

**Legislation Passed in Support of Recommendations from the  
Indiana Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services**  
2009 & 2010 Session of the Indiana General Assembly

**HB 1289 Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals** (*William Crawford*)

Creates the board for the coordination of programs serving vulnerable individuals to coordinate the delivery of services to vulnerable individuals in need of services. It requires the board to oversee the implementation of the recommendations made by the Indiana Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services. It requires school corporations to include in their plans for high ability student programs, best practices to increase the number of participants from racial and ethnic groups that have been under-represented in those programs.

**HB 1343 School Dropout Prevention** (*Cherrish Pryor*)

Creates the Dropout Prevention Fund to be administered by the department of education to: (1) provide money for school corporation programs that identify students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and (2) provide appropriate interventions for those students.

**HB 1419 Student Discipline** (*Vernon Smith*)

Requires the governing body of a school corporation to develop a plan for improving behavior and discipline in the school corporation, and a school within the school corporation to comply with the plan in developing the school's plan. It requires school corporation discipline rules to incorporate a graduated system of discipline, which includes actions that may be taken in lieu of suspension or expulsion. It requires the department of education to develop a master model for improving student behavior and discipline upon which school corporations may base plans.

**HB 1479 Recruitment of Educators from Underrepresented Populations** (*Gregory Porter*)

Requires the Department of Education to collaborate with nonprofit entities, the Commission for Higher Education, and state educational institutions to develop initiatives focusing on the recruitment and retention of qualified educators from underrepresented populations.

**HB 1536 Suspension of Medicaid for Delinquent Children** (*Cherrish Pryor*)

Requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to suspend rather than terminate a child's Medicaid eligibility if the child has been adjudicated to be a delinquent child and has been placed in specified facilities. It requires the individual, for-profit entity, nonprofit entity, or governmental entity operating the facility in which the child is placed to take action necessary to ensure the child is eligible for Medicaid when the child is released from the facility.

**HB 1681 Foster Care** (*Vanessa Summers*)

Requires the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) to include in its annual reports data about individuals who receive certain assistance; establishes eligibility requirements for the Twenty-First Century Scholars Program for youth in foster care; requires caseworkers to provide certain information about scholarship programs to foster children; requires the Department of Education, Department of Child Services (DCS), SSACI, and the Commission for Higher Education to jointly study whether there is a need for a foster care educational assistance program and submit a report by October 1, 2009.

**HB1193 - Juvenile, education, and law enforcement matters (Linda Lawson)**Creates the law enforcement, school policing, and youth work group (work group) to be staffed and administered by the criminal justice institute. Requires the work group to study and make specific recommendations concerning law enforcement, school policing, and youth. Requires each school corporation to annually submit a report to the department of education (department) concerning: (1) student arrests; (2) the use of school corporation police departments and security guards; and (3) whether the ... [\[Show Full Digest\]](#) school corporation has an agreement with a law enforcement agency concerning arresting students on school corporation property. Requires the department of education to summarize the school corporations' reports and to submit the summary to the legislative council, the board for the coordination of programs serving vulnerable individuals, the education roundtable, and the criminal justice institute. Requires the department of education to post the reports on its web site.

**SB0389 - Information on individual development accounts (Jean Breaux)**Requires a caseworker of a foster child to provide information to the child and the child's foster parent concerning individual development accounts.