

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 8 # 8

DIGEST

High school equivalency pilot program. Changes the expiration date for the high school equivalency pilot program to June 30, 2026. (The current expiration date is June 30, 2024.)

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 20-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2023,
4 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JUNE 29, 2024]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in section 11 of this
6 chapter and subject to IC 20-31-8-4.6 and IC 20-32-4-14, the four (4)
7 year graduation rate for a cohort in a high school is the percentage
8 determined under STEP FIVE of the following formula:
9 STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the beginning of
10 the reporting year three (3) years before the reporting year for
11 which the graduation rate is being determined.
12 STEP TWO: Add:
13 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and
14 (B) the number of students who:
15 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on which
16 the number determined under STEP ONE was determined;
17 and
18 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the cohort.
19 STEP THREE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP
20 TWO the number of students who have left the cohort for any of
21 the following reasons:
22 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.
23 (B) Except as provided in IC 20-33-2-28.6 and subsection (b),
24 removal by the student's parents under IC 20-33-2-28 to
25 provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public
26 schools.
27 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition or

- 1 death.
- 2 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the department
3 of correction.
- 4 (E) Placement by a court order or the department of child
5 services.
- 6 (F) Enrollment in a virtual school.
- 7 (G) Leaving school, if the student attended school in Indiana
8 for less than one (1) school year and the location of the student
9 cannot be determined.
- 10 (H) Leaving school, if the location of the student cannot be
11 determined and the student has been reported to the Indiana
12 clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing
13 endangered adults.
- 14 (I) Withdrawing from school before graduation, if the student
15 is a high ability student (as defined in IC 20-36-1-3) who is a
16 full-time student at an accredited institution of higher
17 education during the semester in which the cohort graduates.
- 18 (J) Withdrawing from school before graduation pursuant to
19 providing notice of withdrawal under section 17 of this
20 chapter.
- 21 (K) Participating in the high school equivalency pilot program
22 under IC 20-30-8.5, unless the student fails to successfully
23 complete the high school equivalency pilot program in the two
24 (2) year period. This clause expires June 30, ~~2024~~ **2026**.
- 25 **STEP FOUR: Determine the result of:**
- 26 (A) the total number of students determined under STEP TWO
27 who have graduated during the current reporting year or a
28 previous reporting year; minus
- 29 (B) the amount by which the number of students who
30 graduated through a waiver process required under IC 20-32-3
31 through IC 20-32-5.1 exceeds:
- 32 (i) nine percent (9%) of the total number of students
33 determined under clause (A) for the 2023-2024 school year;
34 (ii) six percent (6%) of the total number of students
35 determined under clause (A) for the 2024-2025 school year;
36 or
- 37 (iii) three percent (3%) of the total number of students
38 determined under clause (A) for each school year after June
39 30, 2025.
- 40 **STEP FIVE: Divide:**

- 1 (A) the number determined under STEP FOUR; by
 2 (B) the remainder determined under STEP THREE.
 3 (b) This subsection applies to a high school in which:
 4 (1) for a:
 5 (A) cohort of one hundred (100) students or less, at least ten
 6 percent (10%) of the students left a particular cohort for a
 7 reason described in subsection (a) STEP THREE clause (B);
 8 or
 9 (B) cohort of more than one hundred (100) students, at least
 10 five percent (5%) of the students left a particular cohort for a
 11 reason described in subsection (a) STEP THREE clause (B);
 12 and
 13 (2) the students described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B) are not
 14 on track to graduate with their cohort.

15 A high school must submit a request to the state board in a manner
 16 prescribed by the state board requesting that the students described in
 17 this subsection be included in the subsection (a) STEP THREE
 18 calculation. The state board shall review the request and may grant or
 19 deny the request. The state board shall deny the request unless the high
 20 school demonstrates good cause to justify that the students described
 21 in this subsection should be included in the subsection (a) STEP
 22 THREE calculation. If the state board denies the request the high
 23 school may not subtract the students described in this subsection under
 24 subsection (a) STEP THREE.

25 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-13-16.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020,
 26 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JUNE 29, 2024]: Sec. 16.5. (a) A student must be subtracted under
 28 clause (K) of STEP THREE of section 10(a) of this chapter when a
 29 student transitions from a traditional high school to the high school
 30 equivalency pilot program under IC 20-30-8.5.

31 (b) This section expires June 30, ~~2024~~. **2026**."

32 Page 1, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 33 "SECTION 4. IC 20-30-8.5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.86-2020,
 34 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JUNE 29, 2024]: Sec. 13. This chapter expires June 30, ~~2024~~. **2026**."

36 Page 13, after line 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:

37 "SECTION 15. **An emergency is declared for this act.**"

38 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 8 as reprinted February 6, 2024.)