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HOUSE BILL No. 1312

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Grant uses. Makes changes to the permitted uses of the Indiana border safety grants.

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**
 - 16 **(2) whose jurisdiction includes:**
 - 17 **(A) an area located within ten (10) miles of the Indiana**
 - 18 **border with state of Illinois; or**
 - 19 **(B) an interchange:**
 - 20 **(i) of an interstate highway connecting Indiana with**
 - 21 **the state of Illinois; and**

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1 (ii) that is located within twenty-five (25) miles of
2 the border of the state of Illinois.

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

6 (b) The fund consists of the following:

- 7 (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.
8 (2) Donations to the fund from public or private sources.
9 (3) Interest and dividends on assets of the fund.
10 (4) Money transferred to the fund from other funds.

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

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

17 Sec. 6. (a) The Indiana border safety grant program is
18 established. The institute shall administer the program. The
19 institute may award grants under this chapter to qualified law
20 enforcement agencies for the purchase of:

- 21 (1) license plate reader (LPR) equipment;
22 (2) cross border agency communication patches;
23 (3) spike strips or stop strips;
24 ~~[(4) GPS bullets or tracking equipment;~~
25 >[(4) vehicle mounted GPS launchers for use in fresh pursuit of
26 another vehicle;
27] (5) video surveillance equipment; or
28 [(6) other equipment] which has proven effective in its
29 application by other law enforcement agencies that is
30 approved by the institute.[]

31 [(b) In order to obtain a grant under this chapter, a qualified
32 law enforcement agency must apply for a grant from the institute
33 in a manner prescribed by the institute. The institute shall evaluate
34 the request and may award a grant if the qualified law
35 enforcement agency demonstrates a need for the grant. The
36 institute may prioritize grants to qualified law enforcement
37 agencies where the grants will be most effectively utilized or based
38 on the balance of the fund available for grants.

39 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) There is
40 appropriated to the Indiana border safety grant fund established
41 by IC 5-2-25-5, as added by this act:

42 (1) for the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2023, and



1 ending before July 1, 2024, five million dollars (\$5,000,000);
2 and
3 (2) for the state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2024, and
4 ending before July 1, 2025, five million dollars (\$5,000,000);
5 from the state general fund for use by the Indiana criminal justice
6 institute in carrying out the purpose of the Indiana border safety
7 grant fund.
8 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.]
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