

# 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.

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- 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.)