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OFFICIAL OPINION NO. 15

July 3, 1969

Hon. Paul J. Hric
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Hammond, Indiana

Dear Representative Hric:

This Official Opinion is in response to your request of May 15, 1969, in which you asked the following question:

“I have an urgent need for your official opinion on whether House Bill 1243 is binding on Indiana University; or is it as they tell me, that their ruling supersedes this law. If this is so, I would appreciate an explanation.”

House Enrolled Act No. 1243 was signed by the Governor on March 12, 1969, and will take effect when the Secretary of State has duly published and promulgated the Acts of 1969. It will be designated as Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1969, as found in Burns' (1969 Supp.), Section 28-5790. The full text of that Act follows:

“Section 1. Effective with the school year beginning in September, 1969, none of the state supported universities having regional campuses shall have a rule, regulation or policy by the terms of which that students who are pursuing their education at such campuses shall be required to obtain any hours of credit in residence on the home campus of such state university in order to obtain a degree, where courses to obtain a degree are available on the regional campus.”

The Act plainly states on its face that it is binding on all state supported universities having regional campuses. It was the intent of the Legislature that all courses toward a degree be made available at regional campuses of the state universities, and that the state supported universities be required to implement this Act.