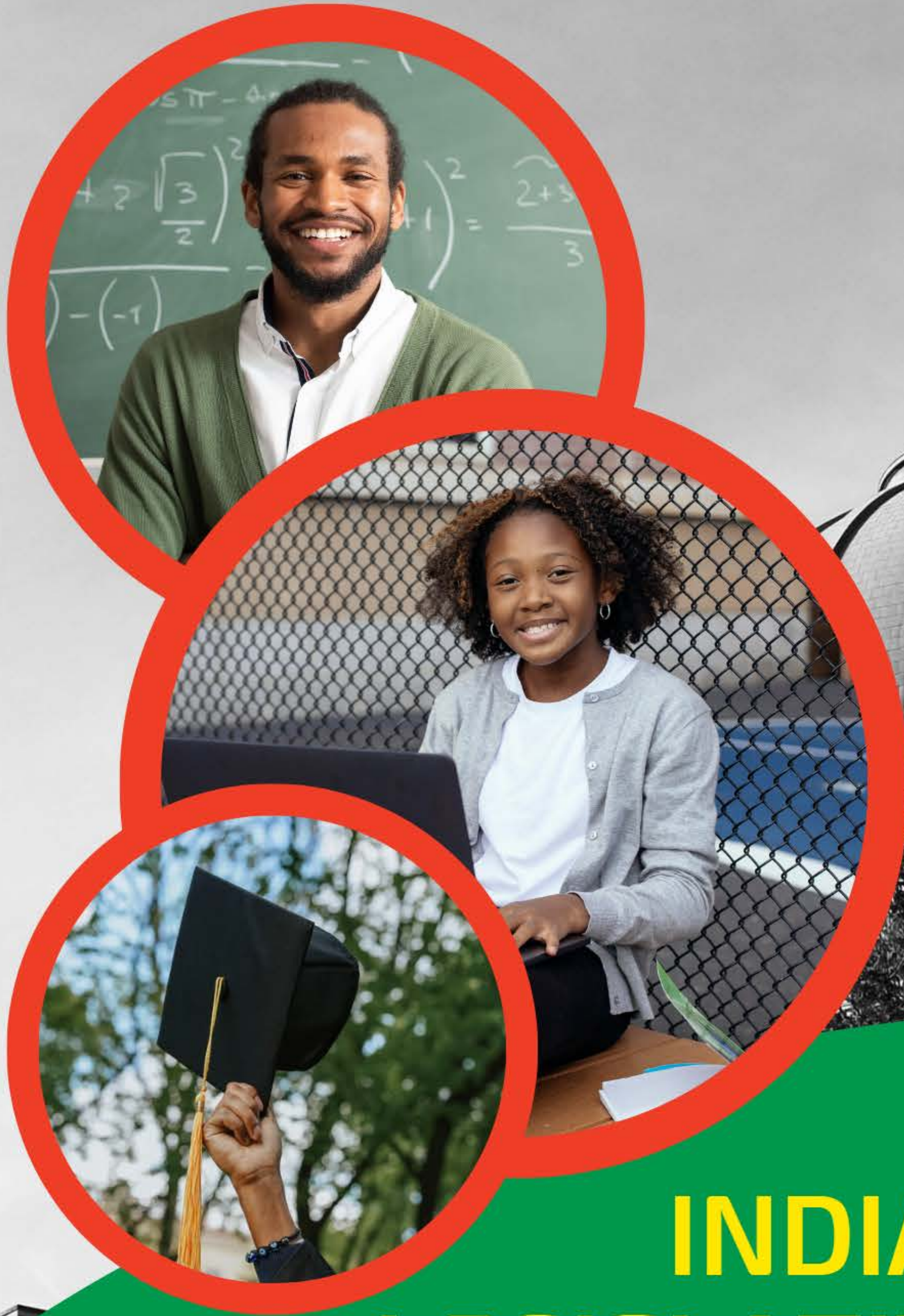


Indiana General Assembly



INDIANA BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

2023 EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SENATE BILLS



Tax Credit for Teachers' Classroom Supplies

Senate Bill 150

Senator Randolph

Increases the maximum income tax credit amount for an individual employed as a teacher for classroom supply expenditures from \$100 to \$1,500 per taxable year.

Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch

Senate Bill 231

Senator Hunley

Requires an eligible school corporation to elect to participate in the Federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to provide universal free school breakfast and lunch to all students.

Twenty-First Century Scholarship Enrollment

Senate Bill 435

Senator Melton

Provides that the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and the Department of Education (DOE) shall identify income-eligible students for automatic enrollment in the Twenty-First Century Scholars program.

Healthcare Careers Scholarship Fund

Senate Bill 453

Senator Breaux

Establishes a scholarship fund for minority students pursuing health care careers.

Age for Compulsory School Attendance

Senate Bill 467

Senator Taylor

Provides that a student is bound by compulsory school attendance requirements from the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the student is five years of age on August 1st of that school year.

2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

HOUSE BILLS



Preschool and Childcare Facility Drinking Water

House Bill 1138

Representative Jackson

Requires the individual or entity having authority over a childcare facility or preschool to test the drinking water for the presence of lead and requires action to reduce lead concentration that equals or exceeds the action level.

Discriminatory Appraisal Practices

House Bill 1151

Representative Pryor

Requires the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Unit to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in investigating violations of the federal Fair Housing Act and investigate and enforce: (A) existing law prohibiting improperly influencing the preparation of a real estate appraisal, and (B) the bill's provisions prohibiting discriminatory practices in the appraisal of residential real estate property.

Educational Opportunity and Academic Success

House Bill 1153

Representative Porter

Establishes the Division of Educational Opportunity and Academic Success to assess and monitor public schools regarding cultural competency. Requires annual assessment of the implementation of requirements, the extent to which postsecondary educational institutions are preparing future teachers to develop competencies, the extent of academic and discipline disparities, and exemplary school strategies used to reduce discrepancies.

Seat Belts on School Buses

House Bill 1268

Representative Bartlett

Requires a governing body, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school seeking to purchase a school bus or special purpose bus to request information concerning and hold a public meeting on the costs and benefits of purchasing a school bus or special purpose bus with 3-point lap and shoulder safety belts before voting on whether to purchase the bus. Requires each occupant of a school bus or special purpose bus that has a 3-point lap and shoulder safety belt to have the features properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the bus is in motion.

Bias Crimes

House Bill 1274

Representative Pack

Adds gender identity to the definition of "bias crime" beyond current definition of bias crimes as "injury or property damage that a person knowingly or intentionally commits because of the victim's color, creed, disability, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation." Could increase the length of confinement that a person would stay in a state facility if gender identity is determined to be an aggravating circumstance.

Implicit Bias in Medicine

House Bill 1285

Representative Summers

Requires the medical education board to establish an education program for first year medical students that addresses implicit bias in the delivery of health care services to different racial and ethnic minority groups in Indiana.

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HOUSE BILLS



Twenty-First Century Scholar Enrollment

House Bill 1449

Representative Harris

Identifies income-eligible students for automatic enrollment in the Twenty-First Century Scholars program. The eligible students and their parents are notified of the automatic enrollment in the program and the requirements of the program.

Domestic Violence Reports

House Bill 1474

Representative Hatcher

Removes language concerning an affidavit from provisions concerning probable cause for battery and domestic battery. Requires a law enforcement officer to provide a victim who requests a protection order with the required forms and appropriate assistance in completing and filing the forms.

Gary Community School Corporation

House Bill 1491

Representative Smith

Terminates the Gary Community School Corporation's status as a distressed political subdivision on June 30, 2024. Provides that the members of the governing body of the school corporation shall be elected at the municipal general election held on November 7, 2023, and take office upon taking the oath required by the Constitution of the State of Indiana no later than November 14, 2023.

Reading Specialist Grants

House Bill 1571

Representative Shackelford

Creates the reading specialist certification grant fund. Allows eligible teachers to apply for a grant for the purpose of obtaining a science of reading based reading specialist certification. Provides that an eligible teacher who receives a grant and obtains a reading specialist certification is entitled to certain salary incentives. Provides that the Department of Education shall administer the fund. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules to implement the fund. Beginning in 2024, requires the department to prepare an annual report and recommendations concerning the fund for the legislative council.

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