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Annual Performance Report

Purpose of the Report

Indiana Code 20-20-8-3 requires the Department of Education (DOE) to make available on its website the Annual Performance Report (APR) for each School Corporation including Charter School. School Corporations must publish the APR IC 20-20-8-8- includes a list of data that must be included on the APR.

Current Deadline

The DOE must make the APR available on its website by March 15 annually.

Recommendation

The first recommendation is to eliminate the following data elements from the requirement because they are not collected by individual school corporations and therefore, cannot be collected by the DOE:

- The number of student work permits revoked
- The number of student driver's licenses revoked

The second recommendation is to eliminate the requirement for *The percentage of graduates who pursue higher education*. These data are provided to the DOE on the Graduate Report. Schools have indicated that they have trouble obtaining these data from their graduating seniors resulting in inaccurate reporting of the data. If the requirement for this to be published on the APR were to be eliminated, the field could be eliminated from the Graduate Collection.

The third recommendation is to eliminate the requirement for *Average class size*. This calculation is not specified in statute and causes much unrest from schools with the way it is calculated. Currently DOE calculates it by taking the number of students from the Pupil Enrollment Count on October 1 and divide it by the number Full Time Equivalent teachers teaching a core subject.

Legislative Action Necessary

Indiana Code 20-20-8-8- would need to be amended to make these changes.

Implementation Date of Change

If the General Assembly acts to remove this language in the 2016 session, these changes could be implemented for the APR due March 15, 2017.