

HOUSE BILL No. 1054

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-16.5.

Synopsis: Higher education co-op and internship programs. Establishes the Indiana cooperative education pilot program. Establishes the Indiana cooperative education pilot program fund. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-16.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,**
3 **2015]:**
4 **ARTICLE 16.5. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS**
5 **Chapter 1. Indiana Cooperative Education Pilot Program**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "cooperative education**
7 **program" means a partnership among a student, an eligible state**
8 **educational institution, and an employer located in Indiana that**
9 **formally integrates a student's academic study with work**
10 **experience with a cooperating Indiana employer that:**
11 **(1) alternates or combines periods of academic study and**
12 **work experience in appropriate fields as an integral part of**
13 **student education;**
14 **(2) provides students with compensation from the employer**
15 **in the form of wages or salaries for work performed;**



1 (3) evaluates each participating student's performance in the
 2 cooperative position, both from the perspective of the
 3 student's eligible state educational institution and the
 4 student's cooperative employer;

5 (4) provides participating students with academic credit from
 6 the eligible state educational institution upon successful
 7 completion of the student's cooperative education; and

8 (5) is part of an overall degree for which a percentage of the
 9 total program acceptable by the commission involves
 10 cooperative education.

11 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible state educational
 12 institution" means a research intensive campus as defined in
 13 IC 21-7-13-29.5.

14 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Indiana
 15 cooperative education pilot program fund established by section 8
 16 of this chapter.

17 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "internship program" means a
 18 partnership among a student, an eligible state educational
 19 institution, and an employer located in Indiana that formally
 20 integrates the student's academic study with work or community
 21 experience that:

22 (1) offers internships of specified and definite duration; and

23 (2) evaluates each participating student's performance in the
 24 internship position, both from the perspective of the student's
 25 eligible state educational institution and the student's
 26 internship employer.

27 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana
 28 cooperative education pilot program established by section 6 of this
 29 chapter.

30 Sec. 6. There is established an Indiana cooperative education
 31 pilot program to be administered by the commission. The program
 32 is established to promote and encourage cooperative education
 33 programs or internship programs related to baccalaureate or
 34 graduate degree programs at eligible state educational institutions
 35 for the following purposes:

36 (1) To encourage Indiana students to stay in Indiana, and to
 37 encourage out-of-state students at eligible state educational
 38 institutions to enter the Indiana workforce by participating in
 39 high quality academic programs that use cooperative
 40 education programs or significant internship programs.

41 (2) To support the growth of Indiana businesses by providing
 42 the businesses with Indiana's most talented students and



1 providing Indiana graduates job opportunities with growing
2 companies located in Indiana.

3 Sec. 7. (a) The commission may award to an eligible state
4 educational institution grants under this chapter that meet the
5 goals of the program described in section 6 of this chapter based on
6 the criteria described in subsection (b). The commission shall
7 determine which proposals will receive grants and the amount of
8 each grant. The amount of a grant may be in an amount greater
9 than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and may not exceed
10 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). An eligible state
11 educational institution may not receive a grant for more than two
12 (2) proposals in a particular state fiscal year. The grants shall be
13 paid from the fund.

14 (b) The commission shall consider the following criteria when
15 awarding grants under this chapter:

16 (1) The extent to which the proposal will keep Indiana
17 students in attendance at eligible state educational
18 institutions.

19 (2) The extent to which the proposal includes an internship
20 program or cooperative education program that provides
21 students wages, compensation, scholarships, or other forms of
22 tuition reimbursement by Indiana businesses.

23 (3) The extent to which the proposal will increase the number
24 of Indiana graduates who remain in Indiana and enter
25 Indiana's workforce.

26 (4) The quality of the program that is the subject of the
27 proposal and the extent to which additional resources will
28 enhance its quality.

29 (5) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the
30 strengths of the regional economy.

31 (6) The extent to which the proposal facilitates the
32 development of high quality academic programs with a
33 cooperative education program or a significant internship
34 program at the eligible state educational institution.

35 (7) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with
36 supporting private companies to fill potential job growth.

37 (8) The amount of other public or private resources that will
38 also be available to facilitate the program described in the
39 proposal.

40 (9) The extent to which the proposal will create additional
41 capacity in a high quality academic program with a
42 cooperative education program or significant internship



1 program.

2 (10) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the
3 eligible state educational institution's mission.

4 (11) The extent to which the proposal meets a statewide
5 educational need at the undergraduate or graduate level.

6 (c) An eligible state educational institution may submit a
7 proposal to the commission for a grant under this chapter in a
8 manner prescribed by the commission. In addition to addressing
9 the criteria described in subsection (b), the proposal must include
10 detailed information regarding:

11 (1) the estimated amount of wages, compensation,
12 scholarships, or other forms of tuition reimbursement that
13 will be paid by an Indiana business to students participating
14 in the cooperative education program or internship program
15 under the proposal; and

16 (2) the estimated amount of time each student will work with
17 an Indiana business as part of the cooperative education
18 program or internship program under the proposal.

19 Sec. 8. (a) The Indiana cooperative education pilot program
20 fund is established to provide grants under this chapter. The fund
21 shall be administered by the commission.

22 (b) The fund consists of appropriations from the state general
23 fund and contributions from private sources.

24 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
25 money in the fund.

26 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
27 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
28 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
29 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

30 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f), money in the fund at the
31 end of a particular fiscal year does not revert to the state general
32 fund but remains available to be used for providing grants under
33 this chapter.

34 (f) Money in the fund on the date this article expires under
35 IC 21-16.5-2-1 reverts to the state general fund.

36 Sec. 9. Any wages, compensation, scholarships, or other forms
37 of tuition reimbursement received by students participating in a
38 cooperative education program or internship program under this
39 chapter must not be considered as financial aid and must not be
40 used in determining awards under the provisions of IC 21-12-3,
41 IC 21-12-4, and IC 21-12-5.

42 Sec. 10. (a) An eligible state educational institution that receives



1 a grant under this chapter shall provide information requested by
 2 the commission that is necessary to evaluate and improve the
 3 program.

4 (b) Before November 1, 2016, and November 1 each year
 5 thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the general
 6 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6. The report:

7 (1) must provide a summary of the grants awarded under this
 8 chapter;

9 (2) must provide a summary of the program's progress in
 10 meeting the program's purposes described in section 6 of this
 11 chapter; and

12 (3) may make recommendations to the general assembly for
 13 legislation to improve the program.

14 **Chapter 2. Expiration of Article**

15 **Sec. 1. This article expires July 1, 2017.**

16 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) There is
 17 appropriated to the Indiana cooperative education pilot program
 18 fund established by IC 21-16.5-1-8, as added by this act:

19 (1) five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the state fiscal year
 20 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016; and

21 (2) five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the state fiscal year
 22 beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017;

23 from the state general fund for use in carrying out the purposes of
 24 the Indiana cooperative education pilot program as described in
 25 IC 21-16.5-1-6, as added by this act.

26 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2017.

