

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1304 # 7

DIGEST

Mastery based education program. Establishes a mastery based education program (program) administered by the department of education. Provides that school corporations and charter schools may apply to participate in the program.

- 1 Page 5, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 7. IC 20-20-50 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2024]:
- 5 **Chapter 50. Mastery Based Education Program**
- 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "dedicated lead partner" means**
7 **an experienced and specialized individual or entity that provides**
8 **assistance in implementing mastery based education in a school.**
- 9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "mastery" means evidenced**
10 **attainment of predefined, rigorous learning objectives that:**
- 11 (1) are transferable; and
12 (2) qualify a student for advancement to subsequent
13 educational levels or competencies.
- 14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "mastery based education"**
15 **means an innovative, learner centered approach to teaching and**
16 **learning that focuses on the mastery of specific skills or knowledge**
17 **areas rather than the amount of time spent in a classroom.**
- 18 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the mastery**
19 **based education program established by section 5 of this chapter.**
- 20 **Sec. 5. (a) The mastery based education program is established**
21 **to allow a school corporation or charter school that is selected by**
22 **the department under subsection (b) to implement mastery based**
23 **education in:**
- 24 (1) one (1) or more schools maintained by the school
25 corporation; or
26 (2) the charter school.
- 27 **(b) The department:**

- 1 **(1) shall administer the program; and**
 2 **(2) may select:**
 3 **(A) school corporations;**
 4 **(B) charter schools; or**
 5 **(C) both school corporations and charter schools;**
 6 **that meet the requirements under section 6 of this chapter to**
 7 **participate in the program.**

8 **Sec. 6. (a) To apply for participation in the program, a school**
 9 **corporation or charter school shall do the following:**

- 10 **(1) Apply on a form and in a manner established by the**
 11 **department.**
 12 **(2) Submit to the department a plan for the establishment and**
 13 **implementation of mastery based education in the school**
 14 **corporation or charter school that:**
 15 **(A) meets the requirements of section 7 of this chapter; and**
 16 **(B) includes specific measurable goals or student outcomes**
 17 **the school corporation or charter school intends to achieve.**

18 **(b) The department shall approve or deny a plan submitted by**
 19 **a school corporation or charter school under this section.**

20 **Sec. 7. Mastery based education implemented by a school**
 21 **corporation or charter school under this chapter must meet the**
 22 **following requirements:**

- 23 **(1) A student participating in the mastery based education**
 24 **must:**
 25 **(A) advance based upon mastery of the subject matter and**
 26 **not based on time in a classroom;**
 27 **(B) receive timely, differentiated support based on the**
 28 **student's individual learning needs; and**
 29 **(C) be empowered daily to make important decisions**
 30 **about:**
 31 **(i) the student's learning experiences and learning**
 32 **environment;**
 33 **(ii) how the student will create and apply knowledge; and**
 34 **(iii) how the student will demonstrate learning.**

35 **(2) Standards in the mastery based education must be broken**
 36 **down into masteries that include rigorous, clear, measurable,**
 37 **and transferable learning objectives that empower students.**

38 **(3) Assessments administered under the mastery based**
 39 **education must focus on evaluating skills and not on**
 40 **memorization.**

1 (4) Learning outcomes for the mastery based education must
2 emphasize masteries that include:

- 3 (A) application and creation of knowledge; and
- 4 (B) the development of work ready skills.

5 Sec. 8. If a student:

- 6 (1) obtains a credit for mastery based education; and
- 7 (2) subsequently transfers to another school corporation or
- 8 charter school in Indiana;

9 the school corporation or charter school to which the student
10 transfers shall count the credit by a previous school corporation or
11 charter school that the student attended toward the student's
12 graduation requirements.

13 Sec. 9. (a) The department may do the following:

- 14 (1) Establish common masteries that may be used by each
- 15 school participating in the program.
- 16 (2) Review annually the masteries established under
- 17 subdivision (1) and, as applicable, do the following:
- 18 (A) Amend or remove masteries.
- 19 (B) Establish new common masteries.
- 20 (3) Create criteria for masteries that are, when applicable,
- 21 transferable among different subject areas and courses to
- 22 ensure that a mastery can satisfy multiple requirements.

23 (b) The department may consult with any of the following
24 regarding establishing and reviewing masteries and creating
25 criteria under subsection (a):

- 26 (1) Approved dedicated lead partners.
- 27 (2) School corporations and charter schools participating in
- 28 the program.
- 29 (3) Any other individual or entity, as determined by the
- 30 department.

31 (c) The department may request information from a school
32 corporation or charter school participating in the program for the
33 purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the program.

34 (d) A school corporation or charter school shall respond to a
35 request for information under subsection (c) in a form, manner,
36 and frequency determined by the department.

37 Sec. 10. The department shall do the following:

- 38 (1) Approve dedicated lead partners that a school corporation
- 39 or charter school participating in the program may contract
- 40 with in accordance with this chapter.

1 (2) Create and maintain a list of the approved dedicated lead
2 partners on the department's website.

3 **Sec. 11.** The commission for higher education shall work with
4 school corporations and charter schools participating in the
5 program to ensure that:

6 (1) credits earned through the program are included on the
7 student's high school transcript; and

8 (2) a student enrolled in the program has access to early
9 college credit.

10 **Sec. 12. (a)** Except as provided under subsections (b) and (c), a
11 school maintained by a school corporation or charter school that
12 participates in the program:

13 (1) is exempt from all requirements of this title except for
14 requirements under this chapter or requirements established
15 under federal law; and

16 (2) may not award graduation waivers under IC 20-32-3 or
17 IC 20-32-5.1.

18 **(b)** A school described in subsection (a) is not exempt from the
19 following:

20 (1) Except as provided under subsection (d), any of the
21 nonwaivable provisions listed under IC 20-31-4.1-7.

22 (2) IC 20-30-5.6.

23 (3) IC 20-30-2.

24 **(c)** The department may require a school described in
25 subsection (a) to comply with any requirements described in
26 subsection (a)(1) if the department determines that the school is not
27 meeting the specific measurable goals or student outcomes
28 submitted in the school corporation's or charter school's plan
29 under section 6(a) of this chapter.

30 **(d)** A school described in subsection (a) is subject to collective
31 bargaining under IC 20-29 unless the school corporation
32 authorizes the school to opt out of collective bargaining or, if the
33 school is a charter school, the school opts out of collective
34 bargaining.

35 **Sec. 13.** Not later than November 1, 2025, and not later than
36 November 1 each year thereafter, the department shall:

37 (1) compile and prepare a report that includes information
38 regarding the program; and

39 (2) submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic
40 format under IC 5-14-6.

- 1 **Sec. 14. The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
- 2 **necessary to implement this chapter."**
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1304 as introduced.)