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# Legislative Recap

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# 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- ▶ The legislative session adjourned Sine Die in the late evening of **Friday, March 8**.
- ▶ **174 bills** were sent to Governor Holcomb for signature of the **739 bills** filed.
- ▶ **10 bills** impact the work of the Commission.

# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- ▶ SEA 8: Higher Education Matters
- ▶ **SEA 48: State Educational Institution Information**
- ▶ SEA 148: Workforce Data Collection
- ▶ SEA 202: State Educational Institution Matters
- ▶ **SEA 270: Various Education Matters**
- ▶ HEA 1001: Education and Higher Education Matters
- ▶ HEA 1002: Enforcement of Equal Educational Opportunity
- ▶ **HEA 1042: Transition to Teaching Scholarships**
- ▶ HEA 1179: State Educational Institutions
- ▶ HEA 1243: Various Education Matters

# SEA 8: HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Requires high schools to provide the **Indiana College Core** or submit an implementation plan or feasibility report.
- ▶ Requires the Commission to **publish a list** of Indiana College Core courses and their **syllabus** or **outline of record**.
- ▶ **Ensures online access** to the Indiana College Core will be available through the **Course Access Program**.

# SEA 8: HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Launches a formal statewide process for **reverse transfer**.
- ▶ Requires 4-year institutions to **submit a study** on the **feasibility and advisability** of offering an associate degree to students in limited circumstances.
- ▶ Requires institutions to offer at least one **3-year degree program** and review all programs to determine if a 3-year pathway is feasible.



# SEA 48: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

- ▶ Requires institutions to:
  - ▶ Display on the home page of the institution's website a link to the institution's profile on the **College Scorecard**, and;
  - ▶ Display on the web page of each associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral program a link to the College Scorecard for the applicable program.

# SEA 148: WORKFORCE DATA COLLECTION

- ▶ Creates a governance team of subject matter experts to **align reporting** on workforce-related programs.
- ▶ Tasks the team to develop a common set of **data elements** to evaluate these programs.
- ▶ Requires a **report** on these programs to be submitted by July 1, 2025.

# SEA 202: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MATTERS

- ▶ Adds **cultural and intellectual** to institutions' statutorily required diversity committees.
- ▶ Requires the diversity committees to make recommendations on recruitment and retention of **underrepresented** students.
- ▶ Adds **cultural and intellectual diversity** to the mission of any diversity office.



# SEA 202: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MATTERS

- ▶ Requires institutions to develop a **range of disciplinary actions** for campus members engaging in a **heckler's veto**.
- ▶ Requires institutions to establish a **policy barring tenure or promotions** to faculty who are:
  - ▶ Unlikely to foster a culture of free inquiry, free expression, and intellectual diversity;
  - ▶ Unlikely to expose students to scholarly works from a variety of political-ideological frameworks; and
  - ▶ Likely to subject students to ideological views and opinions unrelated to the faculty member's academic discipline or course of instruction.

# SEA 202: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MATTERS

- ▶ Requires institutions to create a **five-year tenure review process** that verifies adequate performance of job duties.
- ▶ Requires institutions to establish a **process** for complaints against faculty or a contracted teacher who engages in prohibited activity.
- ▶ Creates a process for the **Commission** to review these complaints in certain circumstances.

# SEA 202: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MATTERS

- ▶ Provides each institution shall include programming on free speech in their **new student orientation**.
- ▶ Allows the Commission to conduct an **annual survey** on free expression.
- ▶ Requires institutions to **submit reports** on various topics including diversity, equity and inclusion funding, staff employment numbers, free speech activities, etc.

# SEA 270: VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Requires the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding:
  - ▶ Ivy Tech awarding bachelor's degrees; and
  - ▶ Vincennes University offering additional bachelor's degree programs.
- ▶ A **report** must be submitted by October 31, 2024

# HEA 1001: EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Extends the account creation deadline for a student who applies for a Career Scholarship Account (CSA) from **7 to 30 days**.
- ▶ Provides clarification around how CSA funds may be used for **transportation** including setting a cap.

# HEA 1002: ENFORCEMENT OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

- ▶ **Defines antisemitism** using the definition adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.
- ▶ Specifies the public policy of the state is to provide educational opportunities free of religious discrimination and antisemitism is discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, or national origin.

# HEA 1042: TRANSITION TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Allows remaining Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship funds to create additional **Transition to Teaching Scholarships**.
- ▶ Provides an applicant for the Transition to Teaching Scholarship must have a **household income of \$100,000 or less**.
- ▶ Strengthens the **definition of teacher** for the service requirement.

# HEA 1179: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Requires institution **boards of trustees** to adopt policies which prohibit:
  - ▶ the transfer or licensing of **intellectual property** to entities headquartered or owned by a foreign adversary;
  - ▶ the use of **any state funds or resources** to engage, contract with, or support the activities of a foreign terrorist organization or state sponsor of terror; and
  - ▶ employees or contractors from making **public statements** in their official capacity unless the statement relates to the business or operation of the institution or has been approved by the board of trustees.



# HEA 1179: STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Requires institutions to disclose **any gift or contract of any value** from or with a foreign source located in a foreign adversary after December 31, 2020.
- ▶ Requires the Commission to make these disclosures **publicly available** and provides the **authority to audit**.

# HEA 1243: VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Lays the groundwork required for the Department of Education to establish **new diploma requirements**.
- ▶ Requires students graduating in 2029 or later to have completed a **computer science course**.
- ▶ The Department of Education will be invited to the May Commission meeting to discuss the diploma requirement language.



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