

# 2025 Legislative Preview

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

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- ▶ The **second half** of session began March 3.
- ▶ The **second reading deadline** is April 14.
- ▶ The **third reading deadline** is April 15.
- ▶ The legislature must **adjourn** no later than April 29.

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- ▶ The **Indiana General Assembly** filed over 1,200 bills and **334 passed first chamber**.
- ▶ The Commission is **tracking 51 bills** focused on PK-12, higher education, and the workforce.

# GOVERNOR'S AGENDA BILLS

- ▶ SB 146 – Teacher Compensation
- ▶ SB 373 – Department of Education
- ▶ **SB 448 – Higher Education and Workforce Development Matters**
- ▶ HB 1498 – School Accountability
- ▶ HB 1634 – Math Education
- ▶ HB 1637 – School and Public Safety Matters

## SB 448 – HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

- ▶ **SB 448** is an agenda bill of Governor Braun, the Office of the Secretary of Education, and the Commission.
- ▶ The bill has four components which advance **academic standards** and address **workforce challenges**.

## SB 448 – HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

### ▶ Refreshes the Degree and Program Approval process

- ▶ There are about **3,400 academic programs** at public institutions alone.
- ▶ Requires the Commission to **consider outcomes** such as labor market alignment, job placement, and credit for prior learning.
- ▶ Requires the Commission to approve or disapprove a degree or program **within 90 days** of the institution submitting full and complete information.

### ▶ Degree and Program Review Implementation

- ▶ Any degree or program approved before July 1, 2025, must be reviewed by **July 1, 2035**.
- ▶ Any degree or program approved after June 30, 2025, must be reviewed one time **every 10 years**.

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### ▶ **Market-Driven Stackable Credentials and Qualifications Framework.**

- ▶ Advances the work underway for **youth apprenticeships**.
- ▶ Helps enable a **permeable system** of education and training beyond high school.
- ▶ Requires the Secretary of Education to:
  - ▶ identify at least **three priority** employment sectors;
  - ▶ outline the **knowledge and skills** necessary for an employee to advance in their career within the sector; and
  - ▶ include recommendations for **employer identified programs and systems** at the secondary and postsecondary level



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### ▶ **Management Performance Hub (MPH) Report**

- ▶ Requires MPH to annually report the number and types of credentials **needed to fill job openings** compared to the number and types of credentials **earned by Hoosiers**.

### ▶ **Student Enrollment Report**

- ▶ Requires the Commission to submit an annual report by **November 1** that includes **enrollment information** at public colleges for:
  - ▶ engineering and computer science degrees;
  - ▶ resident students, out-of-state students, and international students; and
  - ▶ dual credit and dual enrollment

# HB 1032 – FOREIGN INTERESTS

- ▶ Modifies the **foreign gift and contract reporting** currently required by HEA 1179-2024.
  - ▶ Changes the language to include any gift or contract of any value from a **foreign source**.
  - ▶ Expands the requirement to **private institutions**.
  - ▶ Aligns the dates by which institutions share disclosures with the **federal reporting deadlines**.

# HB 1049 – PUBLIC SERVICE ATTORNEY SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Establishes the **Public Service Attorney Scholarship**.
- ▶ Charges the Commission with administering the program.
- ▶ Applicants must be admitted to an **accredited Indiana law school**.
- ▶ The program has a **service requirement**.
  - ▶ Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
  - ▶ Public Defender

# HB 1111 – INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD

- ▶ This is the National Guard's agency bill.
- ▶ Expands the **National Guard Supplemental Grant (NGSG)** to in-demand **apprenticeships** and other approved **credentials**.
- ▶ Allows a recipient of the NGSG to use the award for up to two years on **room and board** if the recipient is also a 21st Century Scholar.

# HB 1235 – MILITARY AND VETERANS

- ▶ This is the **Department of Veterans Affairs'** agency bill.
- ▶ It modifies a provision of the tuition and fee exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans (CVO).
- ▶ For students whose parent enlisted in the armed forces **on or after July 1, 2011**, the **tuition and fee exemption amount** is based on the disability rating of the parent.
- ▶ The bill changes the year from 2011 to **2014**.

# HB 1326 – STUDENT AND TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Modifies the income guidelines of the **Transition to Teaching Scholarship**.
- ▶ Provides the Commission with **increased flexibility** for administering various **teaching-based scholarships**.

# HB 1499 – EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Reduces the minimum weekly hours required to be worked by an **EARN Indiana student** from 12 to 10 hours.
- ▶ Allows for a **career fair** to be held off school property if transportation is provided to all students in grades 11 and 12.

## HB 1515 – EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Amends eligibility requirements for the **Workforce Ready Grant**.
- ▶ Allows for students to use the award who **previously earned** an eligible certificate.



## SB 285 – COMPARATIVE COLLEGE AND CAREER INFORMATION

- ▶ Allows the Commission to develop an interactive website called the **Student Horizon Dashboard**.
- ▶ The dashboard would provide public access to certain information about postsecondary education, career and technical education, earnings, and debt.
- ▶ Allows the Commission to create and distribute a **Student Graduate Horizon Scorecard**.

# SB 365 – EDUCATION MATTERS

- ▶ Requires the IDOE, in collaboration with the Commission and DWD, to submit an annual **Return on Investment Report** for certain programs, including:
  - ▶ Career and Technical Education;
  - ▶ High School Equivalency (HSE) Program;
  - ▶ Adult High Schools; and
  - ▶ 21st Century Scholars
- ▶ The report must include information about **participation, cost, completion, and employment outcomes** beginning with the high school 2026 cohort.
- ▶ Moves the **Career Coaching Grant** from the Commission to IDOE.

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# Questions?

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