

## **IC 21-18-9**

### **Chapter 9. Educational Program Review**

#### **IC 21-18-9-1**

##### **Powers of commission; budget review; recommendations**

Sec. 1. The commission may:

- (1) review the legislative request budgets of all state educational institutions preceding each session of the general assembly; and
- (2) make recommendations concerning appropriations and bonding authorizations to state educational institutions, including public funds for financial aid to students by any state agency.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.259.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-2**

##### **Powers of commission; program review; recommendations**

Sec. 2. The commission may:

- (1) review all programs of any state educational institution, regardless of the source of funding; and
- (2) make recommendations to the board of trustees of the state educational institution, the governor, and the general assembly concerning the funding and the disposition of the programs.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.259.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-3**

##### **Request for receipts and expenditures**

Sec. 3. In making a review under section 1 or 2 of this chapter, the commission may request and shall receive, in the form reasonably required by the commission, from all state educational institutions, complete information concerning all receipts and all expenditures.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.259.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-4**

##### **Powers of commission; studies; recommendations**

Sec. 4. The commission may:

- (1) make, or cause to be made, studies of the needs for various types of postsecondary education; and
- (2) make recommendations to the general assembly and the governor concerning the organization of these programs.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.259.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-5**

##### **Powers of commission; approval or disapproval of branches, degrees, and programs**

Sec. 5. The commission may approve or disapprove the:

- (1) establishment of any new branches, regional or other campuses, or extension centers;
- (2) establishment of any new college or school; or
- (3) offering of any proposed or existing:

- (A) associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree; or
- (B) program leading to a certificate or other indication of accomplishment.

*As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.259. Amended by P.L.169-2011, SEC.21; P.L.101-2012, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-6**

##### **Expired**

*(Expired 6-30-2013 by P.L.114-2011, SEC.6.)*

#### **IC 21-18-9-7**

##### **Common course numbering system**

Sec. 7. In collaboration with the state educational institutions, the commission shall develop, implement, and maintain a common course numbering system to be used by the state educational institutions for all courses in the core transfer library (as defined in IC 21-42-1-3). The commission shall create a state course numbering system into which each state educational institution shall map the state educational institution's unique course numbers.

*As added by P.L.88-2012, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-8**

##### **Undergraduate degree programs; number of credit hours**

Sec. 8. (a) Each state educational institution shall review each undergraduate degree program offered by the state educational institution to determine the number of credit hours required for the degree and report the results to the commission. If a degree program requires more than:

- (1) sixty (60) credit hours for an associate degree; or
- (2) one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for a baccalaureate degree;

the state educational institution must provide justification to the commission in the report for the additional credit hours required.

(b) In providing justification under subsection (a):

- (1) if the state educational institution documents that the additional credit hours are required by:
  - (A) specific program standards established by external accreditation bodies; or
  - (B) occupational certification or licensure;

the commission shall accept the justification; and

- (2) if the state educational institution documents that the additional credit hours are related to:
    - (A) employer requirements; or
    - (B) enhanced program quality and content;
- the commission may accept the justification.

(c) The commission shall require a review and report of the credit hours required for degree programs under this section at least every three (3) years.

(d) A proposal submitted to the commission under section 5 of this chapter must provide justification for a degree that requires more

than:

- (1) sixty (60) credit hours for an associate degree; or
- (2) one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for a baccalaureate degree.

*As added by P.L.101-2012, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-9**

##### **Annual report to legislature; state educational institution information**

Sec. 9. (a) In collaboration with each state educational institution's institutional research or strategic planning department, the commission shall develop an annual report to the general assembly that includes the following information:

- (1) Faculty activities related to the mission of the state educational institution, including teaching, course grading practices, research, scholarship, outreach, and professional services.
- (2) Average and median faculty and administrator salaries.
- (3) Median grade point averages for all students for the fall and spring semesters.
- (4) Median grade point averages for all graduating seniors.
- (5) Other information the commission considers necessary.

The information in the report must include undergraduate student information and faculty data by academic department, college, or university.

(b) A state educational institution shall provide the information set forth in subsection (a) in the form required by the commission.

(c) The report to the general assembly under subsection (a) must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

*As added by P.L.177-2013, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 21-18-9-10**

##### **Report to legislature; state educational institutions' expenses**

Sec. 10. (a) Before November 1, 2014, the commission, in consultation with the office of management and budget and each state educational institution, shall prepare and submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that analyzes each state educational institution's expenses for the state fiscal years beginning in 2012 and 2013 and determine the percentage or amount of the state educational institution's total expenditures for a particular state fiscal year that were:

- (1) overhead and operational expenditures;
- (2) instructional expenses; and
- (3) capital or other expenses.

(b) The commission may establish criteria for categorizing a state educational institution's expenses.

(c) A state educational institution shall submit to the commission any information necessary by the commission to prepare the report required in subsection (a).

(d) This section expires January 1, 2015.

*As added by P.L.177-2013, SEC.4.*