HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1370

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AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The commission for higher education or, if directed to do so by the commission for higher education, the dual credit advisory council shall study methods to ensure opportunities for secondary school students to earn college credits while enrolled in high school and to provide incentives for a high school teacher to obtain a master's degree with at least eighteen (18) hours of graduate course work in the subject matter the teacher is teaching or wishes to teach as part of a dual credit course, including:

(1) requiring a state educational institution to develop a teacher education plan to ensure that teachers who currently teach high school dual credit courses on behalf of or under an agreement with the state educational institution meet accreditation requirements established by the state educational institution's regional accrediting agency or an association recognized by the United States Department of Education;

(2) a way to facilitate agreements between a state educational institution and a school corporation or between state educational institutions that may provide for a waiver of tuition in whole or in part as a part of the dual credit plan;

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(3) providing graduate programs that combine summer, evening, online, and weekend classes;
(4) having a teacher complete a supervised practicum while teaching;
(5) encouraging primary and secondary schools to establish programs to mentor new teachers;
(6) offering scholarships for returning dual credit teachers;
(7) providing flexibility to school corporations to establish pay scales that reflect the value of teachers with master's degrees; and
(8) determining the potential fiscal impact to the state of programs established under subdivisions (6) and (7).
(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2017.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.