HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1002

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

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

SECTION 1. IC 20-28-11.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.275-2019, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. (a) Each school corporation shall develop a plan for annual performance evaluations for each certificated employee. A school corporation shall implement the plan beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

(b) Instead of developing its own staff performance evaluation plan under subsection (a), a school corporation may adopt a staff performance evaluation plan that meets the requirements set forth in this chapter or any of the following models:

(1) A plan using master teachers or contracting with an outside vendor to provide master teachers.
(2) The System for Teacher and Student Advancement (TAP).
(3) The Peer Assistance and Review Teacher Evaluation System (PAR).

(c) A plan must include the following components:

(1) Performance evaluations for all certificated employees, conducted at least annually.

(2) Objective measures of student achievement and growth to significantly inform the evaluation. The objective measures must include:

(A) student assessment results from statewide assessments for
certificated employees whose responsibilities include instruction in subjects measured in statewide assessments; (B) methods for assessing student growth for certificated employees who do not teach in areas measured by statewide assessments; and (C) student assessment results from locally developed assessments and other test measures for certificated employees whose responsibilities may or may not include instruction in subjects and areas measured by statewide assessments.

(2) Rigorous measures of effectiveness, including observations and other performance indicators. 

(3) An annual designation of each certificated employee in one (1) of the following rating categories: 

(A) Highly effective. 

(B) Effective. 

(C) Improvement necessary. 

(D) Ineffective. 

(4) An explanation of the evaluator's recommendations for improvement, and the time in which improvement is expected. 

(5) A provision that a teacher who negatively affects student achievement and growth cannot receive a rating of highly effective or effective. 

(6) For annual performance evaluations for school years beginning after June 30, 2015; Provide for A pre-evaluation planning session conducted by the superintendent or equivalent authority for the school corporation with the principals in the school corporation. 

(d) In developing a performance evaluation plan, a school corporation may consider the following: 

(1) Test scores of students (both formative and summative). 

(2) Classroom presentation observations. 

(3) Observation of student-teacher interaction. 

(4) Knowledge of subject matter. 

(5) Dedication and effectiveness of the teacher through time and effort on task. 

(6) Contributions of teachers through group teacher interactivity in fulfilling the school improvement plan. 

(7) Cooperation of the teacher with supervisors and peers. 

(8) Extracurricular contributions of the teacher. 

(9) Outside performance evaluations. 

(10) Compliance with school corporation rules and procedures. 

(11) Other items considered important by the school corporation
in developing each student to the student's maximum intellectual potential and performance. The state board and the department may recommend additional factors, but may not require additional factors unless directed to do so by the general assembly.

(c) The state board may create a method or model to align currently used performance evaluation plan factors with each of the following indicators:

1. Maximizing instructional time.
2. Student engagement.
3. Developing student understanding and mastery of lesson objectives.
4. Tracking student data and analyzing progress.
5. Checking for student understanding.

(f) This subsection applies to plans applicable to annual performance evaluations for school years beginning after June 30, 2015. The plan must:

1. be in writing; and
2. be explained to the governing body in a public meeting; before the evaluations are conducted. Before explaining the plan to the governing body, the superintendent of the school corporation shall discuss the plan with teachers or the teachers' representative, if there is one. This discussion is not subject to the open door law (IC 5-14-1.5). The plan is not subject to bargaining, but a discussion of the plan must be held.

(g) The evaluator shall discuss the evaluation with the certificated employee.

SECTION 2. IC 20-28-11.5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-2012, SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. (a) To implement this chapter, the state board shall do the following:

1. Before January 31, 2012; Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that establish:
   - (A) the criteria that define each of the four categories of teacher ratings under section 4(c)(4) (4)(c)(3) of this chapter;
   - (B) the measures to be used to determine student academic achievement and growth under section 4(c)(2) of this chapter;
   - (C) standards that define actions that constitute a negative impact on student achievement; and
   - (D) an acceptable standard for training evaluators.
2. Before January 31, 2012; Work with the department to develop a model plan and release it to school corporations.

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Subsequent versions of the model plan that contain substantive changes must be provided to school corporations.

(3) Work with the department to ensure the availability of ongoing training on the use of the performance evaluation to ensure that all evaluators and certificated employees have access to information on the plan, the plan's implementation, and this chapter.

(b) A school corporation may adopt the department's model plan, or any other model plan approved by the department, without the state board's approval.

(c) A school corporation may substantially modify the model plan or develop its own plan, if the substantially modified or developed plan meets the criteria established under this chapter. If a school corporation substantially modifies the model plan or develops its own plan, the department may request that the school corporation submit the plan to the department to ensure the plan meets the criteria developed under this chapter. If the department makes such a request, before submitting a substantially modified or new staff performance evaluation plan to the department, the governing body shall submit the staff performance evaluation plan to the teachers employed by the school corporation for a vote. If at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting teachers vote in favor of adopting the staff performance evaluation plan, the governing body may submit the staff performance evaluation plan to the department.

(d) Each school corporation shall submit its staff performance evaluation plan to the department. The department shall publish the staff performance evaluation plans on the department's Internet website. A school corporation must submit its staff performance evaluation plan to the department for approval in order to qualify for any grant funding related to this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 20-28-11.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.239-2015, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. (a) The principal of a school in a school corporation shall report in the aggregate the results of the principal of a school in a school corporation's own plan or develop the school corporation's own plan, if the substantially modified or developed plan meets the criteria established under this chapter. If a school corporation substantially modifies the model plan or develops its own plan, the department may request that the school corporation submit the plan to the department to ensure the plan meets the criteria developed under this chapter. If the department makes such a request, before submitting a substantially modified or new staff performance evaluation plan to the department, the governing body shall submit the staff performance evaluation plan to the teachers employed by the school corporation for a vote. If at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting teachers vote in favor of adopting the staff performance evaluation plan, the governing body may submit the staff performance evaluation plan to the department.

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is not subject to bargaining, but a discussion of the report must be held.

(b) A school corporation annually shall provide the disaggregated results of staff performance evaluations by teacher identification numbers to the department:

(1) after completing the presentations required under subsection (a) for all schools for the school corporation; and
(2) before November 15 of that year.

Before November 15 of each year, each charter school (including a virtual charter school) shall provide the disaggregated results of staff performance evaluations by teacher identification numbers to the department.

(c) Before August 1 of each year, each charter school and school corporation shall provide to the department:

(1) the name of the teacher preparation program that recommended the initial license for each teacher employed by the school; and
(2) the annual retention rate for teachers employed by the school.

(d) Not before the beginning of the second semester (or the equivalent) of the school year and not later than August 1 of each year, the principal at each school described in subsection (b) shall complete a survey that provides information regarding the principal's assessment of the quality of instruction by each particular teacher preparation program located in Indiana for teachers employed at the school who initially received their teaching license in Indiana in the previous two years. The survey shall be adopted by the state board and prescribed on a form developed not later than July 30, 2016, by the department that is aligned with the matrix system established under IC 20-28-3-1(i). The school shall provide the surveys to the department along with the information provided in subsection (c). The department shall compile the information contained in the surveys, broken down by each teacher preparation program located in Indiana. The department shall include information relevant to a particular teacher preparation program located in Indiana in the department's report under subsection (g).

(e) During the second semester (or the equivalent) of the school year and not later than August 1 of each year, each teacher employed by a school described in subsection (b) in Indiana who initially received a teacher's license in Indiana in the previous three years shall complete a form after the teacher completes the teacher's initial year teaching at a particular school. The information reported on the form must:

(1) provide the year in which the teacher was hired by the school;
(2) include the name of the teacher preparation program that recommended the teacher for an initial license;
(3) describe subjects taught by the teacher;
(4) provide the location of different teaching positions held by the teacher since the teacher initially obtained an Indiana teaching license;
(5) provide a description of any mentoring the teacher has received while teaching in the teacher's current teaching position;
(6) describe the teacher's current licensure status; and
(7) include an assessment by the teacher of the quality of instruction of the teacher preparation program in which the teacher participated.

The form shall be prescribed by the department. The forms shall be submitted to the department with the information provided in subsection (c). Upon receipt of the information provided in this subsection, the department shall compile the information contained in the forms and include an aggregated summary of the report on the department's Internet web site.

(f) Before December 15 of each year, the department shall report the results of staff performance evaluations in the aggregate to the state board, and to the public via the department's Internet web site for:

(1) the aggregate of certificated employees of each school and school corporation;
(2) the aggregate of graduates of each teacher preparation program in Indiana;
(3) for each school described in subsection (b), the annual rate of retention for certificated employees for each school within the charter school or school corporation; and
(4) the aggregate results of staff performance evaluations for each category described in section 4(e)(4)(c)(3) of this chapter. In addition to the aggregate results, the results must be broken down:

(A) by the content area of the initial teacher license received by teachers upon completion of a particular teacher preparation program; or
(B) as otherwise requested by a teacher preparation program, as approved by the state board.

(g) Beginning November 1, 2016, and before September 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall report to each teacher preparation program in Indiana for teachers with three (3) or fewer years of teaching experience:

(1) information from the surveys relevant to that particular teacher education program provided to the department under subsection HEA 1002.
(d);
(2) information from the forms relevant to that particular teacher preparation program compiled by the department under subsection (e); and
(3) the results from the most recent school year for which data are available of staff performance evaluations for each category described in section 4(c)(4) of this chapter with three (3) or fewer years of teaching experience for that particular teacher preparation program. The report to the teacher preparation program under this subdivision shall be in the aggregate form and shall be broken down by the teacher preparation program that recommended an initial teaching license for the teacher.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The definitions used in IC 20 apply throughout this SECTION.

(b) The state board may adopt emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to amend 511 IAC 10-6-4 limited to changes made to IC 20-28-11.5-4, as amended by this act.

(c) An emergency rule established in subsection (b) expires the earlier of:

(1) the date 511 IAC 10-6-4 is amended to conform to changes made to IC 20-28-11.5-4, as amended by this act; or
(2) July 1, 2021.

(d) This SECTION expires December 31, 2021.

SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.