

CONGRESS BILL No. 1015

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Non-Bylaws.

Synopsis: Meal plans. Makes findings concerning IU meal plans. Establishes IUSG policy to advocate for IU to reevaluate meal plan options and coverage. Authorizes the department of student life to apply to the board of finance for funding for a student-facing activity in fiscal year 2023 to promote the aims of this policy. Requires the director of student life to submit a report on IU meal plans and dining no later than February 11, 2023.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Effective: January 1, 2023.

Caggiano

November 28, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Student Life.

CONGRESS BILL No. 1015

A BILL FOR AN ACT to establish IUSG policy concerning student life.

Be it enacted by the students of Indiana University in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] Congress finds the following:

- (1) Indiana University reformatted meal plans for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- (2) As a result of the reformatting, IU moved from a flexible, currency-based system to a fixed-usage meal system.
- (3) As a result of the reformatting, students have limited flexibility of food options outside of dining halls.
- (4) Students have expressed concerns regarding the quality of the food in IU dining halls.
- (5) Students have expressed a preference for non-dining-hall food options.
- (6) All first-year students are required to buy a full IU meal plan.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] It is the policy of IUSG to advocate:

- (1) that meal-plan options be reevaluated to allow for maximum student flexibility;
- (2) for additions to meal-plan coverage, where possible;
- (3) for the student-led improvement of food options in IU dining halls; and
- (4) for the reevaluation of the first-year meal plan requirement.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] Responsibility for advocacy under SEC. 2 belongs to the department of student life.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] (a) Subject to the provisions of R.B. § 5-4, the director of student life may apply to the board of finance for funding for a student-facing activity whose purpose is to promote the policy established in

1 **SEC. 2 of this act. This SECTION constitutes the statutory**
2 **authorization required under R.B. § 5-4-4.**

3 **(b) This SECTION expires May 31, 2023.**

4 **SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] No later than**
5 **February 11, 2023, the director of student life shall submit to**
6 **congress a report on the state and history of Indiana**
7 **University's meal plans and dining, including information on**
8 **the following topics:**

9 **(1) dining halls;**

10 **(2) food service providers;**

11 **(3) student feedback;**

12 **(4) changes to Indiana University's meal plans over time;**

13 **(5) limitations Indiana University faces to any changes;**

14 **and**

15 **(6) any other information the director considers**
16 **necessary.**



December 8, 2022

CONGRESS BILL No. 1015

DIGEST OF CB 1015 (Updated Dec. 8, 2022)

Citations Affected: Non-Bylaws.

Synopsis: Meal plans. Makes findings concerning IU meal plans. Establishes IUSG policy to advocate for IU to make changes to dining and meal plan options, including by: (1) reintroducing I-Bucks meal plan options, which were phased out in fall 2023; and (2) reintroducing privatized food vendors into campus dining venues. Authorizes the department of student life to apply to the board of finance for funding for a student-facing activity in fiscal year 2023 to promote the aims of this policy. Requires the director of student life to submit a report on IU meal plans and dining no later than February 18, 2023.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Effective: January 1, 2023.

Caggiano

November 28, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Student Life.

December 8, 2022, ordered reported (amended)—Do Pass.

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(1) Indiana University reformatted meal plans for the 2022-2023 academic year.

(2) As a result of the reformatting, IU moved from a flexible, currency-based system to a fixed-usage meal system.

(3) As a result of the reformatting, students have limited flexibility of food options outside of dining halls.

(4) Students have expressed concerns regarding the quality of the food in IU dining halls.

(5) Students have expressed a preference for non-dining-hall food options.

(6) All first-year students are required to buy a full IU meal plan.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] It is the policy of IUSG to advocate:

(1) for the reintroduction of the I-bucks, currency-based meal-plan options;

(2) for the student-led improvement of food options in IU dining halls; and

(3) for the introduction of privatized restaurants and food options to the campus dining experience.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] Responsibility for advocacy under SEC. 2 belongs to the department of student life.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] (a) Subject to the provisions of R.B. § 5-4, the director of student life may apply to the board of finance for funding for a student-facing activity whose purpose is to promote the policy established in SEC. 2 of this act. This SECTION constitutes the statutory authorization required under R.B. § 5-4-4.

(b) This SECTION expires May 31, 2023.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023] No later than February 28, 2023, the director of student life shall submit to congress a report on the state and history of Indiana University's meal plans and dining, including information on the following topics:

- (1) dining halls;**
- (2) food service providers;**
- (3) student feedback;**
- (4) changes to Indiana University's meal plans over time;**
- (5) limitations Indiana University faces to any changes;**
- and**
- (6) any other information the director considers necessary.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Student Life, to which was referred CONGRESS BILL No. 1015, has had the same under consideration and reports the same back to Congress with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 18 through 20, begin a new line block indented and insert:

“(1) for the reintroduction of the I-bucks, currency-based meal-plan options;”.

Page 1, line 21, delete “(3)” and insert “(2)”.

Page 1, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new line block indented and insert:

“(3) for the introduction of privatized restaurants and food options to the campus dining experience.”.

Page 1, delete lines 23 through 24.

Page 2, line 5, delete “February 11, 2023,” and insert **“February 28, 2023,”**.

and when so amended that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to CB 1015 as introduced.)

Mr. SCHUTTE, Chair.

Committee vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

YEAS

Bozzelli-Levine
Caggiano
Cheng
Dinius
Krishnan
Schutte
Smith

NAYS