

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.

- 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.)