



February 15, 2019

SENATE BILL No. 55

DIGEST OF SB 55 (Updated February 13, 2019 3:19 pm - DI 110)

Citations Affected: IC 20-51.

Synopsis: Choice scholarships. Provides that the department of education shall accept applications for choice scholarship students from November 1 through January 15 for the spring semester of the current school year.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

Freeman, Raatz, Kruse

January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 16, 2019, amended; reassigned to Committee on Education and Career Development.

February 14, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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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 20-51-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2017,
2 SECTION 140, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. (a) The department shall
4 administer this chapter.
5 (b) The department shall approve an application for an eligible
6 school within fifteen (15) days after the date the school requests to
7 participate in the choice scholarship program.
8 (c) The department shall approve an application for a choice
9 scholarship student within fifteen (15) days after the date the student
10 requests to participate in the choice scholarship program.
11 (d) Each year, at a minimum, the department shall accept
12 applications from March 1 through September 1 for eligible schools for
13 the upcoming school year.
14 (e) Each year, the department shall accept applications for choice
15 scholarship students from:
16 (1) March 1 through September 1 for the upcoming school year;
17 **and**

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1 **(2) November 1 through January 15 for the spring semester**
2 **of the current school year.**
3 (f) This chapter may not be construed in a manner that would
4 impose additional requirements for approving an application for an
5 eligible school placed in a "null" or "no letter grade" category
6 established under IC 20-31-8-3(b).
7 (g) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
8 this chapter.
9 (h) The department may adopt emergency rules under
10 IC 4-22-2-37.1 to implement this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 55, 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:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development.

(Reference is to SB 55 as introduced.)

BRAY, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 55, 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:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 3, line 36, delete "September 2" and insert "**November 1**".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 55 as printed January 17, 2019.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1.

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