if a public agency does not have
reasonable access to a machine capable of reproducing the record or if
the person cannot reproduce the record by use of enhanced access
under section 3.5 of this chapter, the person is only entitled to inspect
and manually transcribe the record. A public agency may require that
the payment for copying costs be made in advance.
(f) Notwithstanding subsection (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), or (i), a public agency shall collect any certification, copying, facsimile machine transmission, or search fee that is specified by statute or is ordered by a court.

(g) Except as provided by subsection (h), for providing a duplicate of a computer tape, computer disc, microfilm, law enforcement recording, or similar or analogous record system containing information owned by the public agency or entrusted to it, a public agency may charge a fee, uniform to all purchasers, that does not exceed the sum of the following:

1. The agency's direct cost of supplying the information in that form. However, the fee for a copy of a law enforcement recording may not exceed one hundred fifty dollars ($150).
2. The standard cost for selling the same information to the public in the form of a publication if the agency has published the information and made the publication available for sale.
3. In the case of the legislative services agency, a reasonable percentage of the agency's direct cost of maintaining the system in which the information is stored. However, the amount charged by the legislative services agency under this subdivision may not exceed the sum of the amounts it may charge under subdivisions (1) and (2).

(h) This subsection applies to the fee charged by a public agency for providing enhanced access to a public record. A public agency may charge any reasonable fee agreed on in the contract under section 3.5 of this chapter for providing enhanced access to public records.

(i) This subsection applies to the fee charged by a public agency for permitting a governmental entity to inspect public records by means of an electronic device. A public agency may charge any reasonable fee for the inspection of public records under this subsection, or the public agency may waive any fee for the inspection.

(j) Except as provided in subsection (k), a public agency may charge a fee, uniform to all purchasers, for providing an electronic map that is based upon a reasonable percentage of the agency's direct cost of maintaining, upgrading, and enhancing the electronic map and for the direct cost of supplying the electronic map in the form requested by the purchaser. If the public agency is within a political subdivision having a fiscal body, the fee is subject to the approval of the fiscal body of the political subdivision.

(k) The fee charged by a public agency under subsection (j) to cover costs for maintaining, upgrading, and enhancing an electronic map may be waived by the public agency if the electronic map for which the fee
is charged will be used for a noncommercial purpose, including the following:

(1) Public agency program support.
(2) Nonprofit activities.
(3) Journalism.
(4) Academic research.

(l) This subsection does not apply to a state agency. A fee collected under subsection (g) for the copying of a law enforcement recording may be:

(1) retained by the public agency; and
(2) used without appropriation for one (1) or more of the following purposes:
   (A) To purchase cameras and other equipment for use in connection with the agency's law enforcement recording program.
   (B) For training concerning law enforcement recording.
   (C) To defray the expenses of storing, producing, and copying law enforcement recordings.

Money from a fee described in this subsection does not revert to the local general fund at the end of a fiscal year.

(m) This subsection applies to a school corporation and a charter school. For purposes of this subsection, "computer processing time" means the amount of time a computer takes to process a command or script to extract or copy electronically stored data that is the subject of a public records request. A school corporation or charter school may not charge a fee for the first five hours required to search for a record that is in an electronic format. A school corporation or charter school may charge a search fee for any time spent searching for a record that is in an electronic format that exceeds two (2) hours. If the school corporation or charter school charges a search fee, the school corporation or charter school shall charge an hourly fee that does not exceed the lesser of:

(1) the hourly rate of the person making the search; or
(2) twenty dollars ($20) per hour.

A school corporation or charter school charging an hourly fee under this subsection for searching for a record that is in an electronic format may charge only for time that the person making the search actually spends in searching for the record that is in an electronic format. A school corporation or charter school may not charge for computer processing time and may not establish a minimum fee for searching for a record that is in an electronic format.
format. A school corporation or charter school shall make a good faith effort to complete a search for a record that is in an electronic format that is within a reasonable time in order to minimize the amount of a search fee. The fee must be prorated to reflect any search time of less than one (1) hour.

SECTION 2. IC 20-18-2-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. "Elementary school" means any combination of kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8. school that provides instruction for any of the following:

(1) Kindergarten.
(2) Grade 1.
(3) Grade 2.
(4) Grade 3.
(5) Grade 4.
(6) Grade 5.
(7) Grade 6.
(8) Grade 7.
(9) Grade 8.

SECTION 3. IC 20-25-4-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007, SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) If a school city acquires title to or possession of real estate, buildings, and personal property in the school city by gift or donation, and the real estate, building, or personal property was used as an industrial or trade school for the education of youths in the trades of:

(1) printing;
(2) lithography;
(3) machine making;
(4) molding;
(5) typesetting;
(6) bricklaying;
(7) tile setting;
(8) pattern making;
(9) pharmacy; or
(10) other trades or occupations;
the board may, by the use of the board's school funds, maintain and operate the industrial or trade school or schools.

(b) If real estate, a building, or personal property is acquired by the school city under subsection (a), the board shall:

(1) perform any conditions incident to the school city's acquisition of the property;

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(2) maintain and operate the trade school and real estate, building, or personal property;
(3) employ competent instructors in the various subjects to be taught;
(4) purchase all necessary tools, implements, supplies, and apparatus; and
(5) establish general rules and requirements for:
   (A) admission of pupils to the school or schools, which includes the admission of students who attend charter schools or state accredited nonpublic schools;
   (B) the courses of instruction; and
   (C) the conduct of the trade or industrial schools;
that, in the board's judgment, will produce the best results and give instruction to the largest practicable number of students.
The school city may also use the real estate, building, or personal property acquired under subsection (a) for other school purposes, but not for any purpose that will materially interfere with the conduct of the trade or industrial schools.
(c) The transfer tuition charge for each student who:
   (1) is transferred to the school city from another school corporation in Indiana; and
   (2) receives trade or industrial instruction in a trade or industrial school located on property acquired under subsection (a);
must be the actual per capita cost of operating the school the student attends. However, the costs of permanent improvements or additions, the salaries of the superintendents, or the costs of apparatus or repairing broken or damaged apparatus may not be used in computing the actual per capita cost.
(d) If the school city admits a student to a trade school acquired by means described in this section and the student is not, by law, entitled to school privileges, or attends a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school, the tuition charge for the student may not be greater than the per capita cost of operating the school the student attends. The cost of permanent improvements and additions may not be included in computing the cost under this subsection.
(e) A school city may admit to the school city's career and technical, trade, or industrial schools nonresidents of Indiana. A nonresident student must pay reasonable laboratory and shop fees and a tuition fee of not more than the per student cost to the school city conducting the career and technical, trade, or industrial schools. A return on capital invested in buildings, grounds, or equipment may not be included in computing the per student cost under this subsection.
SECTION 4. IC 20-30-14-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. Each school corporation may encourage the development of a community service ethic among high school students in grade 11 or grades 9 through 12 in the school corporation by offering each grade 11 or 12 student in grades 9 through 12:

(1) as part of the corporation's elective curriculum;
(2) in compliance with rules adopted by the state board under section 9 of this chapter; and
(3) upon completion by the student of approved community service or other volunteer service;

the opportunity for the student to earn academic credit toward the student's minimum graduation requirements.

SECTION 5. IC 20-32-4-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 15. After June 30, 2020, any Core 40 college preparation curriculum models adopted by the state board shall include the requirement that each graduating senior shall submit to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) unless:

(1) a parent, or the student if the student is an adult or is emancipated, signs a waiver in writing refusing to complete the application under this section; or
(2) if a graduating senior is not able to fulfill the requirements set forth in this section due to extenuating circumstances, the student's principal waives the requirement for the graduating senior to submit an application under this section.

SECTION 6. IC 20-33-8-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) A principal may suspend a student for not more than ten (10) school days under section 14, 15, or 16 of this chapter. However, the student may be suspended for more than ten (10) school days under section 23 of this chapter.

(b) A principal may not suspend a student before the principal affords the student an opportunity for a meeting during which the student is entitled to the following:

(1) A written or an oral statement of the charges against the student.
(2) If the student denies the charges, a summary of the evidence against the student.
(3) An opportunity for the student to explain the student's conduct.

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(c) When misconduct requires immediate removal of a student, the meeting under subsection (b) must begin as soon as reasonably possible after the student's suspension.

(d) Following a suspension, the principal shall send a written statement to the parent of the suspended student describing the following:

1. The student's misconduct.
2. The action taken by the principal.

(e) If a student is suspended, the student is required to complete all assignments and school work assigned during the period of the student's suspension. The principal, or the principal's designee, must ensure that the student receives notice of any assignments or school work due and teacher contact information if the student has questions regarding the assignments or school work. A student shall be allowed to make up missed tests or quizzes when the student returns to school.

SECTION 7. IC 20-37-2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) A governing body may establish and conduct a system of industrial or manual training and education to teach:

1. the major uses of tools and mechanical implements;
2. the elementary principles of mechanical construction;
3. mechanical drawing; and
4. printing.

(b) If a system is established, the governing body shall employ competent instructors in the various subjects and shall establish rules and regulations on student admissions designed to produce the best results and to give instruction to the largest practicable number. A governing body may provide this instruction in school buildings or in separate buildings. Each governing body must provide equal access to students who attend a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school utilizing the same admittance practices that are currently in place if the charter school, state accredited nonpublic school, or student provides the governing body tuition for the student, which may not be greater than the per capita cost of operating the system of industrial or manual training. Each governing body may:

1. require students enrolling in this system to pay a reasonable tuition fee; and
2. differentiate between students living in the attendance unit and those living outside the attendance unit in the amount of tuition charged.

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However, tuition charges by a school corporation operating under IC 20-25-3 and IC 20-25-4 are also regulated by IC 20-25-4-17.

SECTION 8. IC 21-16-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7.5. "Eligible secondary school student" means a student, beginning with the cohort of students that is expected to graduate in the 2022-2023 school year, who:

1. is enrolled in a secondary school in Indiana;
2. completes and files a Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and
3. meets any other criteria established by the commission.

SECTION 9. IC 21-16-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.272-2013, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. An agreement entered into under this chapter must:

1. provide for employment by the eligible employer of eligible students and eligible secondary school students:
   (A) for a minimum average of twelve (12) hours per week; and
   (B) a maximum average of:
      (i) twenty (20) hours per week, if the student is enrolled in courses at the time of employment; or
      (ii) forty (40) hours per week if the employment occurs during the summer term and the student is not enrolled in courses during the summer term;
2. provide for the reimbursement, to the extent possible under the then current biennial appropriation, by the state to the employer of at least fifty percent (50%) of the federal minimum hourly wage for each hour worked by the student for the employer;
3. provide that any work performed by a student under this chapter must not result in the displacement of employed workers or impair existing contracts for services;
4. provide that any work performed by a student under this chapter shall not involve any partisan or nonpartisan political or sectarian activities;
5. provide that wage rates must be established by the eligible employer, but must not be less than the current federal minimum wage rate; and
6. contain any other provisions necessary to carry out this chapter.

SECTION 10. IC 21-16-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.272-2013, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE...
JULY 1, 2019: Sec. 7. An eligible employer that wishes to participate in the EARN Indiana program under this chapter must:

(1) submit to the commission, by the date specified by the commission and in the format specified by the commission, a job description for each job that the eligible employer will offer to eligible students and eligible secondary school students under the program;

(2) submit to the commission, by the date specified by the commission, one (1) or more statements reporting:
   (A) the wages paid by the eligible employer to each eligible student and each eligible secondary school student; and
   (B) the amount of time worked by each eligible student and each eligible secondary school student employed by the eligible employer; and

(3) sign an agreement agreeing to administer the program according to the published rules and program guidelines as outlined by the commission.

SECTION 11. IC 34-13-3.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) This section:

(1) does not apply to a labor dispute; and

(2) may not be construed to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or any federal law.

(b) If:

(1) a public school offers to an individual or entity to resolve a dispute through mediation or another alternative dispute resolution process, and the individual or entity fails or refuses to participate in the mediation or other alternative dispute resolution process;

(2) the public school makes, in accordance with section 6 of this chapter, a written offer to the individual or entity to resolve the dispute;

(3) the individual or entity rejects the written offer described in subdivision (2); and

(4) the final judgment or relief obtained by the individual or entity in an action or administrative proceeding is not more favorable than the written offer described in subdivision (2);

the court, administrative law judge, or hearing officer shall, upon request by the public school, award to the public school twenty-five percent (25%) of the attorney's fees, court costs, and other reasonable expenses of litigation incurred by the public school after the written offer described in subdivision (2) was made.

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SECTION 12. IC 34-13-3.5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) This section:

(1) does not apply to a labor dispute; and
(2) may not be construed to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or any federal law.

(b) If an individual or entity initiates an administrative proceeding against a public school that results in the administrative proceeding being heard by an administrative law judge or a hearing officer, and the individual or entity is not determined to be the prevailing party in the proceeding, the fees due to the administrative law judge or hearing officer shall be split equally between the parties to the administrative proceeding.

SECTION 13. IC 34-13-3.5-9.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9.1. An attorney or other advocate for an individual or entity that initiates a lawsuit or administrative proceeding against a public school or a nonpublic school that has at least one (1) employee is prohibited from representing the individual or entity without first disclosing in writing to the:

(1) attorney or advocate's client; and
(2) court;

any conflicts of interest the attorney or advocate has in representing the individual or entity.
COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1629, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:
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2) if a graduating senior is not able to fulfill the requirements
set forth in this section due to extenuating circumstances, the student's principal waives the requirement for the graduating senior to submit an application under this section.

SECTION 7. IC 20-33-8-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18. (a) A principal may suspend a student for not more than ten (10) school days under section 14, 15, or 16 of this chapter. However, the student may be suspended for more than ten (10) school days under section 23 of this chapter.

(b) A principal may not suspend a student before the principal affords the student an opportunity for a meeting during which the student is entitled to the following:

1. A written or an oral statement of the charges against the student.
2. If the student denies the charges, a summary of the evidence against the student.
3. An opportunity for the student to explain the student's conduct.

(c) When misconduct requires immediate removal of a student, the meeting under subsection (b) must begin as soon as reasonably possible after the student's suspension.

(d) Following a suspension, the principal shall send a written statement to the parent of the suspended student describing the following:

1. The student's misconduct.
2. The action taken by the principal.

(e) If a student is suspended, the student is required to complete all assignments and school work assigned during the period of the student's suspension. The principal, or the principal's designee, must ensure that the student receives notice of any assignments or school work due and teacher contact information if the student has questions regarding the assignments or school work. A student shall be allowed to make up missed tests or quizzes when the student returns to school.

Page 8, delete lines 1 through 40.
Page 9, line 12, delete "admit" and insert "provide equal access to".
Page 9, line 13, after "nonpublic school" insert "utilizing the same admittance practices that are currently in place".
Page 9, delete lines 25 through 42.
Page 11, delete lines 16 through 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 12. IC 34-13-3.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) This section:
(1) does not apply to a labor dispute; and
(2) may not be construed to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or any federal law.
(b) If:
(1) a public school offers to an individual or entity to resolve a dispute through mediation or another alternative dispute resolution process, and the individual or entity fails or refuses to participate in the mediation or other alternative dispute resolution process;
(2) the public school makes, in accordance with section 6 of this chapter, a written offer to the individual or entity to resolve the dispute;
(3) the individual or entity rejects the written offer described in subdivision (2); and
(4) the final judgment or relief obtained by the individual or entity in an action or administrative proceeding is not more favorable than the written offer described in subdivision (2);
the court, administrative law judge, or hearing officer shall, upon request by the public school, award to the public school twenty-five percent (25%) of the attorney's fees, court costs, and other reasonable expenses of litigation incurred by the public school after the written offer described in subdivision (2) was made.

SECTION 13. IC 34-13-3.5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) This section:
(1) does not apply to a labor dispute; and
(2) may not be construed to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or any federal law.
(b) If an individual or entity initiates an administrative proceeding against a public school that results in the administrative proceeding being heard by an administrative law judge or a hearing officer, and the individual or entity is not determined to be the prevailing party in the proceeding, the fees
due to the administrative law judge or hearing officer shall be split equally between the parties to the administrative proceeding."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1629 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 2.

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