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Toddler injured in motorcycle crash

18-month-old suffers abrasions to head

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A toddler was injured in a motorcycle accident in Logansport late last week.

The accident occurred at about 5 p.m. Friday, April 24, in an alley in the 1800 block of East Market Street, according to Logansport Police Department reports.

It involved a motorcycle driven by Steven Downs, 24, the blotter continued, and that an 18-month-old child sustained abrasions to the head.

Logansport Assistant Police Chief Bryan Hillis, the LPD's public information officer, said the department was informed of the accident by Logansport Memorial Hospital, where the juvenile was taken.

Citing the report prepared about the accident, Hillis said the cause stemmed from the clutch sticking on the motorcycle, forcing Downs to apply the brakes.

Details regarding where the juvenile was seated on the motorcycle were not available, but Hillis said the report states the juvenile was wearing a helmet.

Logansport Memorial Hospital



first posted online

could not be reached for comment on the juvenile's condition Monday, April 27.

The accident did not result in the filing of any charges. Indiana

Code does not include a passenger age restriction for motorcycles.

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Proposal will keep Ritz as leader

■ Supporters say a change in leadership would address dysfunction in Board of Education

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) – Democratic state schools Superintendent Glenda Ritz would remain the leader of the State Board of Education for longer than previously expected under a new plan lawmakers proposed Monday.

Republican Gov. Mike Pence and GOP lawmakers have long pushed for allowing the board to select any of its members as chairman, a move that likely would oust Ritz as chairman and end a decades-old law that makes the elected state superintendent the board's leader.

Supporters say the change in leadership addresses well-known dysfunction between Ritz and other board members whom Pence currently appoints.

As lawmakers approach the legislative session's adjournment deadline of Wednesday, Senate Republicans unveiled their plan to rework the State Board of Education. The proposal would still allow the board members to choose their own leader, but not until after the 2016 election, allowing Ritz to finish out her first term in office.

Previous versions would have required the change to take effect as early as this summer.

Bill sponsor Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said the change is a negotiation with opponents who have argued that the measure would disenfranchise voters who elected Ritz in 2012.

"This has been a work in progress from day one," he said. "We think this is a good compromise."

The plan would shrink the board from 11 members to nine: the superintendent, six appointments by the governor and one appointment each from the House speaker and Senate president pro tem.

Holdman said the change in size will increase efficiency and help hold board members accountable for their responsibilities.

The plan also would give the board new authority over the ISTEP standardized test for students, which is currently controlled by the Indiana Department of Education.

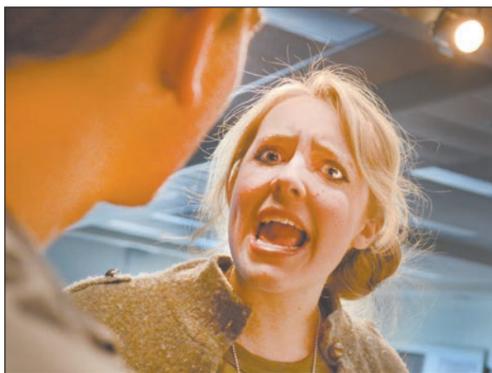
John Barnes, legislative affairs director for the education department, said putting two different entities in charge of a program that impacts 400,000 students each year is a big mistake.

With ISTEP, "you've got to be able to make snap decisions," he said. "There isn't time for two different

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M*A*S*H

Caston students mix comedy and drama in upcoming production



MAJOR MARGARET HOULIHAN, also known as "Hot Lips Houlihan," is played by junior Addison Sarver.



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, Character Corp. Maxwell Klinger, played by Caston High School senior Bobby Kite, Maj. Frank Burns, played by senior Robert Sommer, Maj. Margaret Houlihan, played by junior Addison Sarver and Corp. Radar O'Riley, played by junior Kyler Spencer during a recent rehearsal of "M*A*S*H."

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FULTON – Caston Jr.-Sr. High School students will be bringing a combination of comedy and drama to the stage this weekend.

They're performing "M*A*S*H," based on the franchise made up of novels, a film, a TV series and plays based on the fiction of Richard Hooker.

The story is set in an American mobile army surgical hospital in South Korea during the Korean War in the early 1950s. There, incoming surgeons Capt. Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce and Capt. Augustus Bedford "Duke" Forrest, played by Tim Kieninger and Trey Doan respectively, quickly find that their laid-back outlooks clash with the rigid atmosphere of the military.

They return their superiors' scorn by addressing them by first name and mocking monikers as well as playing plenty of pranks, gaining the friendship of many of their comrades along the way.

Kieninger reveres Alan Alda's multiple Emmy-winning portrayal of Hawkeye in the "M*A*S*H" TV series that ran from 1972 to 1983.

"He is my favorite," he said backstage at a recent rehearsal as he and his fellow cast members traded

IF YOU GO

WHAT: "M*A*S*H"
WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2
WHERE: Caston Jr.-Sr. High School, 9815 Ind. 25, Fulton
TICKETS: \$5 and \$4 for students

stories about their favorite episodes. "He is amazing... He's one of my favorite characters in all of TV."

The targets of many of Hawkeye's and Duke's antics are the domineering chief nurse Maj. Margaret Houlihan, played by Addison Sarver, and the easily agitated Maj. Frank Burns, played by Robert Sommer. They spend much of the play spying on the two physicians in an attempt to find ways to get them removed from the base.

And while Houlihan and Burns work to get rid of Hawkeye and Duke, Cpl. Maxwell Klinger, played by Bobby Kite, desperately seeks the same fate for himself by attempting to convince his superiors he's mentally unfit to serve. He does this by trading the green fatigues, blue scrubs and dog tags worn by his fellow service members for a wide array of women's attire. It won't be uncommon for



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RADAR O'RIELY, left, played by Kyler Spence, keeps his teddy bear near his bunk and right, Klinger, played by Bobby Kite, dresses in women's clothing with the hope of getting sent home for being mentally unfit to serve.

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