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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Housing. Removes the threshold conditions for establishing a residential housing development program and a tax increment allocation area for the program, including the condition that the governing body of each school corporation affected by the program pass a resolution approving the program before the program may go into effect. Changes the duration of a residential housing development program from 25 years (under current law) to 20 years after the date on which the first obligation for program is incurred. Provides that the fiscal body of a county may adopt an ordinance to designate an economic development target area.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 5-1.2-2-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.154-2021, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 26. (a) "Financial assistance agreement", for purposes of the wastewater program and drinking water program established under IC 5-1.2-10, the supplemental program established under IC 5-1.2-11, the Indiana brownfields program established under IC 5-1.2-12, the flood control program established under IC 5-1.2-13, the water infrastructure assistance program established under IC 5-1.2-14, the water infrastructure grant program established by IC 5-1.2-14.5, and the local transportation infrastructure program established under IC 5-1.2-15, and the residential housing infrastructure assistance program established by IC 5-1.2-15.5, prefers to a financial assistance agreement, financial aid agreement, grant agreement, or any other obligation between the authority and a participant under those chapters establishing the terms and conditions

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1 2	of a grant, loan, or other financial assistance, including forgiveness of principal if allowed under federal law, by the authority to the	
3	participant under those chapters.	
4	(b) Nothing in this section restricts the authority from	
5	denominating any financial assistance agreement by any other name the	
6	authority determines to be administratively convenient.	
7	SECTION 2. IC 5-1.2-2-54, AS AMENDED BY P.L.154-2021,	
8	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
9	JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 54. "Participant" means the following:	
.0	(1) For purposes of the wastewater program established under	
1	IC 5-1.2-10:	
2	(A) a political subdivision; or	
3	(B) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of	
.4	participant allowed by law to enter contractual	
5	arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under the	
.6	federal Clean Water Act.	
.7	(2) For purposes of the drinking water program established	
.8	under IC 5-1.2-10:	
9	(A) a political subdivision; or	
20	(B) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of	
21	participant allowed by law to enter contractual	
	arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under the	
22 23	federal Safe Drinking Water Act.	
24	(3) For purposes of the supplemental program established under	
25	IC 5-1.2-11, the Indiana brownfields program established under	
26	IC 5-1.2-12, the flood control program established under	
27	IC 5-1.2-13, the water infrastructure assistance program	
28	established under IC 5-1.2-14, and the water infrastructure grant	
29	program established by IC 5-1.2-14.5:	
30	(A) a political subdivision;	
31	(B) the Kankakee River basin and Yellow River basin	
32	development commission established by IC 14-13-9-6; or	
33	(C) any person, entity, association, trust, or other manner of	
34	participant allowed by law to enter contractual	
35	arrangements for a purpose eligible for assistance under	
86	those chapters.	
37	(4) For purposes of the local transportation infrastructure	
88	program established under IC 5-1.2-15:	
39	(A) a political subdivision;	
10	(B) an agency, authority, department, instrumentality, or	
11	body corporate and politic acting on behalf of a political	
12	subdivision; or	0





1	(C) a regional authority, instrumentality, or body corporate	
2	and politic acting on behalf of one (1) or more entities	
3	described in clause (A) or (B).	N a r k
4 5	(5) For purposes of the residential housing infrastructure	
	assistance program established by IC 5-1.2-15.5, a political subdivision.	
6 7	SECTION 3. IC 5-1.2-2-59, AS AMENDED BY P.L.154-2021,	
8	SECTION 5. IC 5-1.2-2-39, AS AMENDED BY F.E.134-2021, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
9	JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 59. "Program" or "programs" means:	
10	(1) the drinking water program established under IC 5-1.2-10;	
11	(2) the Indiana brownfields program established under	
12	IC 5-1.2-12;	
13	(3) the flood control program established under IC 5-1.2-13;	
14	(4) the water infrastructure assistance program established under	
15	IC 5-1.2-14;	
16	(5) the local transportation infrastructure program established	
17	under IC 5-1.2-15;	
18	(6) the storm water management program;	
19	(7) the supplemental program established under IC 5-1.2-11;	
20	(8) the wastewater program established under IC 5-1.2-10; and	
21	(9) the water infrastructure grant program established by	
22	IC 5-1.2-14.5; and	
23	(10) the residential housing infrastructure assistance	
24	program established by IC 5-1.2-15.5.	
25	SECTION 4. IC 5-1.2-4-24, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2018,	
26	SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
27	JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 24. (a) The issuance of bonds and the adoption of	_
28	rules under the referenced statutes need not comply with the	
29	requirements of any other state laws applicable to the issuance of the	
30	bonds or adoption of these rules. No proceedings, notice, or approval	
31	is required for the issuance of any bonds or any instrument or the	
32 33	security for the bonds or instrument, except as provided in the referenced statutes.	
34	(b) All:	
35	(1) economic development projects for which funds are	
36	advanced, loaned, or otherwise provided by the authority under	
37	IC 5-1.2-9; and	
38	(2) eligible projects for which funds are loaned by the	
39	authority under IC 5-1.2-15.5;	
40	must be in compliance with any land use, zoning, subdivision, and	
41	other laws of this state applicable to the land upon which the economic	
42	development project or eligible project is located or is to be	
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1	constructed, but a failure to comply with these laws does not invalidate	
2	any bonds issued to finance an economic development project under	
3	IC 5-1.2-9 or an eligible project under IC 5-1.2-15.5.	
4	SECTION 5. IC 5-1.2-15.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE	
5	AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
6	JULY 1, 2023]:	
7	Chapter 15.5. Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance	
8	Program	
9	Sec. 1. The authority shall carry out the program established	
10	under this chapter.	
11	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible project" means a	
12	project for housing infrastructure.	
13	Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the residential	
14	housing infrastructure assistance revolving fund established by	
15	section 9 of this chapter.	
16	Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "housing infrastructure" means	
17	the installation, replacement, upgrade, or improvement of public	
18	infrastructure for the support of residential housing.	
19	Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the	
20	residential housing infrastructure assistance program established	
21	by section 8 of this chapter.	
22	Sec. 6. (a) As used in this chapter, "public infrastructure"	
23	means any of the following infrastructure that is or will be owned,	
24	maintained, or provided by a political subdivision:	
25	(1) A water distribution system.	
26	(2) A water treatment plant.	
27	(3) A wastewater treatment plant.	
28	(4) A sanitary sewer system.	
29	(5) A storm sewer system.	
30	(6) A lift station.	
31	(7) A street, road, or bridge.	
32	(8) A curb, gutter, or sidewalk.	
33	(9) A traffic signal.	
34	(10) A street light.	
35	(11) An electric or gas distribution line.	
36	(b) The term includes the purchase of land necessary to	
37	accommodate a project listed in this section, including any	
38	excavation and compaction.	
39	(c) For purposes of subsection (a)(1) through (a)(4), a political	
40	subdivision is providing the infrastructure notwithstanding that,	
41	after completion of construction, the infrastructure is contributed	
42	by the political subdivision to a:	



1	(1) public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a));	
2	(2) municipally owned utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(h));	
3	(3) not-for-profit utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-125(a));	
4	(4) cooperatively owned corporation;	
5	(5) conservancy district established under IC 14-33; or	
6	(6) regional water or sewer district established under	
7	IC 13-26.	
8	Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "residential housing" means	
9	single family or multifamily housing for rent or sale. The term	
0	includes condominiums and townhouses located within an	
1	economic development target area that is designated under	
2	IC 6-1.1-12.1-7.	
3	Sec. 8. The residential housing infrastructure assistance	
4	program is established.	
5	Sec. 9. (a) The residential housing infrastructure assistance	
6	revolving fund is established. The fund is a revolving fund to	
7	provide money for loans under this chapter to or for the benefit of	
8	participants.	
9	(b) The fund consists of:	
0.	(1) appropriations from the general assembly;	
1	(2) grants and other gifts of money; and	
2	(3) loan repayments, including interest, premiums, and	
.3	penalties.	
4	(c) The authority shall administer, hold, and manage the fund.	
.5	(d) The cost of administering the fund shall be paid from	
6	money in the fund.	
7	(e) Money in the fund shall be used to make loans for public	
8	infrastructure for the support of residential housing.	
9	(f) Money in the fund may not be used for any of the following	
0	purposes:	-
1	(1) Repayment of any debt incurred for a project other than	
2	an eligible project.	
3	(2) Routine maintenance and repair projects.	
4	(3) Upgrading utility poles.	
5	(4) Fees for studies, reports, designs, or analyses prepared by	
6	consultants or engineers for an eligible project.	
7	(g) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the	
8	purposes of this chapter.	
9	(h) Money in the fund does not revert to the state general fund	
0	at the end of a state fiscal year.	
·1	Sec. 10. Loans from the fund must be allocated and made	
-2	available to participants as follows:	



1	(1) Seventy percent (70%) of the money in the fund must be	
2	used for housing infrastructure in municipalities with a	
3	population of less than fifty thousand (50,000).	
4	(2) Thirty percent (30%) of the money in the fund must be	
5	used for housing infrastructure in all other political	
6	subdivisions not described in subdivision (1).	
7	Sec. 11. (a) The authority shall invest the money in the fund in	
8	accordance with an investment policy adopted by the authority.	
9	Interest, premiums, gains, or other earnings from the investments	
10	shall be credited to and deposited in the fund.	
11	(b) As an alternative to subsection (a), the authority may invest	
12	or cause to be invested all or a part of the fund in a fiduciary	
13	account or accounts with a trustee that is a financial institution.	
14	Notwithstanding any other law, any investment may be made by	
15	the trustee in accordance with one (1) or more trust agreements or	
16	indentures. A trust agreement or indenture may permit	
17	disbursements by the trustee to:	
18	(1) a participant;	
19	(2) the authority; or	
20	(3) any person to which the authority or a participant is	
21	obligated, as provided in the trust agreement or indenture.	
22	Sec. 12. This chapter does not require the authority to provide	
23	a loan to any participant to the extent the authority determines the	
24	loan is not in the best interests of the program and the authority.	
25	Sec. 13. The authority shall do the following under this	
26	chapter:	
27	(1) Manage the program.	
28	(2) Prepare and provide program information to	
29	participants.	
30	(3) Negotiate the negotiable aspects of each financial	
31	assistance agreement.	
32 33	(4) Prepare or cause to be prepared each financial assistance	
34	agreement.	
	(5) Sign each financial assistance agreement.(6) Conduct or cause to be conducted an evaluation as to the	
35 36	financial ability of each participant to pay the loan and other	
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3 <i>1</i> 38	obligations evidencing the loans, if required to be paid, and comply with the financial assistance agreement.	
39	(7) Review each proposed eligible project and financial	
39 40	assistance agreement to determine if the project meets the	
41 42	credit, economic, or fiscal criteria established by guidelines	
42	of the authority.	



1	Sec. 14. (a) The authority shall develop and use a priority	
2	ranking system in making loans from the fund.	
3	(b) The ranking system must prioritize making loans for	
4	eligible projects to participants that:	
5	(1) have:	
6	(A) invested in a housing study within the last five (5)	
7	years;	
8	(B) had a housing study performed by a region's local	
9	economic development organization; or	
10	(C) demonstrated the need for housing inventory as	
11	indicated by the Indiana state housing dashboard;	
12	(2) have voluntarily revised unified development ordinances,	
13	zoning regulations, or other land development rules to allow	
14	for:	
15	(A) higher density development;	
16	(B) construction of other housing types including	
17	accessory dwelling units and manufactured and modular	
18	housing;	
19	(C) adaptive reuse of commercial buildings for	
20	residential use; or	
21	(D) waiver or elimination of regulations such as	
22	requirements for:	
23	(i) garage size and placement;	
24	(ii) steeper roof pitch;	
25	(iii) minimum lot size and square footage;	
26	(iv) greater setbacks;	
27	(v) off-street parking; or	
28	(vi) design standards that restrict or prohibit the	
29	use of code compliant products;	
30	(3) do not have impact fee ordinances;	
31	(4) have secured private, local, state, or federal funds to	
32	contribute to the eligible project;	
33	(5) have secured a letter of support from an employer	
34	stipulating that the public infrastructure will support	
35	residential housing that is in reasonable proximity to	
36	employment; or	
37	(6) assist:	
38	(A) homeowners to age in place through restoration or	
39	renovation of existing homes; or	
40	(B) communities in preparing for shovel ready housing.	
41	Sec. 15. The authority shall establish the terms and conditions	
42	that the authority considers necessary or convenient to make loans	





1	under this chapter.	
2	Sec. 16. (a) An application for a loan from the fund must be	
3	accompanied by all papers and opinions required by the authority.	
4	(b) The authority may require that an application for a loan	
5	from the fund be accompanied by the following:	
6	(1) A certification and guarantee of signatures.	
7	(2) A certification that, as of the date of the loan, no litigation	
8	is pending challenging the validity of or entry into:	
9	(A) the loan; or	
10	(B) any security for the loan.	
11	(3) Any other certifications, agreements, security, or	
12	requirements that the authority requests.	
13	(4) An approving opinion of nationally recognized bond	
14	counsel.	
15	Sec. 17. A participant receiving a loan from the fund shall	
16	enter into a financial assistance agreement. A financial assistance	
17	agreement related to the program is a valid, binding, and	
18	enforceable agreement of the participant.	
19	Sec. 18. (a) The authority may pledge loans and other	
20	obligations of participants evidencing the loans from the fund to	
21	secure other loans from the fund to or for the benefit of	
22	participants.	
23	(b) The authority must approve the terms of a pledge under	
24	this section.	
25	(c) Notwithstanding any other law, a pledge of property made	
26	by the authority under this section is binding from the time the	
27	pledge is made. Revenues, other money, or other property pledged	
28	and that is received after the pledge is immediately subject to the	
29	lien of the pledge without any other act. The lien of a pledge is	
30	binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort,	-
31	contract, or otherwise against:	
32	(1) the fund; or	
33	(2) the authority;	
34	regardless of whether the parties have notice of any lien.	
35	(d) A resolution, an indenture, or another instrument by which	
36	a pledge is created does not have to be filed or recorded, except in	
37	the records of the authority.	
38	(e) Action taken to:	
39	(1) enforce a pledge under this section; and	
40	(2) realize the benefits of the pledge;	
41	is limited to the property pledged.	
42	(f) A pledge under this section does not create a liability or	h
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1	indebtedness of the state.	
2	Sec. 19. (a) The authority shall establish the interest rate or	
3	parameters for establishing the interest rate on each loan made	
4	under this chapter, including parameters for establishing the	
5	amount of interest subsidies.	
6	(b) The authority, in setting the interest rate or parameters for	
7	establishing the interest rate on each loan, may take into account	
8	the following:	
9	(1) Credit risk.	
.0	(2) Affordability.	
1	(3) Other fiscal factors the authority considers relevant,	
2	including the program's cost of funds and whether the	
.3	financial assistance provided to a particular participant is	
4	taxable or tax exempt under federal law.	
.5	Based on the factors set forth in subdivisions (1) through (3), more	
.6	than one (1) interest rate may be established and used for loans to	
7	different participants or for different loans to the same	
.8	participants.	
9	Sec. 20. (a) As an alternative to making loans to participants,	
20	the authority may use the money in the fund to provide a leveraged	
21	loan program to or for the benefit of participants, including using	
22	money in the fund to enhance the obligations of participants issued	
23	for the purposes of this chapter by:	
24	(1) granting money to:	
25	(A) be deposited in:	
26	(i) a capital fund or reserve fund established under	
27	IC 5-1.2-4 or another statute or a trust agreement	
28	or indenture as contemplated by this chapter; or	
29	(ii) an account established within a fund described	
30	in item (i); or	
31	(B) provide interest subsidies;	
32	(2) paying bond insurance premiums, reserve insurance	
33	premiums, or credit enhancement, liquidity support,	
34	remarketing, or conversion fees, or other similar fees or costs	
35	for obligations of a participant or for bonds issued by the	
86	authority, if credit market access is improved or interest	
37	rates are reduced; or	
88	(3) guaranteeing all or a part of obligations issued by	
39	participants or bonds issued by the authority.	
10	(b) A guarantee of obligations or bonds under subsection (a)(3)	
1	must be limited to money in the fund. A guarantee under	
12	subsection (a)(3) does not create a liability or indebtedness of the	



state.	
Sec. 21. Notwithstanding any other law, money in the fund,	
together with loan repayments to be deposited in the fund, may be	
used to establish a leveraged loan program in connection with the	
fund.	
Sec. 22. The authority may adopt guidelines, without	
complying with IC 4-22-2, to govern the administration of this	
chapter.	
Sec. 23. Not later than August 1 of each year, the public	
finance director shall prepare for the budget committee established	
by IC 4-12-1-3 and the legislative council a report that includes the	
following:	
(1) Information concerning the loans made available to	
participants from the fund during each fiscal year.	
(2) Any other information requested by the budget	
committee and the legislative council.	
The report to the legislative council must be submitted in an	
electronic format under IC 5-14-6.	
[][SECTION 6. IC 6-1.1-12.1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) After	
favorable recommendation by an economic development commission,	
the fiscal body of a city, or town, or county may by ordinance	
designate as an economic development target area a specific	
geographic territory that:	
(1) has become undesirable or impossible for normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development,	
cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character	
of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other	
factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal	
development of property or use of property;	_
(2) has been designated as a registered historic district under:	
(A) the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; or	
(B) the jurisdiction of a preservation commission organized	
under:	
(i) IC 36-7-11;	
(ii) IC 36-7-11.1;	
(iii) IC 36-7-11.2;	
(iv) IC 36-7-11.3; or	
(v) IC 14-3-3.2 (before its repeal); or	
(3) encompasses buildings, structures, sites, or other facilities	
that are:	
(A) listed on the national register of historic places	
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established pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.;
(B) listed on the register of Indiana historic sites and
historic structures established under IC 14-21-1; or
(C) determined to be eligible for listing on the Indiana
register by the Indiana state historic preservation officer.
(b) The fiscal body of a city, or town, or county may designate a
maximum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total geographic territory of
the city or town to be in economic development target areas.
(c) Notwithstanding the repeal of IC 36-7-11.9-4 and
IC 36-7-12-38, an economic development target area established by a
city or town before July 1, 1987, continues in effect until it is modified
or abolished by ordinance of the city or town fiscal body.
SECTION 7. IC 36-7-14-53, AS AMENDED BY P.L.154-2020,
SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 53. (a) Subject to subsection (g), A
commission may establish a residential housing development program
by resolution for the construction of new residential housing or the
renovation of existing residential housing in an area within the
jurisdiction of the commission. if:
(1) for a commission established by a county, the average of
new, single family residential houses constructed within the
township in which the area is located during the preceding three
(3) calendar years is less than one percent (1%) of the total
number of single family residential houses within that township
on January 1 of the year in which the resolution is adopted; or
(2) for a commission established by a municipality, the average
of new, single family residential houses constructed within the
municipal boundaries during the preceding three (3) calendar
years is less than one percent (1%) of the total number of single
family residential houses within the boundaries of the
municipality on January 1 of the year in which the resolution is
adopted.
However, the calculations described in subdivisions (1) and (2) and the
provisions of subsection (f) do not apply for purposes of establishing
a residential housing development program within an economic
development target area designated under IC 6-1.1-12.1-7.
(b) The program, which may include any relevant elements the
commission considers appropriate, may be adopted as part of a
redevelopment plan or amendment to a redevelopment plan, and must
establish an allocation area for purposes of sections 39 and 56 of this
chapter for the accomplishment of the program. The program must be approved by the municipal legislative body or county executive as
approved by the municipal registative body of county executive as



specified in section 17 of this chapter.
(c) The notice and hearing provisions of sections 17 and 17.5 of
this chapter, including notice under section 17(c) of this chapter to a
taxing unit that is wholly or partly located within an allocation area,
apply to the resolution adopted under subsection (b). Judicial review of
the resolution may be made under section 18 of this chapter.
(d) Before formal submission of any residential housing
development program to the commission, the department of
redevelopment shall:
(1) consult with persons interested in or affected by the proposed
program, including the superintendents and governing body
presidents of all school corporations located within the proposed
allocation area;
(2) provide the affected neighborhood associations, residents,
and township assessors with an adequate opportunity to
participate in an advisory role in planning, implementing, and
evaluating the proposed program; and
(3) hold at least one (1) public meeting to obtain the views of
neighborhood associations and residents of the affected
neighborhood. The department of redevelopment shall send
notice thirty (30) days prior to the public meeting to the fiscal
officer of all affected taxing units and to the superintendents and
governing body presidents of all school corporations located
within the proposed allocation area.
(e) A residential housing development program established under
this section must terminate not later than twenty-five (25) twenty (20)
years after the date on which the first obligation was incurred to pay
principal and interest on bonds or lease rentals on leases payable from
tax increment revenues from the program.
(f) The department of local government finance in cooperation
with either the appropriate county agency or the appropriate municipal
agency, or both, shall determine whether a county or municipality
meets the threshold requirements under subsection (a). In making the
determination, the department of local government finance may request
information necessary to make the determination. A county or
municipality may request from the department of local government
finance a report, if it exists, describing the effect of current assessed
value allocated to tax increment financing allocation areas on the
amount of the tax levy or proceeds and the credit for excessive property
taxes under IC 6-1.1-20.6 for the taxing units within the boundaries of
the residential housing development program.
(g) A program established under subsection (a) may not take effect



1 <u>until the governing body of each school corporation affected by the</u>
2 <u>program passes a resolution approving the program.</u>
3 <u>SECTION 8. An emergency is declared for this act.</u>
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