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IREAD-3:
House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1367, Good Cause Exemptions & Participation

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1367, also known as Public Law 109 in 2010, requires the evaluation of reading skills for students who are in third grade beginning in the spring of 2012. This legislation was created to ensure that all students can read proficiently at the end of grade three. In response to HEA 1367, educators from across the state worked with the Indiana Department of Education to develop a test blueprint and to review test questions that have now become the *Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3)* Assessment.

The intent of HEA 1367 is to ensure every student has the opportunity for future success through literacy. The results will have a positive effect on our entire state as the need for remedial education in middle and high school is reduced and dropout rates and juvenile delinquency are lowered. In addition, HEA 1367 will help Indiana develop the highly skilled workforce needed for a strong economy.

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Good Cause Exemptions were included in HEA 1367 to allow for flexibility in determining access to grade four curriculum. These *Good Cause Exemptions* may be given to students who do not pass IREAD-3 and who fit one of the following criteria:

1. Students who have **previously been retained two times** prior to promotion to grade four (In other words, students can only be retained a maximum of two times in grades K-3 combined.).
2. **Students with disabilities** whose case conference committee has determined that promotion is appropriate.
3. **English Learners (ELs)** whose Individual Learning Plan (ILP) committee has determined that promotion is appropriate.

Participation and Good Cause Exemption Eligibility

Student	Participate in the Assessment	Eligibility for Good Cause Exemption
Student who has been retained twice	Yes	Yes
Student with an IEP (SWDs)	Yes	Determined by Case Conference Committee
Student with an ILP (ELs)	Yes	Determined by ILP Committee
Student with a Section 504 Plan	Yes	No
Student who is eligible for an alternate assessment.	No	N/A

Students who participate in ISTEP+ are required to participate in IREAD-3.

Legislative Action

- House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1367, also known as PL 109 in 2010: http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2010/PDF/HE/HE1367.1.pdf
- Citations for the statutory language created in HEA 1367 (2010) are in IC 20-32-8.5: http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/2010/title20/ar32/ch8.5.html

State Board Rule

- The State Board Rule in the IAC is found under Rule 3.1: http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T05110/A00062.PDF
- The final rule as published in the Indiana Register: http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20110420-IR-511100635FRA.xml.pdf