
HOUSE BILL No. 1312

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-2-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2023]:
4 **Chapter 25. Indiana Border Safety Grant Program and Fund**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Indiana**
6 **border safety grant fund established by section 5 of this chapter.**
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "institute" refers to the Indiana**
8 **criminal justice institute established by IC 5-2-6-3.**
9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
10 **Indiana border safety grant program established by section 6 of**
11 **this chapter.**
12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "qualified law enforcement**
13 **agency" means a law enforcement agency (as defined in**
14 **IC 35-47-15-2):**
15 **(1) that is located in Indiana; and**



- 1 **(2) whose jurisdiction includes:**
- 2 **(A) an area located within ten (10) miles of the Indiana**
- 3 **border with state of Illinois; or**
- 4 **(B) an interchange:**
- 5 **(i) of an interstate highway connecting Indiana with**
- 6 **the state of Illinois; and**
- 7 **(ii) that is located within twenty-five (25) miles of**
- 8 **the border of the state of Illinois.**

9 **Sec. 5. (a) The Indiana border safety grant fund is established**
 10 **for the purpose of providing grants under section 6 of this chapter.**
 11 **The fund shall be administered by the institute.**

- 12 **(b) The fund consists of the following:**
- 13 **(1) Appropriations from the general assembly.**
- 14 **(2) Donations to the fund from public or private sources.**
- 15 **(3) Interest and dividends on assets of the fund.**
- 16 **(4) Money transferred to the fund from other funds.**

17 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 18 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 19 **manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that**
 20 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**

21 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
 22 **revert to the state general fund.**

23 **Sec. 6. (a) The Indiana border safety grant program is**
 24 **established. The institute shall administer the program. The**
 25 **institute may award grants under this chapter to qualified law**
 26 **enforcement agencies for the purchase of:**

- 27 **(1) license plate reader (LPR) equipment;**
- 28 **(2) cross border agency communication patches;**
- 29 **(3) spike strips or stop strips;**
- 30 **(4) vehicle mounted GPS launchers for use in fresh pursuit**
 31 **of another vehicle;**
- 32 **(5) video surveillance equipment; or**
- 33 **(6) other equipment which has proven effective in its**
 34 **application by other law enforcement agencies that is**
 35 **approved by the institute.**

36 **(b) In order to obtain a grant under this chapter, a qualified**
 37 **law enforcement agency must apply for a grant from the institute**
 38 **in a manner prescribed by the institute. The institute shall evaluate**
 39 **the request and may award a grant if the qualified law**
 40 **enforcement agency demonstrates a need for the grant. The**
 41 **institute may prioritize grants to qualified law enforcement**
 42 **agencies where the grants will be most effectively utilized or based**

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1 **on the balance of the fund available for grants.**
2 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) **There is**
3 **appropriated to the Indiana border safety grant fund established**
4 **by IC 5-2-25-5, as added by this act:**
5 **(1) for the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2023, and**
6 **ending before July 1, 2024, five million dollars (\$5,000,000);**
7 **and**
8 **(2) for the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2024, and**
9 **ending before July 1, 2025, five million dollars (\$5,000,000);**
10 **from the state general fund for use by the Indiana criminal justice**
11 **institute in carrying out the purpose of the Indiana border safety**
12 **grant fund.**
13 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.**

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