

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## HB 1304 # 9

### DIGEST

Waiver for literacy endorsement requirements. Provides that the department of education may grant certain individuals a waiver that provides an exception to the literacy endorsement requirements if the department submits a report to the legislative council by a specified date.

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- 1           Page 3, line 1, after "traveling" insert "**expenses**".
- 2           Page 3, line 19, delete "collections" and insert "**collection**".
- 3           Page 18, line 8, delete "Beginning" and insert "**Except as provided**
- 4 **section 19.8(a) of this chapter**, beginning".
- 5           Page 19, between lines 24 and 25, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 6           "SECTION 12. IC 20-28-5-19.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 7 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 19.8. (a) An individual described**
- 9 **in section 19.7(b) of this chapter who cannot comply with the**
- 10 **requirements of section 19.7 of this chapter may apply for a waiver**
- 11 **from the department in a form and manner prescribed by the**
- 12 **department.**
- 13           **(b) Subject to subsection (d), if the department determines that**
- 14 **an individual described in subsection (a) cannot comply with the**
- 15 **requirements of section 19.7 of this chapter, the department may**
- 16 **grant the individual a waiver that provides an exception to the**
- 17 **requirements.**
- 18           **(c) The department may grant a waiver under this section to an**
- 19 **individual that:**
- 20               **(1) is not more than one (1) year; and**
- 21               **(2) does not extend beyond July 1, 2028.**
- 22           **However the department may extend the waiver described in this**
- 23 **subsection if the department determines a hardship exists for the**
- 24 **individual in meeting the requirements under section 19.7 of this**
- 25 **chapter.**
- 26           **(d) Before the department may grant a waiver under this**
- 27 **section, the department shall submit a report not later than**

- 1       **December 1, 2026, to the legislative council in an electronic format**  
2       **under IC 5-14-6 that contains the following information:**
- 3               **(1) The progress made by the department toward the**  
4               **requirements in section 19.7 of this chapter.**
- 5               **(2) The progress made by the department toward the goal of**  
6               **student literacy in Indiana.**
- 7               **(3) Barriers and challenges that remain for all individuals**  
8               **described in section 19.7(b) of this chapter to achieving the**  
9               **requirements of section 19.7 of this chapter.**
- 10              **(4) The reasons the department's waiver authority under this**  
11              **section is necessary.**
- 12              **(5) Any other recommendations the department may have for**  
13              **educators, communities, parents, schools, teacher preparation**  
14              **programs, and the general assembly for achieving:**
- 15                      **(A) full compliance with the requirements of section 19.7**  
16                      **of this chapter; and**
- 17                      **(B) student literacy goals of the state."**
- 18       Page 22, line 9, delete "system" and insert "systems".
- 19       Page 22, line 14, delete "Sec. 5." and insert "Sec. 2.".
- 20       Page 22, line 16, delete "3" and insert "1".
- 21       Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to HB 1304 as printed January 25, 2024.)