

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Cole Dietrich, Assistant Director of Charter Schools & Special Programs

Date: May 29, 2020

Re: House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1066 – Innovation Network Charter Schools (5 of 5)

Background:

House Enrolled Act 1066 (2020) is a various education matters bill affecting numerous parts of the Indiana Code (IC). This guidance addresses Section 6 of HEA 1066 pertaining to admissions flexibilities for innovation network charter schools. IC 20-25.7-5-5, was amended and is effective immediately.

Guidance:

Effective immediately, innovation network charter schools may give admission preference to:

- 1) alumnus or a current student;
- 2) Free/Reduced lunch students; and
- 3) students previously attending turnaround academies or those attending a school that is located in the same building as the innovation network charter school.

Additionally, HEA 1066 allows for existing charter schools that enter into an innovation network to limit admission during the first year of operation as a participating innovation network charter school to:

- 1) those students who were enrolled in the charter school on the date it entered into the innovation network agreement; and
- 2) siblings of students who were enrolled in the charter school on the date it entered into the innovation network agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact Cole Dietrich, Assistant Director of Charter Schools and Special Programs, at 317-233-0786 or adietrich@doe.in.gov.

This bill was authored by Representative Jeffery Thompson. The full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).