

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## HB 1004 # 12

### DIGEST

Excused and unexcused absence policies. Provides that provisions requiring certain absence policies and habitually truant policies apply to charter schools and nonpublic schools.

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1       Page 130, delete lines 31 through 42, begin a new paragraph and  
2       insert:  
3       "SECTION 123. IC 20-33-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2025,  
4       SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) This section and ~~sections~~ **section 15**  
6       through 17.8 of this chapter apply to a student who attends either a  
7       public school or a nonpublic school.  
8       (b) The governing body of each school corporation shall adopt a  
9       policy:  
10       (1) outlining the conditions for excused and unexcused absences;  
11       and  
12       (2) providing for the categorization of excused absences in  
13       accordance with the categorization framework established by the  
14       department under IC 20-19-3-12.4.  
15       (c) The governing body of each school corporation shall have a  
16       policy regarding the participation of a habitually truant in  
17       extracurricular and co-curricular activities.  
18       (d) The policy under subsection (b) must include the grounds for  
19       excused absences required by ~~sections~~ **section 15** through 17.8 of this  
20       chapter or another law.  
21       (e) Any absence that results in a person not attending at least one  
22       hundred eighty (180) days in a school year must be in accordance with  
23       the governing body's policy under subsection (b) to qualify as an  
24       excused absence.  
25       (f) Service as a page for or as an honoree of the general assembly is  
26       a lawful excuse for a student to be absent from school, when verified  
27       by a certificate of the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the

1 house of representatives. A student excused from school attendance  
2 under this section may not be recorded as being absent on any date for  
3 which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school  
4 in any manner.".

5 Page 131, delete lines 1 through 17.

6 Page 131, line 22, delete "accredited".

7 Page 132, line 12, delete "accredited".

8 Page 132, line 41, delete "accredited".

9 Page 133, line 12, delete "accredited".

(Reference is to HB 1004 as introduced.)