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**Citations Affected:** Numerous provisions throughout the Indiana Code.

**Synopsis:** Boards and commissions. Creates the agricultural promotion and regulation task force to study various agriculture related topics. Makes changes to requirements for the readoption of  
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**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2026; June 1, 2027; July 1, 2027.

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.

January 22, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 126.3.

January 27, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.

January 29, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

January 30, 2026, engrossed.

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SENATE ACTION

February 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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administrative rules. Repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. Modifies or establishes various funds. Makes changes to the membership, duties, and operations of various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. Expands the applicability of a statute concerning county hospital governance to Perry County, Spencer County, and Orange County. Repeals the fire prevention and building safety commission (commission). Transfers the commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to the department of homeland security. Makes certain changes to the administration of building and safety statutes and building and safety codes. Makes an appropriation.

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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1003

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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:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-1.3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,  
2 SECTION 270, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) A study committee shall  
4 study the issues assigned by the legislative council that are within the  
5 subject matter for the study committee, as described in section 4 of this  
6 chapter.

7 (b) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
8 interim study committee on roads and transportation shall advise the  
9 bureau of motor vehicles regarding the suitability of a special group (as  
10 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to receive a special group recognition license  
11 plate for the special group (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170) for the first  
12 time under IC 9-18.5-12-4 and the suitability of a special group (as  
13 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to continue participating in the special group  
14 recognition license plate program under IC 9-18.5-12-5.

15 (c) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
16 interim study committee on corrections and criminal code shall review  
17 current trends with respect to criminal behavior, sentencing,

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1 incarceration, and treatment and may:

- 2 (1) identify particular needs of the criminal justice system that can  
 3 be addressed by legislation; and  
 4 (2) prepare legislation to address the particular needs found by the  
 5 committee.

6 (d) In each even-numbered year, in addition to the issues assigned  
 7 under subsection (a), the interim study committee on courts and the  
 8 judiciary shall review, consider, and make recommendations  
 9 concerning all requests for new courts, new judicial officers, and  
 10 changes in jurisdiction of existing courts. A request under this  
 11 subsection must include at least the following information to receive  
 12 full consideration by the committee:

- 13 (1) The level of community support for the change, including  
 14 support from the local fiscal body.  
 15 (2) The results of a survey that shall be conducted by the county  
 16 requesting the change, sampling members of the bar, members of  
 17 the judiciary, and local officials to determine needs and concerns  
 18 of existing courts.  
 19 (3) Whether the county is already using a judge or magistrate  
 20 from an overserved area of the judicial district.  
 21 (4) The relative severity of need based on the most recent  
 22 weighted caseload measurement system report published by the  
 23 office of judicial administration.  
 24 (5) Whether the county is using any problem solving court as  
 25 described in IC 33-23-16-11, and, if so, the list of problem solving  
 26 courts established in the county, and any evaluation of the impact  
 27 of the problem solving courts on the overall judicial caseload.  
 28 (6) A description of the:  
 29 (A) county's population growth in the ten (10) years before the  
 30 date of the request; and  
 31 (B) projected population growth in the county for the ten (10)  
 32 years after the date of the request, to the extent available;  
 33 and any documentation to support the information provided under  
 34 this subdivision.  
 35 (7) A description of the county's use of pre-incarceration  
 36 diversion services and post-incarceration reentry services in an  
 37 effort to decrease recidivism.  
 38 (8) If the request is a request for a new court or new courts, an  
 39 acknowledgment from the county fiscal body (as defined in  
 40 IC 36-1-2-6) with the funding sources and estimated costs the  
 41 county intends to pay toward the county's part of the operating  
 42 costs associated with the new court or new courts.



1 The office of judicial administration shall post the list of required  
2 information provided under this subsection on its website.

3 (e) In each even-numbered year, in addition to the issues assigned  
4 under subsection (a), the interim study committee on courts and the  
5 judiciary shall review the most recent weighted caseload measurement  
6 system report published by the office of judicial administration and do  
7 the following:

8 (1) Identify each county in which the number of courts or judicial  
9 officers exceeds the number used by the county in that report  
10 year.

11 (2) Determine the number of previous report years in which the  
12 number of courts or judicial officers in a county identified in  
13 subdivision (1) exceeded the number used by the county in that  
14 particular report year.

15 (3) Make a recommendation on whether the number of courts or  
16 judicial officers in the county should be decreased.

17 The office of judicial administration shall post a list of the number of  
18 courts or judicial officers used in each county for each report year, and  
19 the number of years in which the number of courts or judicial officers  
20 in the county has exceeded the number used by the county, on its  
21 website.

22 (f) In addition to studying the issues assigned under subsection (a),  
23 the interim study committee on child services shall:

24 (1) review the annual reports submitted by:

25 (A) each local child fatality review team under IC 16-49-3-7;

26 (B) the statewide child fatality review committee under  
27 IC 16-49-4-11; and

28 (C) the department of child services under IC 31-25-2-24;

29 during the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period, and  
30 may make recommendations regarding changes in policies or  
31 statutes to improve child safety; and

32 (2) report to the legislative council before November 1 of each  
33 interim, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, the results of:

34 (A) the committee's review under subdivision (1); and

35 (B) the committee's study of any issue assigned to the  
36 committee under subsection (a).

37 (g) In each even-numbered year, in addition to the issues assigned  
38 under subsection (a), the interim study committee on government shall  
39 do the following:

40 (1) Determine whether a group has met in the immediately  
41 preceding two (2) years.

42 (2) Review reports submitted to the committee in accordance with



- 1 IC 1-1-15.5-4.  
 2 (3) Identify all interstate compacts that have been fully  
 3 operational for at least two (2) years to which the state is a party.  
 4 (4) Consider whether to:  
 5 (A) remain a party to; or  
 6 (B) withdraw from;  
 7 each interstate compact.  
 8 (5) If the committee determines that the state should withdraw  
 9 from an interstate compact, identify the steps needed to withdraw.  
 10 (6) Report before November 1 to the legislative council, in an  
 11 electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the committee's:  
 12 (A) recommendations for proposed legislation to repeal  
 13 groups:  
 14 (i) **after determining that the groups** have not met during  
 15 the immediately preceding two (2) years; **and or**  
 16 (ii) after reviewing a group's report under subdivision (2);  
 17 and  
 18 (B) findings and recommendations regarding the interstate  
 19 compacts.

20 As used in this subsection, "group" refers to an authority, a board, a  
 21 commission, a committee, a council, a delegate, a foundation, a panel,  
 22 or a task force that is established by statute, has at least one (1)  
 23 legislator assigned to it, and is not staffed by the legislative services  
 24 agency.

25 **(h) In each odd-numbered year, in addition to the issues**  
 26 **assigned under subsection (a), the interim study committee on**  
 27 **government shall:**

- 28 (1) identify each group that has been operational for at least  
 29 two (2) state fiscal years;  
 30 (2) review the statutory duties and recent activities of each  
 31 group identified under subdivision (1);  
 32 (3) for each group identified under subdivision (1), determine  
 33 whether the group should be:  
 34 (A) retained because the group has ongoing statutory  
 35 duties and it remains the most appropriate group to fulfill  
 36 those duties;  
 37 (B) repealed because the group has fulfilled its statutory  
 38 duties;  
 39 (C) repealed because the group's statutory duties could be  
 40 more efficiently fulfilled after transferring them to another  
 41 group or state agency; or  
 42 (D) repealed because the group's statutory duties are



1            **redundant because the duties also belong to another group**  
 2            **or state agency; and**  
 3            **(4) report before November 1 to the legislative council, in an**  
 4            **electronic format under IC 5-14-6, the committee's findings**  
 5            **and recommendations regarding the groups evaluated under**  
 6            **this subsection.**

7            **As used in this subsection, "group" refers to an authority, a board,**  
 8            **a commission, a committee, a council, a delegate, a foundation, a**  
 9            **panel, or a task force that is established by statute and not staffed**  
 10           **by the legislative services agency.**

11           ~~(f)~~ (i) In 2026 and 2027, in addition to the issues assigned under  
 12           subsections (a) and (f), the interim study committee on child services  
 13           shall review the report submitted by the child welfare task force under  
 14           IC 2-5-55.7-8. This subsection expires December 31, 2027.

15           SECTION 2. IC 2-5-36-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2025,  
 16           SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17           JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. The commission shall do the following:

- 18           (1) Study and evaluate the following:
- 19           (A) Access to services for vulnerable youth.
  - 20           (B) Availability of services for vulnerable youth.
  - 21           (C) Duplication of services for vulnerable youth.
  - 22           (D) Funding of services available for vulnerable youth.
  - 23           (E) Barriers to service for vulnerable youth.
  - 24           (F) Communication and cooperation by agencies concerning
  - 25           vulnerable youth.
  - 26           (G) Implementation of programs or laws concerning
  - 27           vulnerable youth.
  - 28           (H) The consolidation of existing entities that serve vulnerable
  - 29           youth.
  - 30           (I) Data from state agencies relevant to evaluating progress,
  - 31           targeting efforts, and demonstrating outcomes.
  - 32           (J) Crimes of sexual violence against children.
  - 33           (K) The impact of social networking websites, cellular
  - 34           telephones and wireless communications devices, digital
  - 35           media, and new technology on crimes against children.
- 36           (2) Review and make recommendations concerning pending
- 37           legislation.
- 38           (3) Promote information sharing concerning vulnerable youth
- 39           across the state.
- 40           (4) Promote best practices, policies, and programs.
- 41           (5) Cooperate with:
- 42           (A) other child focused commissions;



- 1 (B) the judicial branch of government;  
 2 (C) the executive branch of government;  
 3 (D) stakeholders; and  
 4 (E) members of the community.
- 5 (6) Create and provide staff support to a statewide juvenile justice  
 6 oversight body to carry out the following duties described in  
 7 section 9.3 of this chapter:
- 8 (A) Develop a plan to collect and report statewide juvenile  
 9 justice data.
- 10 (B) Establish procedures and policies related to the use of:
- 11 (i) a validated risk screening tool and a validated risk and  
 12 needs assessment tool;
- 13 (ii) a detention tool to inform the use of secure detention;
- 14 (iii) a plan to determine how information from the tools  
 15 described in this clause is compiled and shared and with  
 16 whom the information will be shared; and
- 17 (iv) a plan to provide training to judicial officers on the  
 18 implementation of the tools described in this clause.
- 19 (C) Develop criteria for the use of diagnostic assessments as  
 20 described in IC 31-37-19-11.7.
- 21 (D) Develop a statewide plan to address the provision of  
 22 broader behavioral health services to children in the juvenile  
 23 justice system.
- 24 (E) Develop a plan for the provision of transitional services for  
 25 a child who is a ward of the department of correction as  
 26 described in IC 31-37-19-11.5.
- 27 (F) Develop a plan for grant programs described in section 9.3  
 28 of this chapter.
- 29 The initial appointments and designations to the statewide  
 30 juvenile justice oversight body described in this subdivision shall  
 31 be made not later than May 31, 2022. The chief justice of the  
 32 supreme court shall designate the chair of the statewide juvenile  
 33 justice oversight body and shall make the initial appointments and  
 34 designations to the statewide juvenile justice oversight body,  
 35 which may incorporate members of an existing committee or  
 36 subcommittee formed under the commission. The initial meeting  
 37 of the oversight body shall be held not later than July 1, 2022.
- 38 (7) Create and provide staff support to a statewide youth, family,  
 39 and caregiver engagement initiative to carry out the following  
 40 duties:
- 41 (A) Provide staff support and funding for commission  
 42 activities provided by a:



- 1 (i) youth member of the commission appointed under  
 2 section 4 of this chapter; or  
 3 (ii) youth, family, or caregiver member of a commission  
 4 committee, task force, or subcommittee who has been  
 5 appointed as a community member.
- 6 (B) Develop a statewide plan to support, encourage, and  
 7 expand the engagement of youth, families, and caregivers in  
 8 state policymaking impacting youth and children.
- 9 (C) Provide and support educational:  
 10 (i) opportunities;  
 11 (ii) convenings; and  
 12 (iii) experiences;  
 13 that facilitate increased youth, family, and caregiver  
 14 participation.
- 15 (D) Support the efforts of other state agencies and community  
 16 organizations that seek to support, encourage, and expand the  
 17 engagement of youth, families, and caregivers in policy  
 18 decisions impacting youth and children.
- 19 (E) Solicit direct feedback from youth, families, and caregivers  
 20 to inform commission recommendations concerning:  
 21 (i) points of complexity and inefficiency in child serving  
 22 systems;  
 23 (ii) duplication of services and potential points of  
 24 consolidation; and  
 25 (iii) improving time to permanency and reducing the trauma  
 26 of systems involvement.
- 27 (8) Submit a report not later than September 1 of each year  
 28 regarding the commission's work during the previous year. The  
 29 report shall be submitted to the legislative council, the governor,  
 30 and the chief justice of Indiana. The report to the legislative  
 31 council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
- 32 **(9) Perform the duties of the commission set forth in**  
 33 **IC 31-26-4.**
- 34 SECTION 3. IC 2-5-53.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 35 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 UPON PASSAGE]:
- 37 **Chapter 53.5. Agricultural Promotion and Regulation Task**  
 38 **Force**
- 39 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**  
 40 **agricultural promotion and regulation task force established by**  
 41 **section 2 of this chapter.**
- 42 **Sec. 2. The agricultural promotion and regulation task force is**



1 established as a temporary task force which serves the general  
2 assembly. The task force shall operate under IC 2-5-1.2.

3 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following sixteen (16)**  
4 **voting members and two (2) nonvoting members:**

5 (1) Two (2) voting members of the senate appointed by the  
6 president pro tempore of the senate. However, one (1)  
7 member must include the chairperson of the senate  
8 agriculture committee.

9 (2) One (1) voting member of the senate appointed by the  
10 minority leader of the senate.

11 (3) Two (2) voting members of the house appointed by the  
12 speaker of the house of representatives. However, one (1)  
13 member must include the chairperson of the house agriculture  
14 and rural affairs committee.

15 (4) One (1) voting member of the house of representatives  
16 appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
17 representatives.

18 (5) The dean of the Purdue University School of Agriculture  
19 or the dean's designee, who is a voting member.

20 (6) The dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Purdue  
21 University or the dean's designee, who is a voting member.

22 (7) Eight (8) voting members appointed by the governor as  
23 follows:

24 (A) One (1) member representing the Indiana Farm  
25 Bureau, Inc.

26 (B) One (1) member representing the Agribusiness Council  
27 of Indiana.

28 (C) One (1) member engaged in poultry production.

29 (D) One (1) member engaged in dairying.

30 (E) One (1) member engaged in swine production.

31 (F) One (1) member engaged in beef-type cattle  
32 production.

33 (G) One (1) member engaged in corn production.

34 (H) One (1) member engaged in soybean production.

35 (8) The director of the Indiana state department of  
36 agriculture who serves ex officio and is a nonvoting member.

37 (9) The governor's senior policy adviser, or the adviser's  
38 designee, who is a nonvoting member.

39 (b) The members appointed under subsection (a) serve at the  
40 pleasure of the appointing authority.

41 **Sec. 4. The legislative council shall appoint either the**  
42 **chairperson of the senate agriculture committee or the chairperson**



1 of the house agriculture and rural affairs committee as the  
2 chairperson of the task force for the duration of the task force.

3 **Sec. 5.** A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the  
4 appointing authority.

5 **Sec. 6.** Nine (9) voting members of the task force constitute a  
6 quorum.

7 **Sec. 7.** The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members  
8 appointed to the task force is required for the task force to take  
9 action on any measure, including final reports.

10 **Sec. 8.** The task force shall meet at least four (4) times. A  
11 meeting of the task force shall be called by the chairperson.

12 **Sec. 9. (a)** The task force shall study the following:

13 (1) Whether changing the Indiana state department of  
14 agriculture into a regulatory agency compromises the  
15 department's advocacy role for the agriculture industry.

16 (2) Whether changes are needed:

17 (A) to the Indiana state department of agriculture; or

18 (B) to any other state entity that:

19 (i) promotes;

20 (ii) regulates; or

21 (iii) provides advice concerning;

22 agriculture in Indiana;

23 to improve the state's future promotional and regulatory  
24 functions in the agricultural industry.

25 (3) Current and future challenges and opportunities in the  
26 agricultural industry.

27 (4) The interrelationship of all agricultural state entities,  
28 including any informational or regulatory gaps or overlaps  
29 between the state entities.

30 (b) If the task force determines that the transfer of  
31 administration and functions of a state entity from Purdue  
32 University is appropriate, the task force shall study the following:

33 (1) Whether employment issues will arise from transferring  
34 administration, employees, or functions of a state entity  
35 described in this subsection from Purdue University to  
36 another state entity.

37 (2) Whether issues will arise from the transfer of any:

38 (A) property;

39 (B) records;

40 (C) funds; or

41 (D) accounts;

42 from Purdue University to another state entity.



1           (3) The feasibility of transferring administration and  
2           functions of the state entities described in this subsection from  
3           Purdue University to another state entity.

4           **Sec. 10. The task force shall request information and testimony**  
5           **from:**

6           (1) agricultural associations, organizations, and businesses;  
7           and

8           (2) heads or designees of state entities that:

9           (A) promote;

10          (B) regulate; or

11          (C) provide advice concerning;  
12          agriculture in Indiana.

13          **Sec. 11. The task force shall:**

14          (1) develop recommendations in a report concerning the  
15          issues set forth in section 9 of this chapter; and

16          (2) submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic  
17          format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2026.

18          **Sec. 12. The legislative services agency shall staff the task force.**

19          **Sec. 13. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state**  
20          **employee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and**  
21          **travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and**  
22          **lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established**  
23          **by the legislative council.**

24          (b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is  
25          entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
26          IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
27          with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
28          procedures established by the Indiana department of  
29          administration and approved by the budget agency.

30          (c) Each member of the task force who is a member of the  
31          general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,  
32          and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly  
33          serving on interim study committees established by the legislative  
34          council.

35          (d) Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this  
36          chapter shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative  
37          council or the legislative services agency.

38          **Sec. 14. The task force's expenses shall be paid from**  
39          **appropriations to the legislative council or the legislative services**  
40          **agency.**

41          **Sec. 15. This chapter expires June 30, 2027.**

42          SECTION 4. IC 4-1-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2008,



1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 2 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. It is the intent of this chapter that state offices  
 3 be open and able to conduct public business at all times during an eight  
 4 and one-half (8 1/2) hour working day. Each employee shall work for  
 5 a full seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours each working day and provision  
 6 for a one (1) hour lunch period shall be provided each employee. Lunch  
 7 hours of employees shall be staggered to permit the conduct of business  
 8 at all times during a working day. Breaks shall be provided as set forth  
 9 in IC 5-10-6-2. It shall be lawful for state offices to close their doors for  
 10 business from the close of the working day each Friday or in the event  
 11 Friday is a legal holiday, then from the close of the working day on the  
 12 Thursday which immediately precedes such legal holiday, until the  
 13 commencement of the working day on the next following Monday, or  
 14 in the event Monday is a legal holiday, then until the commencement  
 15 of the working day on the Tuesday which immediately follows such  
 16 legal holiday; provided, however, that the state library may be kept  
 17 open until noon Saturdays in the discretion of the Indiana library and  
 18 historical board.

19 SECTION 5. IC 4-4-16-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 20 2027]. Sec. 2: (a) ~~The Indiana main street council is established. The~~  
 21 ~~council consists of:~~

22 ~~(1) the secretary of agriculture and rural development or a person~~  
 23 ~~designated by the secretary; who shall serve as chairman; and~~

24 ~~(2) at least seven (7) but not more than ten (10) persons appointed~~  
 25 ~~by the secretary; who represent organizations concerned with the~~  
 26 ~~purposes of the program established by this chapter and who~~  
 27 ~~represent all geographic regions of the state.~~

28 ~~(b) Members appointed to the council by the secretary shall serve~~  
 29 ~~for a term of three (3) years, beginning on July 1 after their~~  
 30 ~~appointment. However, a member appointed to fill a vacancy on the~~  
 31 ~~council shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

32 ~~(c) The council shall:~~

33 ~~(1) develop and direct policy;~~

34 ~~(2) coordinate administrative techniques; and~~

35 ~~(3) provide assistance;~~

36 ~~to carry out the purposes of the Indiana main street program.~~

37 ~~(d) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is~~  
 38 ~~entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).~~  
 39 ~~Each member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and~~  
 40 ~~other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's~~  
 41 ~~duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures~~  
 42 ~~established by the department of administration and approved by the~~



1 state budget agency.

2 SECTION 6. IC 4-4-16-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.83-2005,  
3 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. **(a)** To carry out the purposes described in  
5 section 1 of this chapter, the office of rural affairs ~~acting for and on~~  
6 ~~behalf of the Indiana main street council and the Indiana main street~~  
7 ~~program~~, may:

- 8 (1) execute contractual agreements;  
9 (2) receive money from any source;  
10 (3) expend money for an activity appropriate to the purposes of  
11 this chapter; and  
12 (4) execute agreements and cooperate with:  
13 (A) any other state or federal department or agency;  
14 (B) Indiana political subdivisions; or  
15 (C) any private person or corporation.

16 **(b) The office of rural affairs shall:**

- 17 **(1) develop and direct policy;**  
18 **(2) coordinate administrative techniques; and**  
19 **(3) provide assistance;**

20 **to carry out the purposes of the Indiana main street program.**

21 SECTION 7. IC 4-13.6-1-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. "Professional  
23 services" mean the services of:

- 24 (1) a person registered or certified under ~~IC 25-4~~; **IC 25-4-1 or**  
25 **IC 25-4-2;**  
26 (2) a person licensed under ~~IC 25-3+~~; **IC 25-4-3;** or  
27 (3) a person who performs services or studies that:  
28 (A) relate to the design or the feasibility of a building,  
29 structure, or improvement; and  
30 (B) are recognized in the industry as professional in nature.

31 SECTION 8. IC 4-15-12-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
32 2027]. Sec. 8. ~~(a) There is created the affirmative action advisory~~  
33 ~~committee to assist in the effective implementation of the affirmative~~  
34 ~~action policy. The committee is composed of eight (8) members. The~~  
35 ~~governor shall appoint the members of the committee with the advice~~  
36 ~~of the affirmative action officer. The members serve at the pleasure of~~  
37 ~~the governor.~~

38 ~~(b) A member of the committee is entitled to reimbursement for~~  
39 ~~traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection~~  
40 ~~with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and~~  
41 ~~procedures established by the department of administration and~~  
42 ~~approved by the budget agency. A member who is not an officer or~~



1 employee of the state is entitled to the minimum salary per diem as  
2 provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) while performing the member's duties:

3 (c) The committee shall select from its membership a chairperson  
4 and vice chairperson to serve for one (1) year from the date of  
5 selection. They may be reelected at the pleasure of the committee. In  
6 any instance where the chairperson or vice chairperson does not serve  
7 the chairperson's or vice chairperson's full term, the committee shall  
8 select another to serve in the chairperson's or vice chairperson's own  
9 right a full term.

10 (d) The affirmative action advisory committee shall:

11 (1) provide liaison activities with the affirmative action officer  
12 with respect to problems and suggestions concerning the  
13 affirmative action policy;

14 (2) advise the affirmative action officer and the governor of  
15 recommended changes in the implementation of the affirmative  
16 action policy and improved guidelines for state agency programs;  
17 and

18 (3) advise the governor and the affirmative action officer  
19 concerning the effectiveness and status of the total  
20 implementation of the affirmative action policy.

21 (e) The affirmative action advisory committee may review the  
22 affirmative action programs of state agencies for effectiveness and  
23 improvements:

24 SECTION 9. IC 4-22-2-0.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2011,  
25 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 0.3. (a) The adoption of any rule by a state agency  
27 without the approval of the fire prevention and building safety  
28 commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 (before its repeal)  
29 before July 1, 1987, is legalized and validated.

30 (b) The adoption of any rule by the fire prevention and building  
31 safety commission before July 1, 2027, is legalized and validated  
32 and considered a rule of the department of homeland security after  
33 June 30, 2027.

34 SECTION 10. IC 4-22-2.6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
35 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) To readopt a rule, an agency must conduct  
37 a review of the rule to consider the continued need for the rule and  
38 whether the rule, if readopted, will meet each of the standards in  
39 IC 4-22-2-19.5 and (if applicable) the requirements for fees, fines, and  
40 civil penalties in IC 4-22-2-19.6.

41 (b) In the review, the agency shall reexamine previous cost benefit,  
42 economic impact, fiscal impact, and regulatory burden statements



1 prepared by the agency for the rule under IC 4-3-22-13, IC 4-22-2-22.7,  
 2 IC 4-22-2-22.8, IC 4-22-2-28, IC 4-22-2.1-5, or an executive order and  
 3 revise the statements to reflect any change in circumstances that affect  
 4 the analysis. The agency shall identify any alternative methods of  
 5 achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive,  
 6 or that would otherwise minimize the economic impact of the proposed  
 7 rule on small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4) and other  
 8 regulated entities. The agency also shall consider the following:

9 (1) The nature of any complaints or comments received from the  
 10 public, including small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4),  
 11 concerning the rule or the rule's implementation by the agency.

12 (2) The complexity of the rule, including any difficulties  
 13 encountered by:

14 (A) the agency in administering the rule; or

15 (B) small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4) or other  
 16 regulated persons in complying with the rule.

17 (3) The degree to which technology, economic conditions, or  
 18 other factors have changed in the area affected by the rule since  
 19 the last time the rule was reviewed.

20 **(c) In the review, the agency shall compare the requirements**  
 21 **within the rule to similar requirements in Illinois, Kentucky,**  
 22 **Michigan, Ohio, and any additional states designated by the office**  
 23 **of management and budget for comparison.**

24 **(e) (d) The agency shall prepare written findings concerning the**  
 25 **agency's determinations under this section. The written findings shall**  
 26 **include the following:**

27 **(1) A statement identifying whether the program or subject**  
 28 **matter covered by the rule is still carried out by the agency.**

29 **(2) The rationale for the agency's determination under**  
 30 **subsection (a) for the continued need for the rule.**

31 **(3) The rationale for the agency's determination under**  
 32 **subsection (a) that the rule, if readopted, will meet each of the**  
 33 **standards in IC 4-22-2-19.5 and (if applicable) the**  
 34 **requirements for fees, fines, and civil penalties in**  
 35 **IC 4-22-2-19.6.**

36 **(4) Either of the following:**

37 **(A) Any revisions to previously prepared cost benefit,**  
 38 **economic impact, fiscal impact, or regulatory burden**  
 39 **statements prepared by the agency for the rule under:**

40 **(i) IC 4-3-22-13;**

41 **(ii) IC 4-22-2-22.7;**

42 **(iii) IC 4-22-2-22.8;**



- 1 (iv) IC 4-22-2-28; or  
 2 (v) IC 4-22-2.1-5;  
 3 if those previously prepared statements were published by  
 4 the Indiana Register.  
 5 (B) If the rule did not have a prior cost benefit, economic  
 6 impact, fiscal impact, or regulatory burden statement  
 7 prepared by the agency for the rule under:  
 8 (i) IC 4-3-22-13;  
 9 (ii) IC 4-22-2-22.7;  
 10 (iii) IC 4-22-2-22.8;  
 11 (iv) IC 4-22-2-28; or  
 12 (v) IC 4-22-2.1-5;  
 13 published in the Indiana Register, a copy of an updated  
 14 regulatory burden statement that meets the requirements  
 15 of IC 4-22-2-22.7.  
 16 (5) Any alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the  
 17 rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would  
 18 otherwise minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule  
 19 on small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4) and other  
 20 regulated entities.  
 21 (6) The nature of any complaints or comments received from  
 22 the public, including small businesses (as defined in  
 23 IC 4-22-2.1-4), concerning the rule or the rule's  
 24 implementation by the agency.  
 25 (7) Any difficulties encountered by:  
 26 (A) the agency in administering the rule; or  
 27 (B) small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4) or other  
 28 regulated persons in complying with the rule.  
 29 (8) The degree to which technology, economic conditions, or  
 30 other factors have changed in the area affected by the rule  
 31 since the last time the rule was adopted, readopted, or  
 32 amended.  
 33 (9) Whether the federal government or any of the states  
 34 covered by subsection (c) have less restrictive requirements  
 35 than the rule, and, if so, the evidence or unique circumstances  
 36 that justify why the more restrictive requirements in the rule  
 37 are necessary.  
 38 (10) The last time the substantive content of the rule was  
 39 amended.  
 40 (11) Whether the substantive content in the rule would be  
 41 more appropriately integrated into the Indiana Code as  
 42 opposed to remaining as a separate administrative rule. In



1           **making such a determination, the agency shall consider the**  
 2           **frequency of updates to the rule since its initial promulgation.**  
 3           **If the substantive content of the rule has not been modified in**  
 4           **the prior eight (8) years, the agency must present specific**  
 5           **facts that justify keeping the substantive content in an**  
 6           **administrative rule rather than the Indiana Code.**

7           **(e) The written findings in subsection (d) must be submitted in**  
 8           **a form that can be easily loaded into commonly used business**  
 9           **analysis software and published in the Indiana Register using the**  
 10           **format jointly developed by the publisher, the office of**  
 11           **management and budget, and the budget agency. The office of**  
 12           **management and budget may provide more stringent requirements**  
 13           **for rules with fiscal impacts and costs above a threshold amount**  
 14           **determined by the office of management and budget.**

15           SECTION 11. IC 4-22-2.6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 16           SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17           JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. **(a) If an agency elects to readopt a rule**  
 18           **under this chapter, the agency shall submit a copy of the written**  
 19           **findings under section 4 of this chapter to the office of management**  
 20           **and budget and the legislative council not later than the first**  
 21           **regular business day in July of the year preceding the year in**  
 22           **which the rule expires under this chapter.**

23           **(a) (b) If an agency elects to readopt a rule under this chapter, the**  
 24           **agency shall submit a notice of proposed readoption to the publisher**  
 25           **not later than the first regular business day in September of the year**  
 26           **preceding the year in which the rule expires under this chapter for**  
 27           **publication in the Indiana Register. A separate notice must be**  
 28           **published for each board or other person or entity with rulemaking**  
 29           **authority.**

30           **(b) (c) The notice must include the following:**

- 31           (1) A general description of the subject matter of all rules  
 32           proposed to be readopted.  
 33           (2) A listing of rules that are proposed to be readopted, listed by  
 34           their titles and subtitles only.  
 35           (3) A written public comment period of thirty (30) days and  
 36           instructions on how to submit written comments to the agency.  
 37           (4) A request for comments on whether specific rules should be  
 38           reviewed through the regular rulemaking process under  
 39           IC 4-22-2-23 through IC 4-22-2-36 (as modified by IC 13-14-9,  
 40           when applicable).  
 41           (5) ~~A summary~~ of The agency's **written** findings under section 4  
 42           of this chapter.



1 (6) Any other information required by the publisher.

2 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** The agency shall submit the material in the form required by  
3 IC 4-22-2-20. The agency need not resubmit the documents required by  
4 IC 4-22-2-21 if the publisher received a copy of the documents when  
5 the rule was previously adopted or amended. The publisher shall  
6 review the material submitted under this section and determine the date  
7 that the publisher intends to include the material in the Indiana  
8 Register. After:

9 (1) establishing the intended publication date; and

10 (2) receiving the material as required by this section;

11 the publisher shall provide an electronic mail authorization to proceed  
12 to the agency and publish the material on the intended publication date.

13 SECTION 12. IC 4-23-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
14 2027]. (Commission on Forensic Sciences).

15 SECTION 13. IC 4-23-6.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
16 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The board consists of ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)**  
18 members. The board must include the following:

19 (1) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the  
20 commissioner's designee.

21 ~~(2) The chairman of the commission on forensic sciences or the~~  
22 ~~chairman's designee.~~

23 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** The superintendent of the state police department or the  
24 superintendent's designee.

25 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** Four (4) county coroners appointed by the governor, who  
26 shall consider appointing coroners who are women or members  
27 of minority groups.

28 (b) Not more than two (2) of the county coroner members of the  
29 board may be from the same political party.

30 SECTION 14. IC 4-23-6.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
31 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) The commissioner of the Indiana  
33 department of health or the commissioner's designee shall serve as  
34 ~~chairman~~ **chairperson** of the board.

35 (b) The board shall annually elect a vice ~~chairman~~ **chairperson**  
36 from among the members of the board.

37 **(c) The chairperson may only vote to break a tie.**

38 SECTION 15. IC 4-23-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2012,  
39 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The management and control of the Indiana  
41 library and historical department is hereby vested in a board which  
42 shall be known as the Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board, and which



1 shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the  
2 governor.

3 (b) All members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years. A  
4 person may not be appointed as a member of the Indiana library ~~and~~  
5 ~~historical~~ board unless the person is a citizen of high standing and  
6 probity and has a known and active interest in library or historical  
7 work. The members of the board shall be appointed as follows:

8 (1) One (1) member of the library ~~and historical~~ board shall be  
9 appointed on recommendation of the state board of education.

10 (2) One (1) member must be appointed on the recommendation of  
11 the Indiana Library Federation.

12 (3) At least one (1) member shall be appointed on  
13 recommendation of the Indiana historical society.

14 (4) At least one (1) member must be a public library trustee  
15 appointed on the recommendation of the Indiana Library Trustee  
16 Association.

17 (c) The members of the board shall serve without compensation, but  
18 shall be entitled to receive their actual expenses necessarily incurred  
19 in attending the meetings and transacting the business of the board, and  
20 in participating in such other activities as may be in the interest of the  
21 department.

22 (d) Any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the board  
23 for any cause shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the  
24 unexpired term.

25 (e) The board may prepare plans subject to the approval of the  
26 governor and advise with the proper officials in the construction of  
27 alterations and additions to the building and provide necessary  
28 equipment and furnishings within the appropriations of funds for these  
29 purposes.

30 (f) The board may receive and administer any state or federal aid  
31 which may become available for the improvement and development of  
32 library and historical services in Indiana.

33 SECTION 16. IC 4-23-7-2.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2018,  
34 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
35 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2.1. (a) The Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board  
36 shall elect one (1) of its members as president, another as secretary,  
37 and such other officers as it determines, each of whom shall hold office  
38 for a term of one (1) year.

39 (b) The board may designate the director of the state library as the  
40 executive secretary of the board with duties as prescribed by the board.

41 SECTION 17. IC 4-23-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2018,  
42 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the  
 2 Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board shall formulate policies for the  
 3 care, management, and expansion of the Indiana library and historical  
 4 department so that the department is operated according to the most  
 5 approved standards of library and historical service.

6 SECTION 18. IC 4-23-7-5.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5.2. The Indiana library  
 8 ~~and historical~~ board may accept gifts, bequests, and devises of personal  
 9 and real property for the maintenance, use, or benefit of the Indiana  
 10 library and historical department under such terms and conditions and  
 11 with such obligations, liabilities, and burdens as in the judgment of the  
 12 board and the governor is in the best interest of the Indiana library and  
 13 historical department; however, no obligation, liability, or burden shall  
 14 be assumed that is in excess of appropriations made by law for the  
 15 payment of such obligations, liabilities, and burdens.

16 SECTION 19. IC 4-23-7-5.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009,  
 17 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5.3. (a) The Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board  
 19 may, on the recommendation of the director of the state library, sell,  
 20 lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of library materials under:

- 21 (1) IC 5-22-21; or  
 22 (2) IC 5-22-22.

23 (b) The Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board may, on the  
 24 recommendation of the director of the state library and in accordance  
 25 with policies and procedures adopted by the board, sell, donate, or  
 26 exchange library materials to or with other public or nonprofit libraries  
 27 or historical societies.

28 (c) The Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board may, on the  
 29 recommendation of the director of the state library, adopt policies and  
 30 procedures for evaluating a proposal to:

- 31 (1) accept gifts of;  
 32 (2) sell;  
 33 (3) exchange; or  
 34 (4) otherwise dispose of;

35 library materials described in IC 4-23-7.1-3.

36 SECTION 20. IC 4-23-7-5.4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5.4. (a) The library and  
 38 historical department fund is established as a dedicated fund to be  
 39 administered by the Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board. The monies  
 40 in the fund may be expended by the board exclusively for the  
 41 maintenance, use, or benefit of the Indiana library and historical  
 42 department.



1 (b) The proceeds from the sale of items as directed by law or by the  
 2 Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board, from gifts of money or the  
 3 proceeds from the sale of gifts donated to the fund, and from  
 4 investment earnings from any portion of the fund, shall be deposited in  
 5 the fund.

6 (c) All monies accruing in the fund are hereby appropriated  
 7 continuously for the purposes specified in this section.

8 (d) No portion of the fund shall revert to the general fund of the  
 9 state at the end of a fiscal year; however, if the fund is abolished, its  
 10 contents shall revert to the general fund of the state.

11 SECTION 21. IC 4-23-7.1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2018,  
 12 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

14 (1) "Agency" means any state administration, agency, authority,  
 15 board, bureau, commission, committee, council, department,  
 16 division, institution, office, service, or other similar body of state  
 17 government.

18 (2) "Board" means the Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board  
 19 established by IC 4-23-7-2.

20 (3) "Department" means the Indiana library and historical  
 21 department established by IC 4-23-7-1.

22 (4) "Director" means director of the Indiana state library.

23 (5) "Historical bureau" means the Indiana historical bureau  
 24 established by IC 4-23-7.2-2.

25 (6) "Public library" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-12-1-5.

26 (7) "State library" means the Indiana state library established by  
 27 IC 4-23-7-3.

28 (8) "Statewide library card program" refers to the program  
 29 established by section 5.1 of this chapter.

30 SECTION 22. IC 4-23-7.1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. The state library  
 32 shall initiate or participate in plans or programs for historical or library  
 33 development in Indiana that are considered appropriate by the Indiana  
 34 library ~~and historical~~ board.

35 SECTION 23. IC 4-23-7.1-23 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 23. The enumeration  
 37 of the specific powers and duties in this chapter does not exclude the  
 38 state library from engaging in any other activity, not contrary to law,  
 39 that the Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board may consider appropriate  
 40 in the development of library service to state government, to the  
 41 libraries and library profession of Indiana, and to the citizens of the  
 42 state.



1 SECTION 24. IC 4-23-7.1-32, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2012,  
 2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 32. Any book or other library material, unless  
 4 restricted because of its value, physical condition, historical  
 5 importance, demand, requirement for research, or legal or contractual  
 6 restriction, belonging to or in custody of the state library may be  
 7 borrowed for use outside of the library by any resident of the state or  
 8 any library in accordance with policies adopted by the Indiana library  
 9 and historical board.

10 SECTION 25. IC 4-23-7.1-39.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 11 1, 2027]. Sec. 39.1: (a) The state library advisory council is established  
 12 for the purpose of advising the board and the state librarian concerning:

- 13 (1) general policies of the state library;
- 14 (2) plans or programs for library development and interlibrary  
 15 cooperation;
- 16 (3) library research;
- 17 (4) professional development for librarians;
- 18 (5) standards and rules for library services;
- 19 (6) administration and distribution of state and federal funds; and
- 20 (7) other matters as requested by the board and the state librarian.

21 (b) The advisory council consists of not more than fifteen (15)  
 22 members:

23 (c) The board shall appoint the members of the advisory council;  
 24 with nominations for appointment from library organizations and the  
 25 state librarian:

26 (d) Members of the advisory council shall serve two (2) year terms.  
 27 However, the board shall stagger the terms of the initial appointees.

28 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (d); if a member misses a majority  
 29 of the advisory council's meetings in a calendar year, the board may  
 30 remove the member and appoint a new member to serve the remainder  
 31 of the term of the member removed under this subsection:

32 (f) A member of the advisory council is not entitled to  
 33 compensation, per diem, or reimbursement for expenses:

34 (g) A quorum of the members must be present for the advisory  
 35 council to take any official action. A quorum of the advisory council  
 36 consists of a majority of the members appointed to the advisory  
 37 council. An affirmative vote by a majority of the members present is  
 38 needed for the advisory council to make a recommendation or take any  
 39 official action:

40 SECTION 26. IC 4-23-7.2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2018,  
 41 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 42 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this



- 1 chapter:
- 2 (1) "Agency" means any state administration, agency, authority,
- 3 board, bureau, commission, committee, council, department,
- 4 division, institution, office, service, or other similar body of state
- 5 government.
- 6 (2) "Board" means the Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board
- 7 established by IC 4-23-7-2.
- 8 (3) "Department" means the Indiana library and historical
- 9 department established by IC 4-23-7-1.
- 10 (4) "Deputy director" means the deputy director of the Indiana
- 11 historical bureau.
- 12 (5) "Director" means director of the library.
- 13 (6) "Historical bureau" means the Indiana historical bureau
- 14 established by section 2 of this chapter.
- 15 (7) "Library" means the Indiana state library established by
- 16 IC 4-23-7-3.
- 17 SECTION 27. IC 4-23-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 18 2027]. (Indiana Commission for Arts and Humanities in Education).
- 19 SECTION 28. IC 4-23-24.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 20 2027]. (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission).
- 21 SECTION 29. IC 4-23-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 22 2027]. (Indiana Commission for Women).
- 23 SECTION 30. IC 4-23-26 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JUNE 1,
- 24 2027]. (Advisory Committee for Children With Special Health Needs).
- 25 SECTION 31. IC 4-23-27 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 26 2027]. (Children's Health Policy Board).
- 27 SECTION 32. IC 4-23-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 28 2027]. (Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs).
- 29 SECTION 33. IC 4-23-31 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 30 2027]. (Commission on the Social Status of Black Males).
- 31 SECTION 34. IC 4-23-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 32 2027]. (Native American Indian Affairs Commission).
- 33 SECTION 35. IC 4-23-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 34 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 35 JULY 1, 2027]:
- 36 **Chapter 36. Indiana Cultural Commission**
- 37 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
- 38 **Indiana cultural commission established by section 3 of this**
- 39 **chapter.**
- 40 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "Native American Indian" means**
- 41 **an individual who is at least one (1) of the following:**
- 42 (1) An Alaska native as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1602(b).



1           (2) An Indian as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(d).

2           (3) A native Hawaiian as defined in 20 U.S.C. 7517(1).

3           **Sec. 3. The Indiana cultural commission is established.**

4           **Sec. 4. (a) The commission consists of fifteen (15) members**  
5 **appointed as follows:**

6           (1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives  
7 appointed as follows:

8           (A) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house  
9 of representatives.

10          (B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of  
11 the house of representatives.

12          (2) Two (2) members of the senate appointed as follows:

13          (A) One (1) member appointed by the president pro  
14 tempore of the senate.

15          (B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of  
16 the senate.

17          (3) One (1) individual who is not a member of the general  
18 assembly appointed by the speaker of the house of  
19 representatives.

20          (4) One (1) individual who is not a member of the general  
21 assembly appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
22 senate.

23          (5) The secretary of the family and social services  
24 administration, or the secretary's designee.

25          (6) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health, or  
26 the commissioner's designee.

27          (7) The secretary of education, or the secretary's designee.

28          (8) The commissioner of the department of correction, or the  
29 commissioner's designee.

30          (9) The director of the civil rights commission, or the  
31 director's designee.

32          (10) Four (4) individuals appointed by the governor in  
33 accordance with subsection (b).

34          (b) The following apply to members of the commission  
35 appointed by the governor under subsection (a)(10):

36          (1) The appointed individuals may not be members of the  
37 general assembly or state employees.

38          (2) The appointed individuals must represent the following:

39           (A) The Black community.

40           (B) The Hispanic/Latino community.

41           (C) Women.

42           (D) The Native American Indians.



1 (c) If a legislative member of the commission ceases to be a  
2 member of the legislative chamber from which the member was  
3 appointed, the member ceases to be a member of the commission.

4 (d) A member of the commission:

5 (1) serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing  
6 authority; and

7 (2) may be removed at any time by the appointing authority.

8 (e) If a vacancy on the commission occurs, the appointing  
9 authority who appointed the former member whose position has  
10 become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. An  
11 individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves on the commission for  
12 the remainder of the unexpired term of the individual's  
13 predecessor.

14 Sec. 5. (a) A member of the commission may be reappointed for  
15 successive terms.

16 (b) The following members serve a two (2) year term that  
17 expires June 30 of an odd-numbered year:

18 (1) A member of the general assembly appointed to the  
19 commission under section 4 of this chapter.

20 (2) A member appointed to the commission under section  
21 4(a)(3) or 4(a)(4) of this chapter.

22 (c) A member appointed to the commission under section  
23 4(a)(10) of this chapter serves a term that expires December 31,  
24 2028, and each fourth year thereafter.

25 Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall meet:

26 (1) at the call of the chairperson as necessary to fulfill its  
27 duties under this chapter; and

28 (2) at least once quarterly in each calendar year.

29 (b) The chairperson shall designate the following subcommittees  
30 to meet at least two (2) times each year:

31 (A) Black Hoosier affairs.

32 (B) The Hispanic/Latino affairs.

33 (C) Hoosier women concerns.

34 (D) The Native American Indian affairs.

35 Each subcommittee shall submit an annual report on its activities  
36 to the full commission.

37 (c) A subcommittee designated under this section is comprised  
38 of at least three (3) members of the commission appointed by the  
39 chairperson who represent the community that is the concern of  
40 the subcommittee.

41 Sec. 7. (a) At the first official meeting of the commission each  
42 year, the members shall elect:



1 (1) a member to serve as the chairperson of the commission;  
2 and

3 (2) a member to serve as the vice chairperson of the  
4 commission.

5 (b) A member elected to serve as chairperson or vice  
6 chairperson of the commission shall serve for a term of one (1)  
7 year. The term of office expires at the first commission meeting  
8 held in the following year.

9 (c) A vacancy in the office of chairperson or vice chairperson  
10 must be filled by a member of the commission selected by vote of  
11 the remaining members of the commission.

12 Sec. 8. Eight (8) members of the commission constitute a  
13 quorum for conducting commission business. The affirmative vote  
14 of at least eight (8) members is required for the commission to take  
15 official action on any measure. A member of the commission may  
16 participate in a meeting by electronic means in accordance with  
17 IC 5-14-1.5-3.6 as long as at least five (5) members of the  
18 commission are physically present at the meeting.

19 Sec. 9. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state  
20 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
21 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement  
22 for mileage and traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4,  
23 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the  
24 member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures  
25 established by the Indiana department of administration and  
26 approved by the budget agency.

27 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is  
28 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
29 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
30 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
31 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
32 administration and approved by the budget agency.

33 (c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the  
34 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,  
35 and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly  
36 serving on interim study committees established by the legislative  
37 council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this  
38 subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the  
39 legislative council or the legislative services agency.

40 (d) Expenses paid under subsections (a) and (b) shall be paid  
41 from appropriations made to the civil rights commission.

42 Sec. 10. The commission shall do the following:



- 1 (1) Identify, study, and research issues affecting  
 2 underrepresented and minority groups, including the groups  
 3 described in section 6(b) of this chapter, in the following  
 4 areas:
- 5 (A) Health care.
  - 6 (B) Economic and business development.
  - 7 (C) Employment.
  - 8 (D) Education.
  - 9 (E) Social and family development.
  - 10 (F) Housing.
  - 11 (G) Civil rights.
  - 12 (H) The justice system.
  - 13 (I) Any other aspect of society identified by the  
 14 commission.
- 15 (2) Promote cooperation and understanding between  
 16 communities throughout Indiana.
- 17 (3) Assess the needs of underrepresented and minority groups  
 18 and identify recommendations to resolve those needs.
- 19 (4) Promote full participation of underrepresented and  
 20 minority groups in all aspects of society.
- 21 (5) Identify legal and social barriers to underrepresented and  
 22 minority groups.
- 23 (6) Identify measures that could facilitate easier access to  
 24 state and local government services by underrepresented and  
 25 minority groups.
- 26 (7) Make recommendations to appropriate governmental  
 27 agencies regarding issues of preservation and excavation of  
 28 Native American Indian historical and archeological sites,  
 29 including the reburial of remains of Native American Indians,  
 30 that are consistent with IC 14-21-1-25.5.
- 31 (8) Monitor legislation, policies, and other legal developments  
 32 in order to make recommendations to the general assembly  
 33 and the governor that support the commission's purposes.
- 34 (9) Gather, study, and disseminate information on  
 35 underrepresented and minority groups through publications,  
 36 public hearings, conferences, and other means.
- 37 (10) Before November 1 of each year, submit an annual report  
 38 on the commission's activities to:
- 39 (A) the governor; and
  - 40 (B) the legislative council in an electronic format under  
 41 IC 5-14-6.
- 42 **Sec. 11. The commission may study topics that are not described**



1 in section 10 of this chapter as assigned by the legislative council.

2 **Sec. 12. The commission may do the following:**

3 (1) Designate and appoint members to subcommittees in  
4 accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

5 (2) Transact business and enter into contracts that support  
6 the commission's purposes.

7 (3) Apply for, receive, and disburse gifts, contributions, and  
8 grants of funds or in-kind services.

9 (4) Adopt, rescind, and amend bylaws to regulate the conduct  
10 of the commission's business.

11 (5) Assign duties to the commission's officers under the  
12 commission's bylaws.

13 **Sec. 13. The commission may not study or make any  
14 recommendation on the following issues:**

15 (1) Negotiations between a Native American Indian tribe and  
16 the state or federal government concerning tribal sovereignty.

17 (2) Gaming on tribal land.

18 **Sec. 14. (a) The civil rights commission shall provide staff and  
19 administrative support for the commission.**

20 (b) Except as provided in section 9(c) of this chapter, expenses  
21 incurred under this chapter shall be paid from funds appropriated  
22 to the civil rights commission.

23 **Sec. 15. (a) The Indiana cultural commission special fund is  
24 established to provide money for special projects of the  
25 commission.**

26 (b) The treasurer of state shall administer the fund.

27 (c) Expenses of administering the fund must be paid from  
28 money in the fund.

29 (d) The fund consists of gifts, contributions, and money donated  
30 to the commission.

31 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not  
32 needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as  
33 other public funds may be invested.

34 (f) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the  
35 purposes described in subsection (a).

36 **Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section, "license plate revenue" refers  
37 to money attributable to license plate sales under IC 9-18.5 that  
38 was paid to the Native American Indian affairs commission (before  
39 its repeal) or to the commission under IC 9-18.5-22-4.**

40 (b) The commission and the civil rights commission shall assist  
41 members of the Native American Indian community in establishing  
42 a nonprofit corporation to:



1           **(1) advocate for the Native American Indians residing in**  
 2           **Indiana; and**  
 3           **(2) promote events, programming, and services for the benefit**  
 4           **of Native American Indians residing in Indiana.**  
 5           **(c) Not later than thirty (30) days after executive director of the**  
 6           **civil rights commission determines that the:**  
 7           **(1) nonprofit corporation described in subsection (b) has been**  
 8           **established; and**  
 9           **(2) officers of the corporation are in place and prepared to**  
 10           **fulfill their official duties;**  
 11           **the executive director shall inform the bureau of motor vehicles**  
 12           **that the nonprofit corporation has been established and is**  
 13           **prepared to receive revenue under IC 9-18.5-22-4 in the ensuing**  
 14           **calendar year.**  
 15           **(d) Before January 1 of the calendar year following the calendar**  
 16           **year in which a nonprofit corporation described in subsection (b)**  
 17           **is established under this section, the commission shall transfer any**  
 18           **remaining license plate revenue under its control to the treasurer**  
 19           **of the nonprofit corporation.**  
 20           SECTION 36. IC 4-31-11-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 21           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. A member of a  
 22           development committee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem  
 23           provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) ~~However, a member is entitled to or~~  
 24           reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually  
 25           incurred in connection with the member's duties. ~~as provided in the~~  
 26           ~~state travel policies and procedures established by the department of~~  
 27           ~~administration and approved by the budget agency.~~  
 28           SECTION 37. IC 5-1.5-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.259-2019,  
 29           SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30           JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) There is established a board of directors to  
 31           govern the bank. The powers of the bank are vested in this board.  
 32           (b) The board is composed of:  
 33           (1) the treasurer of state, who shall be the chairman ex officio, or  
 34           the treasurer of state's designee;  
 35           (2) the public finance director appointed under IC 5-1.2-3-6, who  
 36           shall be the director ex officio, or the public finance director's  
 37           designee; ~~and~~  
 38           (3) ~~five (5) directors~~ **one (1) director** appointed by the governor;  
 39           (4) ~~two (2) directors~~ **appointed by the president pro tempore**  
 40           **of the senate; and**  
 41           (5) ~~two (2) directors~~ **appointed by the speaker of the house of**  
 42           **representatives.**



1 (c) Each of the five (5) directors appointed ~~by the governor~~ **under**  
 2 **subsection (b)(3) through (b)(5):**

3 (1) must be a resident of Indiana;

4 (2) must have substantial expertise in the buying, selling, and  
 5 trading of municipal securities, in municipal administration or in  
 6 public facilities management;

7 (3) serves for a term of three (3) years and until the director's  
 8 successor is appointed and qualified;

9 (4) is eligible for reappointment;

10 (5) is entitled to receive the same minimum salary per diem as is  
 11 provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) while performing the director's  
 12 duties. Such a director is also entitled to the same reimbursement  
 13 for traveling expenses and other expenses, actually incurred in  
 14 connection with the director's duties as is provided in the state  
 15 travel policies and procedures, established by the department of  
 16 administration and approved by the budget agency; and

17 (6) may be removed ~~by the governor~~ **for cause by the**  
 18 **appropriate appointing authority.**

19 (d) Any vacancy on the board, other than by expiration of term, shall  
 20 be filled by ~~appointment of the governor~~ **the appropriate appointing**  
 21 **authority** for the unexpired term only.

22 SECTION 38. IC 5-2-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 23 2027]. (Law Enforcement Academy Building Commission).

24 SECTION 39. IC 5-13-9-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
 25 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "board" refers to  
 27 the Indiana local government investment pool board established by  
 28 subsection (c).

29 (b) As used in this section, "investment pool" refers to the local  
 30 government investment pool established by section 11(b) of this  
 31 chapter.

32 (c) The Indiana local government investment pool board is  
 33 established as a continuing board under the executive branch of state  
 34 government. The purpose of the board is to establish policies for the  
 35 investment of funds contributed to the investment pool.

36 (d) The board consists of the following seven (7) members:

37 (1) The treasurer of state, **or the treasurer of state's designee.**

38 (2) The director of the Indiana department of financial  
 39 institutions.

40 (3) Two (2) members with practical experience with financial  
 41 institutions, local government or public finance, or financial  
 42 investments domiciled in Indiana, appointed by the president pro



- 1           tempore of the senate.
- 2           (4) Two (2) members with practical experience with financial
- 3           institutions, local government or public finance, or financial
- 4           investments domiciled in Indiana, appointed by the speaker of the
- 5           house of representatives.
- 6           (5) One (1) member with practical experience with financial
- 7           institutions, local government or public finance, or financial
- 8           investments domiciled in Indiana, appointed by the governor.
- 9           (e) A member appointed under subsection (d)(3), (d)(4), or (d)(5)
- 10          serves a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed by the
- 11          appointing authority.
- 12          (f) A member appointed under subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2) who
- 13          ceases to hold the office or qualification described in that subsection
- 14          ceases to be a member of the board.
- 15          (g) ~~The governor shall designate one (1) of the members as~~
- 16          ~~chairperson. The members of the board shall elect a chairperson at~~
- 17          **the first meeting each year. The member elected chairperson serves**
- 18          **a one (1) year term as chairperson.** The chairperson has one (1) vote
- 19          on all matters voted on by the members.
- 20          (h) A member of the board who is appointed under subsection
- 21          (d)(3), (d)(4), or (d)(5) serves a term that ends June 30 of the
- 22          odd-numbered year four (4) years after appointment.
- 23          (i) The board shall meet at least four (4) times a year and at the call
- 24          of the chairperson.
- 25          (j) Five (5) members of the board constitute a quorum. The
- 26          affirmative votes of four (4) members are required to take any action.
- 27          (k) Each member of the board who is not a state employee is entitled
- 28          to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) for each
- 29          day that the member is engaged in the official business of the board.
- 30          The member is also entitled to reimbursement for mileage, traveling
- 31          expenses, and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the
- 32          member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures
- 33          established by the Indiana department of administration and approved
- 34          by the budget agency.
- 35          (l) The expenses of the board shall be paid from the investment
- 36          pool.
- 37          (m) The board shall establish policies regarding how the treasurer
- 38          of state shall administer and invest the funds in the investment pool.
- 39          The policies must provide the following:
- 40                (1) There is not a minimum time for which funds paid into the
- 41                investment pool must be retained by the investment pool.
- 42                (2) There is not a limit on the number of accounts that the state or



1 a unit of government participating in the investment pool may  
2 establish within the investment pool.

3 (3) The investment pool shall be audited at least annually by an  
4 independent auditing firm, with an electronic or paper copy of the  
5 audit provided to the state and each unit of government  
6 participating in the pool.

7 (4) Not less than fifty percent (50%) of funds available for  
8 investment shall be deposited in banks qualified to hold deposits  
9 of participating local government entities.

10 (n) The board may select and direct the treasurer of state to contract  
11 with accountants, attorneys, regulated investment advisors, money  
12 managers, and other finance and investment professionals to make  
13 investments and provide for the public accounting and legal  
14 compliance necessary to ensure and maintain the safety, liquidity, and  
15 yield of the investment pool.

16 SECTION 40. IC 5-16-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
17 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
18 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The department of homeland security shall  
19 provide a safe depository for all blueprints and specifications filed as  
20 provided in section 1 of this chapter and retain them for inspection and  
21 loan under the conditions and restrictions as the ~~fire prevention and  
22 building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** shall  
23 determine by rule. The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
24 **department of homeland security** may designate the librarian of the  
25 state of Indiana as the custodian of any blueprints and specifications  
26 filed with it, at any time, and it shall be the duty of the state librarian  
27 to safely preserve the same in the state archives as public documents.

28 SECTION 41. IC 5-16-13-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.70-2023,  
29 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section, "adequate welding  
31 standards" means specifications, guidelines, tests, and other methods  
32 used to ensure that all structural steel welds meet, at minimum, the  
33 codes and standards for such welds established in the welding code and  
34 under rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety  
35 commission under IC 22-13-2-2:~~ **department of homeland security**.

36 (b) As used in this section, "certified welding inspector" means a  
37 person who has been certified by the American Welding Society to  
38 inspect structural steel welding projects and conduct welder  
39 qualification tests.

40 (c) As used in this section, "structural steel welding" means  
41 structural welds, weld repair, the structural system, and the welding of  
42 all primary steel members of a structure in accordance with the welding



1 code. The term does not include welding that is required by the  
 2 American Society of Mechanical Engineers to have its own  
 3 certification.

4 (d) As used in this section, "welding code" refers to the American  
 5 Welding Society structural steel welding code D1.1, as in effect on July  
 6 1, 2023.

7 (e) A contractor whose workers are welding the structural steel on  
 8 a public works project shall ensure that all of the following occur:

9 (1) The workers performing the structural steel welding have been  
 10 tested by, and hold a valid certification from, a facility that, or an  
 11 individual who, has been accredited by the American Welding  
 12 Society to test and certify welders and welding inspectors.

13 (2) All structural steel welds performed for the project meet  
 14 adequate welding standards and are listed in the project's job  
 15 specifications.

16 (3) All structural steel welding inspections listed in the project's  
 17 job specifications are completed by a certified welding inspector.

18 SECTION 42. IC 5-28-15-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2018,  
 19 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. (a) There is established in each enterprise  
 21 zone an urban enterprise association (U.E.A.). The ~~twelve (12)~~ **ten (10)**  
 22 members of the U.E.A. shall be chosen as follows:

23 ~~(1) The governor shall appoint the following:~~

24 ~~(A) One (1) state legislator whose district includes all or part~~  
 25 ~~of the enterprise zone.~~

26 ~~(B) One (1) representative of the corporation, who is not a~~  
 27 ~~voting member of the U.E.A.~~

28 ~~(2) (1) The executive of the municipality in which the zone is~~  
 29 ~~located shall appoint the following:~~

30 ~~(A) One (1) representative of the plan commission having~~  
 31 ~~jurisdiction over the zone, if any exists.~~

32 ~~(B) One (1) representative of the municipality's department~~  
 33 ~~that performs planning or economic development functions.~~

34 ~~(C) Two (2) representatives of businesses located in the zone,~~  
 35 ~~one (1) of whom shall be from a manufacturing concern, if any~~  
 36 ~~exists in the zone.~~

37 ~~(D) One (1) resident of the zone.~~

38 ~~(E) One (1) representative of organized labor from the~~  
 39 ~~building trades that represent construction workers.~~

40 ~~(3) (2) The legislative body of the municipality in which the zone~~  
 41 ~~is located shall appoint, by majority vote, the following:~~

42 ~~(A) One (1) member of the municipality's legislative body~~



- 1           whose district includes all or part of the zone.
- 2           (B) One (1) representative of a business located in the zone.
- 3           (C) Two (2) residents of the zone, who must not be members
- 4           of the same political party.
- 5           (b) Members of the U.E.A. serve four (4) year terms. The appointing
- 6           authority shall fill any vacancy for the balance of the vacated term.
- 7           (c) Members may be dismissed only by the appointing authority and
- 8           only for just cause.
- 9           (d) The members shall elect a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and
- 10          a secretary by majority vote. This election shall be held every two (2)
- 11          years in the same month as the first meeting or whenever a vacancy
- 12          occurs. The U.E.A. shall meet at least once every three (3) months. The
- 13          secretary shall notify members of meetings at least two (2) weeks in
- 14          advance of meetings. The secretary shall provide a list of members to
- 15          each member and shall notify members of any changes in membership.
- 16          SECTION 43. IC 6-9-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2023,
- 17          SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 18          JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) The county treasurer shall establish an
- 19          innkeeper's tax fund. The treasurer shall deposit in that fund all money
- 20          received under section 6 of this chapter that is attributable to an
- 21          innkeeper's tax rate that is not more than five percent (5%).
- 22          (b) Money in the innkeeper's tax fund shall be distributed as
- 23          follows:
- 24               (1) Forty percent (40%) shall be distributed to the commission to
- 25               carry out its purposes, including making any distributions or
- 26               payments to the Lafayette - West Lafayette Convention and
- 27               Visitors Bureau, Inc.
- 28               (2) Ten percent (10%) shall be distributed to a community
- 29               development corporation that serves a metropolitan area in the
- 30               county that includes:
- 31                    (A) Lafayette; and
- 32                    (B) West Lafayette;
- 33               for the community development corporation's use in tourism,
- 34               recreation, and economic development activities.
- 35               (3) Ten percent (10%) shall be distributed to Historic
- 36               Prophetstown to be used by Historic Prophetstown for carrying
- 37               out its purposes.
- 38               (4) Ten percent (10%) shall be distributed to the Wabash River
- 39               Enhancement Corporation to assist the Wabash River
- 40               Enhancement Corporation in carrying out its purposes.
- 41               (5) The following amounts shall be distributed to the department
- 42               of natural resources for the development of projects in the state



- 1 park on the Wabash River, including its tributaries:
- 2 (A) For distributions in calendar year 2023, ten percent (10%).
- 3 (B) For distributions in calendar year 2024, nine percent (9%).
- 4 (C) For distributions in calendar year 2025, eight percent
- 5 (8%).
- 6 (D) For distributions in calendar year 2026, seven percent
- 7 (7%).
- 8 (E) For distributions in calendar year 2027, six percent (6%).
- 9 (F) For distributions in calendar year 2028, five percent (5%).
- 10 (G) For distributions in calendar year 2029, four percent (4%).
- 11 (H) For distributions in calendar year 2030, three percent
- 12 (3%).
- 13 (I) For distributions in calendar year 2031, two percent (2%).
- 14 (J) For distributions in calendar year 2032, one percent (1%).
- 15 (K) For distributions after calendar year 2032, zero percent
- 16 (0%).
- 17 The department of natural resources is not required to provide
- 18 additional state resources to the state park described in this
- 19 subdivision as a result of the reduction of revenue set forth in this
- 20 subdivision.
- 21 (6) The following amounts shall be distributed to the county fiscal
- 22 body for the purposes set forth in subsection (c):
- 23 (A) For distributions in calendar year 2023, zero percent (0%).
- 24 (B) For distributions in calendar year 2024, one percent (1%).
- 25 (C) For distributions in calendar year 2025, two percent (2%).
- 26 (D) For distributions in calendar year 2026, three percent
- 27 (3%).
- 28 (E) For distributions in calendar year 2027, four percent (4%).
- 29 (F) For distributions in calendar year 2028, five percent (5%).
- 30 (G) For distributions in calendar year 2029, six percent (6%).
- 31 (H) For distributions in calendar year 2030, seven percent
- 32 (7%).
- 33 (I) For distributions in calendar year 2031, eight percent (8%).
- 34 (J) For distributions in calendar year 2032, nine percent (9%).
- 35 (K) For distributions after calendar year 2032, ten percent
- 36 (10%).
- 37 (7) Twenty percent (20%) shall be distributed as determined by
- 38 the county fiscal body.
- 39 (c) Amounts distributed to the county fiscal body under subsection
- 40 (b)(6) may only be used for tourism or quality of life purposes,
- 41 including:
- 42 (1) mixed use development projects;



- 1 (2) quality public spaces;  
 2 (3) multiple transportation options;  
 3 (4) multiple housing options;  
 4 (5) revitalization of historic, blighted, or vacant properties;  
 5 (6) arts, culture, and creativity; and  
 6 (7) recreation and green spaces.
- 7 (d) An advisory commission consisting of the following members  
 8 is established:
- 9 (1) The director of the department of natural resources or the  
 10 director's designee.  
 11 (2) The public finance director or the public finance director's  
 12 designee.  
 13 (3) A member appointed by the ~~Native American Indian affairs~~  
 14 **Indiana cultural** commission.  
 15 (4) A member appointed by Historic Prophetstown.  
 16 (5) A member appointed by the community development  
 17 corporation described in subsection (b)(2).  
 18 (6) A member appointed by the Wabash River Enhancement  
 19 Corporation.  
 20 (7) A member appointed by the commission.  
 21 (8) A member appointed by the county fiscal body.  
 22 (9) A member appointed by the town board of the town of  
 23 Battleground.  
 24 (10) A member appointed by the mayor of the city of Lafayette.  
 25 (11) A member appointed by the mayor of the city of West  
 26 Lafayette.
- 27 (e) The following apply to the advisory commission:
- 28 (1) The governor shall appoint a member of the advisory  
 29 commission as chairman of the advisory commission.  
 30 (2) Six (6) members of the advisory commission constitute a  
 31 quorum. The affirmative votes of at least six (6) advisory  
 32 commission members are necessary for the advisory commission  
 33 to take official action other than to adjourn or to meet to hear  
 34 reports or testimony.  
 35 (3) The advisory commission shall make recommendations  
 36 concerning the use of any proceeds of bonds issued to finance the  
 37 development of Prophetstown State Park.  
 38 (4) Members of the advisory commission who are state  
 39 employees:  
 40 (A) are not entitled to any salary per diem; and  
 41 (B) are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as  
 42 provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and to reimbursement for other



1 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 2 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures  
 3 established by the Indiana department of administration and  
 4 approved by the budget agency.

5 (f) The Indiana finance authority may issue bonds for the  
 6 development of Prophetstown State Park under IC 5-1.2-6.

7 SECTION 44. IC 8-1-1.1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. As used in this  
 9 chapter:

10 "Council" means the advisory council to the office of utility  
 11 consumer counselor created under section 7 of this chapter (**before its**  
 12 **repeal**).

13 "Counselor" means the consumer counselor established under  
 14 section 2 of this chapter.

15 "Deputy consumer counselor" means the deputy consumer  
 16 counselor for Washington affairs that may be established under section  
 17 9.1 of this chapter.

18 "Utility" means any public utility, municipally owned utility or  
 19 subscriber owned utility under the jurisdiction of the commission.

20 SECTION 45. IC 8-1-1.1-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 21 2027]. Sec: 7: (a) There is created the advisory council to the office of  
 22 the utility consumer counselor. The council consists of nine (9)  
 23 members. Each Indiana congressional district must be represented by  
 24 at least one (1) individual appointed under this section who is a  
 25 resident of that congressional district. However, the reduction in  
 26 membership of the council from ten (10) members to nine (9) shall be  
 27 accomplished as the terms of members end and new members are  
 28 appointed. Until the expiration of the term of a member who is serving  
 29 on the council on January 1, 2014, and resides in the same  
 30 congressional district as another member, the council consists of ten  
 31 (10) members.

32 (b) Members of the council, including those filling vacancies  
 33 occurring in the council membership, shall be appointed by the  
 34 governor. All members shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years,  
 35 except those who have been appointed to fill a vacancy in the council  
 36 whose term will be the unexpired portion of the term. All members  
 37 shall serve until their successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

38 (c) The membership shall be representative of the various sectors of  
 39 Indiana economy, including, but not limited to: agriculture, business  
 40 and industry, labor, and local government.

41 (d) The members shall annually elect of themselves a chairman.

42 (e) Members are entitled to receive per diem and travel expense



1 reimbursement at the standard rates provided for state employees for  
 2 expenses they incur in the performance of their duties under this  
 3 chapter subject to the approval of the consumer counselor.

4 SECTION 46. IC 8-10-9-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The district shall  
 6 be governed by a board of directors consisting of ~~seven (7)~~ **five (5)**  
 7 members, four (4) of whom are appointed by the executive of the city  
 8 in which the district is formed ~~two (2) of whom are appointed by the~~  
 9 ~~governor~~, and one (1) of whom is appointed by the legislative body of  
 10 the city in which the district is formed.

11 (b) Members of the board serve terms of three (3) years. A member's  
 12 term may be extended by any partial term to which the member was  
 13 appointed to fill a vacancy.

14 (c) ~~Five (5)~~ **Three (3)** members of the board of directors must be  
 15 qualified electors of the city in which the district is formed. Two (2)  
 16 members need not be residents of the city in which the district is  
 17 formed but shall be representatives of property owners of land that  
 18 borders waterways within the district. One (1) of the two (2) members  
 19 shall be among the members appointed by the mayor. ~~and one (1) shall~~  
 20 ~~be among the members appointed by the governor.~~

21 (d) The appointing authority shall fill all vacancies of members  
 22 appointed by that authority.

23 SECTION 47. IC 8-14-11-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 24 2027]. Sec. 1: As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the local bridge  
 25 grant board established by section 9 of this chapter.

26 SECTION 48. IC 8-14-11-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 27 2027]. Sec. 9: (a) The local bridge grant board is established to receive  
 28 and review applications for grants under this chapter. The board  
 29 consists of the following members:

- 30 (1) The director of the department, or the director's designee.  
 31 (2) Six (6) persons appointed by the governor; no more than three  
 32 (3) of whom may be of the same political party; as follows:  
 33 (A) Two (2) members of a county executive.  
 34 (B) One (1) county highway engineer.  
 35 (C) One (1) mayor of a city.  
 36 (D) One (1) member of a town board of trustees.  
 37 (E) One (1) person with substantial experience or education in  
 38 the design or construction of bridges.

39 A member appointed under clause (A), (B), (C), or (D) who  
 40 ceases to hold the office described in that clause ceases to be a  
 41 member of the board.

42 (b) The governor shall designate a member of the board to serve as



1 chairman:

2 (c) Members of the board who are appointed by the governor serve  
3 for terms of four (4) years. The governor shall fill a vacancy on the  
4 board by appointing a new member to serve the remainder of the  
5 unexpired term:

6 (d) A member of the board, other than the director of the  
7 department, is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
8 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Each member of the board is entitled to  
9 reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually  
10 incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the  
11 state travel policies and procedures established by the department of  
12 administration and approved by the budget agency:

13 (e) Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum. The  
14 affirmative votes of four (4) members of the board are required for the  
15 board to take any action:

16 SECTION 49. IC 8-14-11-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
17 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: The department shall provide staff support to the  
18 board:

19 SECTION 50. IC 8-14-11-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. The **board**  
21 **department** shall establish criteria to be used in evaluating  
22 applications for grants from the fund. These criteria:

- 23 (1) must be consistent with the purposes of the federal local  
24 bridge program (23 U.S.C. 144(n));
- 25 (2) must be based on good engineering practices; and
- 26 (3) must provide for an equitable distribution of grants to counties  
27 located throughout Indiana.

28 SECTION 51. IC 8-14-11-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) The executive  
30 of a county may apply to the **board department** for a grant from the  
31 fund to be used to pay up to eighty percent (80%) of the cost of  
32 construction or reconstruction of one (1) or more local bridges. At the  
33 time of the application, the county executive shall notify the  
34 department of local government finance that the county has made the  
35 application.

36 (b) The application must include the following:

- 37 (1) A description of the construction or reconstruction projects for  
38 which the grant application is made.
- 39 (2) The estimated cost of the projects.
- 40 (3) The amount of funding the county will provide for the  
41 projects, which must be at least twenty percent (20%) of the  
42 estimated cost of the projects. This amount may include the value



1 of labor and materials to be provided by the county.

2 (4) Any other information that the ~~board or the~~ department  
3 considers necessary.

4 SECTION 52. IC 8-14-11-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. Within thirty (30)  
6 days after a county applies for a grant under section 12 of this chapter,  
7 the department of local government finance shall submit to the  
8 department a financial report that includes the following information:

9 (1) The amount of money available to the county for the  
10 construction and reconstruction of local bridges.

11 (2) Any other information required by the ~~board or the~~ department  
12 for the processing of grant applications.

13 SECTION 53. IC 8-14-11-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14. The ~~board~~  
15 **department** shall use the criteria established under section 11 of this  
16 chapter and the report submitted under section 13 of this chapter to  
17 evaluate an application for a grant from the fund. The ~~board~~  
18 **department** shall notify a county that makes a grant application of the  
19 ~~board's department's~~ approval or disapproval of the application within  
20 sixty (60) days of the date of the application. The ~~board's department's~~  
21 decision to approve or disapprove a grant application is final.

22 SECTION 54. IC 8-14-11-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. The ~~board~~  
24 **department** and each county for which a grant has been approved  
25 under this chapter shall enter into an agreement specifying the purposes  
26 for which the grant may be used. The terms of the agreement must be  
27 consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

28 SECTION 55. IC 8-23-9-60, AS ADDED BY P.L.70-2023,  
29 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 60. (a) As used in this section, "adequate welding  
31 standards" means specifications, guidelines, tests, and other methods  
32 used to ensure that all structural steel welds meet, at minimum, the  
33 codes and standards for such welds established in the welding code and  
34 under rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
35 ~~commission under IC 22-13-2-2.~~ **department of homeland security.**

36 (b) As used in this section, "certified welding inspector" means a  
37 person who has been certified by the American Welding Society to  
38 inspect structural steel welding projects and conduct welder  
39 qualification tests.

40 (c) As used in this section, "structural steel welding" means  
41 structural welds, weld repair, the structural system, and the welding of  
42 all primary steel members of a structure in accordance with the welding



1 code. The term does not include welding that is required by the  
 2 American Society of Mechanical Engineers to have its own  
 3 certification.

4 (d) As used in this section, "welding code" refers to the American  
 5 Welding Society structural steel welding code D1.1, as in effect on July  
 6 1, 2023.

7 (e) A contractor whose workers are welding the structural steel on  
 8 a project shall ensure that all of the following occur:

9 (1) The workers performing the structural steel welding have been  
 10 tested by, and hold a valid certification from, a facility that, or an  
 11 individual who, has been accredited by the American Welding  
 12 Society to test and certify welders and welding inspectors.

13 (2) All structural steel welds performed for the project meet  
 14 adequate welding standards and follow the project's special  
 15 provisions.

16 (3) All structural steel welding inspections listed in the project's  
 17 special provisions are completed by a certified welding inspector.

18 (f) If the department reasonably suspects a contractor has violated  
 19 this section, the department shall require the contractor to remedy the  
 20 violation not later than thirty (30) days after the department notifies the  
 21 contractor of the violation. The notification to the contractor must be  
 22 signed by the commissioner and sent by a method that enables the  
 23 department to verify receipt of the notice by the contractor. During the  
 24 thirty (30) day period, the contractor may continue to work on the  
 25 project. If the contractor fails to remedy the violation within the thirty  
 26 (30) day period, the department shall find the contractor not  
 27 responsible and determine the length of time the contractor is  
 28 considered not responsible by the department.

29 (g) In making the determination of the length of time a contractor is  
 30 not responsible under subsection (f), the department shall consider the  
 31 severity of the violation. The period during which a contractor is  
 32 considered not responsible:

33 (1) may not exceed forty-eight (48) months; and

34 (2) begins on the date of substantial completion of the project.

35 (h) A finding by the department under subsection (f) that a  
 36 contractor is not responsible may not be used by another state agency  
 37 or a political subdivision in making a determination as to whether the  
 38 contractor is responsible for purposes of that state agency's or political  
 39 subdivision's award of a public works contract to that contractor.

40 SECTION 56. IC 9-18.5-14-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
 41 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and



1 issue a kids first trust license plate. The kids first trust license plate  
 2 shall be designed and issued as a special group recognition license  
 3 plate under IC 9-18.5-12. The final design of the plate must be  
 4 approved by the board (as defined in ~~IC 31-26-4-2~~): **commission on**  
 5 **improving the status of children in Indiana.**

6 SECTION 57. IC 9-18.5-22-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
 7 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The bureau shall, with the advice  
 9 of the ~~Native American Indian affairs commission established under~~  
 10 ~~IC 4-23-32~~; **Indiana cultural commission established under**  
 11 **IC 4-23-36**, design and issue an Indiana Native American trust license  
 12 plate as a special group recognition license plate under IC 9-18.5-12.

13 SECTION 58. IC 9-18.5-22-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2022,  
 14 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 15 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The Indiana Native American trust fund is  
 16 established.

17 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the Indiana  
 18 Native American trust fund not currently needed to meet the  
 19 obligations of the Indiana Native American trust fund in the same  
 20 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues  
 21 from these investments shall be deposited in the Indiana Native  
 22 American trust fund.

23 (c) The bureau shall administer the Indiana Native American trust  
 24 fund. Expenses of administering the Indiana Native American trust  
 25 fund shall be paid from money in the Indiana Native American trust  
 26 fund.

27 (d) The bureau shall distribute at least one (1) time each month the  
 28 money from the fund to the ~~Native American Indian affairs commission~~  
 29 ~~established under IC 4-23-32~~: **as follows:**

30 **(1) Before January 1 of the calendar year following the**  
 31 **calendar year in which a nonprofit corporation is established**  
 32 **under IC 4-23-36-16, to the Indiana cultural commission**  
 33 **established under IC 4-23-36.**

34 **(2) After December 31 of the calendar in which a nonprofit**  
 35 **corporation is established under IC 4-23-36-16, to the**  
 36 **treasurer of the nonprofit corporation.**

37 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert  
 38 to the state general fund.

39 (f) ~~The Native American Indian affairs commission may use money~~  
 40 ~~received under this section for any lawful purpose of the Native~~  
 41 ~~American Indian affairs commission. The Indiana cultural~~  
 42 ~~commission or the nonprofit corporation described in subsection~~



1 (d) may use money received under this section for any lawful  
 2 purpose that impacts, studies, supports, or relates to the Indiana  
 3 Native American community.

4 SECTION 59. IC 9-27-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 5 SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The director of the state department of  
 7 toxicology may solicit and receive aid from the following:

- 8 (1) The office of traffic safety.  
 9 (2) The state police department.  
 10 ~~(3) The commission on forensic sciences:~~  
 11 ~~(4) (3) The Indiana Coroners Association.~~  
 12 ~~(5) (4) The Indiana department of health.~~  
 13 ~~(6) (5) The Indiana State Medical Association.~~  
 14 ~~(7) (6) Other agencies that may, in the director's opinion, make a~~  
 15 ~~contribution to the effectiveness of the study.~~

16 SECTION 60. IC 9-27-6-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 17 2027]. Sec. 5: (a) As used in this section, "advisory board" refers to the  
 18 driver education advisory board established by subsection (b):

19 (b) The driver education advisory board is established to advise the  
 20 commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission  
 21 and the bureau regarding driver education:

22 (c) The advisory board is composed of seven (7) individuals  
 23 appointed by the commissioner as follows:

- 24 (1) Three (3) members must be driver education professionals  
 25 endorsed by the bureau under section 8 of this chapter. In the  
 26 selection of individuals for membership under this subdivision,  
 27 consideration must be given to driver education instruction  
 28 performed in urban and rural areas:  
 29 (2) One (1) member must be a traffic safety advocate:  
 30 (3) One (1) member must be a representative of the bureau:  
 31 (4) One (1) member must be a representative of higher education:  
 32 (5) One (1) member must be a representative of the insurance  
 33 industry:

34 (d) A member of the advisory board serves a two (2) year term. A  
 35 member may not be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive full  
 36 terms. Each member serves until the member's successor is appointed  
 37 and qualified:

38 (e) A member of the advisory board may be removed for good  
 39 cause:

40 (f) A vacancy on the advisory board shall be filled by the  
 41 appointment by the commissioner of an individual to fill the position  
 42 to which the vacating member was appointed under subsection (c) for



1 the vacating member's unexpired term.

2 (g) The advisory board shall:

3 (1) consult with and advise the commissioner in the  
4 administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau  
5 regarding driver education; and

6 (2) suggest rules regarding the education and training of persons  
7 to operate or drive motor vehicles or to prepare a person for an  
8 examination or validation for a driver's license.

9 (h) A member of the advisory board is not subject to liability in a  
10 civil action for bodily injury or property damage arising from or  
11 thought to have arisen from an action taken in good faith as a member  
12 of the advisory board.

13 SECTION 61. IC 9-27-7-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
14 2027]. Sec. 6: (a) The commissioner shall appoint a five (5) member  
15 advisory board consisting of at least three (3) active motorcyclists to  
16 serve in an advisory capacity to the program:

17 (b) A member of the advisory board serves a three (3) year term. A  
18 member may not be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive full  
19 terms. Each member serves until the member's successor is appointed  
20 and qualified.

21 (c) A member of the advisory board may be removed for good  
22 cause.

23 (d) A vacancy on the advisory board shall be filled by the  
24 appointment by the commissioner of an individual to fill the position  
25 to which the vacating member was appointed under subsection (a) for  
26 the vacating member's unexpired term.

27 (e) A member of the advisory board is not subject to liability in a  
28 civil action for bodily injury or property damage arising from or  
29 thought to have arisen from an action taken in good faith as a member  
30 of the advisory board.

31 SECTION 62. IC 10-13-2-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. (a) The  
33 superintendent shall adopt rules necessary to accomplish the purposes  
34 of this chapter.

35 (b) In formulating the rules, the superintendent shall have the advice  
36 and assistance of the criminal justice advisory committee established  
37 by section 10 of this chapter.

38 SECTION 63. IC 10-13-2-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
39 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: (a) The criminal justice advisory committee is  
40 established.

41 (b) The committee consists of the following persons or their  
42 designated representatives:



- 1 (1) The superintendent, who shall act as chairman.
- 2 (2) The attorney general.
- 3 (3) The executive director of the criminal justice planning agency.
- 4 (4) The commissioner of corrections.
- 5 (5) One (1) county sheriff serving in the sheriff's second or
- 6 subsequent term of office.
- 7 (6) One (1) chief of police with at least two (2) years of
- 8 experience as chief.
- 9 (7) One (1) prosecuting attorney in the prosecuting attorney's
- 10 second or subsequent term of office.
- 11 (8) One (1) judge of a court of general criminal jurisdiction.
- 12 (9) The executive director of the law enforcement training
- 13 academy.
- 14 (10) A criminologist or forensic scientist.
- 15 (c) A member of the committee:
- 16 (1) must be appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis; and
- 17 (2) shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.
- 18 (d) A member of the committee serves without compensation except
- 19 per diem as provided by law.
- 20 (e) The committee shall meet as often as is considered necessary by
- 21 the superintendent to formulate or revise rules for the statewide
- 22 operation of the criminal justice data division.
- 23 SECTION 64. IC 10-13-3-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 24 2027]. Sec. 4: As used in this chapter, "council" means the security and
- 25 privacy council established by section 34 of this chapter.
- 26 SECTION 65. IC 10-13-3-34 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 27 1, 2027]. Sec. 34: (a) There is established a security and privacy
- 28 council that consists of nine (9) members selected under subsections
- 29 (b) and (c):
- 30 (b) The following six (6) members shall be appointed by and shall
- 31 serve at the pleasure of the governor:
- 32 (1) A prosecuting attorney.
- 33 (2) The police chief of a city.
- 34 (3) The sheriff of a county.
- 35 (4) A criminal court judge.
- 36 (5) Two (2) citizens who are not law enforcement officers.
- 37 (c) The following persons; or their designees; also are members of
- 38 the council:
- 39 (1) The superintendent.
- 40 (2) The attorney general.
- 41 (3) The commissioner of the department of correction.
- 42 (d) Members of the council are not entitled to receive compensation



1 but are entitled to receive a per diem and mileage on those days in  
 2 which they are engaged in the business of the council. Per diem and  
 3 mileage paid shall be that amount paid to state employees.

4 SECTION 66. IC 10-14-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2015,  
 5 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. (a) The agency shall prepare and maintain a  
 7 current state emergency operations plan. The plan may provide for the  
 8 following:

- 9 (1) Prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by  
 10 disaster.
- 11 (2) Prompt and effective response to disaster.
- 12 (3) Emergency relief.
- 13 (4) Identification of areas particularly vulnerable to disaster.
- 14 (5) Recommendations for:
  - 15 (A) zoning;
  - 16 (B) building;
  - 17 (C) other land use controls;
  - 18 (D) safety measures for securing mobile homes or other  
 19 nonpermanent or semipermanent structures; and
  - 20 (E) other preventive and preparedness measures designed to  
 21 eliminate or reduce disaster or its impact;
- 22 that must be disseminated to ~~both the fire prevention and building~~  
 23 ~~safety commission and~~ local authorities.
- 24 (6) Assistance to local officials in designing local emergency  
 25 action plans.
- 26 (7) Authorization and procedures for the erection or other  
 27 construction of temporary works designed to protect against or  
 28 mitigate danger, damage, or loss from flood, conflagration, or  
 29 other disaster.
- 30 (8) Preparation and distribution to the appropriate state and local  
 31 officials of state catalogs of federal, state, and private assistance  
 32 programs.
- 33 (9) Organization of manpower and chains of command.
- 34 (10) Coordination of federal, state, and local disaster activities.
- 35 (11) Coordination of the state disaster plan with the disaster plans  
 36 of the federal government.
- 37 (12) Other necessary matters.

38 (b) The agency shall take an integral part in the development and  
 39 revision of local and interjurisdictional disaster plans prepared under  
 40 section 17 of this chapter. The agency shall employ or otherwise secure  
 41 the services of professional and technical personnel capable of  
 42 providing expert assistance to political subdivisions, a political



1 subdivision's disaster agencies, and interjurisdictional planning and  
2 disaster agencies. These personnel:

3 (1) shall consult with subdivisions and government agencies on  
4 a regularly scheduled basis;

5 (2) shall make field examinations of the areas, circumstances, and  
6 conditions to which particular local and interjurisdictional  
7 disaster plans are intended to apply; and

8 (3) may suggest revisions.

9 (c) In preparing and revising the state disaster plan, the agency shall  
10 seek the advice and assistance of local government, business, labor,  
11 industry, agriculture, civic and volunteer organizations, and community  
12 leaders. In advising local and interjurisdictional agencies, the agency  
13 shall encourage local and interjurisdictional agencies to seek advice  
14 from the sources specified in this subsection.

15 (d) The state disaster plan or any part of the plan may be  
16 incorporated in rules of the agency or by executive orders.

17 (e) The agency shall do the following:

18 (1) Determine requirements of the state and political subdivisions  
19 for food, clothing, and other necessities in the event of an  
20 emergency.

21 (2) Procure and pre-position supplies, medicines, materials, and  
22 equipment.

23 (3) Adopt standards and requirements for local and  
24 interjurisdictional disaster plans.

25 (4) Provide for mobile support units.

26 (5) Assist political subdivisions, political subdivisions' disaster  
27 agencies, and interjurisdictional disaster agencies to establish and  
28 operate training programs and public information programs.

29 (6) Make surveys of industries, resources, and facilities in  
30 Indiana, both public and private, necessary to carry out this  
31 chapter.

32 (7) Plan and make arrangements for the availability and use of  
33 any private facilities, services, and property, and if necessary and  
34 if the private facilities, services, or property is used, provide for  
35 payment for the use under agreed upon terms and conditions.

36 (8) Establish a register of persons with types of training and skills  
37 important in emergency prevention, preparedness, response, and  
38 recovery.

39 (9) Establish a register of mobile and construction equipment and  
40 temporary housing available for use in a disaster emergency.

41 (10) Prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive orders,  
42 proclamations, and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping



1 with disaster.

2 (11) Cooperate with the federal government and any public or  
3 private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of this chapter  
4 and in implementing programs for disaster prevention,  
5 preparation, response, and recovery.

6 (12) Do other things necessary, incidental, or appropriate to  
7 implement this chapter.

8 (f) The agency shall ascertain the rapid and efficient  
9 communications that exist in times of disaster emergencies. The agency  
10 shall consider the desirability of supplementing these communications  
11 resources or of integrating these resources into a comprehensive  
12 intrastate or state-federal telecommunications or other communications  
13 system or network. In studying the character and feasibility of any  
14 system, the agency shall evaluate the possibility of multipurpose use of  
15 the system for general state and local governmental purposes. The  
16 agency shall make appropriate recommendations to the governor.

17 (g) The agency shall assist political subdivisions in implementing  
18 the intrastate mutual aid compact created by section 10.8 of this  
19 chapter.

20 SECTION 67. IC 10-18-1-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
21 2027]. ~~Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the~~  
22 ~~Indiana war memorials commission established by section 2 of this~~  
23 ~~chapter.~~

24 SECTION 68. IC 10-18-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter,**  
27 **"department" refers to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs**  
28 **established by IC 10-17-1-2.**

29 SECTION 69. IC 10-18-1-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
30 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 1.6. (a) On July 1, 2027, all**  
32 **powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the Indiana war**  
33 **memorials commission are transferred to the department.**

34 **(b) On July 1, 2027, all records and property of the Indiana war**  
35 **memorials commission, including appropriations and other funds**  
36 **under the control or supervision of the Indiana war memorials**  
37 **commission, are transferred to the department.**

38 **(c) After June 30, 2027, a reference to the Indiana war**  
39 **memorials commission in a statute, rule, or other document is**  
40 **considered a reference to the department.**

41 **(d) The rules adopted by the Indiana war memorials**  
42 **commission before July 1, 2027, are considered, after June 30,**



1     **2027, rules of the department.**

2     SECTION 70. IC 10-18-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016,  
3     SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4     JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) ~~The Indiana war memorials commission is~~  
5     ~~established:~~

6     ~~(b) The commission consists of nine (9) members. Each Indiana~~  
7     ~~congressional district must be represented by at least one (1) member~~  
8     ~~who is:~~

- 9         ~~(1) a resident of that congressional district;~~  
10        ~~(2) a veteran of service in the armed forces of the United States of~~  
11        ~~America in time of war;~~  
12        ~~(3) a citizen of Indiana at the time of the service; and~~  
13        ~~(4) appointed:~~  
14            ~~(A) in the manner;~~  
15            ~~(B) for the terms;~~  
16            ~~(C) to have the powers; and~~  
17            ~~(D) to perform the duties;~~  
18        ~~as provided in this chapter.~~

19     ~~(c) (a) The **department** commission:~~  
20        ~~(1) as the commission and in the commission's name; may~~  
21        ~~prosecute and defend suits; and~~  
22        ~~(2) has all other duties, rights, and powers that are:~~  
23            ~~(A) necessary to implement this chapter; and~~  
24            ~~(B) not inconsistent with this chapter.~~

25     ~~(d) The members of the commission are not liable in their individual~~  
26     ~~capacity, except to the state, for any act done or omitted in connection~~  
27     ~~with the performance of their duties under this chapter.~~

28     ~~(e) (b) A suit against the **commission department** must be brought~~  
29     ~~in a court with jurisdiction in Marion County. Notice or summons of~~  
30     ~~the suit shall be served upon the **director of the department.**~~  
31     ~~president, vice president, or secretary of the commission. In a suit~~  
32     ~~against the commission, it is not necessary to name the individual~~  
33     ~~members of the commission as either plaintiff or defendant.~~  
34     ~~Commission members may sue and be sued in the name of the Indiana~~  
35     ~~war memorials commission.~~

36     ~~(f) The commission shall:~~  
37        ~~(1) report to the governor through the adjutant general; and~~  
38        ~~(2) be under the adjutant general for administrative supervision.~~

39     SECTION 71. IC 10-18-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
40     2027]. Sec. 3. (a) The governor shall appoint members of the  
41     commission for a term of three (3) years; subject to removal as  
42     provided in this section:



1 (b) The commissioners:

2 (1) must be persons of high standing and character; and

3 (2) serve without compensation, except for reimbursement for any  
4 reasonable expenses necessarily incurred by the commissioners  
5 in the performance of their duties.

6 (c) The commissioners shall be selected without regard to their  
7 political affiliations. However, not more than six (6) of the  
8 commissioners at any time may be members of the same political party.

9 (d) The governor may, for just cause, based upon written charges  
10 specifying alleged misconduct, remove any member of the commission;  
11 after notice to the member and a public hearing.

12 (e) The governor shall appoint a qualified person to fill the  
13 unexpired term of a member who does not complete the member's term.

14 SECTION 72. IC 10-18-1-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
15 2027]. Sec. 4: (a) The governor shall execute a certificate of  
16 appointment that makes reference to this chapter and sets forth the term  
17 of appointment for each member of the commission. The governor shall  
18 deposit the certificates of appointment in the office of the secretary of  
19 state, who shall record the certificates in a book kept for that purpose.

20 (b) The secretary of state shall notify each person appointed as a  
21 commissioner of the person's appointment. The person's acceptance of  
22 the appointment shall be signified by subscribing to an oath, to be  
23 endorsed on the certificate of appointment:

24 (1) to support the Constitution of the United States and the  
25 Constitution of the State of Indiana; and

26 (2) to faithfully and honestly discharge the person's duty under the  
27 law as a commissioner.

28 (c) The secretary of state shall deliver the certificate, when  
29 recorded, to the person named in the certificate. The certificate  
30 constitutes the commission of the person named as a member of the  
31 commission for the term specified.

32 (d) If a person appointed fails to qualify under this section within  
33 ten (10) days after notice of the person's appointment, the governor  
34 shall appoint another qualified person as a commissioner.

35 SECTION 73. IC 10-18-1-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
36 2027]. Sec. 5: The commission shall elect the following:

37 (1) One (1) member of the commission to serve as president.

38 (2) One (1) member of the commission to serve as vice president.

39 (3) One (1) qualified person who is not a member of the  
40 commission to serve as secretary of the commission.

41 The commission shall elect officers each year. Officers shall hold their  
42 respective offices for one (1) year or during the pleasure of the



- 1 commission:
- 2 SECTION 74. IC 10-18-1-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 3 2027]. Sec. 6: (a) The president and vice president of the commission
- 4 shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, give bond to
- 5 the approval of the governor, each in the sum of ten thousand dollars
- 6 (\$10,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties as
- 7 may be imposed upon them by law:
- 8 (b) The officers and any other officers required to give a bond under
- 9 this chapter may furnish as surety any surety company authorized to
- 10 transact business in Indiana that meets the approval of the commission;
- 11 and the premium on any bond shall be paid as a part of the expenses of
- 12 the commission.
- 13 SECTION 75. IC 10-18-1-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 14 2027]. Sec. 7: (a) The president shall do the following:
- 15 (1) Preside over the meetings of the commission.
- 16 (2) Sign all vouchers approved by the commission under this
- 17 chapter.
- 18 (3) Sign all contracts and agreements in the name of the
- 19 commission that have been authorized by the commission. The
- 20 secretary shall attest to contracts signed by the president.
- 21 (b) If the president is absent or unable to act, the vice president shall
- 22 perform the president's duties.
- 23 SECTION 76. IC 10-18-1-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 24 2027]. Sec. 8: (a) The secretary appointed by the commission shall take
- 25 an oath to faithfully perform the duties of the secretary's office:
- 26 (b) The secretary shall do the following:
- 27 (1) Keep a record of the proceedings of the commission.
- 28 (2) Make a record of contracts and obligations.
- 29 (3) Furnish each contractor with a copy of the contractor's
- 30 contract that:
- 31 (A) is endorsed "approved by order of the commission";
- 32 (B) lists the date of the approval; and
- 33 (C) is signed by the secretary.
- 34 A contract is not valid until endorsed and delivered by the
- 35 secretary.
- 36 (4) Certify all vouchers ordered by the commission.
- 37 (5) Keep a set of books to show the financial condition of the
- 38 commission.
- 39 (6) Make quarterly statements as provided in this chapter of the
- 40 costs and expenditures of the commission; a complete list of
- 41 vouchers, and for what purpose and to whom paid. The reports
- 42 shall be filed with the state comptroller as provided in this chapter



1 and are open to the inspection and use of the general assembly.

2 (c) The secretary shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand  
3 dollars (\$10,000) for the faithful performance of the secretary's duties.

4 (d) The contracts for any purpose connected with the Indiana World  
5 War Memorial shall be recorded by the secretary in a book kept for that  
6 purpose. The secretary shall retain on file all vouchers and other  
7 valuable papers of value to the commission, to the contractor, and to  
8 the public.

9 SECTION 77. IC 10-18-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. (a) The ~~commission~~  
11 **department** may employ a superintendent.

12 (b) The superintendent shall give bond in an amount and with surety  
13 to be approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

14 (c) The superintendent's duties and compensation shall be  
15 prescribed by the ~~department~~ **commission**.

16 SECTION 78. IC 10-18-1-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) The ~~commission~~  
18 **department** shall employ an individual who is responsible for the care  
19 and preservation of all personal property owned by the ~~commission~~  
20 **department** that has historic significance.

21 (b) The individual employed by the ~~commission~~ **department** under  
22 subsection (a) must meet the qualifications set by the division of state  
23 museums and historic sites of the department of natural resources.

24 SECTION 79. IC 10-18-1-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,  
25 SECTION 319, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) The ~~commission~~  
27 **department** shall do the following:

28 (1) Keep a record of the commission's proceedings.

29 (2) Make a quarterly report for public use that includes the  
30 following:

31 (A) A detailed account of the expenditures of the ~~commission~~  
32 **department to administer this chapter**.

33 (B) A summary of ~~the commission's proceedings~~ that includes:

34 (i) a statement of all contracts let;

35 (ii) the name of the person to whom the contracts were let;

36 and

37 (iii) the amount of each contract.

38 (b) The report required under subsection (a) must be filed with the  
39 state comptroller.

40 (c) Reports created and filed under this section are public records.

41 SECTION 80. IC 10-18-1-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
42 1, 2027]. Sec. 12. (a) The ~~commission~~ may adopt rules that set forth:



1 (1) the time, place, and method of calling and conducting  
2 meetings; and

3 (2) the manner and method of the conduct of business, including:

4 (A) the government and regulation of the commission's  
5 employees; and

6 (B) the management of the ground and premises under the  
7 commission's care and control;

8 as the commission considers prudent and not inconsistent with this  
9 chapter and other statutes.

10 (b) The commission shall meet at the call of the commission's  
11 president or at the time set forth in the commission's rules. A majority  
12 of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.  
13 However, all official action of the commission must receive the  
14 approval in a meeting of a majority of all the members of the  
15 commission.

16 SECTION 81. IC 10-18-1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. (a) The ~~commission~~  
18 shall designate one (1) of its members to **department** shall do the  
19 following:

20 (1) Assume general charge of and preserve all Indiana battle  
21 flags.

22 (2) Have custody of all battle and organization flags in the  
23 possession of the state that were used by any of the military  
24 organizations of the state:

25 (A) in any of the wars or campaigns in which the United States  
26 has been engaged; and

27 (B) in which Indiana veterans have participated.

28 (3) In the preservation of the battle flags, as far as possible, see  
29 that the name and the branch of service in which the organization  
30 served are attached to or preserved with the flag.

31 (4) Collect data in reference to each organization or military unit  
32 whose flag is in the possession of the ~~commission~~ **department**  
33 and place the data with the flag or banner of each of the  
34 organizations or military units.

35 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall do the following:

36 (1) Collect Indiana battle flags not in the possession of the state  
37 from the United States, patriotic societies, or individuals.

38 (2) Reinforce, collect the data for, and otherwise prepare all battle  
39 flags for preservation.

40 (3) Collect, systematize, and prepare a brief history of each flag  
41 and index and catalogue each flag.

42 (4) Collect, purchase, and procure all necessary materials for the



1 preservation of the flags.

2 (5) For the purpose of collecting and preparing the necessary data,  
3 reinforcing the flags, and performing other duties required by this  
4 chapter:

5 (A) with the approval of the budget agency, employ and fix the  
6 compensation of employees as may be necessary; and

7 (B) purchase material of any character that is required in  
8 carrying out this chapter.

9 SECTION 82. IC 10-18-1-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.30-2013,  
10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14. (a) The Indiana battle flags fund is established  
12 to restore and preserve Indiana battle flags.

13 (b) The ~~department: commission:~~

14 (1) shall administer the fund; and

15 (2) may spend the money in the fund for the purposes of the fund.

16 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from  
17 money in the fund.

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

22 (e) All money accruing to the fund is appropriated continuously for  
23 the purposes of the fund.

24 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to  
25 the state general fund.

26 SECTION 83. IC 10-18-1-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. (a) All flag cases  
28 completed shall be in the custody of the ~~department: commission:~~ The  
29 superintendent shall have the cases cleaned periodically as necessary.

30 (b) The ~~department commission~~ may determine the method and  
31 manner in which the flags shall be preserved.

32 SECTION 84. IC 10-18-1-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 16. (a) Out-lot five (5)  
34 and out-lot thirty-six (36), in Indianapolis, according to the original plat  
35 of the city, are dedicated and set apart as grounds for the Indiana War  
36 Memorial subject to the provisions of this chapter.

37 (b) Out-lots five (5) and thirty-six (36) dedicated in subsection (a),  
38 together with all or any part of squares five (5) and sixteen (16) or any  
39 part of those squares, in Indianapolis, according to the original plat of  
40 the city, that are acquired, dedicated, and set apart and added to the real  
41 estate dedicated in subsection (a) by:

42 (1) the state; or



1 (2) Indianapolis, by Marion County, or Indianapolis and Marion  
 2 County jointly and then conveyed by the city, county, or city and  
 3 county jointly by proper deed, grant, or contract to the state;  
 4 for War Memorial and other public purposes constitutes and shall be  
 5 referred to as "Memorial Place". The permanent name of "Memorial  
 6 Place" shall be selected by the ~~department. commission.~~

7 (c) A necessity is declared to exist to limit:

8 (1) the kind, character, and height of buildings upon; and

9 (2) the use of real estate and buildings that are located within  
 10 three hundred (300) feet of the outside boundaries of;

11 Memorial Place as constituted in this chapter. The ~~department~~  
 12 ~~commission~~ may acquire, by purchase, donation, or condemnation, the  
 13 right to limit the kind, character, and height of buildings upon and the  
 14 use of real estate and buildings on real estate within three hundred  
 15 (300) feet of the outside boundaries of Memorial Place.

16 (d) The ~~department commission~~ shall erect and maintain in  
 17 Indianapolis, upon or within grounds dedicated or acquired under this  
 18 chapter, as the ~~department commission~~ considers best, a suitable  
 19 structure or structures:

20 (1) to commemorate the valor and sacrifice of the soldiers, sailors,  
 21 and marines of the United States and of all others who rendered  
 22 faithful, loyal, heroic, and self-sacrificing service at home and  
 23 overseas in World War I;

24 (2) to provide a place or places of meeting and headquarters for  
 25 organizations of soldiers, sailors, and marines or any other  
 26 patriotic societies or associations;

27 (3) to keep records, archives, documents, flags, mementos, and  
 28 relics; and

29 (4) for other public meetings and other public purposes;

30 to inculcate a true understanding and appreciation of the duties,  
 31 benefits, and privileges of American citizenship and inspire patriotism  
 32 and respect for the law to the end that peace may prevail, good will be  
 33 promoted, justice be administered and established, public order  
 34 maintained, and liberty and freedom under the law perpetuated.

35 SECTION 85. IC 10-18-1-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 17. (a) If squares five  
 37 (5) and sixteen (16) or any part of those squares in Indianapolis,  
 38 according to the original plat of the city, are acquired, dedicated, and  
 39 set apart and added to the real estate dedicated in this chapter by the  
 40 state for war memorial and other public purposes by Indianapolis, by  
 41 Marion County, or by the city and county jointly by proper deed,  
 42 contract, or grant, by which the city or county, or the city and county



1 jointly, convey the real estate or any part of the real estate to the state  
 2 for war memorial and other public purposes, the **department**  
 3 **commission** may accept from the city, the county, or the city and  
 4 county jointly the deed, grant, or contract by which the real estate or  
 5 any part of the real estate is conveyed to the state for war memorial and  
 6 other public purposes, subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions  
 7 contained in the deed, grant, or contract.

8 (b) The **department commission** may agree that, to the extent that  
 9 the city, the county, or the city and county jointly appropriate and use  
 10 money in the acquisition of the real estate or any part of the real estate,  
 11 the real estate and interests in the real estate and the memorial  
 12 structures erected on the real estate (to the extent of the money so  
 13 appropriated and used by the city, by the county, or by the county and  
 14 city jointly) shall be a city war memorial, a county war memorial, or a  
 15 joint war memorial.

16 (c) If the real estate or any part of the real estate is acquired and  
 17 conveyed to the state, the **department commission** may erect structures  
 18 on outlots five (5) and thirty-six (36) dedicated in this chapter or upon  
 19 any part of the real estate so dedicated or acquired as provided in this  
 20 chapter as the **department commission** considers best.

21 (d) The **department commission** shall develop any part or all of the  
 22 real estate described in this chapter that has been dedicated or acquired  
 23 as provided in this chapter as a memorial place, together with square  
 24 twenty-five (25), known as University Square in Indianapolis,  
 25 according to the original plat of the city, to secure a harmonious and  
 26 unified architectural and aesthetic effect of the entire series of grounds  
 27 used and dedicated for memorial purposes. The grounds must include  
 28 square twenty-five (25), known as University Square, which shall be  
 29 and constitute a part of the memorial park, and shall be used as a public  
 30 park.

31 (e) The **department commission** may sell buildings and  
 32 improvements situated on outlots five (5) and sixteen (16) when they  
 33 come under the ~~commission's~~ **department's** jurisdiction, custody, and  
 34 control or remove the buildings and improvements as the **department**  
 35 **commission** considers best. The **department commission** may contract  
 36 with Indianapolis, with Marion County, or with the county and city  
 37 jointly, concerning the use and rents of the buildings and improvements  
 38 on squares five (5) and sixteen (16) until it is necessary to remove the  
 39 buildings for the purpose of erecting the memorial structure or  
 40 structures. The **department commission** may contract with the city or  
 41 county or the city and county jointly with reference to the sale of  
 42 buildings and improvements upon the real estate that may be acquired



1 and conveyed to the state by the city or county or by the city and county  
 2 jointly for War Memorial and other public purposes. The contracts  
 3 must provide how the proceeds from the rent or sale of buildings and  
 4 improvements shall be applied.

5 SECTION 86. IC 10-18-1-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.17-2005,  
 6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 18. The **department** ~~commission~~ may do the  
 8 following:

9 (1) Make and execute contracts and other instruments that may be  
 10 required in connection with the erection and maintenance of a  
 11 suitable structure or structures upon or within Memorial Place.

12 (2) Adopt rules for the following:

13 (A) The proper management, government, and use of  
 14 Memorial Place and the structures situated on Memorial Place.

15 (B) The government of employees.

16 (3) Acquire by condemnation the right to limit the kind, character,  
 17 and height of buildings upon and the use of real estate or  
 18 buildings located within three hundred (300) feet of the outside  
 19 boundaries.

20 (4) Adopt reasonable rules as are proper to limit the kind,  
 21 character, and height of buildings located or erected within three  
 22 hundred (300) feet of the outside boundaries of Memorial Place  
 23 and the use of the buildings or real estate. A building constructed  
 24 or maintained or business conducted in violation of any rule may  
 25 be abated as a nuisance in an action begun and prosecuted by the  
 26 **department.** ~~commission~~

27 (5) Receive donations, gifts, devises, and bequests and use them  
 28 in connection with the purposes of this chapter.

29 (6) Establish a nonprofit corporation to do the following:

30 (A) Promote public support for the purposes of the  
 31 **department** ~~commission~~ and this chapter.

32 (B) Preserve and promote the historical and educational  
 33 activities of the ~~commission.~~ **department.**

34 (C) Operate for the benefit of the purposes of the **department**  
 35 ~~commission~~ and this chapter.

36 The corporation is subject to audit by the state board of accounts  
 37 as if it were a state agency.

38 (7) Transfer money donated to the **department** ~~commission~~ for  
 39 the purposes described in subdivision (6) to a corporation  
 40 established under subdivision (6).

41 (8) Transfer:

42 (A) artifacts;



- 1 (B) images; or  
 2 (C) documents of cultural heritage, historical, or museum  
 3 relevance;  
 4 under the ~~commission's~~ **department's** control to a corporation  
 5 established under subdivision (6) without complying with  
 6 IC 5-22-21 and IC 5-22-22.
- 7 SECTION 87. IC 10-18-1-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 20. The ~~department~~  
 9 ~~commission~~ shall adopt rules **under IC 4-22-2** for the government of  
 10 the monument and Monument Circle. ~~The rules are binding and~~  
 11 ~~effective when approved by the governor.~~
- 12 SECTION 88. IC 10-18-1-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 21. (a) The  
 14 ~~department:~~ ~~commission:~~  
 15 (1) has general control of the State Soldiers' and Sailors'  
 16 Monument Circle; and  
 17 (2) may employ a superintendent.  
 18 (b) The superintendent may, with the advice and consent of the  
 19 ~~department~~ ~~commission~~; appoint engineers, elevator operators,  
 20 electricians, and watchmen as are actually required, all of whom are  
 21 subject to removal at any time by the ~~department~~ ~~commission~~ for any  
 22 reason satisfactory to the ~~commission:~~ **department.**
- 23 (c) The superintendent:  
 24 (1) has direct charge and supervision of the monument and  
 25 Monument Circle, subject to the orders of the ~~department;~~  
 26 ~~commission;~~ and  
 27 (2) may require watchmen to act as elevator operators and  
 28 elevator operators to act as watchmen.  
 29 (d) The superintendent and the engineers, watchmen, and elevator  
 30 operators have police powers with all powers of a constable.
- 31 SECTION 89. IC 10-18-1-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,  
 32 SECTION 320, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 22. (a) The superintendent shall  
 34 execute a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to  
 35 be approved by the ~~department.~~ ~~commission:~~  
 36 (b) The superintendent shall:  
 37 (1) on the first day of each month, make a sworn statement to the  
 38 state comptroller of all receipts and expenditures, with vouchers  
 39 attached for the preceding month, on account of the monument;  
 40 and  
 41 (2) at the same time, pay over to the treasurer of state all money  
 42 received by the superintendent from all sources in the operation



1 of the monument for the preceding month.

2 The state comptroller shall draw a warrant on the treasurer of state,  
3 payable to the superintendent, engineers, elevator operators, and  
4 watchmen, for the amounts due them as salaries and to the  
5 superintendent for a total of expenditures other than salaries incurred  
6 in the management of the monument and Monument Circle as shown  
7 by the vouchers.

8 SECTION 90. IC 10-18-1-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 25. A person who  
10 intentionally damages or removes any of the property of the state on  
11 Monument Circle is liable for the payment of a penalty not less than  
12 twice the sum necessary to repair the damage or restore the lost  
13 property. The penalty may be collected by the **department commission**  
14 in a civil action.

15 SECTION 91. IC 10-18-1-26 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 26. (a) The  
17 **department commission** may do the following:

18 (1) Make or sell the following:

19 (A) Pictures, models, books, and other representations of the  
20 monuments and grounds.

21 (B) Souvenirs.

22 (2) Establish and maintain souvenir shops on property that the  
23 **department commission** manages.

24 (3) Hire and pay salaries for full-time or part-time employees for  
25 the souvenir shops.

26 (4) Contract with a nonprofit organization or corporation for the  
27 continuous management of the souvenir shops.

28 (5) Report annually to the governor on the activities, revenues,  
29 expenditures, and profits of the souvenir shops.

30 (b) Notwithstanding section 27 of this chapter, the following apply  
31 to the profits from souvenir shop sales:

32 (1) The souvenir shop fund is established. The souvenir shop fund  
33 shall be administered by the **department. commission**:

34 (2) Profits from the sales at souvenir shops established under  
35 subsection (a) shall be deposited in the souvenir shop fund.

36 (3) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the souvenir  
37 shop fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund  
38 in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

39 (4) The expenses of administering the souvenir shop fund shall be  
40 paid from money in the fund.

41 (5) The **department commission** may spend the money in the  
42 souvenir shop fund for the following purposes:



- 1 (A) Maintenance or repair of properties managed by the  
 2 ~~department. commission.~~  
 3 (B) Maintenance, repair, and acquisition of the following:  
 4 (i) Battle flags.  
 5 (ii) Appropriate artifacts.  
 6 (iii) Appropriate memorabilia.  
 7 (6) All money accruing to the souvenir shop fund is appropriated  
 8 continuously for the purposes listed in subdivision (5).  
 9 (7) Money in the souvenir shop fund at the end of a state fiscal  
 10 year does not revert to the state general fund.

11 (c) A person may not make or sell pictures, models, books, or other  
 12 representations of the monuments or grounds unless the person is  
 13 authorized to do so by the ~~department. commission.~~

14 SECTION 92. IC 10-18-1-28 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 28. The superintendent  
 16 of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument and of Monument Circle  
 17 and those serving under the superintendent who are appointed by the  
 18 ~~department commission~~ have police powers and may make arrests or  
 19 do other things as may be needed to enforce the laws for the protection  
 20 and care of the monuments and Monument Circle.

21 SECTION 93. IC 10-18-1-29 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 29. The ~~department~~  
 23 ~~commission~~ may grant the use for public purposes of any structures or  
 24 any parts of structures erected by the ~~commission department~~ under  
 25 this chapter without rent or charge or for only a nominal rental:

26 (1) to any organizations of soldiers, sailors, and marines and  
 27 others as a place for their meeting and headquarters and for the  
 28 keeping of records, archives, documents, flags, mementos, and  
 29 relics; and

30 (2) for other public meetings and other public purposes not  
 31 inconsistent with the purpose of this chapter;

32 for the time and upon the terms and conditions as the ~~commission~~  
 33 ~~department~~ determines.

34 SECTION 94. IC 10-18-1-30 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 30. (a) The  
 36 ~~department commission~~ may not enter into a contract for:

37 (1) the purchase or sale of property, material, or supplies; or  
 38 (2) the performance of work or labor, except for salaries of  
 39 employees;

40 if the work and labor or materials and supplies cost more than ten  
 41 thousand dollars (\$10,000) without first giving notice of its intention  
 42 to purchase or sell the materials or supplies or to contract for the work



1 or labor by publication in a newspaper of general circulation printed  
 2 and published in the English language in Indianapolis for two (2)  
 3 successive weeks before the time fixed for the letting of the contract or  
 4 the sale of the property.

5 (b) A contract under this section must be in writing. The other  
 6 contracting party shall furnish bond for the faithful performance of the  
 7 contract in an amount fixed by the **department commission** and with  
 8 surety to the **department's commission's** approval, conditioned upon  
 9 the faithful performance of the contract. However, if the **department**  
 10 **commission** decides to purchase a patented article or material or an  
 11 article or material of a special type, character, or design of construction  
 12 or make that may be purchased from only one (1) person, firm, limited  
 13 liability company, or corporation, their agents or representatives, or for  
 14 which there is a fixed, standard price, the **department commission** is  
 15 not required to take or receive competitive bids. However, the  
 16 **department commission** shall publish in the manner set forth under  
 17 subsection (a) the number and character of the article or kind and  
 18 quality of material proposed to be purchased, the unit price, and the  
 19 total sum to be paid.

20 (c) A contract made in violation of this section is void.

21 SECTION 95. IC 10-18-1-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 32. The **department,**  
 23 **commission;** with the approval of the governor, may let a contract for  
 24 the erection of additional structures on the site of the Indiana World  
 25 War Memorial, in accordance with plans and specifications adopted by  
 26 the **commission; department,** with the approval of the governor, to any  
 27 competent and reliable contractor.

28 SECTION 96. IC 10-18-1-33 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 33. (a) The  
 30 **department commission** shall commemorate the valor of those loyal  
 31 citizens of this state who served with the armed forces of the United  
 32 States during World War II and the Korean Conflict by placing their  
 33 names in the archives of the World War Memorial located at  
 34 Indianapolis.

35 (b) The names must be placed in the archives in the same manner  
 36 as those honored by Indiana who served in World War I.

37 SECTION 97. IC 10-18-1-34 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 34. (a) The  
 39 **department commission** shall commemorate the valor of those loyal  
 40 citizens of Indiana who served with the armed forces of the United  
 41 States during the Vietnam conflict by placing their names in the  
 42 archives of the World War Memorial located at Indianapolis.



1 (b) The names must be placed in the archives in the same manner  
 2 as those honored by Indiana who served in World War I, World War II,  
 3 and the Korean Conflict.

4 SECTION 98. IC 10-18-1-38, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 5 SECTION 169, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 38. It is a Level 6 felony for a  
 7 ~~member of the commission or the architect, secretary,~~ superintendent  
 8 or any other person in the employ of the **department commission** to:

9 (1) knowingly be interested in or derive any profit from any  
 10 contract, employment, or purchase connected with the Indiana  
 11 World War Memorial or with any action of the **department;**  
 12 ~~commission;~~ or  
 13 (2) knowingly be interested in any claim against the **department**  
 14 ~~commission~~ or the state growing out of the erection or  
 15 maintenance of the Indiana World War Memorial;  
 16 other than for the compensation for their services or for their expenses  
 17 as provided in this chapter.

18 SECTION 99. IC 10-18-2-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 18. In the establishment  
 20 and maintenance of a county world war memorial, a county executive  
 21 or a board of trustees of a joint county and city world war memorial has  
 22 all the powers and duties conferred upon the **Indiana department of**  
 23 ~~veterans' affairs Indiana War Memorials Commission~~ under  
 24 IC 10-18-1, in so far as the powers and duties are not inconsistent with  
 25 this chapter. However, a county executive or board may not employ a  
 26 secretary.

27 SECTION 100. IC 10-18-3-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 28 1, 2027]. Sec. 18: (a) ~~The governor may appoint a commission known~~  
 29 ~~as the memorial art commission:~~

30 (b) ~~The commission must consist of not more than seven (7)~~  
 31 ~~qualified persons who serve without pay. However, members are to be~~  
 32 ~~paid necessary expenses as certified by the governor to the state~~  
 33 ~~comptroller.~~

34 (c) ~~The commission shall consider the artistic qualities of a plan for~~  
 35 ~~a proposed memorial:~~

36 (d) ~~A memorial consisting of a building, monument, statue, tablet,~~  
 37 ~~picture, arch, or work of art of any kind may not be erected without~~  
 38 ~~first:~~

39 (1) ~~submitting the plans to the memorial art commission; and~~  
 40 (2) ~~securing criticism and advice from the commission with~~  
 41 ~~respect to the memorial:~~

42 ~~If a state art commission is established by law, it is ex officio the~~



1 memorial art commission:

2 SECTION 101. IC 10-18-4-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 19. In the establishment  
 4 and maintenance of a World War memorial, a city's board of public  
 5 works or the board of trustees of a joint county and city World War  
 6 memorial has all the powers and duties conferred upon the **Indiana**  
 7 **department of veterans' affairs** ~~Indiana war memorials commission~~  
 8 under IC 10-18-1 to the extent the powers and duties conferred in  
 9 IC 10-18-1 are not inconsistent with this chapter. However, this chapter  
 10 does not authorize a city's board of public works or a board of trustees  
 11 of a joint county and city World War memorial to employ a secretary.

12 SECTION 102. IC 10-19-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
 13 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 14 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) The state fire marshal appointed under  
 15 IC 22-14-2-2 shall manage the department's administration of the  
 16 following:

- 17 (1) IC 22-11.
- 18 (2) IC 22-12.
- 19 (3) IC 22-13.
- 20 (4) IC 22-14.
- 21 (5) IC 22-15.

22 (b) In carrying out the duties under subsection (a), the state fire  
 23 marshal shall ~~do the following~~:

- 24 (1) ~~Provide department staff to support the fire prevention and~~  
 25 ~~building safety commission established by IC 22-12-2-1.~~
- 26 (2) partner with state agencies, including the Indiana department  
 27 of health and state educational institutions, to develop public  
 28 safety education and outreach programs.

29 (c) The state fire marshal may not exercise any powers or perform  
 30 any duties specifically assigned to ~~either of the following~~:

- 31 (1) ~~The fire prevention and building safety commission.~~
- 32 (2) the state building commissioner.

33 (d) The state fire marshal may delegate the state fire marshal's  
 34 authority to the appropriate department staff.

35 SECTION 103. IC 11-12-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 36 SECTION 82, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall adopt under IC 4-22-2  
 38 minimum standards for county jails governing:

- 39 (1) general physical and environmental conditions;
- 40 (2) services and programs to be provided to confined persons;
- 41 (3) procedures for the care and control of confined persons that  
 42 are necessary to ensure the health and safety of confined persons,



1 the security of the jail, and public safety; and

2 (4) the restraint of pregnant inmates. Rules adopted under this  
3 subdivision must be consistent with IC 11-10-3.5.

4 However, the department may not adopt any standard that prohibits the  
5 placement of more than one (1) prisoner in a prisoner cell that has  
6 thirty-five (35) square feet or more of floor space per prisoner.

7 (b) The standards must be sufficiently flexible to foster the  
8 development of new and improved practices and to accommodate local  
9 needs and circumstances. The standards must be consistent with the  
10 laws of Indiana and the rules of the Indiana department of health and  
11 the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~. **department of**  
12 **homeland security**.

13 (c) The commissioner shall select a committee of not less than five  
14 (5) county sheriffs to consult with the department before and during the  
15 drafting of the proposed minimum standards. County sheriffs shall be  
16 selected from the various classes of counties to ensure that densely,  
17 moderately, and sparsely populated counties are represented. Each  
18 county sheriff is entitled to the minimum salary per diem as provided  
19 in IC 4-10-11-2.1 for each day engaged in the official business of the  
20 committee and to reimbursement for traveling and other expenses, as  
21 provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the  
22 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
23 agency.

24 (d) At least sixty (60) days before setting the date for a public  
25 hearing under IC 4-22-2, the department shall forward copies of the  
26 proposed minimum standards to each county sheriff and each board of  
27 county commissioners and shall solicit their views and suggestions.

28 SECTION 104. IC 12-7-2-34, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
29 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 34. "Commission" means the following:

31 (1) For purposes of IC 12-10-2, the meaning set forth in  
32 IC 12-10-2-1.

33 (2) For purposes of IC 12-12-2, the meaning set forth in  
34 IC 12-12-2-1.

35 ~~(3) For purposes of IC 12-13-14, the meaning set forth in~~  
36 ~~IC 12-13-14-1.~~

37 ~~(4) For purposes of IC 12-15-30.5, the meaning set forth in~~  
38 ~~IC 12-15-30.5-2.~~

39 ~~(5)~~ (3) For purposes of IC 12-15-33, the meaning set forth in  
40 IC 12-15-33-1.

41 ~~(6)~~ (4) For purposes of IC 12-21-7.1, the meaning set forth in  
42 IC 12-21-7.1-1.



- 1           (7) (5) For purposes of IC 12-28-1, the meaning set forth in  
2           IC 12-28-1-3.
- 3           SECTION 105. IC 12-7-2-44, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012,  
4           SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5           JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 44. "Council" means the following:
- 6           (1) For purposes of IC 12-9-4, the meaning set forth in  
7           IC 12-9-4-1.
- 8           (2) For purposes of IC 12-12-8, the meaning set forth in  
9           IC 12-12-8-2.5.
- 10          (3) For purposes of ~~IC 12-13-4~~, the meaning set forth in  
11          ~~IC 12-13-4-1~~.
- 12          (4) (3) For purposes of IC 12-12.7-2, the meaning set forth in  
13          IC 12-12.7-2-2.
- 14          (5) (4) For purposes of IC 12-21-4, the meaning set forth in  
15          IC 12-21-4-1.
- 16          SECTION 106. IC 12-7-2-87.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2015,  
17          SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
18          JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 87.8. "Food retailer", for purposes of IC 12-13-14,  
19          has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 12-13-14-1(f)~~: **IC 12-13-14-1**.
- 20          SECTION 107. IC 12-7-2-142, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2011,  
21          SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22          JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 142. "Political subdivision", for purposes of the  
23          following statutes, has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13:
- 24          (1) IC 12-8.
- 25          (2) ~~IC 12-13-4~~.
- 26          (3) (2) IC 12-32-1.
- 27          SECTION 108. IC 12-11-14-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.12-2016,  
28          SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
29          JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) The ABLE board of the authority is  
30          established. The board consists of the following:
- 31          (1) The following four (4) ex officio members:
- 32                  (A) The treasurer of state.
- 33                  (B) The secretary of family and social services.
- 34                  (C) The budget director.
- 35                  (D) The executive director of the Indiana housing and  
36                  community development authority.
- 37          (2) Five (5) ~~appointed~~ members ~~who~~:
- 38                  (A) ~~are appointed by the governor; and~~
- 39                  (B) ~~consist of the following:~~ **appointed as follows:**
- 40                          (1) (A) One (1) member **appointed by the governor** who  
41                          has significant experience in actuarial analysis, accounting,  
42                          investment management, or other areas of finance that are



1 relevant to the authority.

2 ~~(ii)~~ **(B)** One (1) member **appointed by the speaker of the**  
3 **house of representatives** who has significant legal expertise  
4 and knowledge of estate planning.

5 ~~(iii)~~ **(C)** One (1) member **appointed by the president pro**  
6 **tempore of the senate** who is a representative of a statewide  
7 organization that advocates on behalf of individuals with  
8 disabilities.

9 ~~(iv)~~ **(D)** One (1) member **appointed by the speaker of the**  
10 **house of representatives** who is an individual with a  
11 disability.

12 ~~(v)~~ **(E)** One (1) member **appointed by the president pro**  
13 **tempore of the senate** who is a family member of an  
14 individual with a disability.

15 (b) A certificate of appointment or reappointment of each member  
16 shall be filed with the authority, and this certificate is conclusive  
17 evidence of the due and proper appointment of the member.

18 (c) Not more than three (3) of the appointed members of the board  
19 may belong to the same political party.

20 (d) An appointed member serves a four (4) year term. An appointed  
21 member shall hold over after the expiration of the member's term until  
22 the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

23 (e) The **governor appointing authority** may reappoint an appointed  
24 member of the board.

25 (f) A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in  
26 the same manner as the original appointment.

27 (g) The treasurer of state shall serve as chairperson of the board.  
28 The board shall annually elect one (1) of its ex officio members as vice  
29 chairperson and may elect any other officer the board desires. The  
30 board shall meet at the call of the chairperson and as provided in the  
31 bylaws of the authority.

32 (h) The **governor appointing authority** may remove an appointed  
33 member for misfeasance, malfeasance, willful neglect of duty, or other  
34 cause.

35 (i) An appointed member of the board is not entitled to the  
36 minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). However,  
37 each appointed member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling  
38 expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the  
39 member's duties.

40 (j) An ex officio member of the board is entitled to reimbursement  
41 for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in  
42 connection with the member's duties.



1 (k) An ex officio member of the board may designate a person to  
 2 serve as an ex officio member of the board in the absence of the ex  
 3 officio member.

4 (l) The majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum for  
 5 the purposes of conducting the board's business and exercising the  
 6 board's powers and for all other purposes. Vacant positions may not be  
 7 counted when determining whether a majority of the members is  
 8 present.

9 (m) The affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the  
 10 board who are present is necessary for the authority to take action. A  
 11 vacancy in the membership of the board does not impair the right of a  
 12 quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the  
 13 authority. An action taken by the board under this article may be  
 14 authorized by:

15 (1) resolution at any regular or special meeting; or

16 (2) unanimous consent of all the members who have not  
 17 abstained.

18 A resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption and need not be  
 19 published or posted.

20 SECTION 109. IC 12-13-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2015,  
 21 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 22 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "automated teller  
 23 machine" means an electronic hardware device owned or operated by  
 24 or on behalf of a financial institution or retailer that is capable of  
 25 dispensing currency and responding to balance inquiries through the  
 26 use of a magnetic stripe card issued by or on behalf of the division for  
 27 distribution of assistance through an EBT system as described in this  
 28 chapter.

29 (b) As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the electronic  
 30 benefits transfer commission established by this chapter.

31 (c) As used in this chapter, "Department" refers to the United  
 32 States Department of Health and Human Services.

33 (d) As used in this chapter, "EBT program" means an electronic  
 34 benefits transfer program.

35 (e) As used in this chapter, "financial institution" means a bank,  
 36 trust company, savings institution, credit union, or any other  
 37 organization:

38 (1) whose principal business activity is providing banking or  
 39 financial services to the public; and

40 (2) that is organized, supervised, and authorized to do business in  
 41 Indiana under IC 28 or Title 12 of the United States Code.

42 (f) As used in this chapter, "food retailer" means a retailer that:



- 1 (1) sells food items to consumers; and  
 2 (2) has been authorized under 7 CFR 278 to participate in SNAP.
- 3 ~~(g)~~ (f) As used in this chapter, "person" includes any individual or  
 4 entity described in IC 6-2.5-1-3.
- 5 ~~(h)~~ (g) As used in this chapter, "point of sale terminal" means an  
 6 electronic hardware device that is:  
 7 (1) used at a retailer's place of business where consumers pay for  
 8 goods or services; and  
 9 (2) capable of:  
 10 (A) initiating a request for authorization of a purchase of  
 11 tangible personal property;  
 12 (B) disbursing currency from an account;  
 13 (C) initiating a balance inquiry for an account; or  
 14 (D) distributing assistance through an EBT system as  
 15 described in this chapter.
- 16 ~~(i)~~ (h) As used in this chapter, "primary business" means more than  
 17 fifty percent (50%) of the gross retail income (as defined in  
 18 IC 6-2.5-1-5) attributable to the location or premises where the  
 19 business is located.
- 20 ~~(j)~~ (i) As used in this chapter, "retailer" means a person that, in the  
 21 ordinary course of business:  
 22 (1) sells or transfers tangible personal property; or  
 23 (2) provides or performs services for compensation;  
 24 to consumers.
- 25 ~~(k)~~ (j) As used in this chapter, "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of  
 26 the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 27 SECTION 110. IC 12-13-14-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 28 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: (a) The electronic benefits transfer commission is  
 29 established:  
 30 (b) The commission consists of eight (8) members appointed by the  
 31 secretary of family and social services as follows:  
 32 (1) Two (2) employees of the office of the secretary of family and  
 33 social services.  
 34 (2) Two (2) members of the Indiana Grocers and Convenience  
 35 Store Association, nominated by the chief executive officer of the  
 36 Indiana Grocers and Convenience Store Association for  
 37 consideration by the secretary of family and social services.  
 38 (3) Two (2) members of the Indiana Bankers Association;  
 39 nominated by the chief executive officer of the Indiana Bankers  
 40 Association for consideration by the office of the secretary of  
 41 family and social services.  
 42 (4) Two (2) persons representing recipients of SNAP benefits or



1 TANF benefits. One (1) person shall be nominated by the Indiana  
 2 Food and Nutrition Network; and one (1) person shall be  
 3 nominated by the Indiana Coalition for Human Services for  
 4 consideration by the secretary of family and social services.

5 (c) The terms of office shall be for three (3) years. The members  
 6 serve at the will of the secretary of family and social services. A  
 7 vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the secretary of family  
 8 and social services in the same manner the original appointment was  
 9 made.

10 (d) The secretary of family and social services shall appoint the  
 11 initial chairperson from among the members of the commission. The  
 12 commission shall meet on the call of the chairperson. When the  
 13 chairperson's term expires, the commission shall elect a new  
 14 chairperson from among the membership of the commission.

15 (e) The division shall provide staff needed for the commission to  
 16 operate under this chapter.

17 (f) The commission members are not eligible for per diem  
 18 reimbursement or reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to  
 19 and from commission meetings.

20 SECTION 111. IC 12-13-16-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 21 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: As used in this chapter, "advisory committee" refers  
 22 to the 211 advisory committee established by section 9 of this chapter.

23 SECTION 112. IC 12-13-16-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.73-2020,  
 24 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) The 211 services fund is established to  
 26 make 211 services available throughout Indiana. The fund shall be  
 27 administered by the office of the secretary.

28 (b) The fund consists of the following:

- 29 (1) All money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly.
- 30 (2) Funds received from the federal government for the support  
 31 of 211 services in Indiana.
- 32 (3) Investment earnings, including interest, on money in the fund.
- 33 (4) Money from any other source, including gifts and grants.

34 (c) The office of the secretary ~~after consulting with the committee;~~  
 35 shall annually prepare a plan for the expenditure of the money in the  
 36 fund. The plan must include a strategy or plan to provide information  
 37 concerning, and referrals for, human services in accordance with  
 38 section 7 of this chapter.

39 (d) Money in the fund may be spent for the following purposes:

- 40 (1) The creation of a structure for a statewide 211 resources data  
 41 base.
- 42 (2) The development and implementation of a statewide 211



- 1 resources data base described in subdivision (1). Permissible
- 2 expenditures under this subdivision include expenditures for
- 3 planning, training, accreditation, and system evaluation.
- 4 (3) Collecting, organizing, and maintaining information from state
- 5 agencies, departments, and programs that provide human
- 6 services, for access by a provider of 211 services.
- 7 (4) Providing grants for any of the following purposes to a
- 8 provider of 211 services:
  - 9 (A) The design, development, and implementation of 211
  - 10 services in the provider's 211 service area. Funds provided
  - 11 under this clause may be used for planning, public awareness,
  - 12 training, accreditation, and evaluation.
  - 13 (B) The provision of 211 services on an ongoing basis after the
  - 14 design, development, and implementation of 211 services in
  - 15 the provider's service area.
  - 16 (C) The provision of 211 services on a twenty-four (24) hour
  - 17 per day, seven (7) day per week basis.
  - 18 (e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
  - 19 money in the fund.
  - 20 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
  - 21 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
  - 22 manner as other public money may be invested.
  - 23 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
  - 24 to the state general fund.
  - 25 SECTION 113. IC 12-13-16-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
  - 26 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 9: (a) The 211 advisory committee is established. The~~
  - 27 ~~advisory committee includes the following members appointed by the~~
  - 28 ~~governor or the governor's designee:~~
    - 29 ~~(1) Two (2) members, each of whom represents a different~~
    - 30 ~~Indiana United Way entity.~~
    - 31 ~~(2) Two (2) members, each of whom represents a different local~~
    - 32 ~~service agency that receives referrals from 211.~~
    - 33 ~~(3) Seven (7) members representing the types of human services~~
    - 34 ~~provided under this chapter.~~
    - 35 ~~(4) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of~~
    - 36 ~~Rehabilitation Facilities.~~
    - 37 ~~(b) The initial members of the advisory committee serve the~~
    - 38 ~~following terms:~~
      - 39 ~~(1) Three (3) members serve a term of one (1) year.~~
      - 40 ~~(2) Five (5) members serve a term of two (2) years.~~
      - 41 ~~(3) Five (5) members serve a term of four (4) years.~~
    - 42 ~~Members appointed to the advisory committee thereafter serve terms~~



- 1 of four (4) years:
- 2 (c) The governor or the governor's designee shall appoint the
- 3 chairperson of the advisory committee.
- 4 (d) The advisory committee shall do the following:
- 5 (1) Provide input and consultation regarding implementation and
- 6 administration of 211 services by the office of the secretary to
- 7 ensure compliance with any requirements or obligations under
- 8 this chapter.
- 9 (2) Advise the office of the secretary and make recommendations
- 10 concerning the use of and goals for 211 services.
- 11 (e) The office of the secretary shall staff the advisory committee.
- 12 The expenses of the advisory committee shall be paid by the office of
- 13 the secretary.
- 14 (f) Each member of the advisory committee who is not a state
- 15 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
- 16 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for
- 17 traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses
- 18 actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided
- 19 in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana
- 20 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.
- 21 (g) Each member of the advisory committee who is a state employee
- 22 is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
- 23 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with
- 24 the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures
- 25 established by the Indiana department of administration and approved
- 26 by the budget agency.
- 27 SECTION 114. IC 12-15-30.5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 28 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to
- 29 the nonemergency medical transportation commission established by
- 30 section 7 of this chapter.
- 31 SECTION 115. IC 12-15-30.5-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 32 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 6: (a) Before October 1, 2019, the office of the
- 33 secretary shall prepare a report containing the number of Medicaid
- 34 fee-for-service nonemergency medical transportation claims paid by:
- 35 (1) vehicle type;
- 36 (2) Medicaid recipient category; and
- 37 (3) whether the recipient for which the claim was paid resided in:
- 38 (A) the community;
- 39 (B) a health facility;
- 40 (C) an intermediate care facility for individuals with
- 41 intellectual disabilities;
- 42 (D) a hospital; or



- 1 (E) another location.
- 2 (b) Beginning June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2019, the claims data  
3 reported in subsection (a) must be organized by month.
- 4 (c) The office of the secretary shall submit the report prepared under  
5 subsection (a) to the commission.
- 6 SECTION 116. IC 12-15-30.5-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2027]. See: 7. (a) The nonemergency medical transportation  
8 commission is established for the purpose of overseeing the provision  
9 of nonemergency medical transportation services to ensure that  
10 Medicaid fee-for-service recipients are receiving satisfactory service  
11 and to ensure that brokers pay the claims of transportation providers in  
12 a timely manner.
- 13 (b) The commission consists of the following members:
- 14 (1) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members of  
15 the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore  
16 of the senate with the advice of the minority leader of the senate.
- 17 (2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may  
18 not be members of the same political party, appointed by the  
19 speaker of the house of representatives with the advice of the  
20 minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 21 (3) One (1) representative of the office of the secretary.
- 22 (4) One (1) individual representing a broker.
- 23 (5) One (1) individual representing a transportation provider that  
24 has contracted with a broker.
- 25 (6) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Hospital  
26 Association.
- 27 (7) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Health Care  
28 Association.
- 29 (8) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of  
30 Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 31 (9) One (1) individual representing the Arc of Indiana.
- 32 (10) One (1) physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.
- 33 (11) One (1) individual representing dialysis providers.
- 34 (12) One (1) Medicaid fee-for-service recipient.
- 35 (13) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of  
36 Area Agencies on Aging.
- 37 (14) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Emergency  
38 Medical Services Association.
- 39 (c) The members of the commission described in subsection (b)(1)  
40 and (b)(2) shall serve:
- 41 (1) as nonvoting advisory members; and
- 42 (2) for a four (4) year term.



1 (d) The members of the commission described in subsection (b)(3)  
 2 through (b)(14) shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4)  
 3 years. The term of a member of the commission expires July 1.  
 4 However, a member may continue to serve until a successor is  
 5 appointed. In case of a vacancy, the governor shall appoint an  
 6 individual to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The  
 7 governor shall designate one (1) member described in this subsection  
 8 as chairperson of the commission.

9 (e) The initial appointments beginning July 1, 2019, must be:

10 (1) made by the governor not later than October 1, 2019; and

11 (2) notwithstanding subsection (d), staggered as follows:

12 (A) Two (2) years for the members appointed under subsection  
 13 (b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(8), (b)(10), (b)(12), and (b)(14).

14 (B) Three (3) years for the members appointed under  
 15 subsection (b)(5), (b)(7), (b)(9), (b)(11), and (b)(13).

16 This subsection expires July 1, 2024.

17 (f) The office shall provide staff support and technical assistance to  
 18 the commission, including the collection of and dissemination of data  
 19 and reports required by this chapter, in order for the commission to  
 20 carry out its duties under this chapter.

21 SECTION 117. IC 12-15-30.5-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 22 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: (a) Each member of the commission who is not  
 23 a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided  
 24 by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement  
 25 for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in  
 26 connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel  
 27 policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of  
 28 administration and approved by the budget agency.

29 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but  
 30 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to  
 31 reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually  
 32 incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the  
 33 state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana  
 34 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

35 (c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general  
 36 assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel  
 37 allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees  
 38 established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel  
 39 allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations  
 40 made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

41 SECTION 118. IC 12-15-30.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 42 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: The commission shall meet at least two (2)



1 times per year at a public meeting to do the following:

2 (1) Review a report submitted under this chapter.

3 (2) Provide feedback and make recommendations to the office of  
4 the secretary concerning the provision of nonemergency medical  
5 transportation services.

6 (3) Approve any monies to be awarded to a broker as part of a  
7 withhold provision outlined in the contract between the office of  
8 the secretary and the broker.

9 SECTION 119. IC 12-15-30.5-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 10. On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1  
11 biennially thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the  
12 executive director of the legislative services agency, in an electronic  
13 format under IC 5-14-6, for review by the interim committee on  
14 government in accordance with IC 1-1-15.5-4 and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g).  
15 The report shall describe:

16 (1) official action taken; and

17 (2) actionable items considered;

18 by the commission during the preceding two (2) years.

19 SECTION 120. IC 12-17.2-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
20 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The division may do the  
22 following:

23 (1) Prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices, and other  
24 documents required by this article or by the rules adopted under  
25 this article.

26 (2) Increase public awareness of this article and the rules adopted  
27 under this article by preparing and publishing manuals and guides  
28 explaining this article and the rules adopted under this article.

29 (3) Facilitate compliance with and enforcement of this article  
30 through the publication of materials under subdivision (2).

31 (4) Prepare reports and studies to advance the purpose of this  
32 article.

33 (5) Seek the advice and recommendations of state agencies whose  
34 information and knowledge would be of assistance in writing,  
35 revising, or monitoring rules developed under this article. These  
36 agencies, including the office of the attorney general, Indiana  
37 department of health, division of mental health and addiction,  
38 bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and ~~fire~~  
39 ~~prevention and building safety commission,~~ **department of**  
40 **homeland security**, shall upon request supply necessary  
41 information to the division.

42 (6) Make the directory of licensees available to the public for a



1 charge not to exceed the cost of reproducing the directory.

2 (7) Charge a reasonable processing fee for each license  
3 application and renewal as follows:

4 (A) For a child care center license, a fee of two dollars (\$2) per  
5 licensed child capacity.

6 (B) For a child care center new inquiry application packet, a  
7 fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5).

8 (C) For a child care home license new inquiry application  
9 packet, a fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5).

10 (D) For a child care home annual inspection, a fee not to  
11 exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

12 (8) Exercise any other regulatory and administrative powers  
13 necessary to carry out the functions of the division.

14 SECTION 121. IC 12-17.2-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
15 SECTION 118, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The division shall adopt rules  
17 under IC 4-22-2 concerning the licensing and inspection of child care  
18 centers and child care homes after consultation with the following:

19 (1) Indiana department of health.

20 (2) ~~Fire prevention and building safety commission.~~ **Department**  
21 **of homeland security.**

22 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall be applied by the  
23 division and state fire marshal in the licensing and inspection of  
24 applicants for a license and licensees under this article.

25 SECTION 122. IC 12-17.2-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
26 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. (a) A program operated to serve migrant  
28 children that is exempted under section 8(6) of this chapter and is  
29 certified by the United States Department of Health and Human  
30 Services shall be:

31 (1) granted a provisional license by the division, for a limited  
32 period not to exceed one (1) year and that is subject to review  
33 every three (3) months, if the division determines that the  
34 program reasonably complies with the rules adopted by the  
35 division; and

36 (2) inspected by the department of homeland security.

37 (b) The division and the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
38 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** shall adopt rules under  
39 IC 4-22-2 that apply only to programs operated to serve migrant  
40 children that take into consideration the fact that the programs:

41 (1) operate in donated space;

42 (2) provide services for children from migrant worker families;



- 1           and
- 2           (3) are operated during a single period of less than one hundred
- 3           twenty (120) consecutive days during a calendar year.
- 4           (c) This section does not prohibit a program operated to serve
- 5           migrant children from applying for a license under this article.
- 6           SECTION 123. IC 12-17.2-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2013,
- 7           SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 8           JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) The division may grant a variance or
- 9           waiver of a rule governing a provider. A variance or waiver granted
- 10          under this section must promote statewide practices and must protect
- 11          the rights of persons affected by this article.
- 12          (b) The division may grant a variance to a rule if a provider does the
- 13          following:
- 14               (1) Submits to the division a written request for the variance in
- 15               the form and manner specified by the division.
- 16               (2) Documents that compliance with an alternative method of
- 17               compliance approved by the division will not be adverse to the
- 18               health, safety, or welfare of a child receiving services from the
- 19               applicant for the variance, as determined by the division.
- 20          (c) A variance granted under subsection (b) must be conditioned
- 21          upon compliance with the alternative method approved by the division.
- 22          Noncompliance constitutes the violation of a rule of the division and
- 23          may be the basis for revoking the variance.
- 24          (d) The division may grant a waiver of a rule if a provider does the
- 25          following:
- 26               (1) Submits to the division a written request for the waiver in the
- 27               form and manner specified by the division.
- 28               (2) Documents that compliance with the rule specified in the
- 29               application for the waiver will create an undue hardship on the
- 30               applicant for the waiver, as determined by the division.
- 31               (3) Documents that the applicant for the waiver will be in
- 32               substantial compliance with the rules adopted by the division after
- 33               the waiver is granted, as determined by the division.
- 34               (4) Documents that noncompliance with the rule specified in the
- 35               application for a waiver will not be adverse to the health, safety,
- 36               or welfare of a child receiving services from the applicant for the
- 37               waiver, as determined by the division.
- 38          (e) Except for a variance or waiver of a rule governing child care
- 39          homes, a variance or waiver of a rule under this section that conflicts
- 40          with a building rule or fire safety rule adopted by the ~~fire prevention~~
- 41          and building safety commission **department of homeland security** is
- 42          not effective until the variance or waiver is approved by the ~~fire~~



1 ~~prevention and building safety commission; department of homeland~~  
 2 ~~security or, with the approval of the department of homeland~~  
 3 ~~security, the state building commissioner.~~

4 SECTION 124. IC 12-17.2-2-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) If the division  
 6 determines that a waiver or variance expiring under section 11 of this  
 7 chapter will continue to serve the public interest, the division may do  
 8 the following:

9 (1) Renew the waiver or variance without modifications.

10 (2) Renew and modify the waiver or variance as needed to  
 11 promote statewide practices and to protect the rights of persons  
 12 affected by this article.

13 (b) Before taking an action under subsection (a), the division may  
 14 require a licensee under this article to do the following:

15 (1) Apply for the renewal of a waiver or variance on the form  
 16 specified by the division.

17 (2) Provide the information required by the division.

18 (c) Except for a waiver or variance of a rule governing child care  
 19 homes or foster homes, before taking an action under subsection (a),  
 20 the division must obtain the approval of the ~~fire prevention and~~  
 21 ~~building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** for the  
 22 action if either of the following occurs:

23 (1) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 24 **department of homeland security** substantially changes a  
 25 building rule or fire safety rule affected by the waiver or variance  
 26 after the date the ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security**  
 27 last approved the waiver or variance.

28 (2) The division substantially modifies any part of a waiver or  
 29 variance that conflicts with a building rule or fire safety rule  
 30 adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission;~~  
 31 **department of homeland security.**

32 SECTION 125. IC 12-17.2-2-14.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2014,  
 33 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 34 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14.2. (a) As used in this section, "program" refers  
 35 to the paths to QUALITY program established by subsection (b).

36 (b) The paths to QUALITY program is established. The program is  
 37 a voluntary child care facility quality rating and improvement system  
 38 implemented by the division in partnership with the following  
 39 organizations under the trademark "Paths to QUALITY":

40 (1) Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children.

41 (2) Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral.

42 (3) Indiana Head Start Collaboration Office.



1 (4) Department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.

2 (5) Early Childhood Alliance.

3 (6) 4C of Southern Indiana.

4 (c) The program shall use four (4) levels at which a child care  
5 facility participating in the program may be rated, with Level 4  
6 indicating the highest level of quality child care.

7 (d) The office of the secretary shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
8 administer the paths to QUALITY program rating system. The rules  
9 must include procedures that outline eligibility and application  
10 procedures for the program, the establishment of procedures relating  
11 to the rating process, and the establishment or alteration of standards  
12 used in the rating process.

13 ~~(e) The office of the secretary shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to~~  
14 ~~establish the steering council of the program to make recommendations~~  
15 ~~to the division on program issues and resources. Rules adopted under~~  
16 ~~this subsection must require that council members be appointed from~~  
17 ~~partner organizations that assist in the implementation of the program~~  
18 ~~and serve to coordinate the program plan.~~

19 SECTION 126. IC 12-17.2-3.5-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) A facility where  
21 a provider operates a child care program must have two (2) exits that:

22 (1) do not require passage through a:

23 (A) garage; or

24 (B) storage area;

25 where hazardous materials are stored;

26 (2) are not windows;

27 (3) are on different sides of the facility;

28 (4) are not blocked; and

29 (5) are operable from the inside without the use of a key or any  
30 special knowledge.

31 (b) A provider shall:

32 (1) conduct monthly documented fire drills:

33 (A) in accordance with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and~~  
34 ~~building safety commission; department of homeland~~  
35 ~~security; and~~

36 (B) that include complete evacuation of all:

37 (i) children; and

38 (ii) adults who provide child care;

39 in the facility;

40 (2) maintain documentation of all fire drills conducted during the  
41 immediately preceding twelve (12) month period, including:

42 (A) the date and time of the fire drill;



- 1 (B) the name of the individual who conducted the fire drill;  
 2 (C) the weather conditions at the time of the fire drill; and  
 3 (D) the amount of time required to fully evacuate the facility;  
 4 and  
 5 (3) maintain a two and one-half (2 1/2) pound or greater ABC  
 6 multiple purpose fire extinguisher:  
 7 (A) on each floor of the facility; and  
 8 (B) in the kitchen area of the facility;  
 9 in each facility where the provider operates a child care program.
- 10 SECTION 127. IC 12-17.2-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The ~~fire prevention~~  
 12 ~~and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security**  
 13 must provide consultation regarding the licensure of child care homes  
 14 to the division upon request.
- 15 SECTION 128. IC 12-17.2-6-5, AS AMENDED BY HEA  
 16 1202-2026, SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section,  
 18 "primary use of the building" means the occupancy classification that  
 19 is:  
 20 (1) most closely related to the intended use of the building; and  
 21 (2) determined by the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 22 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** in effect  
 23 at the time that the child care ministry is first registered.
- 24 (b) The department of homeland security shall inspect a child care  
 25 ministry registered under section 2 of this chapter to ensure that the  
 26 child care ministry complies with the requirements of subsection (c).
- 27 (c) Except as provided in the following, a registered child care  
 28 ministry shall comply with all rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 29 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** applicable to the  
 30 primary use of the building:  
 31 (1) A registered child care ministry with an occupant load of at  
 32 least fifty (50) shall do either of the following:  
 33 (A) Install and maintain a fire alarm system in compliance  
 34 with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 35 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security**.  
 36 (B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department  
 37 of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends  
 38 the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same  
 39 level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.  
 40 (2) Each registered child care ministry with an occupant load of  
 41 less than fifty (50) shall do either of the following:  
 42 (A) Install and maintain in good operating condition at least



- 1           one (1) battery operated smoke detector in each room and  
2           corridor used by the ministry.
- 3           (B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department  
4           of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends  
5           the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same  
6           level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.
- 7           (3) Each registered child care ministry shall comply with the rules  
8           of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
9           **department of homeland security** concerning fire drills.
- 10          For purposes of this subsection, occupant load is determined by  
11          dividing the total square footage of the area used by the child care  
12          ministry by thirty-five (35) and rounding any result that is not a whole  
13          number up to the next whole number.
- 14          (d) The department of homeland security shall perform inspections  
15          of a child care ministry registered under section 2 of this chapter in  
16          accordance with IC 22-14-2-11.
- 17          SECTION 129. IC 12-17.2-5-36 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
18          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 36. The ~~fire prevention~~  
19          ~~and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security**  
20          may not adopt rules that classify a child care home as an E building  
21          occupancy classification.
- 22          SECTION 130. IC 12-17.2-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
23          SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
24          JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "primary use of the  
25          building" means the occupancy classification that is:
- 26                  (1) most closely related to the intended use of the building; and  
27                  (2) determined by the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
28                  ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** in effect  
29                  at the time that the child care ministry is first registered.
- 30          (b) The state fire marshal shall inspect a child care ministry  
31          registered under section 2 of this chapter to ensure that the child care  
32          ministry complies with the requirements of subsection (c).
- 33          (c) Except as provided in the following, a registered child care  
34          ministry shall comply with all rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
35          ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** applicable to the  
36          primary use of the building:
- 37                  (1) A registered child care ministry with an occupant load of at  
38                  least fifty (50) shall do either of the following:
- 39                          (A) Install and maintain a fire alarm system in compliance  
40                          with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
41                          ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security**.  
42                          (B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department



- 1 of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends  
 2 the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same  
 3 level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.
- 4 (2) Each registered child care ministry with an occupant load of  
 5 less than fifty (50) shall do either of the following:
- 6 (A) Install and maintain in good operating condition at least  
 7 one (1) battery operated smoke detector in each room and  
 8 corridor used by the ministry.
- 9 (B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department  
 10 of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends  
 11 the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same  
 12 level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.
- 13 (3) Each registered child care ministry shall comply with the rules  
 14 of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 15 **department of homeland security** concerning fire drills.
- 16 For purposes of this subsection, occupant load is determined by  
 17 dividing the total square footage of the area used by the child care  
 18 ministry by thirty-five (35) and rounding any result that is not a whole  
 19 number up to the next whole number.
- 20 (d) The state fire marshal shall make an inspection of a child care  
 21 ministry registered under section 2 of this chapter at least annually.
- 22 (e) During an inspection, the state fire marshal shall inspect the  
 23 structure in which the child care ministry is conducted for fire safety  
 24 and life safety with respect to the structure's primary use.
- 25 SECTION 131. IC 12-17.6-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014,  
 26 SECTION 111, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) The office shall contract with  
 28 an independent organization to evaluate the program.
- 29 (b) The office shall report the results of each evaluation to the  
 30 ~~(1) children's health policy board established by IC 4-23-27-2;~~  
 31 ~~and~~  
 32 ~~(2) interim study committee on public health, behavioral health,~~  
 33 ~~and human services established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an electronic~~  
 34 ~~format under IC 5-14-6.~~
- 35 (c) This section does not modify the requirements of other statutes  
 36 relating to the confidentiality of medical records.
- 37 SECTION 132. IC 12-17.6-2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014,  
 38 SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. Not later than April 1, the office  
 40 shall provide a report describing the program's activities during the  
 41 preceding calendar year to the:
- 42 (1) budget committee;



- 1 (2) legislative council; **and**  
 2 ~~(3) children's health policy board established by IC 4-23-27-2;~~  
 3 ~~and~~  
 4 ~~(4)~~ (3) interim study committee on public health, behavioral  
 5 health, and human services established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an  
 6 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

7 A report provided under this section to the legislative council must be  
 8 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

9 SECTION 133. IC 12-17.6-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.103-2009,  
 10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The benefit package provided under the  
 12 program shall focus on age appropriate preventive, primary, and acute  
 13 care services.

14 (b) The office shall offer health insurance coverage for the following  
 15 basic services:

- 16 (1) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services.  
 17 (2) Physicians' services provided by a physician (as defined in 42  
 18 U.S.C. 1395x(r)).  
 19 (3) Laboratory and x-ray services.  
 20 (4) Well-baby and well-child care, including:  
 21 (A) age appropriate immunizations; and  
 22 (B) periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services  
 23 according to a schedule developed by the office.

24 The office may offer services in addition to those listed in this  
 25 subsection if appropriations to the program exist to pay for the  
 26 additional services.

27 (c) The office shall offer health insurance coverage for the following  
 28 additional services if **the office determines that** the coverage for the  
 29 services has an actuarial value equal to or greater than the actuarial  
 30 value of the services provided by the benchmark program: ~~determined~~  
 31 ~~by the children's health policy board established by IC 4-23-27-2:~~

- 32 (1) Prescription drugs.  
 33 (2) Mental health services.  
 34 (3) Vision services.  
 35 (4) Hearing services.  
 36 (5) Dental services.

37 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), the office may not  
 38 impose treatment limitations or financial requirements on the coverage  
 39 of services for a mental illness if similar treatment limitations or  
 40 financial requirements are not imposed on coverage for services for  
 41 other illnesses. Coverage for mental illness under the program must  
 42 include the following:



1 (1) Inpatient mental health services and substance abuse services  
2 provided in an institution that:

3 (A) treats mental disease; and

4 (B) has more than sixteen (16) beds;

5 unless coverage is prohibited by federal law.

6 (2) Psychiatric residential treatment services.

7 (3) Community mental health rehabilitation services.

8 (4) Outpatient mental health services and substance abuse  
9 services, with no greater limitations on the number of units per  
10 rolling year than are required under the Medicaid program.

11 However, the office may require prior authorization for the services  
12 specified in subdivisions (1) through (4).

13 SECTION 134. IC 12-17.6-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) It is a violation  
15 of IC 27-4-1-4 if an insurer, or an insurance producer or insurance  
16 broker compensated by the insurer, knowingly or intentionally refers  
17 an insured or the dependent of an insured to the program for health  
18 insurance coverage when the insured already receives health insurance  
19 coverage through an employer's health care plan that is underwritten by  
20 the insurer.

21 (b) The office shall ~~coordinate with the children's health policy~~  
22 ~~board under IC 4-23-27~~ to evaluate the need for mechanisms that  
23 minimize the incentive for an employer to eliminate or reduce health  
24 care coverage for an employee's dependents.

25 SECTION 135. IC 13-20-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2012,  
26 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. A person that obtains a certificate of  
28 registration under section 3 of this chapter must do the following:

29 (1) Report annually to the department on the following:

30 (A) The number of passenger tire equivalents received at the  
31 waste tire storage site or by the waste tire processing  
32 operation.

33 (B) The number and manner of disposal of the passenger tire  
34 equivalents.

35 (2) Maintain contingency plans to protect public health and the  
36 environment.

37 (3) If the person operates a waste tire storage site, maintain  
38 financial assurance acceptable to the department necessary for  
39 waste tire removal, in an amount specified in rules adopted by the  
40 board under section 11(b)(3) of this chapter.

41 (4) Maintain a copy of the certificate of registration at the site.

42 (5) Comply with applicable rules and requirements established by



1 the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**  
2 **of homeland security** for indoor waste tire storage sites.

3 (6) Retain a copy of manifests received from a waste tire  
4 transporter under IC 13-20-14 for at least one (1) year and make  
5 a copy of the manifests available to the department upon request.

6 SECTION 136. IC 13-23-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. A unit of local  
8 government may not enact or enforce an ordinance that is in conflict  
9 with any of the following:

10 (1) This article.

11 (2) Rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
12 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** under this article.

13 (3) Rules adopted by the board under this article.

14 SECTION 137. IC 13-23-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) To obtain a  
16 certificate under section 1 of this chapter, a person must:

17 (1) take an examination that is approved;

18 (2) achieve a passing score on the examination that is established;  
19 and

20 (3) pay any reasonable fees necessary to offset the costs incurred  
21 by the ~~state fire marshal~~ **department** in administering the  
22 examination and certification procedures that are established;  
23 under rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
24 ~~commission~~ **board**.

25 (b) An examination described under subsection (a) must cover the  
26 following subjects:

27 (1) Relevant rules adopted by ~~the~~

28 ~~(A) board; and~~

29 ~~(B) fire prevention and building safety commission;~~

30 **the board** concerning underground storage tanks.

31 (2) Any other subjects approved under rules adopted by the ~~fire~~  
32 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~ **board**.

33 (c) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **board** shall  
34 adopt rules establishing the following:

35 (1) The number of times a person who fails an examination  
36 described under this section may take the examination again.

37 (2) The period of time a person who fails an examination  
38 described under this section must wait before taking the  
39 examination again.

40 (d) The ~~state fire marshal~~ **department** may, ~~under rules adopted by~~  
41 ~~the fire prevention and building safety commission;~~ certify a person:

42 (1) under section 1 of this chapter; and



1 (2) by reciprocity;  
 2 if the person is licensed or certified by another state that has  
 3 certification requirements that are substantially similar to the  
 4 requirements established under this section.

5 SECTION 138. IC 14-10-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.78-2019,  
 6 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. The natural resources commission is  
 8 established. The commission consists of twelve (12) members as  
 9 follows:

10 (1) The commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation  
 11 or the commissioner's designee.

12 (2) The commissioner of the department of environmental  
 13 management or the commissioner's designated deputy.

14 (3) The director of the office of tourism development or the  
 15 director's designee (before July 1, 2020) or the director of the  
 16 Indiana destination development corporation or the director's  
 17 designee (after June 30, 2020).

18 (4) The director of the department.

19 (5) The chairperson of the advisory council established by  
 20 IC 14-9-6-1.

21 (6) The president of the Indiana academy of science or the  
 22 president's designee.

23 (7) Six (6) citizen members appointed by the governor. ~~at least~~  
 24 ~~two (2) of whom must have knowledge, experience, or education~~  
 25 ~~in the environment or in natural resource conservation. Not more~~  
 26 ~~than three (3) citizen members may be of the same political party.~~

27 SECTION 139. IC 16-18-2-37.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,  
 28 SECTION 103, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 37.5. (a) "Board", for purposes of  
 30 IC 16-22-8, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-22-8-2.1.

31 (b) "Board", for purposes of IC ~~16-41-42.2~~, has the meaning set  
 32 forth in IC ~~16-41-42.2-1~~.

33 SECTION 140. IC 16-18-2-84, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2023,  
 34 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 35 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 84. (a) "Council", for purposes of IC ~~16-46-6~~,  
 36 refers to the interagency state council on black and minority health.

37 (b) "Council", for purposes of IC 16-46-17, refers to the rare disease  
 38 advisory council.

39 SECTION 141. IC 16-18-2-161.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. ~~161.5~~: "Health care interpreter", for purposes of  
 41 IC ~~16-46-11.1~~, has the meaning set forth in IC ~~16-46-11.1-2~~.

42 SECTION 142. IC 16-18-2-163.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 163.5: "Health care translator"; for purposes of  
 2 ~~IC 16-46-11.1~~, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 16-46-11.1-3~~.

3 SECTION 143. IC 16-19-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,  
 4 SECTION 182, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The executive board may, by  
 6 an affirmative vote of a majority of its members, adopt reasonable rules  
 7 under IC 4-22-2 on behalf of the state department to protect or to  
 8 improve the public health in Indiana.

9 (b) The rules may concern but are not limited to the following:

- 10 (1) Nuisances dangerous to public health.  
 11 (2) The pollution of any water supply other than where  
 12 jurisdiction is in the environmental rules board and department of  
 13 environmental management.  
 14 (3) The disposition of excremental and sewage matter.  
 15 (4) The control of fly and mosquito breeding places.  
 16 (5) The detection, reporting, prevention, and control of diseases  
 17 that affect public health.  
 18 (6) The care of maternity and infant cases and the conduct of  
 19 maternity homes.  
 20 (7) The production, distribution, and sale of human food.  
 21 (8) Except as provided in section 4.4 of this chapter, the conduct  
 22 of camps.  
 23 (9) Standards of cleanliness of eating facilities for the public.  
 24 (10) Standards of cleanliness of sanitary facilities offered for  
 25 public use.  
 26 (11) The handling, disposal, disinterment, and reburial of dead  
 27 human bodies.  
 28 (12) Vital statistics.  
 29 (13) Sanitary conditions and facilities in public buildings and  
 30 grounds, including plumbing, drainage, sewage disposal, water  
 31 supply, lighting, heating, and ventilation, other than where  
 32 jurisdiction is vested by law in the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 33 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** or other  
 34 state agency.  
 35 (14) The design, construction, and operation of swimming and  
 36 wading pools. However, the rules governing swimming and  
 37 wading pools do not apply to a pool maintained by an individual  
 38 for the sole use of the individual's household and house guests.

39 (c) The executive board shall adopt reasonable rules to regulate the  
 40 following:

- 41 (1) The sanitary operation of tattoo parlors.  
 42 (2) The sanitary operation of body piercing facilities.



1 (d) The executive board may adopt rules on behalf of the state  
2 department for the efficient enforcement of this title, except as  
3 otherwise provided. However, fees for inspections relating to weights  
4 and measures may not be established by the rules.

5 (e) The executive board may declare that a rule described in  
6 subsection (d) is necessary to meet an emergency and adopt the rule  
7 under IC 4-22-2.

8 (f) The rules of the state department may not be inconsistent with  
9 this title and or any other state law.

10 SECTION 144. IC 16-19-3.5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.49-2016,  
11 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. The state department may not deny a  
13 construction permit based upon noncompliance or suspected  
14 noncompliance with a rule adopted under the authority of the ~~fire~~  
15 ~~prevention and building safety commission established by~~  
16 ~~IC 22-42-2-1.~~ **department of homeland security.**

17 SECTION 145. IC 16-19-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.51-2021,  
18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
19 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. The office is established for the following  
20 purposes:

21 (1) To educate and advocate for women's health by requesting that  
22 the state department, either on its own or in partnership with other  
23 entities, establish appropriate forums, programs, or initiatives  
24 designed to educate the public regarding women's health, with an  
25 emphasis on preventive health and healthy lifestyles.

26 (2) To assist the state health commissioner in identifying,  
27 coordinating, and establishing priorities for programs, services,  
28 and resources the state should provide for women's health issues  
29 and concerns relating to the reproductive, menopausal, and  
30 postmenopausal phases of a woman's life, with an emphasis on  
31 postmenopausal health.

32 (3) To serve as a clearinghouse and resource for information  
33 regarding women's health data, strategies, services, and programs  
34 that address women's health issues, including the following:

35 (A) Diseases that significantly impact women, including heart  
36 disease, cancer, and osteoporosis.

37 (B) Menopause.

38 (C) Mental health.

39 (D) Substance abuse.

40 (E) Sexually transmitted diseases.

41 (F) Sexual assault and domestic violence.

42 (G) Female genital mutilation (as defined in IC 35-42-2-10).



- 1 (4) To collect, classify, and analyze relevant research information  
 2 and data conducted or compiled by:  
 3 (A) the state department; or  
 4 (B) other entities in collaboration with the state department;  
 5 and to provide interested persons with information regarding the  
 6 research results, except as prohibited by law.  
 7 (5) To develop and recommend funding and program activities for  
 8 educating the public on women's health initiatives, including the  
 9 following:  
 10 (A) Health needs throughout a woman's life.  
 11 (B) Diseases that significantly affect women, including heart  
 12 disease, cancer, and osteoporosis.  
 13 (C) Access to health care for women.  
 14 (D) Poverty and women's health.  
 15 (E) The leading causes of morbidity and mortality for women.  
 16 (F) Special health concerns of minority women.  
 17 (6) To make recommendations to the state health commissioner  
 18 regarding programs that address women's health issues for  
 19 inclusion in the state department's biennial budget and strategic  
 20 planning.  
 21 (7) To seek funding from private or governmental entities to carry  
 22 out the purposes of this chapter.  
 23 (8) To prepare materials for publication and dissemination to the  
 24 public on women's health.  
 25 (9) To conduct public educational forums in Indiana to raise  
 26 public awareness and to educate citizens about women's health  
 27 programs, issues, and services.  
 28 (10) To coordinate the activities and programs of the office with  
 29 other entities that focus on women's health or women's issues,  
 30 including the ~~Indiana commission for women (IC 4-23-25-3)~~.  
 31 **Indiana cultural commission established by IC 4-23-36.**  
 32 (11) To represent the state health commissioner, upon request,  
 33 before the general assembly and the ~~Indiana commission for~~  
 34 ~~women established by IC 4-23-25-3~~. **Indiana cultural**  
 35 **commission established by IC 4-23-36.**  
 36 (12) To provide an annual report to the governor, the legislative  
 37 council, and the ~~Indiana commission for women~~ **Indiana cultural**  
 38 **commission established by IC 4-23-36** regarding the successes  
 39 of the programs of the office, priorities and services needed for  
 40 women's health in Indiana, and areas for improvement. A report  
 41 provided under this subdivision to the legislative council must be  
 42 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.



1 This section does not allow the director or any employees of the office  
 2 to advocate, promote, refer to, or otherwise advance abortion or  
 3 abortifacients.

4 SECTION 146. IC 16-22-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022,  
 5 SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a  
 7 county hospital in a county having a population of more than sixteen  
 8 thousand seven hundred (16,700) and less than ~~nineteen thousand~~  
 9 ~~(19,000)~~ **twenty thousand (20,000)**.

10 (b) Subject to subsection (e), the hospital and the affairs and  
 11 business of the hospital shall be under the management and control of  
 12 a governing board consisting of seven (7) members as follows:

13 (1) Three (3) members must be members of the county executive.

14 (2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county fiscal  
 15 body, one (1) of whom may be a licensed physician.

16 (3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county executive.

17 (c) One (1) of the members initially appointed by the county fiscal  
 18 body serves for one (1) year and one (1) of the members initially  
 19 appointed serves for two (2) years. After the initial appointment, the  
 20 members serve for two (2) years.

21 (d) One (1) of the members initially appointed by the county  
 22 executive serves for one (1) year and one (1) of the members initially  
 23 appointed serves for two (2) years. After the initial appointment, the  
 24 members serve for two (2) years.

25 (e) Not more than two (2) members of a governing board appointed  
 26 under this section may reside in a county other than the county in  
 27 which the hospital is located. A member who is not a resident of the  
 28 county in which the hospital is located must:

29 (1) be an Indiana resident; and

30 (2) be appointed upon a submission made under section 11 of this  
 31 chapter by the governing board of the hospital to the appointing  
 32 authority.

33 SECTION 147. IC 16-28-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2014,  
 34 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 35 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. The state department shall do the following:

36 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing the following:

37 (A) Health and sanitation standards necessary to protect the  
 38 health, safety, security, rights, and welfare of patients.

39 (B) Qualifications of applicants for licenses issued under this  
 40 article to assure the proper care of patients.

41 (C) Operation, maintenance, management, equipment, and  
 42 construction of facilities required to be licensed under this



1 article if jurisdiction is not vested in any other state agency.

2 (D) Manner, form, and content of the license, including rules  
3 governing disclosure of ownership interests.

4 (E) Levels of medical staffing and medical services in  
5 cooperation with the office of Medicaid policy and planning,  
6 division of family resources, and other agencies authorized to  
7 pay for the services.

8 (2) Recommend to the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
9 **commission department of homeland security** fire safety rules  
10 necessary to protect the health, safety, security, rights, and welfare  
11 of patients.

12 (3) Classify health facilities in health care categories.

13 SECTION 148. IC 16-41-26-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2018,  
14 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the  
16 state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to protect  
17 the health, safety, and welfare of persons living in agricultural labor  
18 camps, prescribing standards for living quarters at agricultural labor  
19 camps, including provisions relating to construction of camps, sanitary  
20 conditions, light, air, safety protection from fire hazards, equipment,  
21 maintenance and operation of the camp, sewage disposal through septic  
22 tank absorption fields or other approved methods, and other matters  
23 appropriate for the security of the life and health of occupants.

24 (b) The environmental rules board shall adopt rules under  
25 IC 13-14-9 pertaining to water supplies required for agricultural labor  
26 camps.

27 (c) In the preparation of rules, the state department:

28 (1) shall consult with and request technical assistance from other  
29 appropriate state agencies; and

30 (2) may appoint and consult with committees of technically  
31 qualified persons and of representatives of employers and  
32 employees.

33 (d) If a conflict exists between rules adopted under this chapter and  
34 rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission;~~  
35 **department of homeland security**, the rules authorized in this section  
36 apply.

37 (e) A copy of every rule adopted under this chapter shall be sent to  
38 each health officer in Indiana and to the heads of other state agencies  
39 with specific or related responsibility affecting agricultural labor camps  
40 and to any person requesting the rules. The rules affecting agricultural  
41 labor camps adopted under this chapter shall be published periodically  
42 in the manner the state department determines.



1 SECTION 149. IC 16-41-31-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. The ~~fire prevention~~  
 3 ~~and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security**  
 4 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish fire safety standards for  
 5 bed and breakfast establishments.

6 SECTION 150. IC 16-41-42.2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the~~  
 8 ~~spinal cord and brain injury research board established by section 5 of~~  
 9 ~~this chapter.~~

10 SECTION 151. IC 16-41-42.2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2015,  
 11 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. The fund is to be used for the following  
 13 purposes:

14 (1) Establishing and maintaining a state medical surveillance  
 15 registry for traumatic spinal cord and brain injuries.

16 ~~(2) Fulfilling the duties of the board established by section 5 of~~  
 17 ~~this chapter.~~

18 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** Funding research related to the treatment and cure of  
 19 spinal cord and brain injuries, including acute management,  
 20 medical complications, rehabilitative techniques, and neuronal  
 21 recovery. Research must be conducted in compliance with all  
 22 state and federal laws.

23 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** Concerning spinal cord injuries, funding of at least ten  
 24 percent (10%) and not more than fifteen percent (15%) of money  
 25 in the fund for:

26 (A) post acute extended treatment and services for an  
 27 individual with a spinal cord injury; or

28 (B) facilities that offer long term activity based therapy  
 29 services at affordable rates to an individual with a spinal cord  
 30 injury that requires extended post acute care.

31 ~~(5)~~ **(4)** Concerning brain injuries, funding of at least ten percent  
 32 (10%) and not more than fifteen percent (15%) of money in the  
 33 fund for:

34 (A) post acute extended treatment and services for an  
 35 individual with a brain injury; or

36 (B) facilities that offer long term activity based therapy  
 37 services at affordable rates to an individual with a brain injury  
 38 that requires extended post acute care.

39 ~~(6)~~ **(5)** Develop a statewide trauma system. However, not more  
 40 than fifty percent (50%) of money in the fund may be used for  
 41 purposes of developing a statewide trauma system.

42 SECTION 152. IC 16-41-42.2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2016,



1 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) The spinal cord and brain injury research  
3 board is established for the purpose of administering the fund. The  
4 board is composed of eleven (11) members:

5 (b) The following six (6) members of the board shall be appointed  
6 by the governor:

7 (1) One (1) member who has a spinal cord or head injury or who  
8 has a family member with a spinal cord or head injury.

9 (2) One (1) member who is a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5  
10 who has specialty training in neuroscience and surgery.

11 (3) One (1) member who is a physiatrist holding a board  
12 certification from the American Board of Physical Medicine and  
13 Rehabilitation.

14 (4) One (1) member representing the technical life sciences  
15 industry.

16 (5) One (1) member who is a physical therapist licensed under  
17 IC 25-27 who treats individuals with traumatic spinal cord  
18 injuries or brain injuries.

19 (6) One (1) member who owns or operates a facility that provides  
20 long term activity based therapy services at affordable rates to  
21 individuals with traumatic spinal cord injuries or brain injuries.

22 (c) Five (5) members of the board shall be appointed as follows:

23 (1) One (1) member representing Indiana University to be  
24 appointed by Indiana University.

25 (2) One (1) member representing Purdue University to be  
26 appointed by Purdue University.

27 (3) One (1) member representing the National Spinal Cord Injury  
28 Association to be appointed by the National Spinal Cord Injury  
29 Association.

30 (4) One (1) member representing the largest freestanding  
31 rehabilitation hospital for brain and spinal cord injuries in Indiana  
32 to be appointed by the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana located  
33 in Indianapolis.

34 (5) One (1) member representing the Brain Injury Association of  
35 America to be appointed by the Brain Injury Association of  
36 Indiana.

37 (d) The term of a member is four (4) years. A member serves until  
38 a successor is appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs on the board  
39 before the end of a member's term, the appointing authority appointing  
40 the vacating member shall appoint an individual to serve the remainder  
41 of the vacating member's term.

42 (e) A majority of the members appointed to the board constitutes a



1 quorum: The affirmative votes of a majority of the members are  
2 required for the board to take action on any measure.

3 (f) Each member of the board is entitled to the minimum salary per  
4 diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to  
5 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
6 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
7 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
8 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
9 agency.

10 (g) The board shall annually elect a chairperson who shall be the  
11 presiding officer of the board. The board may establish other officers  
12 and procedures as the board determines necessary.

13 (h) The board shall meet at least two (2) times each year. The  
14 chairperson may call additional meetings.

15 (i) The state department shall provide staff for the board. The state  
16 department shall maintain a registry of the members of the board. An  
17 appointing authority shall provide written confirmation of an  
18 appointment to the board to the state department in the form and  
19 manner specified by the state department.

20 (j) The ~~board~~ **state department** shall do the following:

21 (1) Consider policy matters relating to spinal cord and brain  
22 injury research projects and programs under this chapter.

23 (2) Consider research applications and make grants for approved  
24 research projects under this chapter.

25 (3) Consider applications and make grants to health care clinics  
26 that:

27 (A) are exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
28 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;

29 (B) employ physical therapists licensed under IC 25-27; and

30 (C) provide in Indiana long term activity based therapy  
31 services at affordable rates to individuals with spinal cord  
32 injuries or brain injuries that require extended post acute care.

33 (4) Consider the application's efficacy in providing significant and  
34 sustained improvement to individuals with spinal cord injuries or  
35 brain injuries.

36 (5) Formulate policies and procedures concerning the operation  
37 of the ~~board~~ **state department**.

38 (6) Review and authorize spinal cord and brain injury research  
39 projects and programs to be financed under this chapter. For  
40 purposes of this subdivision, the ~~board~~ **state department** may  
41 establish an independent scientific advisory panel composed of  
42 scientists and clinicians who are not members of the ~~board~~ **state**



1 **department** to review proposals submitted to the ~~board state~~  
 2 **department** and make recommendations to the ~~board state~~  
 3 **department**. Collaborations are encouraged with other  
 4 Indiana-based researchers as well as researchers located outside  
 5 Indiana, including researchers in other countries.

6 (7) Review and approve progress and final research reports on  
 7 projects authorized under this chapter, including any other  
 8 information the **board state department** has required to be  
 9 submitted as a condition of receiving a grant.

10 (8) Review and make recommendations concerning the  
 11 expenditure of money from the fund.

12 (9) Take other action necessary for the purpose ~~stated in~~  
 13 ~~subsection (a).~~ **of administering the fund.**

14 (10) Provide to the governor, the general assembly, and the  
 15 legislative council an annual report not later than January 30 of  
 16 each year showing the status of funds appropriated under this  
 17 chapter. The report to the general assembly and the legislative  
 18 council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

19 ~~(k) A member of the board is exempt from civil liability arising or~~  
 20 ~~thought to arise from an action taken in good faith as a member of the~~  
 21 ~~board.~~

22 ~~(l) The department shall annually present to the board a financial~~  
 23 ~~statement that includes the following information for the current and~~  
 24 ~~previous fiscal year:~~

25 ~~(1) The amount of money deposited into the fund:~~

26 ~~(2) The amount of money expended from the fund:~~

27 ~~(3) The amount of money, including any reserves, available for~~  
 28 ~~grants from the fund:~~

29 SECTION 153. IC 16-46-6-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 30 1, 2027]. Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the  
 31 interagency state council on black and minority health.

32 SECTION 154. IC 16-46-6-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 33 1, 2027]. Sec. 3. The state department shall establish the interagency  
 34 state council on black and minority health.

35 SECTION 155. IC 16-46-6-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 36 1, 2027]. Sec. 4. (a) The council consists of the following twenty-one  
 37 (21) members:

38 (1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives from  
 39 different political parties appointed by the speaker of the house of  
 40 representatives.

41 (2) Two (2) members of the senate from different political parties  
 42 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.



- 1 (3) The governor or the governor's designee.  
 2 (4) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's  
 3 designee.  
 4 (5) The director of the division of family resources established by  
 5 IC 12-13-1-1 or the director's designee.  
 6 (6) The director of the office of Medicaid policy and planning  
 7 established by IC 12-8-6.5-1 or the director's designee.  
 8 (7) The director of the division of mental health and addiction  
 9 established by IC 12-21-1-1 or the director's designee.  
 10 (8) The commissioner of the department of correction or the  
 11 commissioner's designee.  
 12 (9) One (1) representative of a local health department appointed  
 13 by the governor.  
 14 (10) One (1) representative of a public health care facility  
 15 appointed by the governor.  
 16 (11) One (1) psychologist appointed by the governor who:  
 17 (A) is licensed to practice psychology in Indiana; and  
 18 (B) has knowledge and experience in the special health needs  
 19 of minorities.  
 20 (12) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 21 recommendation of the Indiana State Medical Association.  
 22 (13) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 23 recommendation of the National Medical Association.  
 24 (14) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 25 recommendation of the Indiana Hospital and Health Association.  
 26 (15) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 27 recommendation of the American Cancer Society.  
 28 (16) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 29 recommendation of the American Heart Association.  
 30 (17) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 31 recommendation of the American Diabetes Association.  
 32 (18) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 33 recommendation of the Black Nurses Association.  
 34 (19) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the  
 35 recommendation of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition.  
 36 (b) At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the members of the council  
 37 must be minorities.  
 38 SECTION 156. IC 16-46-6-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 39 1, 2027]. Sec. 5: (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), all  
 40 appointments to the council are for two (2) years. A legislative  
 41 member's term expires on June 30 of an odd-numbered year.  
 42 (b) The term of a member appointed by the governor is four (4)



1 years and expires as follows:

2 (1) ~~June 30, 2025~~; and each fourth year thereafter for a member  
3 appointed under section 4(a)(9) through 4(a)(14) of this chapter.

4 (2) ~~December 31, 2025~~; and each fourth year thereafter for a  
5 member appointed under section 4(a)(15) through 4(a)(19) of this  
6 chapter.

7 (c) ~~A member may be reappointed to the commission for succeeding~~  
8 ~~terms.~~

9 SECTION 157. IC 16-46-6-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10 1, 2027]. Sec. 6: The council shall select a chairman from the  
11 membership annually.

12 SECTION 158. IC 16-46-6-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
13 1, 2027]. Sec. 7: ~~Appointments to fill a vacancy are for the remainder~~  
14 ~~of an unexpired term and are made by the authority who made the~~  
15 ~~original appointment.~~

16 SECTION 159. IC 16-46-6-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
17 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: ~~The state department shall provide staff for the~~  
18 ~~council.~~

19 SECTION 160. IC 16-46-6-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
20 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: ~~The council shall hold at least four (4) meetings~~  
21 ~~annually.~~

22 SECTION 161. IC 16-46-6-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. The ~~council~~  
24 **Indiana cultural commission established under IC 4-23-36** shall do  
25 the following:

26 (1) Identify and study the special health care needs and health  
27 problems of minorities.

28 (2) Examine the factors and conditions that affect the health of  
29 minorities.

30 (3) Examine the health care services available to minorities in the  
31 public and private sector and determine the extent to which these  
32 services meet the needs of minorities.

33 (4) Study the state and federal laws concerning the health needs  
34 of minorities.

35 (5) Examine the coordination of services to minorities and  
36 recommend improvements in the delivery of services.

37 (6) Examine funding sources for minority health care.

38 (7) Examine and recommend preventive measures concerning the  
39 leading causes of death or injury among minorities, including the  
40 following:

41 (A) Heart disease.

42 (B) Stroke.



- 1 (C) Cancer.
- 2 (D) Intentional injuries.
- 3 (E) Accidental death and injury.
- 4 (F) Cirrhosis.
- 5 (G) Diabetes.
- 6 (H) Infant mortality.
- 7 (I) HIV and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
- 8 (J) Mental Health.
- 9 (K) Substance Abuse.
- 10 (8) Examine the impact of the following on minorities:
- 11 (A) Adolescent pregnancy.
- 12 (B) Sexually transmitted and other communicable diseases.
- 13 (C) Lead poisoning.
- 14 (D) Long term disability and aging.
- 15 (E) Sickle cell anemia.
- 16 (9) Monitor the Indiana minority health initiative and other public
- 17 policies that affect the health status of minorities.
- 18 (10) Develop and implement a comprehensive plan and time line
- 19 to address health disparities and health issues of minority
- 20 populations in Indiana.
- 21 SECTION 162. IC 16-46-6-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 22 1, 2027]. Sec. 11: The council shall submit a report in an electronic
- 23 format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly before November 1 of
- 24 each year. The report must include the following:
- 25 (1) The findings and conclusions of the council.
- 26 (2) Recommendations of the council.
- 27 SECTION 163. IC 16-46-6-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 28 1, 2027]. Sec. 12: (a) Except as otherwise provided, a person who
- 29 recklessly violates or fails to comply with this chapter commits a Class
- 30 B misdemeanor.
- 31 (b) Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.
- 32 SECTION 164. IC 16-46-6-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 33 1, 2027]. Sec. 13: (a) Each member of the council who is not a state
- 34 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
- 35 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The council member is also entitled to
- 36 reimbursement for mileage, traveling expenses as provided under
- 37 IC 4-13-1-4, and other expenses actually incurred in connection with
- 38 the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures
- 39 established by the Indiana department of administration and approved
- 40 by the budget agency.
- 41 (b) Each member of the council who is a state employee is entitled
- 42 to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4



1 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 2 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 3 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 4 agency.

5 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), expenses incurred under  
 6 this section must be paid out of the funds appropriated to the state  
 7 department.

8 (d) Each member of the council who is a member of the general  
 9 assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel  
 10 allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees  
 11 established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel  
 12 allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations  
 13 made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

14 SECTION 165. IC 16-46-11.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 15 1, 2027]. (Commission on Health Care Interpreters and Translators).

16 SECTION 166. IC 20-20-38-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
 17 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The state board shall develop  
 19 and implement a long range state plan for a comprehensive secondary  
 20 level career and technical education program in Indiana.

21 (b) The plan developed under this section must be updated as  
 22 changes occur. The state board shall make the plan and any revisions  
 23 made to the plan available to:

- 24 (1) the governor;
- 25 (2) the general assembly;
- 26 (3) the department of workforce development;
- 27 (4) the commission for higher education; **and**
- 28 (5) ~~the board for proprietary education;~~ **and**
- 29 (6) **(5)** any other appropriate state or federal agency.

30 A plan or revised plan submitted under this section to the general  
 31 assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

32 (c) The plan developed under this section must set forth specific  
 33 goals for secondary level public career and technical education and  
 34 must include the following:

- 35 (1) The preparation of each graduate for both employment and  
 36 further education.
- 37 (2) Accessibility of career and technical education to individuals  
 38 of all ages who desire to explore and learn for economic and  
 39 personal growth.
- 40 (3) Projected employment opportunities in various career and  
 41 technical education fields.
- 42 (4) A study of the supply of and the demand for a labor force



- 1 skilled in particular career and technical education areas.
- 2 (5) A study of technological and economic change affecting
- 3 Indiana.
- 4 (6) An analysis of the private career and education sector in
- 5 Indiana.
- 6 (7) Recommendations for improvement in the state career and
- 7 technical education program.
- 8 (8) The educational levels expected of career and technical
- 9 education programs proposed to meet the projected employment
- 10 needs.
- 11 (d) When making any revisions to the plan, the state board shall
- 12 consider the workforce needs and training and education needs
- 13 identified in the occupational demand report prepared by the
- 14 department of workforce development under IC 22-4.1-4-10.
- 15 (e) The state board shall use data from the department of workforce
- 16 development to develop and implement a plan or make revisions to a
- 17 plan under this section.
- 18 SECTION 167. IC 20-20-38-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
- 19 SECTION 164, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The state board shall do the
- 21 following:
- 22 (1) Make recommendations to the general assembly concerning
- 23 the development, duplication, and accessibility of employment
- 24 training and career and technical education on a regional and
- 25 statewide basis.
- 26 (2) Consult with any state agency, commission, or organization
- 27 that supervises or administers programs of career and technical
- 28 education concerning the coordination of career and technical
- 29 education, including the following:
- 30 (A) The Indiana economic development corporation.
- 31 (B) A private industry council (as defined in 29 U.S.C. 1501
- 32 et seq.).
- 33 (C) The department of labor.
- 34 (D) The commission for higher education.
- 35 (E) The department of workforce development.
- 36 ~~(F) The board for proprietary education.~~
- 37 ~~(G)~~ (F) The **Indiana** department of veterans' affairs.
- 38 (3) Review and make recommendations concerning plans
- 39 submitted by the commission for higher education. The state
- 40 board may request the resubmission of plans or parts of plans that:
- 41 (A) are not consistent with the long range state plan of the
- 42 state board;



- 1 (B) are incompatible with other plans within the system; or  
 2 (C) duplicate existing services.
- 3 (4) Report to the general assembly on the state board's  
 4 conclusions and recommendations concerning interagency  
 5 cooperation, coordination, and articulation of career and technical  
 6 education and employment training. A report under this  
 7 subdivision must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
- 8 (5) Study and develop a plan concerning the transition between  
 9 secondary level career and technical education and postsecondary  
 10 level career and technical education.
- 11 (b) The state board shall use data from the department of workforce  
 12 development in carrying out the state board's duties under this section.
- 13 SECTION 168. IC 20-26-5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 14 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. All powers delegated to the  
 16 governing body of a school corporation under section 1 or 4 of this  
 17 chapter are subject to all laws subjecting the school corporation to  
 18 regulation by a state agency, including the secretary of education, state  
 19 board of accounts, state police department, ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 20 ~~safety commission~~, **department of homeland security**, department of  
 21 local government finance, environmental rules board, state school bus  
 22 committee, Indiana department of health, and any local governmental  
 23 agency to which the state has been delegated a specific authority in  
 24 matters other than educational matters and other than finance,  
 25 including plan commissions, zoning boards, and boards concerned with  
 26 health and safety.
- 27 SECTION 169. IC 20-37-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2022,  
 28 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. (a) As used in this section, "applicable high  
 30 school" means a high school at which all the students participate in a  
 31 work based learning course (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.7) or school  
 32 based enterprise.
- 33 (b) As used in this section, "primary use of the building" means an  
 34 occupancy classification that is:
- 35 (1) most closely related to the intended use of the building; and  
 36 (2) determined by the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 37 ~~safety commission established by IC 22-12-2-1~~ **department of**  
 38 **homeland security** that apply to the building immediately  
 39 preceding the date that the applicable high school agrees to use  
 40 the building.
- 41 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), an applicable high school  
 42 shall comply with all rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~



1 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** applicable to the  
 2 primary use of the building.

3 (d) The ~~fire prevention and building commission~~ **department of**  
 4 **homeland security** may grant a variance under IC 22-13-2-11 to the  
 5 rules applicable to the primary use of the building necessary to  
 6 implement this section.

7 SECTION 170. IC 21-7-13-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-2023,  
 8 SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) "Approved postsecondary educational  
 10 institution", for purposes of this title (except section 15 of this chapter  
 11 and IC 21-12-6) means the following:

12 (1) A postsecondary educational institution that operates in  
 13 Indiana and:

14 (A) provides an organized two (2) year or longer program of  
 15 collegiate grade directly creditable toward a baccalaureate  
 16 degree;

17 (B) is either operated by the state or operated nonprofit; and

18 (C) is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting agency,  
 19 including:

20 (i) Ancilla College;

21 (ii) Anderson University;

22 (iii) Bethel University;

23 (iv) Butler University;

24 (v) Calumet College of St. Joseph;

25 (vi) DePauw University;

26 (vii) Earlham College;

27 (viii) Franklin College;

28 (ix) Goshen College;

29 (x) Grace College and Seminary;

30 (xi) Hanover College;

31 (xii) Holy Cross College;

32 (xiii) Huntington University;

33 (xiv) Indiana Institute of Technology;

34 (xv) Indiana Wesleyan University;

35 (xvi) Manchester University;

36 (xvii) Marian University;

37 (xviii) Martin University;

38 (xix) Oakland City University;

39 (xx) Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology;

40 (xxi) Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College;

41 (xxii) Saint Mary's College;

42 (xxiii) Taylor University;



- 1 (xxiv) Trine University;  
 2 (xxv) University of Evansville;  
 3 (xxvi) University of Indianapolis;  
 4 (xxvii) University of Notre Dame;  
 5 (xxviii) University of Saint Francis;  
 6 (xxix) Valparaiso University; and  
 7 (xxx) Wabash College;  
 8 or is accredited by the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 9 **commission for higher education** under IC 21-18.5-6 or an  
 10 accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
 11 Department of Education.  
 12 (2) Ivy Tech Community College.  
 13 (3) A hospital that operates a nursing diploma program that is  
 14 accredited by the Indiana state board of nursing.  
 15 (4) A postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 16 institution that meets the following requirements:  
 17 (A) Is incorporated in Indiana, or is registered as a foreign  
 18 corporation doing business in Indiana.  
 19 (B) Is fully accredited by and is in good standing with the  
 20 ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
 21 **education** under IC 21-18.5-6.  
 22 (C) Is accredited by and is in good standing with a regional or  
 23 national accrediting agency.  
 24 (D) Offers a course of study that is at least eighteen (18)  
 25 consecutive months in duration (or an equivalent to be  
 26 determined by the ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission**  
 27 **for high education** under IC 21-18.5-6) and that leads to an  
 28 associate or a baccalaureate degree recognized by the ~~board~~  
 29 ~~for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education**  
 30 under IC 21-18.5-6.  
 31 (E) Is certified by the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 32 **commission for higher education** as meeting the  
 33 requirements of this subdivision.  
 34 (5) A postsecondary SEI affiliated educational institution.  
 35 (b) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" for purposes  
 36 of section 15 of this chapter and IC 21-12-6, means the following:  
 37 (1) A state educational institution.  
 38 (2) A nonprofit college or university.  
 39 (3) A postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 40 institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized  
 41 by the United States Department of Education.  
 42 (4) A postsecondary SEI affiliated educational institution.



1 SECTION 171. IC 21-7-13-26.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2017,  
 2 SECTION 142, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 26.5. (a) "Postsecondary SEI  
 4 affiliated educational institution" means a degree granting and credit  
 5 bearing institution that:

- 6 (1) is organized as a public benefit corporation (as described in  
 7 IC 23-17-2-23) and controlled by a state educational institution;  
 8 (2) is authorized under procedures approved by the executive  
 9 officer of the commission under IC 21-18-12.4 to provide  
 10 instructional or educational services or training in Indiana using  
 11 onsite, online, or any combination of these or other instructional  
 12 modalities;  
 13 (3) is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting agency or  
 14 is seeking or progressing toward accreditation by a recognized  
 15 regional accrediting agency; and  
 16 (4) has its debts and liabilities backed by the controlling state  
 17 educational institution described in subdivision (1) in the form of  
 18 a contribution, bond, or other surety consisting solely of eligible  
 19 property (as defined in IC 21-27-10-4).

20 (b) The term does not include the following:

- 21 (1) A state educational institution.  
 22 (2) A postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 23 institution approved or regulated by the ~~board for proprietary~~  
 24 **education commission for higher education** under IC 21-18.5-6.  
 25 (3) Any educational institution or educational training that:  
 26 (A) is maintained or provided by an employer or employers at  
 27 no charge for employees or potential employees;  
 28 (B) is maintained or provided by a labor organization at no  
 29 charge for its members or apprentices; or  
 30 (C) offers instruction that is exclusively focused on  
 31 self-improvement or exclusively intended to be motivational  
 32 or avocational, including instruction in dance, music,  
 33 self-defense, and private tutoring.  
 34 (4) A public or nonprofit degree granting institution organized or  
 35 incorporated in a jurisdiction other than Indiana that offers  
 36 instructional or educational services or training in Indiana.  
 37 (5) A religious institution that offers educational instruction or an  
 38 educational program of a clearly religious nature.

39 SECTION 172. IC 21-9-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,  
 40 SECTION 139, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The board of directors of the  
 42 authority is established. The board consists of the following:

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- 1 (1) The following four (4) ex officio members or directors:
- 2 (A) The treasurer of state.
- 3 (B) ~~The secretary of education.~~ **The director of the Indiana**
- 4 **public retirement system.**
- 5 (C) The Indiana commissioner for higher education.
- 6 (D) The budget director.
- 7 (2) Five (5) ~~appointed~~ members or directors ~~who:~~
- 8 ~~(A) are appointed by the governor; and~~
- 9 ~~(B) who~~ have knowledge, skill, and experience in academic,
- 10 business, financial, or education fields **appointed as follows:**
- 11 **(A) One (1) member appointed by the governor.**
- 12 **(B) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro**
- 13 **tempore of the senate.**
- 14 **(C) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the**
- 15 **house of representatives.**
- 16 **A member appointed under clause (B) or (C) may not be a**
- 17 **member of the general assembly.**
- 18 (b) ~~During a member's term of service on the board,~~ **Except as**
- 19 **otherwise provided in this section,** an appointed member of the board
- 20 may not be an official or employee of the state **during the member's**
- 21 **term of service on the board.**
- 22 (c) ~~Not more than three (3) of the appointed members of the board~~
- 23 ~~may belong to the same political party.~~
- 24 ~~(d) (c)~~ An appointed member serves a four (4) year term. An
- 25 appointed member shall hold over after the expiration of the member's
- 26 term until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. **A**
- 27 **member may be appointed to successive terms.**
- 28 ~~(e) The governor may reappoint an appointed member of the board.~~
- 29 ~~(f) (d)~~ A vacancy shall be filled **by the appropriate appointing**
- 30 **authority** for the balance of an unexpired term in the same manner as
- 31 the original appointment.
- 32 ~~(g) (e)~~ The treasurer of state shall serve as chairman of the board.
- 33 The board shall annually elect one (1) of its ex officio members as vice
- 34 chairman, and may elect any other officer that the board desires.
- 35 ~~(h) (f)~~ The **governor appointing authority** may remove an
- 36 appointed member for misfeasance, malfeasance, willful neglect of
- 37 duty, or other cause after notice and a public hearing, unless the
- 38 member expressly waives the notice and hearing in writing.
- 39 SECTION 173. IC 21-12-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.157-2023,
- 40 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 41 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. "Eligible institution", for the purposes of:
- 42 (1) IC 21-12-6, refers to a postsecondary educational institution



1 that qualifies as an eligible institution under IC 21-12-6-4; and  
 2 (2) IC 21-12-8, refers to a postsecondary educational institution  
 3 that:

- 4 (A) operates in Indiana;  
 5 (B) is either operated by the state or operated nonprofit;  
 6 (C) operates an organized program of postsecondary education  
 7 leading to a technical certificate, nursing diploma, or associate  
 8 or baccalaureate degree; and  
 9 (D) is authorized by the department of workforce development  
 10 under IC 22-4.1-21 or accredited by:  
 11 (i) a recognized regional accrediting agency;  
 12 (ii) the **board for proprietary education commission for**  
 13 **higher education** under IC 21-18.5-6; or  
 14 (iii) the Indiana state board of nursing.

15 SECTION 174. IC 21-12-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,  
 16 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. A person is eligible for a freedom of choice  
 18 grant if:

- 19 (1) the person is qualified for a higher education award under the  
 20 terms of IC 21-12-3-1, IC 21-12-3-2, and IC 21-12-3-3 or  
 21 IC 21-12-3-4, even if lack of funds prevents the award or grant;  
 22 (2) for a freedom of choice grant awarded before September 1,  
 23 2014, the person has a financial need that exceeds the award, as  
 24 determined in accordance with:

- 25 (A) this chapter, IC 21-18.5-4, IC 21-12-2, and IC 21-12-3;  
 26 and  
 27 (B) the rules of the commission; and

28 (3) the person will attend an approved postsecondary educational  
 29 institution that:

- 30 (A) either:  
 31 (i) operates in Indiana, provides an organized two (2) year or  
 32 longer program of collegiate grade directly creditable toward  
 33 a baccalaureate degree, is operated by a nonprofit entity, and  
 34 is accredited by a recognized regional accrediting agency or  
 35 the **board for proprietary education commission for higher**  
 36 **education** under IC 21-18.5-6; or  
 37 (ii) is a hospital that operates a nursing diploma program  
 38 that is accredited by the Indiana state board of nursing; and  
 39 (B) is operated privately and not administered or controlled by  
 40 any state agency or entity.

41 SECTION 175. IC 21-12-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2012,  
 42 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. A scholarship recipient may apply a scholarship  
 2 under this chapter to the educational costs of a postsecondary  
 3 educational institution only if the postsecondary educational institution  
 4 qualifies under this section. For a postsecondary educational institution  
 5 to qualify under this section, the postsecondary educational institution  
 6 must satisfy the following requirements:

- 7 (1) Be an approved postsecondary educational institution.  
 8 (2) Be accredited by an agency that is recognized by the Secretary  
 9 of the United States Department of Education.  
 10 (3) Operate an organized program of postsecondary education  
 11 leading to an associate or a baccalaureate degree on a campus  
 12 located in Indiana.  
 13 (4) Be approved by the commission:  
 14 (A) under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2; and  
 15 (B) in consultation with the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 16 ~~established by IC 21-18.5-5-1, commission for higher~~  
 17 ~~education~~, if appropriate.

18 SECTION 176. IC 21-13-6-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.170-2009,  
 19 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. The medical **graduate and** education board  
 21 shall annually make available to the commission the most recent  
 22 information concerning the number of primary care physicians who are  
 23 serving as medical residents in Indiana.

24 SECTION 177. IC 21-13-6.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.190-2015,  
 25 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. The medical **graduate and** education board  
 27 shall annually make available to the commission the most recent  
 28 information concerning the number of current residency program slots  
 29 in Indiana.

30 SECTION 178. IC 21-16-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.152-2018,  
 31 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. The commission may remove an eligible  
 33 institution's qualified status upon finding, after reasonable notice and  
 34 hearing, that the eligible institution fails to meet the standards  
 35 established by the commission. The commission may direct the  
 36 department of workforce development ~~or the board for proprietary~~  
 37 ~~education~~ to review a school under its jurisdiction, or a comparable  
 38 school outside Indiana that is an eligible institution under this chapter.  
 39 The commission may use the results of the review to determine  
 40 whether to remove an eligible institution's qualified status.

41 SECTION 179. IC 21-18-1-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 42 PASSAGE]. Sec. 5: "~~Nominating committee~~" refers to the nominating



1 committee established under IC 21-18-3-4.  
 2 SECTION 180. IC 21-18-3-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 3 PASSAGE]. Sec. 3: The governor shall appoint the student member  
 4 and the full-time faculty member of the commission from a list that:  
 5 (1) contains at least three (3) names but not more than five (5)  
 6 names for each appointment; and  
 7 (2) is submitted by a nominating committee.  
 8 SECTION 181. IC 21-18-3-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 9 PASSAGE]. Sec. 4: The chairperson of the commission shall appoint  
 10 a seven (7) member student member nominating committee comprised  
 11 of students from state educational institutions; with not more than one  
 12 (1) student from any one (1) state educational institution.  
 13 SECTION 182. IC 21-18-3-4.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 14 UPON PASSAGE]. Sec. 4.5: The chairperson of the commission shall  
 15 appoint a seven (7) member faculty member nominating committee  
 16 comprised of seven (7) full-time faculty members from state  
 17 educational institutions; with not more than one (1) faculty member  
 18 from any one (1) state educational institution.  
 19 SECTION 183. IC 21-18-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
 20 SECTION 245, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The general purposes of the  
 22 commission are the following:  
 23 (1) Plan for and coordinate Indiana's state supported system of  
 24 postsecondary education.  
 25 (2) Review appropriation requests of state educational  
 26 institutions.  
 27 (3) Make recommendations to the governor, budget agency, or the  
 28 general assembly concerning postsecondary education.  
 29 (4) Perform other functions assigned by the governor or the  
 30 general assembly.  
 31 (5) Administer state financial aid programs under IC 21-18.5-4.  
 32 (6) Provide staff and office space for the board for proprietary  
 33 education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1.  
 34 SECTION 184. IC 21-18-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2020,  
 35 SECTION 106, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana e-transcript  
 37 program is created to allow students at all state accredited high schools  
 38 accredited under IC 20-31-4.1 located in Indiana to request that the  
 39 student's school transcripts be transmitted electronically to state  
 40 educational institutions, participating Indiana not-for-profit or privately  
 41 endowed institutions, and participating Indiana institutions authorized  
 42 by the board for proprietary education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1.



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2 (b) The commission shall administer the program.

3 (c) Beginning July 1, 2013, the department of education established  
4 by IC 20-19-3-1, in collaboration with the state educational institutions  
5 and the commission, shall develop a common electronic transcript,  
6 using common data fields and formats that are required by state  
7 educational institutions.

8 (d) Not later than July 1, 2015, all public secondary schools shall  
9 use the common electronic transcript developed by the department of  
10 education.

11 (e) The governing body of a state accredited nonpublic secondary  
12 school may elect to use the common electronic transcript developed by  
13 the department of education.

14 SECTION 185. IC 21-18.5-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.152-2018,  
15 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. Any reference to the Indiana commission for  
17 postsecondary proprietary education or the Indiana commission on  
18 proprietary education in any statute or rule shall be treated:

19 (1) after June 30, 2012, as a reference to the board for proprietary  
20 education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1 (**before its repeal**) if the  
21 reference pertains to a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
22 educational institution; or

23 (2) if the reference pertains to a postsecondary proprietary  
24 educational institution (as defined in IC 22-4.1-21-9):

25 (A) after June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2016, as a reference  
26 to the state workforce innovation council established by  
27 IC 22-4.1-22-3 (before its repeal); or

28 (B) after June 30, 2016, as a reference to the department of  
29 workforce development established by IC 22-4.1-2-1.

30 SECTION 186. IC 21-18.5-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.152-2018,  
31 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) Changes made by P.L.218-1987 do not  
33 affect:

34 (1) rights or liabilities accrued;

35 (2) penalties incurred;

36 (3) crimes committed; or

37 (4) proceedings begun;

38 before July 1, 1987. These rights, liabilities, penalties, crimes, and  
39 proceedings continue and shall be imposed and enforced under prior  
40 law as if P.L.218-1987 had not been enacted.

41 (b) The abolishment of the Indiana commission on proprietary  
42 education on July 1, 2012, by P.L.107-2012 does not affect:



1 (1) rights or liabilities accrued;  
 2 (2) penalties incurred;  
 3 (3) crimes committed; or  
 4 (4) proceedings begun;  
 5 before July 1, 2012, that pertain to a postsecondary credit bearing  
 6 proprietary educational institution. These rights, liabilities, penalties,  
 7 crimes, and proceedings continue and shall be imposed and enforced  
 8 by the board for proprietary education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1  
 9 **(before its repeal).**

10 (c) The abolishment of the Indiana commission on proprietary  
 11 education on July 1, 2012, by P.L.107-2012 does not affect:

12 (1) rights or liabilities accrued;  
 13 (2) penalties incurred;  
 14 (3) crimes committed; or  
 15 (4) proceedings begun;  
 16 before July 1, 2012, that pertain to a postsecondary proprietary  
 17 educational institution (as defined in IC 22-4.1-21-9). After June 30,  
 18 2012, and before July 1, 2016, these rights, liabilities, penalties, crimes,  
 19 and proceedings continue and shall be imposed and enforced by the  
 20 state workforce innovation council established under IC 22-4.1-22-3  
 21 (before its repeal). After June 30, 2016, these rights, liabilities,  
 22 penalties, crimes, and proceedings continue and shall be imposed and  
 23 enforced by the department of workforce development established by  
 24 IC 22-4.1-2-1.

25 SECTION 187. IC 21-18.5-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.152-2018,  
 26 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 27 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) The Indiana commission on proprietary  
 28 education is abolished on July 1, 2012.

29 (b) Unless otherwise specified in a memorandum of understanding  
 30 described in subsection (e), the following are transferred on July 1,  
 31 2012, from the Indiana commission on proprietary education to the  
 32 commission for higher education established by IC 21-18-2-1:

- 33 (1) All real and personal property of the Indiana commission on  
 34 proprietary education.  
 35 (2) All assets and liabilities of the Indiana commission on  
 36 proprietary education.  
 37 (3) All appropriations to the Indiana commission on proprietary  
 38 education.

39 (c) All powers and duties of the Indiana commission on proprietary  
 40 education before its abolishment pertaining to the accreditation of a  
 41 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution are  
 42 transferred to the board for proprietary education established by



1 IC 21-18.5-5-1 (**before its repeal**).

2 (d) All powers and duties of the Indiana commission on proprietary  
3 education before its abolishment pertaining to the accreditation of a  
4 postsecondary proprietary educational institution (as defined in  
5 IC 22-4.1-21-9) are transferred to the state workforce innovation  
6 council established by IC 22-4.1-22-3 (before its repeal). After June 30,  
7 2016, all powers and duties transferred to the state workforce  
8 innovation council by this subsection are transferred to the department  
9 of workforce development established by IC 22-4.1-2-1.

10 (e) The commission for higher education established by  
11 IC 21-18-2-1 may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the  
12 state workforce innovation council established by IC 22-4.1-22-3  
13 (before its repeal) to implement the transition of the responsibilities  
14 and obligations of the Indiana commission on proprietary education  
15 before its abolishment to the commission for higher education and the  
16 state workforce innovation council. After June 30, 2016, the rights,  
17 powers, duties, and obligations of the state workforce innovation  
18 council under a memorandum of understanding entered into by the  
19 state workforce innovation council under this subsection are transferred  
20 to the department of workforce development established by  
21 IC 22-4.1-2-1.

22 (f) Rules that were adopted by the Indiana commission on  
23 proprietary education before July 1, 2012, shall be treated as though the  
24 rules were adopted by the state workforce innovation council  
25 established by IC 22-4.1-22-3 (before its repeal) until the state  
26 workforce innovation council or the department of workforce  
27 development adopts rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement IC 22-4.1-21.  
28 Rules that were adopted by the state workforce innovation council after  
29 June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2016, to implement IC 22-4.1-21  
30 shall be treated as though the rules were adopted by the department of  
31 workforce development until the department of workforce development  
32 adopts rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement IC 22-4.1-21.

33 (g) An accreditation granted or a permit issued under IC 21-17-3  
34 (repealed) by the Indiana commission on proprietary education before  
35 July 1, 2012, shall be treated after June 30, 2012, as an authorization  
36 granted by the:

- 37 (1) board for proprietary education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1  
38 (**before its repeal**) if the accreditation pertains to a postsecondary  
39 credit bearing proprietary educational institution (as defined in  
40 IC 21-18.5-2-12); or  
41 (2) department of workforce development if the accreditation  
42 pertains to a postsecondary proprietary educational institution (as



1 defined in IC 22-4.1-21-9).

2 (h) An accreditation granted or a permit issued before May 15,  
3 2013, under IC 21-17-3 (repealed):

4 (1) by the board for proprietary education established by  
5 IC 21-18.5-5-1 **(before its repeal)** shall be treated as an  
6 authorization granted by the board for proprietary education  
7 **(before its repeal)**; and

8 (2) by the state workforce innovation council shall be treated as  
9 an authorization granted by the department of workforce  
10 development.

11 (i) Proceedings pending before the Indiana commission on  
12 proprietary education on July 1, 2012, shall be transferred from the  
13 Indiana commission on proprietary education to:

14 (1) the board for proprietary education established by  
15 IC 21-18.5-5-1 **(before its repeal)** for a proceeding pertaining to  
16 a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution  
17 (as defined in IC 21-18.5-2-12); or

18 (2) the state workforce innovation council if the proceeding  
19 pertains to a postsecondary proprietary educational institution (as  
20 defined in IC 22-4.1-21-9).

21 (j) Proceedings that pertain to a postsecondary proprietary  
22 educational institution (as defined in IC 22-4.1-21-9) pending before  
23 the state workforce innovation council on July 1, 2012, shall be  
24 transferred from the state workforce innovation council to the  
25 department of workforce development established by IC 22-4.1-2-1.

26 SECTION 188. IC 21-18.5-1-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 7. All of the rights, duties,**  
29 **obligations, and responsibilities transferred from the Indiana**  
30 **commission on proprietary education to the board for proprietary**  
31 **education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1 (before its expiration)**  
32 **under this chapter are transferred to the commission for higher**  
33 **education, including the following:**

34 (1) **The rights, liabilities, penalties, crimes, and proceedings**  
35 **described in section 4(b) of this chapter continue and are**  
36 **imposed and enforced by the commission for higher**  
37 **education.**

38 (2) **The powers and duties described in section 5(c) of this**  
39 **chapter are transferred to the commission for higher**  
40 **education.**

41 (3) **An accreditation granted or a permit issued as described**  
42 **in sections 5(g) of this chapter is treated as an authorization**



1 **by the commission for higher education.**

2 **(4) Any proceedings pending as described in section 5(i) of this**  
 3 **chapter are transferred to the commission for higher**  
 4 **education.**

5 SECTION 189. IC 21-18.5-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 6 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. "Application", for purposes of IC 21-18.5-6,  
 8 means a written request for authorization on forms supplied by the  
 9 ~~board for proprietary education.~~ **commission for higher education.**

10 SECTION 190. IC 21-18.5-2-5.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 11 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5.5. "Authorization", for purposes of IC 21-18.5-6,  
 13 means certification of a status of approval or authorization by the ~~board~~  
 14 ~~for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** to conduct  
 15 business as a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 16 institution.

17 SECTION 191. IC 21-18.5-2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 18 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) "Postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
 20 educational institution" means a degree granting and credit bearing  
 21 institution that provides instructional or educational services or  
 22 training, whether onsite, online, or through any combination of these  
 23 or other instructional modalities, and is accredited by an accrediting  
 24 agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or is  
 25 seeking and progressing toward accreditation by an accrediting agency  
 26 recognized by the United States Department of Education.

27 (b) The term does not include the following:

28 (1) An Indiana state educational institution or another Indiana  
 29 educational institution established by law and financed in whole  
 30 or in part by public funds.

31 (2) A postsecondary proprietary educational institution approved  
 32 or regulated by any other state regulatory board, agency, or  
 33 commission other than the ~~board for proprietary education.~~  
 34 **commission for higher education.**

35 (3) An elementary or secondary school attended by students in  
 36 kindergarten or grades 1 through 12 and supported in whole or in  
 37 part by private tuition payments.

38 (4) Any educational institution or educational training that:

39 (A) is maintained or given by an employer or a group of  
 40 employers, without charge, for employees or for individuals  
 41 the employer anticipates employing;

42 (B) is maintained or given by a labor organization, without



- 1 charge, for its members or apprentices;
- 2 (C) offers exclusively instruction that is clearly
- 3 self-improvement, motivational, or avocational in intent
- 4 (including instruction in dance, music, or self-defense, and
- 5 private tutoring); or
- 6 (D) is a Montessori or nursery school.
- 7 (5) A privately endowed two (2) or four (4) year degree granting
- 8 institution that is regionally accredited and whose principal
- 9 campus is located in Indiana.
- 10 (6) Out-of-state public and nonprofit degree granting institutions
- 11 offering instructional or educational services or training in
- 12 Indiana.
- 13 (7) A religious institution that offers educational instruction or an
- 14 educational program of a clearly religious nature.
- 15 SECTION 192. IC 21-18.5-4-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 16 JULY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 11. The commission may cooperate in developing~~
- 17 ~~training programs concerning grant program requirements with the~~
- 18 ~~board for proprietary education.~~
- 19 SECTION 193. IC 21-18.5-5-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 20 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 1. The board for proprietary education is established.~~
- 21 SECTION 194. IC 21-18.5-5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 22 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 2. (a) The board for proprietary education consists of the~~
- 23 ~~following seven (7) members:~~
- 24 (1) ~~The secretary of education or the secretary's designee.~~
- 25 (2) ~~The executive officer of the commission for higher education~~
- 26 ~~or the executive officer's designee.~~
- 27 (3) ~~Five (5) members appointed by the governor.~~
- 28 (b) ~~The members appointed by the governor under subsection (a)~~
- 29 ~~serve for a term of four (4) years.~~
- 30 (c) ~~Not more than three (3) of the members appointed by the~~
- 31 ~~governor may be members of the same political party.~~
- 32 (d) ~~Of the five (5) members appointed by the governor:~~
- 33 (1) ~~one (1) must have been engaged for a period of at least five~~
- 34 ~~(5) years immediately preceding appointment in an executive or~~
- 35 ~~a managerial position in a postsecondary proprietary educational~~
- 36 ~~institution subject to IC 21-18.5-6;~~
- 37 (2) ~~one (1) must have been engaged in administering or managing~~
- 38 ~~an industrial employee training program for a period of at least~~
- 39 ~~five (5) years immediately preceding appointment; and~~
- 40 (3) ~~three (3) must be representatives of the public at large who are~~
- 41 ~~not representatives of the types of postsecondary credit bearing~~
- 42 ~~proprietary educational institutions to be authorized.~~



1 For purposes of subdivision (3); an elected or appointed state or local  
 2 official or a member of a private or public school may not be appointed  
 3 as a representative of the public at large.

4 (e) An appointment to fill a vacancy occurring on the board for  
 5 proprietary education is for the unexpired term.

6 SECTION 195. IC 21-18.5-5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 7 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: (a) A member of the board for proprietary education  
 8 who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem  
 9 provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to  
 10 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
 11 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 12 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 13 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 14 agency.

15 (b) Each member of the board for proprietary education who is a  
 16 state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as  
 17 provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in  
 18 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies  
 19 and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration  
 20 and approved by the budget agency.

21 SECTION 196. IC 21-18.5-5-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 22 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: (a) The board for proprietary education may select  
 23 officers from the board for proprietary education's membership as the  
 24 board for proprietary education considers necessary.

25 (b) The board for proprietary education may adopt reasonable rules  
 26 under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter and IC 21-18.5-6.

27 (c) The board for proprietary education:

28 (1) may meet as necessary upon call of the chairperson; and

29 (2) shall meet at least four (4) times a year.

30 SECTION 197. IC 21-18.5-5-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 31 1, 2027]. Sec. 5: An associate commissioner of the commission (as  
 32 defined in IC 21-18.5-2-7) shall serve as the executive director of the  
 33 board for proprietary education.

34 SECTION 198. IC 21-18.5-5-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The following are  
 37 transferred on July 1, 2027, from the board for proprietary  
 38 education to the commission for higher education:

39 (1) All real and personal property of the board for  
 40 proprietary education.

41 (2) All powers, duties, assets, and liabilities of the board for  
 42 proprietary education.



1           **(3) All appropriations to the board for proprietary education.**

2           **(b) All rules or policies that were adopted by the board for**  
 3 **proprietary education before July 1, 2027, are treated as though**  
 4 **the rules were adopted by the commission for higher education.**

5           **(c) After June 30, 2027, a reference to the board for proprietary**  
 6 **education in a statute or a rule is treated as a reference to the**  
 7 **commission for higher education.**

8           SECTION 199. IC 21-18.5-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 9 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. A person may not do business as a  
 11 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution in  
 12 Indiana without having obtained authorization by the ~~board for~~  
 13 ~~proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** under this  
 14 chapter, except for a religious institution that offers educational  
 15 instruction or an educational program of a clearly religious nature.

16           SECTION 200. IC 21-18.5-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 17 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. Applications for authorization under this  
 19 chapter must be filed with the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 20 **commission for higher education** and accompanied by an application  
 21 fee of at least one hundred dollars (\$100) for processing the application  
 22 and evaluating the postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 23 institution.

24           SECTION 201. IC 21-18.5-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 25 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. The ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 27 **commission for higher education** shall require each postsecondary  
 28 credit bearing proprietary educational institution to include in each  
 29 curriculum catalog and promotional brochure the following:

30           (1) A statement indicating that the postsecondary credit bearing  
 31 proprietary educational institution is authorized by the ~~board for~~  
 32 ~~proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** under  
 33 this chapter.

34           (2) The ~~board for proprietary education's~~ **commission for higher**  
 35 **education's** mailing address and telephone number.

36           SECTION 202. IC 21-18.5-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 37 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The career college student assurance fund  
 39 is established to provide indemnification to a student or an enrollee of  
 40 a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution who  
 41 suffers loss or damage as a result of:

42           (1) the failure or neglect of the postsecondary credit bearing



1           proprietary educational institution to faithfully perform all  
2           agreements, express or otherwise, with the student, enrollee, one  
3           (1) or both of the parents of the student or enrollee, or a guardian  
4           of the student or enrollee as represented by the application for the  
5           institution's authorization and the materials submitted in support  
6           of that application;

7           (2) the failure or neglect of the postsecondary credit bearing  
8           proprietary educational institution to maintain and operate a  
9           course or courses of instruction or study in compliance with the  
10          standards of this chapter; or

11          (3) an agent's misrepresentation in procuring the student's  
12          enrollment.

13          (b) The ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
14          **education** shall administer the fund.

15          (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from  
16          money in the fund.

17          (d) 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.

20          (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert  
21          to the state general fund but remains available to be used for providing  
22          money for reimbursements allowed under this chapter.

23          (f) Upon the fund acquiring fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the  
24          balance in the fund must not become less than fifty thousand dollars  
25          (\$50,000). If:

26               (1) a claim against the fund is filed that would, if paid in full,  
27               require the balance of the fund to become less than fifty thousand  
28               dollars (\$50,000); and

29               (2) the ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
30               **education** determines that the student is eligible for a  
31               reimbursement under the fund;

32          the ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education**  
33          shall prorate the amount of the reimbursement to ensure that the  
34          balance of the fund does not become less than fifty thousand dollars  
35          (\$50,000), and the student is entitled to receive that balance of the  
36          student's claim from the fund as money becomes available in the fund  
37          from contributions to the fund required under this chapter.

38          (g) The ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
39          **education** shall ensure that all outstanding claim amounts described in  
40          subsection (f) are paid as money in the fund becomes available in the  
41          chronological order of the outstanding claims.

42          (h) A claim against the fund may not be construed to be a debt of the



1 state.

2 SECTION 203. IC 21-18.5-6-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.107-2012,  
3 SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
5 each postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution  
6 shall make quarterly contributions to the fund. The quarters begin  
7 January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

8 (b) For each quarter, each postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
9 educational institution shall make a contribution equal to the STEP  
10 THREE amount derived under the following formula:

11 STEP ONE: Determine the total amount of tuition and fees earned  
12 during the quarter.

13 STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by one-tenth of one  
14 percent (0.1%).

15 STEP THREE: Add the STEP TWO amount and sixty dollars  
16 (\$60).

17 (c) After June 30, 2012, upon the career college student assurance  
18 fund achieving at least an initial balance of five hundred thousand  
19 dollars (\$500,000), a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
20 educational institution that contributes to the career college student  
21 assurance fund when the initial quarterly contribution is required under  
22 this chapter after the fund's establishment is not required to make  
23 contributions to the fund.

24 (d) The ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
25 **education** shall determine the number of quarterly contributions  
26 required for the career college student assurance fund to initially  
27 accumulate five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

28 (e) Except as provided in subsections (a), (b), and (f), a  
29 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution that  
30 begins making contributions to the career college student assurance  
31 fund after the initial quarterly contribution as required under this  
32 section shall make contributions to the fund for the same number of  
33 quarters as determined by the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
34 **commission for higher education** under subsection (d).

35 (f) If, after a career college student assurance fund acquires five  
36 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), the balance in the fund becomes  
37 less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), all  
38 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institutions not  
39 required to make contributions to the career college student assurance  
40 fund as described in subsection (c) or (e) shall make contributions to  
41 the career college student assurance fund for the number of quarters  
42 necessary for the fund to accumulate five hundred thousand dollars



1 (\$500,000).

2 SECTION 204. IC 21-18.5-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
3 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) Upon receipt of an application for  
5 authorization under this chapter, the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
6 **commission for higher education** shall make an investigation to  
7 determine the accuracy of the statements in the application to  
8 determine if the postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
9 institution meets the minimum standards for authorization.

10 (b) During the investigation under subsection (a), the ~~board for~~  
11 ~~proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** may grant a  
12 temporary status of authorization. The temporary status of authorization  
13 is sufficient to meet the requirements of this chapter until a  
14 determination on authorization is made.

15 SECTION 205. IC 21-18.5-6-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2021,  
16 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) A postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
18 educational institution shall maintain at least the following records for  
19 each student:

- 20 (1) The program in which the student enrolls.
- 21 (2) The length of the program.
- 22 (3) The date of the student's initial enrollment in the program.
- 23 (4) A transcript of the student's academic progress.
- 24 (5) The amount of the student's tuition and fees.
- 25 (6) A copy of the enrollment agreement.

26 (b) Upon the request of the ~~board for proprietary education;~~  
27 **commission for higher education**, a postsecondary credit bearing  
28 proprietary educational institution shall submit the records described  
29 in subsection (a) to the ~~board for proprietary education;~~ **commission**  
30 **for higher education**.

31 (c) If a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
32 institution ceases operation, the postsecondary credit bearing  
33 proprietary educational institution shall submit the records described  
34 in subsection (a) to the Indiana archives and records administration not  
35 later than thirty (30) days after the institution ceases to operate,  
36 regardless of any outstanding debts owed to the institution.

37 SECTION 206. IC 21-18.5-6-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
38 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
39 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. Full authorization under this chapter may not  
40 be issued unless and until the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
41 **commission for higher education** finds that the postsecondary credit  
42 bearing proprietary educational institution meets minimum standards



1 that are appropriate to that type or class of postsecondary credit bearing  
 2 proprietary educational institution, including the following minimum  
 3 standards:

4 (1) The postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 5 institution has a sound financial structure with sufficient  
 6 resources for continued support.

7 (2) The postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 8 institution has satisfactory training or educational facilities with  
 9 sufficient tools, supplies, or equipment and the necessary number  
 10 of work stations or classrooms to adequately train, instruct, or  
 11 educate the number of students enrolled or proposed to be  
 12 enrolled.

13 (3) The postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 14 institution has an adequate number of qualified instructors or  
 15 teachers, sufficiently trained by experience or education, to give  
 16 the instruction, education, or training contemplated.

17 (4) The advertising and representations made on behalf of the  
 18 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution  
 19 to prospective students are truthful and free from  
 20 misrepresentation or fraud.

21 (5) The charge made for the training, instruction, or education is  
 22 clearly stated and based upon the services rendered.

23 (6) The premises and conditions under which the students work  
 24 and study are sanitary, healthful, and safe according to modern  
 25 standards.

26 (7) The postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 27 institution has and follows a refund policy approved by the ~~board~~  
 28 ~~for proprietary education.~~ **commission for higher education.**

29 (8) The owner or chief administrator of the postsecondary credit  
 30 bearing proprietary educational institution is subject to a  
 31 background check by the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 32 **commission for higher education** and has not been convicted of  
 33 a felony.

34 (9) The owner or chief administrator of the postsecondary credit  
 35 bearing proprietary educational institution has not been the owner  
 36 or chief administrator of a postsecondary credit bearing  
 37 proprietary educational institution that has had its authorization  
 38 revoked or has been closed involuntarily in the five (5) year  
 39 period preceding the application for authorization. However, if  
 40 the owner or chief administrator of the postsecondary credit  
 41 bearing proprietary educational institution has been the owner or  
 42 chief administrator of a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary



1 educational institution that has had its authorization revoked or  
 2 has been closed involuntarily more than five (5) years before the  
 3 application for authorization, the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
 4 **commission for higher education** may issue full authorization at  
 5 the board for proprietary education's discretion.

6 SECTION 207. IC 21-18.5-6-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
 7 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) After an investigation and a finding that  
 9 the information in the application is true and that the postsecondary  
 10 credit bearing proprietary educational institution meets the minimum  
 11 standards, the ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
 12 **education** shall issue an authorization to the postsecondary credit  
 13 bearing proprietary educational institution upon payment of an  
 14 additional fee of at least twenty-five dollars (\$25). An applicant's  
 15 market research may not be considered or required by the ~~board for~~  
 16 ~~proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** as a condition  
 17 for authorizing or renewing the accreditation of or for authorization of  
 18 the programs of a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
 19 institution.

20 (b) The ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
 21 **education** may waive inspection of a postsecondary credit bearing  
 22 proprietary educational institution that has been authorized by an  
 23 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of  
 24 Education whose standards are approved by the ~~board for proprietary~~  
 25 ~~education~~ **commission for higher education** as meeting or exceeding  
 26 the requirements of this chapter.

27 (c) A valid license, authorization to operate, or other form of  
 28 authorization issued to a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
 29 educational institution by another state may be accepted, instead of  
 30 inspection, if:

- 31 (1) the requirements of that state meet or exceed the requirements  
 32 of this chapter; and  
 33 (2) the other state will, in turn, extend reciprocity to  
 34 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institutions  
 35 authorized by the ~~board for proprietary education.~~ **commission**  
 36 **for higher education.**

37 (d) The ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
 38 **education** may join interstate reciprocity agreements and authorize an  
 39 institution to operate in Indiana, if the:

- 40 (1) institution; and  
 41 (2) state in which both the institution's:  
 42 (A) principal campus is located; and



1 (B) institutional accreditation is provided;  
2 are members of the interstate reciprocity agreement.

3 (e) An authorization issued under this section expires one (1) year  
4 following the authorization's issuance.

5 (f) An authorized postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
6 educational institution may renew the institution's authorization  
7 annually upon:

8 (1) the payment of a fee of at least twenty-five dollars (\$25); and

9 (2) continued compliance with this chapter.

10 SECTION 208. IC 21-18.5-6-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
11 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. Authorization may be revoked by the ~~board for~~  
13 ~~proprietary education~~; **commission for higher education**:

14 (1) for cause upon notice and an opportunity for a hearing before  
15 the ~~board for proprietary education~~; **commission for higher**  
16 **education**; and

17 (2) for the authorized postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
18 educational institution failing to make the appropriate quarterly  
19 contributions to the career college student assurance fund not  
20 later than forty-five (45) days after the end of a quarter.

21 SECTION 209. IC 21-18.5-6-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
22 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
23 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14. (a) A postsecondary credit bearing proprietary  
24 educational institution, after notification that the institution's  
25 authorization has been refused, revoked, or suspended, may apply for  
26 a hearing before the ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for**  
27 **higher education** concerning the institution's qualifications. The  
28 application for a hearing must be filed in writing with the ~~board for~~  
29 ~~proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** not more than  
30 thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the denial, revocation, or  
31 suspension.

32 (b) The ~~board for proprietary education~~ **commission for higher**  
33 **education** shall give a hearing promptly and with not less than ten (10)  
34 days notice of the date, time, and place. The postsecondary credit  
35 bearing proprietary educational institution is entitled to be represented  
36 by counsel and to offer oral and documentary evidence relevant to the  
37 issue.

38 (c) Not more than fifteen (15) days after a hearing, the ~~board for~~  
39 ~~proprietary education~~ **commission for higher education** shall make  
40 written findings of fact, a written decision, and a written order based  
41 solely on the evidence submitted at the hearing, either granting or  
42 denying authorization to the postsecondary credit bearing proprietary



1 educational institution.

2 SECTION 210. IC 21-18.5-6-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2013,  
3 SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 20. (a) This section applies to claims against the  
5 balance of the career college student assurance fund.

6 (b) A student or enrollee of a postsecondary credit bearing  
7 proprietary educational institution who believes that the student or  
8 enrollee has suffered loss or damage resulting from any of the  
9 occurrences described in section 6(a) of this chapter may file a claim  
10 with the **board for proprietary education commission for higher  
11 education** against the balance of the fund.

12 (c) A claim under this section is limited to a refund of the claimant's  
13 applicable tuition and fees.

14 (d) All claims must be filed not later than five (5) years after the  
15 occurrence resulting in the loss or damage to the claimant occurs.

16 (e) Upon the filing of a claim under this section, the **board for  
17 proprietary education commission for higher education** shall review  
18 the records submitted by the appropriate postsecondary credit bearing  
19 proprietary educational institution described under section 12 of this  
20 chapter and shall investigate the claim.

21 (f) Upon a determination by the **board for proprietary education  
22 commission for higher education** that a claimant shall be reimbursed  
23 under the career college student assurance fund, the **board for  
24 proprietary education commission for higher education** shall  
25 prioritize the reimbursements under the following guidelines:

- 26 (1) A student's educational loan balances.
- 27 (2) Federal grant repayment obligations of the student.
- 28 (3) Other expenses paid directly by the student.

29 SECTION 211. IC 21-18.5-6-23, AS ADDED BY P.L.107-2012,  
30 SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
31 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 23. The prosecuting attorney of the county in  
32 which an offense under this chapter occurred shall, at the request of the  
33 **board for proprietary education commission for higher education** or  
34 on the prosecuting attorney's own motion, bring any appropriate action,  
35 including a mandatory and prohibitive injunction.

36 SECTION 212. IC 21-18.5-6-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,  
37 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
38 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 24. An action of the **board for proprietary  
39 education commission for higher education** concerning the issuance,  
40 denial, or revocation of an authorization under this chapter is subject  
41 to review under IC 4-21.5.

42 SECTION 213. IC 21-18.5-6-26, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-2013,



1 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 26. (a) As used in this section, "fund" means the  
3 postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution  
4 authorization fund established by subsection (b).

5 (b) The postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
6 institution authorization fund is established.

7 (c) The fund shall be administered by the commission (as defined  
8 in IC 21-18.5-2-7.).

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

11 (e) All fees collected by the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
12 **commission for higher education** under this chapter shall be  
13 deposited in the fund.

14 (f) Money in the fund shall be used by the ~~board for proprietary~~  
15 **education commission for higher education** to administer this  
16 chapter.

17 SECTION 214. IC 21-18.5-6-27, AS ADDED BY P.L.107-2012,  
18 SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
19 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 27. The ~~board for proprietary education~~  
20 **commission for higher education** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
21 implement this chapter.

22 SECTION 215. IC 21-38-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 1.5. "Commission" refers to the**  
25 **commission for higher education of the state of Indiana established**  
26 **by IC 21-18-2.**

27 SECTION 216. IC 21-38-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
28 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 3: "Council" refers to the Indiana excellence in teaching~~  
29 ~~council.~~

30 SECTION 217. IC 21-38-8-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
31 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 1: The Indiana excellence in teaching council is~~  
32 ~~established. The council consists of nine (9) members as follows:~~

33 (1) ~~One (1) representative of the commission for higher~~  
34 ~~education.~~

35 (2) ~~One (1) representative of the budget agency.~~

36 (3) ~~One (1) representative from each state educational institution.~~

37 SECTION 218. IC 21-38-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007,  
38 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
39 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana excellence in teaching  
40 endowment is established to provide state educational institutions with  
41 grants to match interest income generated by an endowment to attract  
42 and retain distinguished teachers. The fund shall be administered by



- 1 the ~~council~~ **commission**.
- 2 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from  
3 money in the fund.
- 4 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
5 currently needed to meet obligations of the fund in the same manner as  
6 other public funds may be invested.
- 7 (d) Money in the fund at the end of the state fiscal year does not  
8 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for  
9 providing money for grants as allowed under this chapter.
- 10 SECTION 219. IC 21-38-8-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
11 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. A state educational institution  
13 must apply for a matching grant in the manner prescribed by the  
14 ~~council~~ **commission**.
- 15 SECTION 220. IC 21-38-8-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
16 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. When determining a  
18 distinguished teacher's prominence, the ~~council~~ **commission** shall  
19 consider the following criteria when distributing endowment funds:  
20 (1) Evidence of excellent teaching ability.  
21 (2) Distinguished accomplishments.  
22 (3) Either:  
23 (A) productive scholarship; or  
24 (B) artistic achievement and superior talent.
- 25 The ~~council~~ **commission** may consider any other criteria for  
26 distributing endowment funds that the ~~council~~ **commission** determines  
27 appropriate.
- 28 SECTION 221. IC 21-38-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
29 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The ~~council~~ **commission**  
31 shall approve or disapprove a matching grant application within sixty  
32 (60) days after the application is received by the ~~council~~ **commission**.
- 33 (b) The ~~council~~ **commission** may approve a grant application with  
34 an amount that is the same or less than the amount requested by the  
35 state educational institution.
- 36 SECTION 222. IC 21-38-8-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
37 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) Each matching grant from the  
39 fund is intended to be used to supplement, and may not be used instead  
40 of, a distinguished teacher's regular annual salary.
- 41 (b) The ~~council~~ **commission** may not approve a matching grant from  
42 the fund that exceeds income generated from the endowment of the



1 institution.

2 SECTION 223. IC 21-38-8-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: Staff for the council shall be provided by the  
4 commission for higher education.

5 SECTION 224. IC 21-38-8-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
6 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: The council may:

- 7 (1) develop guidelines; and  
8 (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2;  
9 to administer the fund and this chapter.

10 SECTION 225. IC 21-44-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2015,  
11 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) "Board", for purposes of IC 21-44-5 and  
13 **IC 21-44-7**, refers to the medical **graduate and** education board  
14 established by IC 21-44-5-1.

15 (b) "Board", for purposes of IC 21-44-6, refers to the mental health  
16 and addiction services development programs board established by  
17 IC 21-44-6-1.

18 (c) "Board", for purposes of IC 21-44-7, refers to the graduate  
19 medical education board established by IC 21-44-7-2.

20 SECTION 226. IC 21-44-1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2009,  
21 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. "Intern, residency, and graduate program", for  
23 purposes of IC 21-44-5, refers to an intern, residency, and graduate  
24 program for which the medical **graduate and** education board  
25 establishes policies under IC 21-44-5.

26 SECTION 227. IC 21-44-5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
27 SECTION 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. There is established a medical  
29 **graduate and** education board. consisting of seven (7) persons:

30 SECTION 228. IC 21-44-5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
31 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: (a) The board consists of the following members:

32 (1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, who  
33 serves as an ex officio member of the board. The dean of the  
34 Indiana University School of Medicine shall serve as the  
35 chairman of the board.

36 (2) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health, who  
37 serves as an ex officio member of the board:

38 (3) Five (5) members appointed by the governor as follows:

39 (A) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is a  
40 director of medical education of an Indiana hospital not owned  
41 or operated by Indiana University.

42 (B) One (1) member who:



- 1 (i) is a hospital administrator in a hospital not owned or
- 2 operated by Indiana University; and
- 3 (ii) is not the hospital administrator for the hospital that
- 4 employs the member appointed under clause (A);
- 5 (C) One (1) member who:
- 6 (i) is a citizen of Indiana; and
- 7 (ii) is not a physician and not a hospital administrator;
- 8 (D) Two (2) members who are physicians holding unlimited
- 9 licenses to practice medicine in Indiana. The two (2)
- 10 physicians appointed under this subdivision may not be
- 11 directors of medical education. One (1) of the members
- 12 appointed under this subdivision must practice in the specialty
- 13 of family practice.
- 14 (b) The terms of the five (5) members appointed to the board by the
- 15 governor are for three (3) years beginning January 1 of the year of
- 16 appointment and continuing until the member's successor is appointed
- 17 and qualified. If a membership on the board becomes vacant before the
- 18 expiration of the term, the governor shall appoint a replacement with
- 19 the same representative status to fill the unexpired term.
- 20 SECTION 229. IC 21-44-5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) This section applies after**
- 23 **June 30, 2027.**
- 24 (b) The board consists of the following fourteen (14) members:
- 25 (1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine.
- 26 (2) The following thirteen (13) members appointed by the
- 27 governor:
- 28 (A) One (1) member representing a regional medical school
- 29 campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine.
- 30 (B) One (1) member representing the Marian University
- 31 College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- 32 (C) One (1) member representing the Indiana state medical
- 33 association.
- 34 (D) One (1) member representing the Indiana osteopathic
- 35 medical association.
- 36 (E) One (1) member representing the Indiana primary
- 37 health care association.
- 38 (F) One (1) member representing a teaching hospital that
- 39 is a member of the Indiana hospital association.
- 40 (G) One (1) member representing a non-teaching hospital
- 41 that is a member of the Indiana hospital association.
- 42 (H) Two (2) members who are medical directors of



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- residency programs.
- (I) One (1) member who is the director of medical education of an Indiana hospital that is not owned by, operated by, or affiliated with Indiana University.**
- (J) One (1) member who is:**
  - (i) a hospital administrator employed by a hospital not owned by, operated by, or affiliated with Indiana University; and**
  - (ii) not employed by the hospital that employs the member appointed under clause (I).**
- (K) Two (2) members who are physicians holding unlimited licenses to practice medicine in Indiana. The following apply to the members appointed under this clause:**
  - (i) Neither member may be employed as a director of medical education.**
  - (ii) At least one (1) of the members must practice in the specialty of family medicine.**

**The members of the board shall elect the chair at the first meeting of each year. The member elected chair serves a one (1) year term as chair.**

**(c) The terms of the appointed to the board by the governor are for three (3) years beginning January 1 of the year of appointment and continuing until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. If a membership on the board becomes vacant before the expiration of the term, the governor shall appoint a replacement with the same representative status to fill the unexpired term.**

**(d) A member may be reappointed to successive terms.**

**SECTION 230. IC 21-44-5-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.5. The chairperson of the board is permitted to vote only to break a tie.**

**SECTION 231. IC 21-44-6-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 1. There is established the mental health and addiction services development programs board:**

**SECTION 232. IC 21-44-6-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the commission for higher education of the state of Indiana established by IC 21-18-2.**

**SECTION 233. IC 21-44-6-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: The board consists of the following ten (10) members:**



- 1 (1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the
- 2 dean's designee. The dean of the Indiana University School of
- 3 Medicine or the dean's designee shall serve as the chairperson of
- 4 the board.
- 5 (2) The chairperson of the department of psychiatry of the Indiana
- 6 University School of Medicine or the chairperson's designee.
- 7 (3) The director of the division of mental health and addiction
- 8 created by IC 12-21-1-1 or the director's designee.
- 9 (4) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the
- 10 commissioner's designee.
- 11 (5) The dean of the department of family practice of the Marian
- 12 University College of Osteopathic Medicine or the dean's
- 13 designee.
- 14 (6) The administrator of a graduate program in an institution of
- 15 higher education in Indiana engaged in training psychologists.
- 16 (7) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher
- 17 education in Indiana engaged in training advanced practice
- 18 psychiatric nurses.
- 19 (8) One (1) psychiatrist who practices psychiatry in Indiana.
- 20 (9) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher
- 21 education in Indiana engaged in training addiction counselors.
- 22 (10) The director of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs or
- 23 the director's designee.

24 The governor shall appoint the members of the board described in  
 25 subdivisions (6) through (9):

26 SECTION 234. IC 21-44-6-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 27 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: The board shall meet at least quarterly each year at the  
 28 call of the chairperson:

29 SECTION 235. IC 21-44-6-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 30 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: (a) Each board member who is not a state employee  
 31 is not entitled to a salary per diem. The member is, however, entitled  
 32 to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
 33 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 34 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 35 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 36 agency:

37 (b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to  
 38 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
 39 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 40 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 41 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 42 agency:



1 (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to  
2 the board are required for the board to take action on any measure:

3 SECTION 236. IC 21-44-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.209-2015,  
4 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. The purpose of the board is to **commission**  
6 **shall** do the following:

7 (1) ~~To~~ Establish and oversee a loan forgiveness program designed  
8 to increase the number of professional mental health care  
9 providers, including addiction health care professionals, in areas  
10 with health professional shortages, as determined by the ~~board~~;  
11 **commission**, by assisting professionals in the following  
12 occupational categories to pay off loans incurred in the training  
13 needed to practice in Indiana:

- 14 (A) Psychiatrists.
- 15 (B) Addiction psychiatrists, including psychiatrists pursuing  
16 fellowship training and certification in addiction psychiatry.
- 17 (C) Psychologists.
- 18 (D) Psychiatric nurses.
- 19 (E) Addiction counselors.
- 20 (F) Mental health professionals.

21 (2) ~~To~~ Establish and oversee an integrated behavioral health and  
22 addiction treatment development program to attract and train  
23 psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, addiction  
24 counselors, or mental health professionals who will engage in the  
25 practice of integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment  
26 in:

- 27 (A) state mental health institutions;
- 28 (B) community mental health centers;
- 29 (C) state funded addiction treatment centers; or
- 30 (D) other behavioral health and addiction treatment settings  
31 determined by the ~~board~~ **commission** to be mental health and  
32 addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings.

33 (3) ~~To~~ Develop and oversee an integrated behavioral health and  
34 addiction treatment training track program through the Indiana  
35 University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry  
36 residency training program. The training track program must  
37 provide an opportunity for residents to work in mental health and  
38 addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings, including:

- 39 (A) state psychiatric hospitals;
- 40 (B) community mental health centers;
- 41 (C) state funded addiction treatment centers; or
- 42 (D) other behavioral health and addiction treatment settings



- 1 determined by the **board commission** to be mental health and
- 2 addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings.
- 3 (4) ~~To~~ Develop standards for participation in the training track
- 4 program that include:
- 5 (A) guidelines for the amounts of grants and other assistance
- 6 a participant receives;
- 7 (B) guidelines for the type of training in integrated behavioral
- 8 health and addiction treatment the participant receives;
- 9 (C) guidelines for agreements with mental health hospitals,
- 10 community mental health centers, and other entities
- 11 participating in the training track program; and
- 12 (D) other guidelines and standards necessary for governing the
- 13 training track program.

14 SECTION 237. IC 21-44-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
 15 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. The **board commission** shall establish  
 17 guidelines for the repayment of the loans incurred by a psychiatrist,  
 18 psychologist, psychiatric nurse, addiction counselor, or mental health  
 19 professional, including the following:

- 20 (1) A participant may not receive more than twenty-five thousand
- 21 dollars (\$25,000) in a year.
- 22 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), a participant may not
- 23 receive grants for more than four (4) years.
- 24 (3) A participant who is a psychiatrist pursuing fellowship
- 25 training and certification in addiction psychiatry may not receive
- 26 grants for more than five (5) years.
- 27 (4) A participant must commit to a full year of service in an
- 28 integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment setting as
- 29 described in section 5(2) or 5(3) of this chapter for each year of
- 30 loan repayment.
- 31 (5) A participant must be a practitioner who:
- 32 (A) is:
- 33 (i) from Indiana; and
- 34 (ii) accepting a new position in Indiana; or
- 35 (B) is:
- 36 (i) from outside Indiana;
- 37 (ii) not currently practicing in Indiana and has not practiced
- 38 in Indiana for three (3) years before applying for the
- 39 program; and
- 40 (iii) establishing a new practice in Indiana.

41 SECTION 238. IC 21-44-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
 42 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "account" refers to  
 2 the mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness account  
 3 established in subsection (b).

4 (b) The mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness  
 5 account within the state general fund is established for the purpose of  
 6 providing grants for loan repayment under this chapter. The account  
 7 shall be administered by the ~~board~~ **commission**. Money in the account  
 8 shall be used to fund loan forgiveness grants under this chapter.

9 (c) The account consists of:

- 10 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly;  
 11 (2) grants; and  
 12 (3) gifts and bequests.

13 (d) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from  
 14 money in the account.

15 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not  
 16 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same  
 17 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues  
 18 from these investments shall be deposited in the account.

19 (f) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
 20 revert to the state general fund.

21 SECTION 239. IC 21-44-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
 22 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "account" refers to  
 24 the integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment development  
 25 program account established in subsection (b).

26 (b) The integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment  
 27 development program account within the state general fund is  
 28 established for the purpose of providing funding for the integrated  
 29 behavioral health and addiction treatment development program  
 30 established under this chapter. The account shall be administered by  
 31 the division of mental health and addiction. Money in the account shall  
 32 be used to fund residency positions, fellowship training, and  
 33 certification in addiction psychiatry, including:

- 34 (1) educational expenses;  
 35 (2) grants and scholarships;  
 36 (3) salaries; and  
 37 (4) benefits.

38 (c) The account consists of:

- 39 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly;  
 40 (2) grants; and  
 41 (3) gifts and bequests.

42 (d) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from



1 money in the account.  
 2 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not  
 3 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same  
 4 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues  
 5 from these investments shall be deposited in the account.  
 6 (f) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
 7 revert to the state general fund.  
 8 (g) **The board division of mental health and addiction established**  
 9 **by IC 12-21-1-1, in consultation with the commission,** shall give due  
 10 consideration to annually funding two (2) psychiatrists pursuing  
 11 fellowship training and certification in addiction psychiatry. A  
 12 participant who is a psychiatrist pursuing fellowship training and  
 13 certification in addiction psychiatry must agree to establish a new  
 14 practice in Indiana for at least five (5) years upon completion of the  
 15 fellowship training and certification in addiction psychiatry.  
 16 SECTION 240. IC 21-44-6-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 17 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 9: The division of mental health and addiction shall~~  
 18 ~~provide administrative support for the board.~~  
 19 SECTION 241. IC 21-44-7-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.190-2015,  
 20 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 21 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this  
 22 chapter:  
 23 (1) "Board" refers to the ~~graduate~~ medical **graduate and**  
 24 ~~education board established by section 2 of this chapter.~~  
 25 **IC 21-44-5-1.**  
 26 (2) "Fund" refers to the graduate medical education fund  
 27 established by section 8 of this chapter.  
 28 SECTION 242. IC 21-44-7-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 29 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 2: The graduate medical education board is established~~  
 30 ~~for the following purposes:~~  
 31 ~~(1) To provide funding for residents not funded by the federal~~  
 32 ~~Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.~~  
 33 ~~(2) To provide technical assistance for entities that wish to~~  
 34 ~~establish a residency program, including the following:~~  
 35 ~~(A) Entities that are not licensed hospitals.~~  
 36 ~~(B) Federally qualified health centers.~~  
 37 ~~(3) To provide startup funding for entities that wish to establish~~  
 38 ~~a residency program.~~  
 39 SECTION 243. IC 21-44-7-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JUNE  
 40 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 3: (a) The board is comprised of ten (10) members~~  
 41 ~~appointed by the governor as follows:~~  
 42 ~~(1) One (1) member representing the Indiana University School~~



- 1 of Medicine:
- 2 (2) One (1) member representing a regional medical school
- 3 campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine:
- 4 (3) One (1) member representing the Marian University College
- 5 of Osteopathic Medicine:
- 6 (4) One (1) member representing the Indiana State Medical
- 7 Association:
- 8 (5) One (1) member representing the Indiana Osteopathic Medical
- 9 Association:
- 10 (6) One (1) member representing the Indiana Primary Health Care
- 11 Association:
- 12 (7) One (1) member representing a teaching hospital in the
- 13 Indiana Hospital Association:
- 14 (8) One (1) member representing a nonteaching hospital in the
- 15 Indiana Hospital Association:
- 16 (9) Two (2) members who are medical directors of residency
- 17 programs:
- 18 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a member appointed to the
- 19 board shall serve for a term of two (2) years: Except as provided in
- 20 subsection (c), the term of a member appointed under subsection (a)(1)
- 21 through (a)(4) begins on January 1 of an odd-numbered year. The term
- 22 of a member appointed under subsection (a)(5) through (a)(9) begins
- 23 on January 1 of an even-numbered year:
- 24 (c) This subsection applies to a member appointed under subsection
- 25 (a)(1) through (a)(4) before January 1, 2016. A member to whom this
- 26 subsection applies serves for a term of one (1) year beginning January
- 27 1, 2016:
- 28 (d) The governor shall make appointments to the board at the
- 29 following times:
- 30 (1) The governor shall make the initial appointments to the board
- 31 before January 1, 2016:
- 32 (2) Before the end of each year after 2015, the governor shall
- 33 appoint members to the board to succeed those members whose
- 34 terms are scheduled to expire at the end of the year:
- 35 (3) When a member resigns or is otherwise unable to complete
- 36 the member's term, the governor shall appoint a member to serve
- 37 the remaining term of the member who has resigned or who is
- 38 otherwise unable to complete the member's term:
- 39 SECTION 244. IC 21-44-7-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 40 1, 2027]. Sec. 4. (a) The commission for higher education shall provide
- 41 staff for the board. The commission shall call the first meeting of the
- 42 board and notify members of the board:



1 (b) The board members shall designate a chairperson from among  
2 themselves. The member designated as the chairperson continues to  
3 serve as chairperson until the earlier of:

4 (1) the first anniversary of the chairperson's designation under this  
5 section; or

6 (2) the date on which the chairperson's term expires.

7 (c) The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or at the call  
8 of a majority of the appointed members.

9 SECTION 245. IC 21-44-7-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10 1, 2027]. Sec. 5: An affirmative vote of at least six (6) members is  
11 necessary in order for the board to take any official action.

12 SECTION 246. IC 22-4.1-21-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2018,  
13 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "postsecondary  
15 proprietary educational institution" means a person doing business in  
16 Indiana by offering to the public, for a tuition, fee, or charge,  
17 instructional or educational services or training in a technical,  
18 professional, mechanical, business, or industrial occupation, in the  
19 recipient's home, at a designated location, or by mail. The term does  
20 not include the following:

21 (1) A postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational  
22 institution accredited by the ~~board for proprietary education~~  
23 **commission for higher education** under IC 21-18.5-6.

24 (2) A state educational institution or another educational  
25 institution established by law and financed in whole or in part by  
26 public funds.

27 (3) A postsecondary proprietary educational institution approved  
28 or regulated by any other state regulatory board, agency, or  
29 commission.

30 (4) An elementary or secondary school attended by students in  
31 kindergarten or grades 1 through 12 and supported in whole or in  
32 part by private tuition payments.

33 (5) Any educational institution or educational training that:  
34 (A) is maintained or given by an employer or a group of  
35 employers, without charge, for employees or for individuals  
36 the employer anticipates employing;  
37 (B) is maintained or given by a labor organization, without  
38 charge, for its members or apprentices;  
39 (C) offers exclusively instruction that is clearly  
40 self-improvement, motivational, or avocational in intent  
41 (including instruction in dance, music, or self-defense, and  
42 private tutoring); or



1 (D) is a Montessori or nursery school.  
 2 (6) A privately endowed two (2) or four (4) year degree granting  
 3 institution that is regionally accredited and whose principal  
 4 campus is located in Indiana.  
 5 (7) All educational institutions offering programs requiring  
 6 approval by the Indiana state board of nursing under  
 7 IC 25-23-1-7.  
 8 SECTION 247. IC 22-8-1.1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2008,  
 9 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise  
 11 provided:  
 12 "Board" means the board of safety review created by this chapter.  
 13 ~~"Commission" means the occupational safety standards commission~~  
 14 ~~created by this chapter.~~  
 15 "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor or the  
 16 commissioner's duly designated representative.  
 17 "Department" means the department of labor.  
 18 "Employee" means a person permitted to work by an employer in  
 19 employment.  
 20 "Employer" means any individual or type of organization, including  
 21 the state and all its political subdivisions, that has in its employ one (1)  
 22 or more individuals.  
 23 "INSafe" means the division of the department created by section 40  
 24 of this chapter.  
 25 "Safety order" refers to a notice issued to employers by the  
 26 commissioner of labor for alleged violations of this chapter, including  
 27 any health and safety standards.  
 28 "Standard" refers to both health and safety standards.  
 29 "Voluntary protection program" means a program offered by the  
 30 United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration to  
 31 employers subject to this chapter that exempts the employers from  
 32 general scheduled inspections.  
 33 SECTION 248. IC 22-8-1.1-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 34 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 7: An occupational safety standards commission is~~  
 35 ~~created within the department to promulgate, modify, or revoke safety~~  
 36 ~~and health standards in Indiana and to hear and determine applications~~  
 37 ~~for temporary and permanent variances from those standards.~~  
 38 SECTION 249. IC 22-8-1.1-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 39 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 8: Commission: Membership: The commission shall be~~  
 40 ~~composed of nine (9) members; all of whom shall be selected by the~~  
 41 ~~governor as follows: three (3) shall represent the management of~~  
 42 ~~principal industries in the state; one (1) of which shall represent~~



1 agricultural industry: three (3) shall represent labor and three (3) shall  
 2 represent the public all of whom shall be recognized as experienced in  
 3 the field of occupational health and safety. The commissioner shall  
 4 serve as secretary of the commission. No member of the commission  
 5 having an economic interest in any application for a temporary or  
 6 permanent variance, shall be allowed to participate in the decision.

7 SECTION 250. IC 22-8-1.1-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 8 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: Commission: Terms: Members of the commission  
 9 shall serve terms of three (3) years and until their successors are  
 10 appointed except that of the members first appointed, three (3)  
 11 members representing management, labor and the public shall be  
 12 appointed for three (3) years and three (3) members representing  
 13 management, labor and the public for two (2) years and three (3)  
 14 members representing management, labor and the public for one (1)  
 15 year. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for an unexpired term  
 16 by the governor in the same manner as the original appointments.

17 SECTION 251. IC 22-8-1.1-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 18 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: The commission shall meet annually at the call of the  
 19 commissioner and elect a chairman and such other officers as they  
 20 deem appropriate.

21 SECTION 252. IC 22-8-1.1-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 22 1, 2027]. Sec. 11: (Commission: Quorum) A majority of the  
 23 commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

24 SECTION 253. IC 22-8-1.1-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 25 1, 2027]. Sec. 12: (a) Each member of the commission who is not a  
 26 state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
 27 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement for  
 28 traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
 29 with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and  
 30 procedures established by the department of administration and  
 31 approved by the budget agency.

32 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is  
 33 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses  
 34 actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided  
 35 in the state travel policies and procedures established by the  
 36 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

37 SECTION 254. IC 22-8-1.1-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 38 1, 2027]. Sec. 13: The commission shall meet at the call of the  
 39 commissioner or the chairman or upon the written request of any four  
 40 (4) members. However, the commission shall meet at least one (1) time  
 41 per year at the call of the commissioner to conduct the business that  
 42 comes before the commission.



1 SECTION 255. IC 22-8-1.1-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. (Standards:  
 3 Incorporation by reference) The ~~commission board~~ may adopt by  
 4 reference any standards, code, manuals or portions thereof, published  
 5 by any nationally recognized organizations or associations organized  
 6 or conducted in whole or in part for the purpose of developing  
 7 standards for the protection of the life, health or safety of employees.

8 SECTION 256. IC 22-8-1.1-15.1, AS AMENDED BY  
 9 P.L.123-2006, SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15.1. Any interested  
 11 person, including representatives of employers and representatives of  
 12 employees may propose a standard to the ~~commission board~~, or the  
 13 ~~commission board~~ may do so on its own motion. Such proposals shall  
 14 be in writing. In the development or adoption of each standard  
 15 proposed in this manner, the ~~commission board~~ shall appoint and  
 16 consult with an advisory committee. The advisory committee shall  
 17 include equal number of persons qualified to present the viewpoint of  
 18 employers involved and of persons similarly qualified to present the  
 19 viewpoint of the workers involved. All members of the advisory  
 20 committee shall be experienced in the field to which the proposed  
 21 standard will apply. The number of members of any advisory  
 22 committee shall be at the discretion of the ~~commission board~~. Any  
 23 standard developed shall not unduly burden interstate commerce. Any  
 24 such standard must be adopted by the ~~commission board~~ in accordance  
 25 with IC 4-22-2. The said standard shall be published in a newspaper of  
 26 general circulation published in Marion County, Indiana, at least ten  
 27 (10) days prior to the filing of said standard with the publisher of the  
 28 Indiana Register.

29 SECTION 257. IC 22-8-1.1-16.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 30 SECTION 160, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 16.1. The ~~commission board~~ may  
 32 adopt emergency temporary standards under IC 4-22-2. The emergency  
 33 temporary standard shall be published in a newspaper of general  
 34 circulation published in Marion County, Indiana, at least ten (10) days  
 35 before the filing with the publisher of the Indiana Register. In the  
 36 exercise of this power, the ~~commission board~~ shall first expressly  
 37 determine:

- 38 (1) that employees are exposed to grave danger from exposure to  
 39 substances or agents determined to be toxic or physically harmful  
 40 or from new hazards; and  
 41 (2) that such emergency temporary standard is necessary to  
 42 protect employees from such danger.



1 SECTION 258. IC 22-8-1.1-16.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 16.2. (a) A United  
3 States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)  
4 standard lawfully adopted by OSHA under federal law may be enforced  
5 by the department without any further action by the ~~commissioner~~  
6 **board**.

7 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall enforce  
8 the federal standards described in subsection (a) not earlier than sixty  
9 (60) days after the final standard by federal OSHA becomes effective.

10 (c) The ~~commissioner~~ **board** may adopt an alternate standard which  
11 it finds is at least as effective in providing safe and healthful  
12 employment as the federal standard under the procedures set forth in  
13 IC 22-8-1.1-15, IC 22-8-1.1-15.1, and IC 22-8-1.1-16.1.

14 (d) Notwithstanding IC 4-22-7-7(a), the ~~commissioner~~ **board** shall  
15 publish a statement describing a standard enforceable under this  
16 section. The statement must make reference to the federal regulation.  
17 The statement must be published under IC 4-22-7-7(b).

18 SECTION 259. IC 22-8-1.1-17.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 17.1. (a) Any standard  
20 promulgated under this chapter shall prescribe the use of labels or other  
21 appropriate forms of warning as are necessary to insure that employees  
22 are apprised of all hazards to which they are exposed, relevant  
23 symptoms and appropriate emergency treatment, and proper conditions  
24 and precautions of safe use or exposure. Where appropriate, such a  
25 standard shall also prescribe suitable protective equipment and control  
26 or technological procedures to be used in connection with the hazards  
27 and shall provide for monitoring or measuring employee exposure at  
28 such locations and intervals and in such manner as may be necessary  
29 for the protection of employees. In addition where appropriate, any  
30 standard shall prescribe the type or frequency of medical examinations  
31 or other tests which shall be made available by the employer, at  
32 employer's cost, to employees exposed to hazards in order to most  
33 effectively determine whether the health of the employees is adversely  
34 affected by the exposure. Upon request, the results of examinations or  
35 tests shall be furnished to the department and shall remain confidential  
36 within the department. At the request of the employee, results shall be  
37 furnished to his physician.

38 (b) The ~~commissioner~~ **board**, in promulgating standards dealing with  
39 toxic materials or harmful physical agents, shall set the standard which  
40 most adequately assures, to the extent feasible, on the basis of the best  
41 available evidence, that no employee will suffer material impairment  
42 of health or functional capacity even if the employee has regular



1 exposure to the hazard dealt with by the standard for the period of his  
 2 working life. Development of standards shall be based upon research,  
 3 demonstrations, experiments, and such other information as may be  
 4 appropriate. In addition to the attainment of the highest degree of  
 5 health and safety protection for the employee, other considerations  
 6 shall be the latest available scientific data in the field, the feasibility of  
 7 the standards, and experience gained under this and other health and  
 8 safety laws. Whenever practicable, the standard promulgated shall be  
 9 expressed in terms of objective criteria and of the performance desired.

10 (c) The ~~commission~~, **board**, in promulgating standards, shall adopt  
 11 rules requiring employers to maintain accurate records of employee  
 12 exposures to potentially toxic material or harmful physical agents  
 13 which are required to be monitored or measured under the standards.  
 14 These rules shall provide employees or their representatives with an  
 15 opportunity to observe monitoring or measuring and to have access to  
 16 the records thereof. These rules shall also make appropriate provisions  
 17 for each employee to have access to such records as will indicate his  
 18 own exposure to toxic materials or harmful physical agents. Under  
 19 these rules, each employer shall notify any employee who is being  
 20 consistently exposed to toxic materials or harmful physical agents in  
 21 concentrations or at levels which exceed those prescribed by an  
 22 occupational safety and health standard and shall inform any employee  
 23 who is being thus exposed of the corrective action being taken.

24 SECTION 260. IC 22-8-1.1-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 19. Standards:  
 26 Declaratory Judgment. After promulgation of a safety standard by the  
 27 ~~commission~~, **board**, any question as to its applicability or legal validity  
 28 may be adjudicated by an action for a declaratory judgment filed by an  
 29 affected person or firm under IC 34-14-1 (or IC 34-4-10 before its  
 30 repeal).

31 SECTION 261. IC 22-8-1.1-19.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 19.1. Temporary  
 33 Variances. Any employer may apply to the ~~commission~~ **board** for a  
 34 temporary order granting a variance from a standard or any provision  
 35 thereof promulgated under this chapter. Such temporary order shall be  
 36 granted only if the employer establishes that he is unable to comply  
 37 with a standard by its effective date because of unavailability of  
 38 professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment  
 39 needed to come into compliance with the standard or because necessary  
 40 construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the  
 41 effective date; that he is taking all available steps to safeguard his  
 42 employees against the hazards covered by the standard; and that he has



1 an effective program for coming into compliance with a standard as  
 2 quickly as practicable. Any temporary order issued under this section  
 3 shall prescribe the practices, means, methods, operations and processes  
 4 which the employer must adopt and use while the order is in effect and  
 5 state in detail his program for coming into compliance with the  
 6 standard. Such a temporary order may be granted only after notice to  
 7 employees and an opportunity for a hearing. Said notice shall be given  
 8 to the authorized representative of the employees and be posted at or  
 9 near the location for which the variance is sought. No order for a  
 10 temporary variance may be in effect for longer than the period needed  
 11 by the employer to achieve compliance with the standard or one (1)  
 12 year, whichever is shorter, except that such an order may be renewed  
 13 not more than twice, so long as the requirements of this paragraph are  
 14 met and if an application for renewal is filed at least ninety (90) days  
 15 prior to the expiration date of the order.

16 SECTION 262. IC 22-8-1.1-20.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 20.1. Any affected  
 18 employer may apply to the ~~commission~~ **board** for a permanent variance  
 19 from a standard promulgated under this chapter. Affected employees  
 20 shall be given notice of each such application by posting it at or near  
 21 the location for which the variance is sought, and an opportunity to  
 22 participate in a hearing. The ~~commission~~ **board** shall issue such rule  
 23 or order if it determines, after a hearing, including an inspection, if  
 24 appropriate, that the proponent of the variance has demonstrated by a  
 25 preponderance of the evidence that the conditions, practices, means,  
 26 methods, operations, or processes used or proposed to be used by the  
 27 employer will provide employment and places of employment to his  
 28 employees which are as safe and healthful as those which would  
 29 prevail if he complied with the standard. The rule or order so issued  
 30 shall prescribe the conditions the employer must maintain, and the  
 31 practices, means, methods, operations, and processes which he must  
 32 adopt and utilize to the extent they differ from the standard in question.  
 33 Such a rule or order may be modified or revoked upon application by  
 34 an employer, employees, the commissioner of labor, or the ~~commission~~  
 35 **board** on its own motion, in the manner prescribed for its issuance  
 36 under this section at any time after six (6) months from its issuance,  
 37 provided that the moving party gives thirty (30) days notice to the other  
 38 parties, and a hearing is held at the request of any of the parties.

39 SECTION 263. IC 22-8-1.1-21.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 21.1. The commissioner and the department shall~~  
 41 ~~provide such administrative services, including docketing,~~  
 42 ~~stenographic, and recordkeeping services, as the commission may~~



1 require in discharging its function under this chapter:

2 SECTION 264. IC 22-8-1.1-22.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 22.1. ~~Commissioner to~~  
 4 ~~Administer = Other Agencies.~~ The commissioner and such  
 5 representatives as he may designate **the commissioner's designees**  
 6 shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and the  
 7 safety standards adopted by the ~~commission.~~ **board.** The commissioner  
 8 may utilize other agencies of the state government and its political  
 9 subdivisions in carrying out ~~his~~ **the commissioner's** functions under  
 10 this chapter.

11 SECTION 265. IC 22-8-1.1-30.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 30.1. (a) A board of  
 13 safety review is created within the department.

14 (b) The board shall conduct hearings on contests involving safety  
 15 orders, penalties, and notices of failure to correct a violation issued  
 16 under this chapter and may affirm, modify, or dismiss the action of the  
 17 commissioner in respect to the violation, the penalty, and the abatement  
 18 period. All enforcement action on a properly contested safety order  
 19 shall be suspended until a final decision has been rendered by the board  
 20 of safety review. If a petition for judicial review is filed under  
 21 IC 4-21.5-5, the person seeking review may seek a stay under  
 22 IC 4-21.5-5-9. If compliance with the safety order is a final decision,  
 23 the full abatement period shall commence from the date of the issuance  
 24 of the final decision of the board of safety review or of a court if a stay  
 25 has been granted.

26 (c) **The board may promulgate, modify, or revoke safety and**  
 27 **health standards in Indiana and shall hear and determine**  
 28 **applications for temporary and permanent variances from those**  
 29 **standards.**

30 SECTION 266. IC 22-8-1.1-48.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2008,  
 31 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 48.1. The commissioner of labor, ~~the occupational~~  
 33 ~~safety standards commission;~~ the board of safety review, and INSafe  
 34 shall have the power to make rules governing functions under this  
 35 chapter, provided such rules shall not be inconsistent with this chapter  
 36 or other applicable statutes.

37 SECTION 267. IC 22-8-1.1-48.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2008,  
 38 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 39 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 48.4. (a) All information reported to or otherwise  
 40 obtained by the commissioner, the designated representatives of the  
 41 commissioner, the department of labor, ~~the occupational safety~~  
 42 ~~standards commission;~~ the board of safety review, INSafe, and the



1 agents and employees of any of them that contains or might reveal a  
 2 trade secret, shall be considered confidential and shall be disclosed  
 3 only to such other officers or employees concerned with the functions  
 4 set forth in this chapter as may be necessary for them to discharge their  
 5 duties under this chapter. In any proceeding, the commissioner, ~~the~~  
 6 ~~commission~~, the board, or a court shall issue such orders as may be  
 7 appropriate, including the impoundment of files, or portions of files, to  
 8 protect the confidentiality of trade secrets.

9 (b) No person may violate the confidentiality of trade secrets.

10 SECTION 268. IC 22-9-1-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 19. (a) The commission shall**  
 13 **commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with**  
 14 **programs or activities that:**

15 (1) honor Dr. King's life and works; and

16 (2) reflect Dr. King's philosophy and dream of freedom,  
 17 justice, and racial equality through nonviolent social change.

18 (b) The commission may do the following:

19 (1) Sponsor, promote, or engage in activities on dates other  
 20 than the Dr. King holiday that honor Dr. Martin Luther King  
 21 Jr. or that relate to the philosophy and principles advocated  
 22 by Dr. King.

23 (2) Coordinate the commission's activities and projects with  
 24 the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday commission,  
 25 community organizations, local municipalities, and other  
 26 entities that the commission determines to be appropriate.

27 SECTION 269. IC 22-9.5-5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) A person may not  
 29 discriminate in the sale or rental or otherwise make unavailable or deny  
 30 a dwelling to any buyer or renter because of a disability of:

31 (1) the buyer or renter;

32 (2) a person residing in or intending to reside in the dwelling after  
 33 the dwelling is sold, rented, or made available; or

34 (3) any person associated with the buyer or renter.

35 (b) A person may not discriminate against any person in the terms,  
 36 conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling or in the  
 37 provision of services or facilities in connection with the dwelling  
 38 because of a disability of:

39 (1) the person;

40 (2) a person residing in or intending to reside in the dwelling after  
 41 the dwelling is sold, rented, or made available; or

42 (3) any person associated with the person.



1 (c) For purposes of this section only, discrimination includes the  
2 following:

3 (1) A refusal to permit, at the expense of the person with a  
4 disability, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied  
5 or to be occupied by the person if the modifications may be  
6 necessary to afford the person full enjoyment of the premises.

7 (2) A refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules,  
8 policies, practices, or services, when the accommodations may be  
9 necessary to afford the person equal opportunity to use and enjoy  
10 a dwelling.

11 (3) In connection with the design and construction of covered  
12 multifamily dwellings for first occupancy after March 13, 1991,  
13 a failure to design and construct those dwellings in a manner that:

14 (A) the public use and common use parts of the dwellings are  
15 readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities;

16 (B) all the doors are designed to allow passage into and within  
17 all premises within the dwellings and are sufficiently wide to  
18 allow passage by persons with disabilities in wheelchairs; and

19 (C) all premises within the dwellings contain the following  
20 features of adaptive design:

21 (i) An accessible route into and through the dwelling.

22 (ii) Light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and other  
23 environmental controls in accessible locations.

24 (iii) Reinforcements in bathroom walls to allow later  
25 installation of grab bars.

26 (iv) Usable kitchens and bathrooms so that an individual in  
27 a wheelchair can maneuver about the space.

28 (d) As used in subsection (c), "covered multifamily dwellings"  
29 means:

30 (1) buildings consisting of four (4) or more units if the buildings  
31 have one (1) or more elevators; and

32 (2) ground floor units in other buildings consisting of four (4) or  
33 more units.

34 (e) Compliance with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
35 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** that incorporate  
36 by reference the appropriate requirements of the American National  
37 Standard for buildings and facilities providing accessibility and  
38 usability for people with physical disabilities (ANSI A117.1) satisfies  
39 the requirements of subsection (c)(3)(C).

40 (f) This section does not require that a dwelling be made available  
41 to an individual whose tenancy would constitute a direct threat to the  
42 health or safety of other individuals or whose tenancy would result in



1 substantial physical damage to the property of others.  
2 SECTION 270. IC 22-11-14-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
3 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
5 ~~commission department of homeland security~~ shall:  
6 (1) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the granting of permits for  
7 supervised public displays of fireworks by municipalities, fair  
8 associations, amusement parks, and other organizations or groups  
9 of individuals; and  
10 (2) establish by rule the fee for the permit, which shall be paid  
11 into the fire and building services fund created under  
12 IC 22-12-6-1.  
13 (b) The application for a permit required under subsection (a) must:  
14 (1) name a competent operator who is to officiate at the display;  
15 (2) set forth a brief resume of the operator's experience;  
16 (3) be made in writing or an electronic format; and  
17 (4) be received with the applicable fee by the department of  
18 homeland security at least five (5) business days before the  
19 display.  
20 No operator who has a prior conviction for violating this chapter may  
21 operate any display for one (1) year after the conviction.  
22 (c) Every display shall be handled by a qualified operator approved  
23 by the chief of the fire department of the municipality in which the  
24 display is to be held. A display shall be located, discharged, or fired as,  
25 in the opinion of:  
26 (1) the chief of the fire department of the city or town in which  
27 the display is to be held; or  
28 (2) the township fire chief or the fire chief of the municipality  
29 nearest the site proposed, in the case of a display to be held  
30 outside of the corporate limits of any city or town;  
31 after proper inspection, is not hazardous to property or person.  
32 (d) A permit granted under this section is not transferable.  
33 (e) A denial of a permit by a municipality shall be issued in writing  
34 before the date of the display.  
35 (f) A person may not possess, transport, or deliver special fireworks,  
36 except as authorized under this section.  
37 SECTION 271. IC 22-11-14-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.187-2006,  
38 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
39 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.5. The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
40 ~~commission department of homeland security~~ may adopt rules under  
41 IC 4-22-2 that specify the conditions under which the chief of a  
42 municipal or township fire department may grant a permit to a person



1 to sponsor a special discharge location in the municipality or township.

2 SECTION 272. IC 22-11-14-4.5, AS AMENDED BY HEA  
3 1202-2026, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4.5. (a) A retailer may sell  
5 consumer fireworks and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter  
6 from a tent under the following conditions:

7 (1) The tent may not be larger than one thousand five hundred  
8 (1,500) square feet.

9 (2) There may be only one (1) tent for each registration granted  
10 under section 11(a) of this chapter.

11 (3) The tent may not be located closer than one hundred (100) feet  
12 from a permanent structure.

13 (4) A vehicle may not be parked closer than twenty (20) feet from  
14 the edge of the tent.

15 (5) The tent must be fire retardant.

16 (6) The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning  
17 and land use rules.

18 (7) Sales of fireworks may be made from the tent for not more  
19 than forty-five (45) days in a year.

20 (8) The weight of consumer fireworks in a tent may not exceed  
21 three thousand (3,000) gross pounds of consumer fireworks.

22 (9) A retailer that legally operated a tent with a registration in  
23 2005 may continue operation in a tent in 2006 and the following  
24 years. A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is  
25 required for operation in 2006 and following years. For purposes  
26 of this subdivision, a retailer includes a resident wholesaler who  
27 supplied consumer fireworks to an applicant for a tent registration  
28 in 2005.

29 (10) The retailer holds a valid registration under section 11(a) of  
30 this chapter.

31 (b) A retailer may sell consumer fireworks and items referenced in  
32 section 8(a) of this chapter from a Class 1 structure (as defined in  
33 IC 22-12-1-4) if the Class 1 structure meets the requirements of any of  
34 the following subdivisions:

35 (1) The structure complied with the rules for a B-2 or M building  
36 occupancy classification before July 4, 2003, under the Indiana  
37 building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety  
38 commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **(before its repeal)**:

39 (A) in which consumer fireworks were sold or stored on or  
40 before July 4, 2003; and

41 (B) in which no subsequent intervening nonfireworks sales or  
42 storage use has occurred.



- 1 (2) The structure complied with the rules for a B-2 or M building  
 2 occupancy classification before July 4, 2003, under the Indiana  
 3 building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety  
 4 commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **(before its repeal):**  
 5 (A) in which consumer fireworks were sold or stored on or  
 6 before July 4, 2003;  
 7 (B) in a location at which the retailer was registered as a  
 8 resident wholesaler in 2005; and  
 9 (C) in which the retailer's primary business is not the sale of  
 10 consumer fireworks.
- 11 (3) The structure complies with the rules for an H-3 building  
 12 occupancy classification under the Indiana building code adopted  
 13 by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission established~~  
 14 ~~under IC 22-12-2-1~~, or the equivalent occupancy classification  
 15 adopted by subsequent rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 16 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security.**
- 17 (4) The structure complies with the rules adopted after July 3,  
 18 2003, by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 19 ~~established under IC 22-12-2-1~~ **department of homeland**  
 20 **security** for an M building occupancy classification under the  
 21 Indiana building code.
- 22 A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is required for  
 23 operation in 2006 and following years.
- 24 (c) This subsection does not apply to a structure identified in  
 25 subsection (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), or (b)(4). A retailer may sell consumer  
 26 fireworks and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter from a  
 27 structure under the following conditions:
- 28 (1) The structure must be a Class 1 structure in which consumer  
 29 fireworks are sold and stored.
- 30 (2) The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning  
 31 and land use rules.
- 32 (3) The weight of consumer fireworks in the structure may not  
 33 exceed three thousand (3,000) gross pounds of consumer  
 34 fireworks.
- 35 (4) The retailer holds a valid registration under section 11(a) of  
 36 this chapter.
- 37 (5) A retailer that sold consumer fireworks and operated from a  
 38 structure with a registration in 2005 may continue in operation in  
 39 the structure in 2006 and the following years. A registration under  
 40 section 11(a) of this chapter is required for operation in 2006 and  
 41 following years.
- 42 (d) A member of the department of homeland security staff shall,



1 under section 9 of this chapter, inspect tents and structures in which  
 2 fireworks are sold in accordance with IC 22-14-2-11. The department  
 3 of homeland security may delegate this responsibility to a responding  
 4 fire department with jurisdiction over the tent or structure, subject to  
 5 the policies and procedures of the state fire marshal.

6 (e) A retailer shall file an application for each retail location on a  
 7 form to be provided by the department of homeland security.

8 (f) This chapter does not limit the quantity of items referenced in  
 9 section 8(a) of this chapter that may be sold from any Class 1 structure  
 10 that complied with the rules of the fire prevention and building safety  
 11 commission (**before its repeal**) in effect before May 21, 2003.

12 SECTION 273. IC 22-11-14-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2006,  
 13 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 14 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) A person shall not sell at retail, offer for sale  
 15 at retail, or deliver the following items to a person less than eighteen  
 16 (18) years of age:

17 (1) Dipped sticks or wire sparklers. However, total pyrotechnic  
 18 composition may not exceed one hundred (100) grams per item.  
 19 Devices containing chlorate or perchlorate salts may not exceed  
 20 five (5) grams in total composition per item.

21 (2) Cylindrical fountains.

22 (3) Cone fountains.

23 (4) Illuminating torches.

24 (5) Wheels.

25 (6) Ground spinners.

26 (7) Flitter sparklers.

27 (8) Snakes or glow worms.

28 (9) Smoke devices.

29 (10) Trick noisemakers, which include:

30 (A) Party poppers.

31 (B) Booby traps.

32 (C) Snappers.

33 (D) Trick matches.

34 (E) Cigarette loads.

35 (F) Auto burglar alarms.

36 (b) A retailer or wholesaler of consumer fireworks may sell  
 37 consumer fireworks to a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.

38 (c) An individual who sells consumer fireworks must be at least  
 39 eighteen (18) years of age.

40 (d) An individual who sells an item set forth in subsection (a) must  
 41 be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

42 (e) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**



1 **of homeland security** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing  
 2 procedures to ensure compliance with the age limitations set forth in  
 3 this section.

4 SECTION 274. IC 22-11-14-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.187-2006,  
 5 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 7 **commission department of homeland security** and the department of  
 8 state revenue shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this  
 9 chapter.

10 SECTION 275. IC 22-11-14.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.101-2006,  
 11 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 13 **commission department of homeland security** shall adopt rules under  
 14 IC 4-22-2 to implement a statewide code concerning displays of indoor  
 15 pyrotechnics. The rules:

16 (1) must require that a certificate of insurance be issued that  
 17 provides general liability coverage of at least five hundred  
 18 thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the injury or death of any number  
 19 of persons in any one (1) occurrence and five hundred thousand  
 20 dollars (\$500,000) for property damage in any one (1) occurrence  
 21 by an intended display of indoor pyrotechnics arising from any  
 22 acts of the operator of the display or the operator's agents,  
 23 employees, or subcontractors;

24 (2) must require the person intending to present the display to  
 25 give, at least twenty four (24) hours before the time of the display,  
 26 written notice of the intended display to the chief of the  
 27 responding fire department of the location proposed for the  
 28 display of the indoor pyrotechnics and to include with the written  
 29 notice a certification from the person intending to display the  
 30 indoor pyrotechnics that the display will be made in accordance  
 31 with:

32 (A) the rules adopted under this section; and

33 (B) any ordinance or resolution adopted under section 4 of this  
 34 chapter;

35 (3) must include and adopt NFPA 1126, Standard for the Use of  
 36 Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience, 2001 Edition,  
 37 published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1  
 38 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169;

39 (4) must be amended to adopt any subsequent edition of NFPA  
 40 Standard 1126, including addenda, within eighteen (18) months  
 41 after the effective date of the subsequent edition; and

42 (5) may provide for amendments to NFPA Standard 1126 as a



1 condition of the adoption under subdivisions (3) and (4).  
 2 SECTION 276. IC 22-11-16-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~fire~~  
 4 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland**  
 5 **security** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing fire safety in  
 6 certain buildings as specified in subsection (b).

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) and subsection (d), this  
 8 chapter and the rules adopted under it apply to:

9 (1) all hotels, motels, apartments (in buildings containing three  
 10 (3) or more apartments), and buildings containing three (3) or  
 11 more sleeping rooms that rent for a fee; and

12 (2) all buildings occupied after September 14, 1982, as hotels,  
 13 motels, apartments (in buildings containing three (3) or more  
 14 apartments), and buildings containing three (3) or more sleeping  
 15 rooms that rent for a fee.

16 (c) This chapter does not apply to hotels and motels that have no  
 17 interior corridors and whose individual rooms have only exterior exits.

18 (d) This chapter does not apply to an apartment in an apartment  
 19 building from which apartment there is immediate ground level access  
 20 to the outside.

21 (e) Compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted under it does  
 22 not relieve the owner of a building covered by this chapter from the  
 23 requirements of any other applicable law, rule, regulation, or ordinance.

24 SECTION 277. IC 22-11-17-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 25 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

27 (1) ~~"Commission"~~ refers to ~~the Indiana fire prevention and~~  
 28 ~~building safety commission.~~ **"Department"** refers to the  
 29 **department of homeland security.**

30 (2) "Exit" means a continuous and unobstructed means of egress  
 31 to a public way designated as an exit pursuant to the rules of the  
 32 ~~commission.~~ **department.** The term includes doorways, corridors,  
 33 exterior exit balconies, ramps, stairways, smokeproof enclosures,  
 34 horizontal exits, exit passageways, exit courts, and yards.

35 (3) "Owner" means a person having control or custody of any  
 36 building covered by this chapter.

37 (4) "Public building" means any structure used in whole or in part  
 38 as a place of resort, assemblage, lodging, trade, traffic,  
 39 occupancy, or use by the public, or by three (3) or more tenants.  
 40 It also means all educational buildings, day care centers,  
 41 hospitals, institutions, health facilities, residential-custodial care  
 42 facilities, mercantile occupancies, and office occupancies.



- 1 (5) "Special egress control device" means an electronically
- 2 controlled exit locking system that:
- 3 (A) allows a delay in exiting through an exit in a
- 4 nonemergency situation; and
- 5 (B) complies with rules adopted by the ~~commission~~
- 6 **department**.
- 7 SECTION 278. IC 22-11-17-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,
- 8 SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 9 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
- 10 (d) and section 2.5 of this chapter, an owner of a public building shall
- 11 not permit an exit to be locked or obstructed in any manner that denies
- 12 the public a continuous and unobstructed means of egress while
- 13 lawfully occupied by anyone who is not an officer or an employee.
- 14 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
- 15 that:
- 16 (1) allow the owner of a public building to equip an exit with a
- 17 special egress control device;
- 18 (2) limit the circumstances under which a special egress control
- 19 device may be used; and
- 20 (3) allow an exit that was in compliance with the rules of the
- 21 ~~commission~~ **department** when the exit was constructed to be
- 22 equipped with a special egress control device.
- 23 (c) An owner of a public building shall not permit a fire alarm to be
- 24 disconnected or otherwise rendered inoperative, except in cases of
- 25 routine maintenance or for repair.
- 26 (d) A school that has one (1) or more employees shall develop a
- 27 plan to address unplanned fire alarm activation as part of its emergency
- 28 operations plan.
- 29 (e) A school's emergency operations plan for unplanned fire alarm
- 30 activation shall include procedures for the following:
- 31 (1) Evacuation of the building when the fire alarm is heard. A
- 32 school with a fire alarm panel that allows for a positive fire alarm
- 33 sequence may:
- 34 (A) develop a plan to investigate an unplanned fire alarm
- 35 activation before activating the audible and visual alarms
- 36 requiring evacuation;
- 37 (B) designate school officials to acknowledge that an alarm
- 38 has been activated and initiate an investigation within fifteen
- 39 (15) seconds;
- 40 (C) secure-in-place for up to three (3) minutes in order for a
- 41 designated school official to determine, by investigation, if an
- 42 active shooter is on the property; and



- 1 (D) following the three (3) minute period under clause (C), the  
 2 school must evacuate, unless an active shooter has been  
 3 verified to be on the school's property.
- 4 (2) Compliance with all provisions of 675 IAC 28-1-28.
- 5 SECTION 279. IC 22-12-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2013,  
 6 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) "Class 1 structure" means any part of the  
 8 following:
- 9 (1) A building or structure that is intended to be or is occupied or  
 10 otherwise used in any part by any of the following:
- 11 (A) The public.  
 12 (B) Three (3) or more tenants.  
 13 (C) One (1) or more persons who act as the employees of  
 14 another.
- 15 (2) A site improvement affecting access by persons with physical  
 16 disabilities to a building or structure described in subdivision (1).  
 17 (3) Outdoor event equipment.  
 18 (4) Any class of buildings or structures that the ~~commission~~  
 19 **department** determines by rules to affect a building or structure  
 20 described in subdivision (1), except buildings or structures  
 21 described in subsections (c) through (f).
- 22 (b) Subsection (a)(1) includes a structure that contains three (3) or  
 23 more condominium units (as defined in IC 32-25-2-9) or other units  
 24 that:
- 25 (1) are intended to be or are used or leased by the owner of the  
 26 unit; and  
 27 (2) are not completely separated from each other by an  
 28 unimproved space.
- 29 (c) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a building or structure that:
- 30 (1) is intended to be or is used only for an agricultural purpose on  
 31 the land where it is located; and  
 32 (2) is not used for retail trade or is a stand used for retail sales of  
 33 farm produce for eight (8) or less consecutive months in a  
 34 calendar year.
- 35 (d) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a Class 2 structure.  
 36 (e) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a vehicular bridge.  
 37 (f) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a structure that is intended to  
 38 be or is occupied solely to provide periodic maintenance or repair of:  
 39 (1) the structure; or  
 40 (2) mechanical or electrical equipment located within and affixed  
 41 to the structure.
- 42 SECTION 280. IC 22-12-1-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY



1 1, 2027]. Sec. 6. "Commission" refers to the fire prevention and  
 2 building safety commission.  
 3 SECTION 281. IC 22-12-1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) "Control" means  
 5 authority to create, change, or eliminate a condition or to initiate,  
 6 regulate, or terminate conduct that is based on any of the following:  
 7 (1) An agency, employment, or contractual relationship.  
 8 (2) A possessory or nonpossessory ownership or leasehold interest  
 9 in property.  
 10 (3) A contractual right to possess or use property.  
 11 (b) **The term does not apply to IC 22-12-2.1-1.**  
 12 SECTION 282. IC 22-12-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 13 2027]. (Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission).  
 14 SECTION 283. IC 22-12-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 15 CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]:  
 17 **Chapter 2.1. Transition of Responsibilities for Fire Prevention**  
 18 **and Building Safety**  
 19 **Sec. 1. (a) On July 1, 2027, all powers, duties, agreements, and**  
 20 **liabilities of the fire prevention and building safety commission are**  
 21 **transferred to the department.**  
 22 **(b) On July 1, 2027, all records and property of the fire**  
 23 **prevention and building safety commission, including**  
 24 **appropriations and other funds under the control or supervision of**  
 25 **the fire prevention and building safety commission, are transferred**  
 26 **to the department.**  
 27 **(c) After June 30, 2027, any amounts owed to the fire prevention**  
 28 **and building safety commission before July 1, 2026, are considered**  
 29 **to be owed to the department as the successor agency.**  
 30 **(d) After June 30, 2027, a reference to the fire prevention and**  
 31 **building safety commission in a statute, rule, or other document is**  
 32 **considered a reference to the department.**  
 33 **(e) Proceedings pending before the fire prevention and building**  
 34 **safety commission on July 1, 2027, shall be transferred from the**  
 35 **fire prevention and building safety commission to the department**  
 36 **and treated as if initiated by the department.**  
 37 **(f) A license or permit issued by the fire prevention and building**  
 38 **safety commission before July 1, 2027, shall be treated after June**  
 39 **30, 2027, as a certification issued by the department.**  
 40 **(g) The rules adopted by the fire prevention and building safety**  
 41 **commission before July 1, 2027, are considered, after June 30,**  
 42 **2027, rules of the department. For purposes of applying IC 4-22-2.6**



1 to the readoption of rules transferred by this subsection, the rules  
 2 shall be treated as not expiring. Except as permitted under  
 3 IC 4-22-2-38 to make nonsubstantive technical corrections, the  
 4 department may not revise or repeal the transferred rules,  
 5 including matters incorporated by reference, unless authorized by  
 6 act of the general assembly.

7 (h) Not later than July 1, 2028, and each year thereafter, the  
 8 department shall submit a report to the legislative council in an  
 9 electronic format under IC 5-14-6 making recommendations for  
 10 amendment of the rules of the fire prevention and building safety  
 11 commission transferred to the department under this section. The  
 12 legislative council shall assign the report to be reviewed by an  
 13 interim study committee established under IC 2-5-1.3. In preparing  
 14 the report required by this subsection, the department shall consult  
 15 with industry experts, professionals, and interested stakeholders  
 16 who have indicated an interest in the subject matter of the  
 17 recommendations contained in the report.

18 SECTION 284. IC 22-12-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 19 1, 2027]. (Building Codes and Standards; Review and Implementation  
 20 of Rules; Taking Effect of Rules).

21 SECTION 285. IC 22-12-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 22 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The fire and building services fund is  
 24 established for the purpose of defraying the personal services, other  
 25 operating expense, and capital outlay of the following:

- 26 (1) The department.
- 27 (2) The education board.
- 28 ~~(3) The commission.~~

29 (b) The fund shall be administered by the department. Money  
 30 collected for deposit in the fund shall be deposited at least monthly  
 31 with the treasurer of state.

32 (c) The treasurer of state shall deposit the following collected  
 33 amounts in the fund:

- 34 (1) Fire insurance policy premium taxes assessed under section 5  
 35 of this chapter.
- 36 (2) Except as provided in section 6(d) of this chapter, all fees  
 37 collected under this chapter.
- 38 (3) Any money not otherwise described in this subsection but  
 39 collected by the department ~~commission~~, or education board and  
 40 designated for distribution to the fund by statute or the executive  
 41 director of the department.
- 42 (4) A fee collected by the education board for the issuance of a



- 1 certification under IC 22-14-2-7.
- 2 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
3 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
4 manner as other public funds may be invested.
- 5 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to  
6 the state general fund.
- 7 SECTION 286. IC 22-12-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
8 SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) The statewide fire and building safety  
10 education fund is established to provide money to:
- 11 (1) local fire and building inspection departments for enrollment  
12 in education and training programs approved by the department;  
13 and  
14 (2) the department for:
- 15 (A) enrollment in education and training programs approved  
16 by the department; and  
17 (B) the sponsoring of training conferences.
- 18 (b) The department shall administer the fund. The department shall  
19 distribute money from the fund in accordance with the rules adopted  
20 under IC 4-22-2 by the ~~commission~~ **department**.
- 21 (c) The fund consists of:
- 22 (1) money allocated under section 6(d) of this chapter; and  
23 (2) fees collected under subsection (e).
- 24 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to  
25 the state general fund.
- 26 (e) The department may charge a fee for a person's participation in  
27 a training conference. The department shall deposit the fees collected  
28 under this subsection in the fund. The department shall pay all  
29 expenses associated with training conferences out of the fund.
- 30 SECTION 287. IC 22-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
31 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt  
33 rules under IC 4-22-2 setting a fee schedule for the following:
- 34 (1) Fireworks display permits issued under IC 22-11-14-2.  
35 (2) Explosives magazine permits issued under IC 35-47.5-4.  
36 (3) Design releases issued under IC 22-15-3 and IC 22-15-3.2.  
37 (4) Certification of industrialized building systems and mobile  
38 structures under IC 22-15-4.  
39 (5) Inspection of regulated amusement devices under IC 22-15-7.  
40 (6) Application fees for variance requests under IC 22-13-2-11  
41 and inspection fees for exemptions under IC 22-13-4-5.  
42 (7) Except as provided in section 6.5 of this chapter, permitting



1 and inspection of regulated lifting devices under IC 22-15-5.

2 (8) Permitting and inspection of regulated boiler and pressure  
3 vessels under IC 22-15-6.

4 (9) Licensing of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors under  
5 IC 22-15-6-5.

6 (10) Licensing of elevator contractors, elevator inspectors, and  
7 elevator mechanics under IC 22-15-5-6 through IC 22-15-5-16.

8 (b) Fee schedules set under this section must be sufficient to pay all  
9 of the costs, direct and indirect, that are payable from the fund into  
10 which the fee must be deposited, after deducting other money deposited  
11 in the fund. In setting these fee schedules, the **commission department**  
12 may consider differences in the degree or complexity of the activity  
13 being performed for each fee.

14 (c) The fee schedule set for design releases issued under subsection  
15 (a)(3) may not be changed more than one (1) time each year. The  
16 **commission department** may include in this fee schedule a fee for the  
17 review of plans and specifications and, if a political subdivision does  
18 not have a program to periodically inspect the construction covered by  
19 the design release, a fee for inspecting the construction.

20 (d) The fee schedule set under subsection (a) for design releases  
21 may provide that a portion of the fees collected shall be deposited in  
22 the statewide fire and building safety education fund established under  
23 section 3 of this chapter.

24 SECTION 288. IC 22-12-6-6.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
25 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6.5. (a) The **commission department** may adopt  
27 rules under IC 4-22-2 to set fees for a permit issued under  
28 IC 22-15-5-4(c) if the acceptance inspection of the regulated lifting  
29 device required by IC 22-15-5-4(c)(1)(A) is conducted by an inspector  
30 who is not employed by the department.

31 (b) A fee under subsection (a) must be a lesser fee than that set  
32 under section 6(a)(7) of this chapter.

33 (c) When determining a fee under subsection (a), the **commission**  
34 **department** shall consider any savings the department will experience  
35 as a result of a permit applicant using an inspector who is not employed  
36 by the department, including savings related to department inspector  
37 salaries, travel, and administrative costs.

38 SECTION 289. IC 22-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
39 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) This section does not apply to a nonpublic  
41 school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-12) or a school operated by a school  
42 corporation (as defined in IC 20-18-2-16).



1 (b) The department shall charge an application fee set by rules  
2 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-22-2 for  
3 amusement and entertainment permits issued under IC 22-14-3.

4 (c) The department shall collect an inspection fee set by rules  
5 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-22-2 whenever the  
6 department conducts an inspection for a special event endorsement  
7 under IC 22-14-3.

8 (d) Halls, gymnasiums, or places of assembly in which contests,  
9 drills, exhibitions, plays, displays, dances, concerts, or other types of  
10 amusement are held by colleges, universities, social or fraternal  
11 organizations, lodges, farmers organizations, societies, labor unions,  
12 trade associations, or churches are exempt from the fees charged or  
13 collected under subsections (b) and (c), unless rental fees are charged  
14 or collected.

15 (e) The fees set for applications or inspections under this section  
16 must be sufficient to pay all the direct and indirect costs of processing  
17 an application or performing an inspection for which the fee is set. In  
18 setting the fees, the ~~commission~~ **department** may consider differences  
19 in the degree or complexity of the activity being performed for each  
20 fee.

21 SECTION 290. IC 22-12-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) The application  
23 fee for a fireworks manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or importer  
24 permit issued under IC 22-11-14-5 shall be set by rules adopted by the  
25 ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-22-2.

26 (b) The application fee for a fireworks retail stand permit issued  
27 under IC 22-11-14-7 shall be set by rules adopted by the ~~commission~~  
28 **department** under IC 4-22-2. The rules must exempt a nonprofit  
29 corporation incorporated under IC 23-7-1.1 (before its repeal on  
30 August 1, 1991) or IC 23-17 from the fee.

31 (c) The fees set for applications under this section must be sufficient  
32 to pay all the direct and indirect costs of processing an application for  
33 which the fee is set. In setting the fees, the ~~commission~~ **department**  
34 may consider differences in the degree or complexity of the activity  
35 being performed for each fee.

36 SECTION 291. IC 22-12-6-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,  
37 SECTION 205, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section,  
39 "credit card" means a bank card, debit card, charge card, prepaid card,  
40 or other similar device used for payment.

41 (b) In addition to other methods of payment allowed by law, the  
42 department may accept payment by credit card for certifications,



1 licenses, and fees, and other amounts payable to the following:

2 (1) The department.

3 (2) The fire prevention and building safety commission (**before**  
4 **its repeal**).

5 (3) The Indiana homeland security foundation (before its repeal).

6 (c) The department may enter into appropriate agreements with  
7 banks or other organizations authorized to do business in Indiana to  
8 enable the department to accept payment by credit card.

9 (d) The department may recognize net amounts remitted by the bank  
10 or other organization as payment in full of amounts due the department.

11 (e) The department may pay any applicable credit card service  
12 charge or fee.

13 SECTION 292. IC 22-12-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
14 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to ~~the commission~~, the  
16 education board and every officer, employee, and agent of an office or  
17 division within the department whenever the person has authority to  
18 administer or enforce a law under IC 22-11 through IC 22-15,  
19 IC 35-47.5, or IC 36-8-10.5.

20 SECTION 293. IC 22-12-7-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
21 SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to an order issued by  
23 an officer, employee, or agent of an office or division within the  
24 department.

25 (b) The office or division issuing an order shall give a person who:

26 (1) is aggrieved by the order; and

27 (2) requests review of the order in verbal or written form;

28 an opportunity to informally discuss the order with the office or  
29 division. Review under this subsection does not suspend the running of  
30 the time period in which a person must petition under IC 4-21.5-3-7 to  
31 appeal the order.

32 (c) The office or division issuing the order may, on its own initiative  
33 or at the request of any person, modify its order or reverse the order.

34 (d) An order issued by an office or a division may be appealed to the  
35 ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-21.5-3-7. A decision to deny a  
36 request to modify or reverse an order under subsection (c) is not  
37 appealable. However, orders issued under IC 22-14-2-7,  
38 IC 22-14-2-7.5, or IC 36-8-10.5 are appealed to the education board.

39 (e) If an order is appealed, the agency that is responsible for  
40 reviewing the order under subsection (d) or its designee shall conduct  
41 all administrative proceedings under IC 4-21.5. In its proceedings, the  
42 agency conducting the proceeding may modify the order to impose any



1 requirement authorized under this article or reverse the order.

2 SECTION 294. IC 22-12-7-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.160-2025,  
3 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided by subsection (c), if a  
5 property is inspected by the department or plans were reviewed by the  
6 department, neither the department nor a political subdivision may  
7 require compliance with a new or different set of building, fire safety,  
8 or equipment laws than were originally enforced by the department:

9 (1) before July 1, 2025; or

10 (2) two (2) years after the earlier of the date of the:

11 (A) initial inspection; or

12 (B) plan review.

13 (b) A child care home (as defined in IC 12-7-2-28.6) that was  
14 licensed to operate in a Class 2 structure by the office of the secretary  
15 of family and social services before July 1, 2025, may continue to  
16 operate in the structure notwithstanding the provisions of this article  
17 and 675 IAC 13.

18 (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:

19 (1) Any:

20 (A) fraud;

21 (B) material misrepresentation; or

22 (C) other act of bad faith;

23 that results in misapplication of the appropriate requirements.

24 (2) A change of use or occupancy of the structure or equipment.

25 (3) A condition imposed in a variance issued by the:

26 (A) department; or

27 (B) ~~commission~~; **state building commissioner**.

28 (4) Any new construction, addition, or alteration of the structure  
29 or equipment.

30 (5) A violation that would qualify for an emergency order under  
31 section 6(a)(1) of this chapter.

32 (6) Any maintenance requirements.

33 SECTION 295. IC 22-13-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. "Building rule"  
35 means a rule that:

36 (1) is adopted by the ~~commission~~; **department**; and

37 (2) qualifies as a building law under IC 22-12-1-3.

38 SECTION 296. IC 22-13-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. "Fire safety rule"  
40 means a rule that:

41 (1) is adopted by the ~~commission~~; **department**; and

42 (2) qualifies as a fire safety law under IC 22-12-1-13.



1 SECTION 297. IC 22-13-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in **IC 22-12-2.1 and**  
 4 **section 3.5** of this chapter, the ~~commission~~ **department** shall adopt  
 5 rules under IC 4-22-2 to adopt a statewide code of fire safety laws and  
 6 building laws.

7 (b) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the department** shall  
 8 adopt the following national codes or their equivalent by rules under  
 9 IC 4-22-2 and IC 22-13-2.5 (before its repeal):

10 (1) ANSI A10.4 (Safety Requirements for Personnel Hoists).

11 (2) ASME A17.1 (Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, an  
 12 American National Standard).

13 (3) ASME A18.1 (Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway  
 14 Chairlifts, American National Standard).

15 (4) ASME QEI-1 (Standard for the Qualification of Elevator  
 16 Inspectors, an American National Standard).

17 (5) The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Automated  
 18 People Mover Standard 21.

19 (6) ANSI A90.1 Safety Code for Manlifts.

20 (7) ASME A17.3 (Safety Code for Existing Elevators and  
 21 Escalators, an American National Standard).

22 (8) ASME A17.6 (Standard for Elevator Suspension,  
 23 Compensation, and Governor Systems).

24 (c) ~~The commission~~ shall review the subsequent edition of each  
 25 code adopted under subsection (b) within twenty-four (24) months after  
 26 the effective date of the subsequent edition:

27 (d) Except as provided in subsection (c), the commission may  
 28 amend the national codes as a condition of the adoption under  
 29 subsections (b) and (c):

30 (e) An amendment to the national code under subsection (d) may  
 31 not unreasonably impair public safety.

32 SECTION 298. IC 22-13-2-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 33 1, 2027]. Sec. 2.5: (a) Before January 1, 2020, the commission shall  
 34 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to replace the statewide residential code  
 35 for Class 2 structures that is included within the statewide code of fire  
 36 safety laws and building laws adopted under section 2 of this chapter.

37 (b) If the commission uses a national code as part of the adoption of  
 38 a replacement statewide residential code under subsection (a), the  
 39 commission shall amend the national code as a condition of the  
 40 adoption under subsection (a):

41 (c) The commission shall submit a report to the general assembly  
 42 not later than January 1, 2019, regarding the commission's work during



1 the previous year related to adoption of a replacement statewide  
 2 residential code under subsection (a). The report to the general  
 3 assembly must be submitted in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

4 SECTION 299. IC 22-13-2-2.6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 5 1, 2027]. Sec. 2.6: Before January 1, 2021, the commission may adopt  
 6 rules under IC 4-22-2 to exempt a bunkhouse from being required to be  
 7 equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

8 SECTION 300. IC 22-13-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2023,  
 9 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) The rules adopted under section 2 of this  
 11 chapter take precedence over:

- 12 (1) any rule adopted by a state agency that conflicts with the  
 13 ~~commission's~~ **department's** fire safety rules or building rules; and  
 14 (2) any ordinance or other regulation adopted by a political  
 15 subdivision that covers the same subject matter as the  
 16 ~~commission's~~ **department's** fire safety rules or building rules.

17 (b) State agencies and political subdivisions may incorporate the  
 18 rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** by reference into a rule,  
 19 ordinance, or other regulation. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-9-6, a  
 20 reference to the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~, **department**, by  
 21 citation to the Indiana Administrative Code (IAC), shall be construed  
 22 to include all amendments as of the date that the reference is written  
 23 and any later amendments to that provision, unless accompanied by a  
 24 reference to a specific edition or supplement to the Indiana  
 25 Administrative Code.

26 (c) A city, town, or county may not adopt an ordinance that conflicts  
 27 with or includes more stringent or detailed requirements than the  
 28 ~~commission's~~ **department's** rules.

29 SECTION 301. IC 22-13-2-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.104-2018,  
 30 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The following may not adopt rules  
 32 requiring the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system in a  
 33 Class 2 structure:

- 34 (1) The ~~commission~~, **department**.  
 35 (2) Another state agency.

36 (b) A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance or other  
 37 regulation requiring the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler  
 38 system in a Class 2 structure.

39 SECTION 302. IC 22-13-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. If the ~~commission~~  
 41 **department** finds duplication, conflict, or overlapping of responsibility  
 42 between:



1 (1) this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14, IC 22-15, a fire safety rule, or  
2 a building rule; and  
3 (2) the rules adopted by another state agency;  
4 the ~~commission~~ **department** shall notify the state agency, and the state  
5 agency shall revise its rules to eliminate the duplication, conflict, or  
6 overlap.  
7 SECTION 303. IC 22-13-2-4.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
8 SECTION 74, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4.1. (a) This section applies only to a plan review  
10 for a design release performed:  
11 (1) before construction of a Class 1 structure; and  
12 (2) to determine compliance with the rules of the ~~commission~~  
13 **department**.  
14 (b) This section does not apply to a plan review for the issuance of  
15 a building permit, an improvement permit, a fire protection system  
16 permit, or any other permit issued by a state agency or a city, town, or  
17 county.  
18 (c) A plan review for a design release must be:  
19 (1) authorized under IC 22-15-3; and  
20 (2) performed in compliance with the rules and objective criteria  
21 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 22-15-3-1.  
22 (d) If the ~~commission~~ **department** has certified that a city, town, or  
23 county is qualified to perform a plan review for a design release under  
24 IC 22-15-3, both of the following may perform the plan review for a  
25 design release:  
26 (1) The department.  
27 (2) The city, town, or county.  
28 However, only the entity described in subdivision (1) or (2) that  
29 performs the initial plan review for a design release may charge a fee  
30 for the plan review for a design release. The other entity shall not  
31 charge a fee for the plan review for a design release.  
32 SECTION 304. IC 22-13-2-5.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.155-2023,  
33 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5.6. (a) As used in this section, "building code"  
35 means a building code and includes the standards related to a building  
36 code.  
37 (b) As used in this section, "unit" means a county, city, or town.  
38 (c) ~~Beginning January 1, 2024~~; A unit may submit a proposal to the  
39 ~~commission~~ **department** to amend any building code. ~~that the~~  
40 ~~commission~~ ~~adopts or updates after December 31, 2023~~; A unit may  
41 submit the proposal in hard copy or in an electronic form that is  
42 acceptable to the ~~commission~~ **department**. A proposal must include



1 the following:

2 (1) A resolution adopted by the unit to request an amendment to

3 the building code that:

4 (A) specifies the building code language to be amended; and

5 (B) states the safety issue that is the basis for the proposed

6 amendment.

7 (2) A fiscal analysis of the estimated cost or savings resulting

8 from the proposed building code amendment.

9 (d) The **commission department** shall ~~hold one (1) meeting each~~

10 ~~year to review and consider all proposals submitted by units at least~~

11 ~~annually. A unit may submit a proposal at any time. However, the~~

12 ~~commission shall review and consider only complete proposal~~

13 ~~submissions that are received not later than sixty (60) days before the~~

14 ~~date of a meeting in which proposals are considered:~~

15 (e) The commission shall:

16 (1) ~~place a proposal on the meeting agenda not later than thirty~~

17 ~~(30) days before the date of the meeting in which the proposal is~~

18 ~~considered; and~~

19 (2) ~~take public testimony at the meeting.~~

20 (f) The commission may only adopt a proposed amendment upon an

21 affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the

22 commission present and voting as provided in IC 22-12-2-6.

23 (g) A building code amendment adopted by the commission under

24 this section is subject to IC 22-12-2.5-2.

25 SECTION 305. IC 22-13-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) The **commission**

27 **department** may review and modify or reverse any variance or other

28 order that:

29 (1) is issued by a state agency or political subdivision; and

30 (2) covers a subject governed by this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14,

31 IC 22-15, a fire safety rule, or a building rule.

32 (b) The **commission department** shall review variances granted by

33 a political subdivision to the fire safety laws and building laws adopted

34 in its ordinances. The variance is not effective until it is approved by

35 the ~~commission.~~ **department.**

36 (c) The **commission department** shall review orders under this

37 section that:

38 (1) are issued by a political subdivision; and

39 (2) concern a Class 2 structure;

40 if a person aggrieved by the order petitions for review under

41 IC 4-21.5-3-7 within thirty (30) days after the political subdivision has

42 issued the order.



1 (d) A copy of the petition under subsection (c) shall be delivered to  
2 the political subdivision issuing the order.

3 (e) Review of an order under this section does not suspend the  
4 running of the time period under any statute in which a person must  
5 petition a court for judicial review of the order.

6 SECTION 306. IC 22-13-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
7 SECTION 161, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to**  
9 **IC 22-12-2.1, the department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
10 create equipment laws applicable to regulated lifting devices.

11 (b) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the department** shall  
12 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to create equipment laws applicable to  
13 regulated boilers and pressure vessels.

14 (c) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the department** may  
15 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to adopt by reference all or part of the  
16 following national boiler and pressure vessel codes:

- 17 (1) The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and  
18 Pressure Vessel Code.
- 19 (2) The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors  
20 Inspection Code.
- 21 (3) The American Petroleum Institute 510 Pressure Vessel  
22 Inspection Code.
- 23 (4) Any subsequent editions of the codes listed in subdivisions (1)  
24 through (3).

25 (d) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the department** shall  
26 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to create equipment laws applicable to  
27 regulated amusement devices.

28 SECTION 307. IC 22-13-2-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
29 SECTION 162, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8.5. (a) ~~The commission~~ **Subject**  
31 **to IC 22-12-2.1, the department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for  
32 outdoor event equipment at outdoor performances to protect the safety  
33 of persons at the outdoor performances. ~~The commission~~ **department**  
34 may:

- 35 (1) exempt small assemblies of outdoor event equipment, as  
36 defined by the ~~commission;~~ **department**, from some or all fees or  
37 other requirements that otherwise would apply to outdoor event  
38 equipment under a rule adopted under this section or another  
39 building law; or
- 40 (2) establish alternative procedures, fees, or other requirements,  
41 or any combination, for small assemblies of outdoor event  
42 equipment, as defined by the ~~commission.~~ **department.**



1 (b) Subject to this section, a city, town, or county that regulated  
 2 outdoor event equipment before March 15, 2012, under an ordinance  
 3 adopted before March 15, 2012, may, if the ordinance is in effect on  
 4 March 15, 2012, continue to regulate outdoor event equipment under  
 5 the ordinance after March 14, 2012, in the same manner that the city,  
 6 town, or county applied the ordinance before March 15, 2012.  
 7 However, a statewide code of fire safety laws or building laws  
 8 governing outdoor event equipment that is adopted by the ~~commission~~  
 9 **department** under this section after March 14, 2012, takes precedence  
 10 over any part of a city, town, or county ordinance that is in conflict with  
 11 the ~~commission's department's~~ adopted code. The ordinances to which  
 12 this section applies include Chapter 536 of the Revised Code of the  
 13 Consolidated City and County Indianapolis/Marion, Indiana Codified  
 14 through Ordinance No. 36, 2011, passed August 15, 2011. (Supp. No.  
 15 27). A city, town, or county to which this subsection applies need not  
 16 be certified or approved under IC 22-15-3-1 or another law to continue  
 17 to regulate outdoor event equipment after March 14, 2012.

18 (c) This subsection applies to cities, towns, and counties described  
 19 in subsection (b) and any other city, town, or county that, after March  
 20 14, 2012, adopts an ordinance governing outdoor event equipment that  
 21 is approved by the ~~commission~~ **department** or the state building  
 22 commissioner. The city, town, or county shall require compliance with:

- 23 (1) the rules adopted under this section;
- 24 (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the  
 25 rules adopted under this section;
- 26 (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the rules adopted  
 27 under this section; and
- 28 (4) a written interpretation of the rules adopted under this section  
 29 binding on the unit under IC 22-13-5-3 or IC 22-13-5-4;

30 on both private and public property located within the boundaries of  
 31 the city, town, or county, including, in the case of a consolidated city,  
 32 the state fairgrounds. This subsection does not limit the authority of a  
 33 unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) under IC 36-7-2-9 to enforce building  
 34 laws and orders and written interpretations related to building laws.

35 SECTION 308. IC 22-13-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 36 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) A county, city, or town may regulate  
 38 regulated lifting devices if the unit's regulatory program is approved by  
 39 the ~~commission.~~ **department.**

40 (b) A unit must submit its ordinances and other regulations that  
 41 regulate lifting devices to the ~~commission~~ **department** for approval.  
 42 The ordinance or other regulation is not effective until it is approved by



1 the ~~commission~~ **department**. If any of these ordinances or regulations  
2 conflict with the ~~commission's~~ **department's** rules, the ~~commission's~~  
3 **department's** rules supersede the local ordinance or other regulation.  
4 (c) A unit may issue permits only to applicants who qualify under  
5 IC 22-15-5. However, the unit may specify a lesser fee than that set  
6 under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7).  
7 (d) A unit must inspect regulated lifting devices with inspectors who  
8 possess the qualifications necessary to be employed by the department  
9 of homeland security as a regulated lifting device inspector.  
10 SECTION 309. IC 22-13-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
11 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) The department ~~or the~~  
13 ~~commission~~ may grant a variance to any rule adopted by the  
14 ~~commission~~ **department**. However, ~~the commission~~ may grant a  
15 variance under this section only if the department places the  
16 application for the variance on the ~~commission's~~ agenda.  
17 (b) To qualify for a variance, an applicant must pay the fee set under  
18 IC 22-12-6-6 and file an application, on a form approved by the  
19 department, that contains facts demonstrating that:  
20 (1) compliance with the rule will impose an undue hardship upon  
21 the applicant or prevent the preservation of an architecturally  
22 significant or historically significant part of a building or other  
23 structure; and  
24 (2) either:  
25 (A) noncompliance with the rule; or  
26 (B) compliance with an alternative requirement approved by  
27 the body considering the variance application;  
28 will not be adverse to the public health, safety, or welfare.  
29 (c) A variance granted under this section is conditioned upon  
30 compliance with an alternative standard approved under subsection  
31 (b)(2)(B).  
32 (d) A variance granted under this section takes precedence over  
33 conflicting rules adopted by a state agency and conflicting ordinances  
34 and other regulations adopted by a political subdivision.  
35 (e) Variances granted by the boiler and pressure vessel rules board  
36 and the regulated amusement device safety board prior to July 1, 2019,  
37 are valid and remain in full force and effect.  
38 (f) The department shall make all variance applications available for  
39 review on a public portal.  
40 (g) Local fire and building officials shall receive notice of variance  
41 applications filed under this section within their respective  
42 jurisdictions.



1 (h) A local fire official, local building official, or other interested  
 2 party may submit documentation regarding a variance application to  
 3 the department ~~or commission~~ for review and consideration prior to an  
 4 initial determination being made on the application by the department.  
 5 ~~or the commission.~~

6 (i) The department ~~or commission~~ shall wait at least five (5)  
 7 business days after a variance application is filed before making an  
 8 initial determination on the application.

9 (j) The ~~commission department~~ may ~~adopt rules under IC 4-22-2~~  
 10 ~~to implement this section.~~ **modify or eliminate variances granted**  
 11 **under this section in the same manner that an authorization made**  
 12 **under section 15 of this chapter may be modified or eliminated**  
 13 **under section 15(e) of this chapter.**

14 SECTION 310. IC 22-13-2-11.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 15 SECTION 164, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11.5. (a) As used in this section,  
 17 "NFPA 72" refers to NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling  
 18 Code, 2010 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection  
 19 Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471.

20 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that NFPA 72, as may be  
 21 amended by the ~~commission department~~ under subsection (c), be  
 22 incorporated into the Indiana Administrative Code. Not later than July  
 23 1, 2014, the ~~commission department~~ shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
 24 to amend 675 IAC 28-1-28 to incorporate NFPA 72 into the Indiana  
 25 Administrative Code, subject to subsection (c)(1) and (c)(2).  
 26 **Rulemaking under this section is subject to IC 22-12-2.1.**

27 (c) In adopting rules to incorporate NFPA 72 into the Indiana  
 28 Administrative Code, as required by subsection (b), the ~~commission~~  
 29 ~~department~~ may amend NFPA 72 as the ~~commission department~~  
 30 considers appropriate. However, the rules finally adopted by the  
 31 ~~commission department~~ to comply with this section must do the  
 32 following:

- 33 (1) Incorporate the definition of, and associated requirements for:  
 34 (A) a managed facilities-based voice network (MFVN); and  
 35 (B) a public switched telephone network (PSTN);  
 36 as set forth in NFPA 72.
- 37 (2) Allow digital alarm communicator systems that make use of  
 38 a managed facilities-based voice network (MFVN) to transmit  
 39 signals from a fire alarm system to an offsite monitoring facility,  
 40 subject to the requirements for those systems set forth in NFPA  
 41 72.

42 (d) If the ~~commission department~~ does not comply with subsection



1 (b), the following apply: ~~on July 1, 2014:~~  
2 (1) The definition of, and associated requirements for:  
3 (A) a managed facilities-based voice network (MFVN); and  
4 (B) a public switched telephone network (PSTN);  
5 as set forth in NFPA 72, are considered incorporated into the  
6 Indiana Administrative Code. Any provisions of 675 IAC 28-1-28  
7 (or any rules adopted by a state agency, or any ordinances or other  
8 regulations adopted by a political subdivision) that conflict with  
9 the definitions and requirements described in this subdivision are  
10 superseded by the definitions and requirements described in this  
11 subdivision. This subdivision continues to apply until the  
12 ~~commission~~ **department** adopts rules that amend 675  
13 IAC 28-1-28 to incorporate NFPA 72 into the Indiana  
14 Administrative Code and that comply with subsection (c)(1) and  
15 (c)(2).  
16 (2) A person that after June 30, 2014, installs or uses a digital  
17 alarm communicator system that:  
18 (A) makes use of a managed facilities-based voice network  
19 (MFVN) to transmit signals from a fire alarm system to an  
20 offsite monitoring facility; and  
21 (B) meets the requirements for such a system set forth in  
22 NFPA 72;  
23 is not required to obtain a variance under section 11 of this  
24 chapter for the installation or use.  
25 SECTION 311. IC 22-13-2-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) This section  
27 applies if the ~~commission~~ **department** is authorized by statute to enter  
28 into agreements with the federal government, another state, or foreign  
29 country.  
30 (b) An agreement under this section must be submitted to the  
31 attorney general for approval. The attorney general shall approve the  
32 agreement unless the attorney general finds that it does not comply  
33 with the statutes. If the attorney general disapproves the agreement, the  
34 attorney general shall give the ~~commission~~ **department** a detailed  
35 statement indicating the basis for the disapproval. If the attorney  
36 general fails to approve or disapprove the agreement within sixty (60)  
37 days after it is submitted, it is considered approved.  
38 SECTION 312. IC 22-13-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
39 SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt  
41 rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14, and  
42 IC 22-15.



1 (b) Any power of the state fire marshal or the department to adopt  
 2 rules to implement this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14, and IC 22-15 shall  
 3 be exercised by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

4 SECTION 313. IC 22-13-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 5 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14. The ~~commission~~ or department may engage  
 7 in studies and consult with any person to implement this article,  
 8 IC 22-12, IC 22-14, and IC 22-15.

9 SECTION 314. IC 22-13-2-14.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 10 SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14.1. (a) The ~~commission~~ or department shall  
 12 consult with an industry expert to discuss a variance application or an  
 13 update to a rule or safety standard concerning:

- 14 (1) a boiler or pressure vessel; or
- 15 (2) a regulated amusement device.

16 (b) An industry expert for the purposes of consulting under  
 17 subsection (a)(1) must be:

- 18 (1) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31; and
- 19 (2) knowledgeable in and have experience with boiler and  
 20 pressure vessels.

21 SECTION 315. IC 22-13-2-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 22 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 15. (a) This section applies to any**  
 24 **property regulated by IC 22-12, this article, IC 22-14, IC 22-15, or**  
 25 **a rule of the department.**

26 (b) **The department shall authorize compliance with a more**  
 27 **recent version of a model code than that which is currently**  
 28 **incorporated into the rules of the department, as amended from**  
 29 **time to time under IC 22-12-2.1.**

30 (c) **To make an authorization under subsection (b), the**  
 31 **department must:**

- 32 (1) **specifically identify, by name and version, the model code**  
 33 **that is being authorized;**
- 34 (2) **include a finding that compliance with the more recent**  
 35 **version of the model code is not adverse to the health, safety,**  
 36 **or welfare of the public;**
- 37 (3) **identify any other associated model codes that must also be**  
 38 **complied with in lieu of the Indiana version; and**
- 39 (4) **file a notice in the Indiana Register containing the**  
 40 **information described in subdivisions (1) through (3).**

41 (d) **The department may impose conditions on an authorization**  
 42 **issued under this section necessary to ensure that the following are**



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**maintained:**

**(1) The health, safety, or welfare of the public.**

**(2) The integrity of Indiana's regulatory program.**

**(e) The department may modify or eliminate any authorization made under this section by filing an updated notice in the Indiana Register. The modification or elimination of an authorization may not take effect sooner than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of posting in the Indiana Register. The modification or elimination of an authorization is subject to IC 4-21.5.**

**(f) Compliance with an authorization made under this section is voluntary. However, if a person elects to comply with an authorization, the failure to comply with any provision of the authorization is a violation of the building, fire safety, or equipment laws of Indiana.**

SECTION 316. IC 22-13-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The ~~commission~~ **department** shall adopt fire safety rules that prohibit the following:

(1) The storage of regulated explosives (as defined in IC 35-47.5-2-13) in quantities exceeding the maximum quantity specified by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

(2) The storage of regulated explosives (as defined in IC 35-47.5-2-13) at a site that is located less than the minimum distance specified by the ~~commission~~ **department** from a railroad, highway, or other place of habitation or assembly.

(3) The use of a receptacle, burning fixture or equipment, heating fixture or equipment, or structure for an explosive, flammable, or other combustible matter that does not meet the design and composition standards specified by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

(4) The keeping, storage, use, manufacture, sale, handling, transportation, or disposition of an explosive, flammable, or other combustible matter in violation of any other requirements specified by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

SECTION 317. IC 22-13-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021, SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following laboratories:

(1) Analytical laboratories approved by the department under the alternative criteria established by the ~~commission~~ **department** in its rules.

(2) Laboratories that are:

(A) operated by a college, university, school, or other educational entity for the purpose of instruction or research;



1                   and  
2                   (B) approved by the department under the alternative criteria  
3                   established by the ~~commission~~ **department** in the rules.  
4           (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** may:  
5               (1) apply different rules to the manufacture of regulated  
6               explosives (as defined in IC 35-47.5-2-13) in a laboratory  
7               described in subsection (a) than apply to other places where  
8               regulated explosives (as defined in IC 35-47.5-2-13) are  
9               manufactured; and  
10              (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to exempt laboratories described  
11              in subsection (a) from the regulated explosive magazines permit  
12              requirement under IC 35-47.5-4.  
13           SECTION 318. IC 22-13-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
14           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. ~~The commission~~  
15           **Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the department** shall adopt fire safety rules  
16           that prohibit the occupancy or use of Class 1 structures that do not  
17           comply with the ~~commission's~~ **department's** rules governing the  
18           number, type, location, identification, repair, and maintenance of  
19           emergency exits, smoke detection devices, and other emergency  
20           communication devices.  
21           SECTION 319. IC 22-13-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
22           2027]. (Standards for Building Rules; Exemption From Design Release  
23           Requirement).  
24           SECTION 320. IC 22-13-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
25           SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26           JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided under subsection (c),  
27           upon the written request of an interested person, the state building  
28           commissioner of the department shall issue a written interpretation of  
29           a building law or a fire safety law not later than ten (10) business days  
30           after the date of receiving a request. An interpretation issued by the  
31           state building commissioner must be consistent with building laws and  
32           fire safety laws enacted by the general assembly or adopted by the  
33           ~~commission.~~ **department.**  
34           (b) The state building commissioner shall issue a written  
35           interpretation of a building law or fire safety law under subsection (a)  
36           whether or not the county or municipality has taken any action to  
37           enforce the building law or fire safety law.  
38           (c) If:  
39               (1) an interested person submits a written or electronic request to  
40               the **state** building commissioner for a written interpretation of a  
41               building law or fire safety law applicable to a Class 2 structure;  
42               and



1           (2) the **state** building commissioner is absent and unable to issue  
 2           a written interpretation within the time specified under subsection  
 3           (a);  
 4           ~~the chair of the commission; or, if the chair is absent, the vice chair of~~  
 5           ~~the commission;~~ **department** shall issue the written interpretation not  
 6           later than ten (10) business days after the date of receiving the request.  
 7           SECTION 321. IC 22-13-5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 8           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) A written  
 9           interpretation issued under section 2 of this chapter binds the interested  
 10          person and the county or municipality with whom the interested person  
 11          has the dispute until the written interpretation is overruled in a  
 12          proceeding under IC 4-21.5.  
 13          (b) For purposes of IC 4-21.5, the ~~commission~~ **department** is the  
 14          ultimate authority regarding a written interpretation issued under  
 15          section 2 of this chapter.  
 16          SECTION 322. IC 22-13-5-4, AS AMENDED BY THE  
 17          TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
 18          ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19          JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) A written interpretation of a building law or  
 20          fire safety law binds all counties and municipalities if the state building  
 21          commissioner publishes the written interpretation of the building law  
 22          or fire safety law in the Indiana Register under IC 4-22-7-7(b). For  
 23          purposes of IC 4-22-7-7, a written interpretation of a building law or  
 24          fire safety law published by the state building commissioner is  
 25          considered adopted by an agency.  
 26          (b) A written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law  
 27          published under subsection (a) binds all counties and municipalities  
 28          until the earlier of the following:  
 29                  (1) The general assembly enacts a statute that substantively  
 30                  changes the building law or fire safety law interpreted or voids the  
 31                  written interpretation.  
 32                  (2) The ~~commission~~ **department** adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2 to  
 33                  state a different interpretation of the building law or fire safety  
 34                  law.  
 35                  (3) The written interpretation is found to be an erroneous  
 36                  interpretation of the building law or fire safety law in a judicial  
 37                  proceeding.  
 38                  (4) The state building commissioner publishes a different written  
 39                  interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.  
 40          (c) The department or the state building commissioner shall create  
 41          an electronic data base for the purpose of cataloging all available  
 42          variance rulings by ~~the commission~~ or the department for the purpose



1 of making the information available to the public on the ~~Internet web~~  
2 ~~site website~~ of the department or the state building commissioner.

3 SECTION 323. IC 22-14-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
4 SECTION 83, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) The department shall carry out a program to  
6 provide public information concerning fire prevention and maintain  
7 data and statistics concerning fires and fire prevention activities.

8 (b) The department shall provide a copy of the fire safety rules  
9 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** to the chief of each fire  
10 department. The department may exclude, from the rules distributed  
11 under this subsection, any text that is incorporated by reference into the  
12 rules published in the Indiana Administrative Code.

13 SECTION 324. IC 22-14-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
14 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The department may modify an amusement  
16 and entertainment permit with a special event endorsement that covers  
17 one (1) or more events not specified in the initial permit.

18 (b) To qualify for a special event endorsement, an applicant must:

19 (1) provide the information required by the ~~commission;~~  
20 **department;**

21 (2) demonstrate through an inspection that the special events  
22 covered by the application will be conducted in compliance with  
23 applicable fire safety laws; and

24 (3) pay the inspection fee set under IC 22-12-6-7.

25 SECTION 325. IC 22-14-7-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.82-2008,  
26 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 17. The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt a  
28 subsequent ASTM Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition  
29 Strength of Cigarettes upon a finding that the subsequent method does  
30 not result in a change in the percentage of full length burns exhibited  
31 by any tested cigarette when compared to the percentage of full length  
32 burns the same cigarette would exhibit when tested in accordance with  
33 ASTM Standard E2187-04 and the performance standard in section  
34 13(c) of this chapter.

35 SECTION 326. IC 22-14-7-21, AS ADDED BY P.L.82-2008,  
36 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
37 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 21. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), each  
38 manufacturer shall submit to the state fire marshal a written  
39 certification attesting that:

40 (1) each cigarette listed in the certification has been tested as  
41 required under section 13 or 15 of this chapter; and

42 (2) each cigarette listed in the certification meets the performance



- 1 standard in section 13(c) or 15 of this chapter.
- 2 (b) Each cigarette listed in the certification must include the  
3 following information:
- 4 (1) Brand, or trade name on the package.
  - 5 (2) Style, such as light or ultra light.
  - 6 (3) Length in millimeters.
  - 7 (4) Circumference in millimeters.
  - 8 (5) Flavor, such as menthol, if applicable.
  - 9 (6) Filter or nonfilter.
  - 10 (7) Package description, such as soft pack or box.
  - 11 (8) Marking under section 23 of this chapter.
  - 12 (9) The name, address, and telephone number of the laboratory,  
13 if different than the manufacturer that conducted the test.
  - 14 (10) The date that the testing occurred.
- 15 (c) The certifications must be made available to the attorney general  
16 for purposes consistent with this chapter and the department of state  
17 revenue and the alcohol and tobacco commission for the purposes of  
18 ensuring compliance with this section.
- 19 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the state fire marshal may  
20 accept as evidence of compliance with this chapter a certification  
21 issued to:
- 22 (1) the New York State Department of State's Office of Fire  
23 Prevention and Control; or
  - 24 (2) the responsible entity of another state that has:
    - 25 (A) substantially equivalent certification requirements relating  
26 to reduced ignition propensity cigarettes; and
    - 27 (B) the same test method and performance standard  
28 requirements as provided in sections 13 and 15 of this chapter.
- 29 (e) Each cigarette listed in a certification submitted under this  
30 section must be recertified every three (3) years.
- 31 (f) For each brand family listed in a certification submitted under  
32 subsection (a) or (d), a manufacturer shall pay a fee to the state fire  
33 marshal of eight hundred dollars (\$800). The state fire marshal may  
34 adjust the fee every three (3) years to ensure that the fee defrays the  
35 actual costs of the processing, testing, enforcement, and oversight  
36 activities required by this chapter under rules adopted by the ~~fire  
37 prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**. However, the  
38 fee for each brand family may not exceed one thousand dollars  
39 (\$1,000).
- 40 (g) If a manufacturer has certified a cigarette under this section, and  
41 after submitting the certification, makes a change to the cigarette that  
42 is likely to alter the cigarette's compliance with the reduced cigarette



1 ignition propensity standards required by this chapter, that cigarette  
 2 may not be sold or offered for sale in Indiana until the manufacturer  
 3 retests the cigarette under the testing standards in section 13 or 15 of  
 4 this chapter and maintains records of that retesting as required by  
 5 section 16 of this chapter. An altered cigarette that does not meet the  
 6 performance standard in section 13 or 15 of this chapter may not be  
 7 sold in Indiana.

8 SECTION 327. IC 22-14-7-29, AS ADDED BY P.L.82-2008,  
 9 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 29. The **commission department** may adopt rules  
 11 under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

12 SECTION 328. IC 22-14-8-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2023,  
 13 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 14 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "NFPA 855" refers to:

- 15 (1) the 2023 edition of NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of  
 16 Stationary Energy Storage Systems, as adopted by the National  
 17 Fire Protection Association; or
- 18 (2) if the **commission department** adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2  
 19 to amend:

20 (A) the 2023 edition; or

21 (B) any subsequent edition;

22 of NFPA 855, the version of NFPA 855 as amended by the  
 23 **commission department**.

24 SECTION 329. IC 22-14-8-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2023,  
 25 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. The total capacity of the batteries contained  
 27 within a single enclosure in:

28 (1) a utility scale battery energy storage system installation of  
 29 which is subject to department approval under section 4(a)(1) of  
 30 this chapter; or

31 (2) an installation added to an existing utility scale battery energy  
 32 storage system in an expansion for which department approval is  
 33 required under section 4(a)(2) of this chapter;

34 may not exceed ten (10) megawatt hours unless authorized under rules  
 35 adopted by the **commission department** under this chapter.

36 SECTION 330. IC 22-14-8-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 37 SECTION 166, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) The **commission**  
 39 **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter  
 40 and to specify standards for the installation and operation of utility  
 41 scale battery energy storage systems consistent with:

- 42 (1) this chapter; and



1 (2) NFPA 855.  
 2 (b) Rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under subsection  
 3 (a) must include standards for:  
 4 (1) chemical spill prevention and control; and  
 5 (2) appropriate setbacks from surface water resources;  
 6 for the installation and expansion of utility scale battery energy storage  
 7 systems, as necessary to protect soil and surface water resources from  
 8 chemicals contained in or produced by utility scale battery energy  
 9 storage systems. In establishing the standards described in this  
 10 subsection, the ~~commission~~ **department** shall consult with the  
 11 department of environmental management or the department of natural  
 12 resources, as appropriate.

13 SECTION 331. IC 22-15-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 14 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 15 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to a provision of this  
 16 article, **IC 22-12, IC 22-13, IC 22-14, or a rule of the department**  
 17 that requires an applicant for a **release**, certification, registration,  
 18 permit, approval, or other license to:

- 19 (1) demonstrate that the person is in compliance with all building
- 20 laws, fire safety laws, or equipment laws; or
- 21 (2) submit proof **or certify** that a person is acting or will act in
- 22 conformity with all building laws, fire safety laws, or equipment
- 23 laws.

24 (b) Compliance with **either**:  
 25 (1) the conditions of a variance issued under IC 22-13-2-11; **or**  
 26 (2) **an authorization made under IC 22-13-2-15;**  
 27 shall be treated under this article as compliance with the building law,  
 28 fire safety law, or equipment law from which the variance **or**  
 29 **authorization** is granted.

30 SECTION 332. IC 22-15-2-5.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 31 SECTION 96, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5.5. (a) The governor shall appoint a state  
 33 building commissioner. The state building commissioner shall serve:

- 34 (1) at the pleasure of the governor; and
- 35 (2) as a full-time employee of the department of homeland
- 36 security established by IC 10-19-2-1.

37 (b) The state building commissioner must be a registered or licensed  
 38 design professional under IC 25-4 or ~~IC 25-3-1~~, **IC 25-4-3**, as  
 39 appropriate, with at least ten (10) years of experience in the building  
 40 trades industry.

41 SECTION 333. IC 22-15-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 42 SECTION 97, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) To carry out the department's  
 2 responsibilities, the department or an employee or another agent of the  
 3 department may:

- 4 (1) exercise any program of supervision that is approved by the  
 5 ~~commission;~~ **department**, if the responsibility involves the  
 6 administration or enforcement of a building law;  
 7 (2) enter and inspect any property, at a reasonable hour;  
 8 (3) issue and enforce administrative orders under IC 22-12-7 and  
 9 apply for judicial orders under IC 22-12-7-13; and  
 10 (4) cooperate with law enforcement officers and political  
 11 subdivisions that have jurisdiction over a matter.

12 (b) To carry out the state building commissioner's responsibilities,  
 13 the state building commissioner shall issue a written interpretation of  
 14 any building law under IC 22-13-5.

15 SECTION 334. IC 22-15-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 16 SECTION 99, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The state building commissioner or a city,  
 18 town, or county certified under subsection (d) shall issue a design  
 19 release for the construction of a Class 1 structure to an applicant who  
 20 qualifies under section 2 or 3 of this chapter.

21 (b) The state building commissioner shall issue a design release for  
 22 the fabrication of an industrial building system or mobile structure  
 23 under section 4 of this chapter.

24 (c) A design release issued under this chapter expires on the date  
 25 specified in the rules adopted by the ~~commission;~~ **department**.

26 (d) The ~~commission~~ **department** may certify a city, town, or county  
 27 as qualified to issue design releases, if the city, town, or county:

- 28 (1) is competent under the ~~commission's~~ **department's** objective  
 29 criteria; and  
 30 (2) has adopted the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department** under  
 31 IC 22-13-2-3.

32 (e) A city, town, or county that is certified by the ~~commission~~  
 33 **department** under subsection (d) may issue design releases. A design  
 34 release issued by a certified city, town, or county must be:

- 35 (1) in accordance with the ~~commission's~~ **department's** objective  
 36 criteria; and  
 37 (2) for a construction type for which the city, town, or county is  
 38 certified.

39 All records held by a certified city, town, or county that pertain to the  
 40 design release must be submitted to the department to be held in a  
 41 central repository.

42 SECTION 335. IC 22-15-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,



1 SECTION 100, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. To qualify for a design release  
 3 under this section, an applicant must:

4 (1) demonstrate, through the submission of plans and  
 5 specifications for the construction covered by the application, that  
 6 the construction will comply with all applicable building laws and  
 7 fire safety laws;

8 (2) pay the fees set under IC 22-12-6-6;

9 (3) have the plans and specifications:

10 (A) prepared by a registered architect or professional engineer  
 11 who is:

12 (i) competent to design the construction covered by the  
 13 application as determined by the department; and

14 (ii) registered under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31;

15 (B) include on each page of all drawings and the title page of  
 16 all specifications the seal of the registered architect or  
 17 professional engineer described by clause (A) or the person's  
 18 technical or professional staff; and

19 (C) filed by the registered architect or professional engineer  
 20 described by clause (A) or the person's technical or  
 21 professional staff; and

22 (4) submit a certificate prepared on a form provided by the  
 23 department and sworn or affirmed under penalty of perjury by the  
 24 registered architect or professional engineer described in  
 25 subdivision (3)(A):

26 (A) providing an estimate of the cost of the construction  
 27 covered by the application, its square footage, and any other  
 28 information required under the rules of the ~~commission;~~  
 29 **department;**

30 (B) stating that the plans and specifications submitted for the  
 31 application were prepared either by or under the immediate  
 32 supervision of the person making the statement;

33 (C) stating that the plans and specifications submitted for the  
 34 application provide for construction that will meet all building  
 35 laws; and

36 (D) stating that the construction covered by the application  
 37 will be subject to inspection at intervals appropriate to the  
 38 stage of the construction by a registered architect or  
 39 professional engineer identified in the statement for the  
 40 purpose of determining in general if work is proceeding in  
 41 accordance with the released plans and specifications.

42 SECTION 336. IC 22-15-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2020,



1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 2 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies only to an application  
 3 for a design release to construct:  
 4 (1) a Class 1 structure with thirty thousand (30,000) or fewer  
 5 cubic feet of space;  
 6 (2) an addition to a Class 1 structure, if the addition adds thirty  
 7 thousand (30,000) or fewer cubic feet of space;  
 8 (3) an alteration to a Class 1 structure, if the alteration does not  
 9 involve changes affecting the structural safety of the Class 1  
 10 structure; or  
 11 (4) an installation or alteration of an automatic fire sprinkler  
 12 system in a Class 1 structure by persons qualified pursuant to  
 13 rules set forth by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 14 ~~commission.~~ **department.**  
 15 (b) The design release requirements under subsection (c) do not  
 16 apply for any construction that is otherwise exempted under 675  
 17 IAC 12-6-4(b), even if the construction is:  
 18 (1) a part of;  
 19 (2) supplemental to; or  
 20 (3) an accessory of;  
 21 any other construction that would otherwise require a design release.  
 22 (c) To qualify for a design release under this section, an applicant  
 23 must do the following:  
 24 (1) Demonstrate, through the submission of plans and  
 25 specifications for the construction covered by the application, that  
 26 the construction will comply with all applicable building laws and  
 27 fire safety laws.  
 28 (2) Pay the fees set under IC 22-12-6-6.  
 29 SECTION 337. IC 22-15-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 30 SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a design release for  
 32 the fabrication of a model or other series of similar industrialized  
 33 building systems or mobile structures.  
 34 (b) To qualify for a design release under this section, an applicant  
 35 must:  
 36 (1) demonstrate, through the submission of plans and  
 37 specifications for the construction covered by the application, that  
 38 the construction will comply with all applicable building laws and  
 39 fire safety laws;  
 40 (2) have the submitted plans and specifications prepared by an  
 41 architect registered under IC 25-4 or a professional engineer  
 42 registered under IC 25-31, if required under the rules adopted by



1           the ~~commission~~; **department**; and  
2           (3) pay the fees set under IC 22-12-6-6.  
3           SECTION 338. IC 22-15-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
4           SECTION 101, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5           [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does not  
6           authorize a variance from any rule adopted by the ~~commission~~;  
7           **department**.  
8           (b) The rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** do not  
9           prevent the use of:  
10           (1) materials;  
11           (2) methods of construction; or  
12           (3) design procedures;  
13           if they are not specifically prohibited in the rules and if they are  
14           approved under subsection (c).  
15           (c) The state fire marshal and the department may, in the review of  
16           an application for a design release, consider as evidence of compliance  
17           with the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** any evaluation  
18           report that:  
19           (1) contains limitations, conditions, or standards for alternative  
20           materials, methods of construction, or design procedures; and  
21           (2) is published by an independent, nationally recognized testing  
22           laboratory or other organization that is approved under the rules  
23           adopted by the ~~commission~~; **department**.  
24           SECTION 339. IC 22-15-3-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
25           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) This section does  
26           not apply to construction that is exempted from this section in the rules  
27           adopted by the ~~commission under IC 22-13-4~~; **department**.  
28           (b) This section applies to the following:  
29           (1) Each person who engages in the construction.  
30           (2) Each person who has control over the construction.  
31           (3) Each person who has control over the Class 1 structure  
32           industrialized building system or mobile home that is constructed.  
33           (c) A person described in subsection (b) commits a Class C  
34           infraction if:  
35           (1) a Class 1 structure is constructed, or construction is begun, at  
36           the site where it is to be used; and  
37           (2) no design release issued under section 2 or 3 of this chapter  
38           covers the construction.  
39           (d) A person described in subsection (b) commits a Class C  
40           infraction if:  
41           (1) an industrialized building system or a mobile structure is  
42           fabricated; and



1 (2) no design release issued under section 4 of this chapter covers  
2 the fabrication.  
3 SECTION 340. IC 22-15-3.2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
4 SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) A design release shall be issued to an  
6 applicant without a plan review if:  
7 (1) the applicant submits a complete application and ~~(2)~~ the  
8 department does not select the application for a plan review under  
9 this section; **or**  
10 **(2) the applicant self-certifies as provided in IC 22-15-3.5.**  
11 (b) The department may select any application for design release to  
12 be subject to a plan review. The department has complete discretion in  
13 the criteria used by the department to select a design release  
14 application for a plan review. A criterion used by the department may  
15 be whether the design professional has received disciplinary sanctions  
16 under IC 25-1-11-12 within the preceding five (5) years.  
17 (c) Not later than July 1, ~~2025~~, **2027**, the department shall identify  
18 and publish a **complete** list of ~~projects~~ **the types of plans** that qualify  
19 under subsection ~~(a)(2)~~ **(a)(1)** for release without a plan review.  
20 SECTION 341. IC 22-15-3.2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
21 SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) This section applies if the  
23 results of a plan review reveal that a design professional knowingly or  
24 recklessly submitted plans or specifications containing one (1) or more  
25 violations of the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department** that are  
26 determined by the department ~~and the commission~~ to pose a wanton  
27 and willful disregard for the public health, safety, or welfare.  
28 (b) The provisions regarding the time limitations for review and  
29 notice under this chapter do not apply, and the department is not  
30 required to issue a design release and confirmation number for  
31 providing notice. The department shall send written notice of its  
32 determination to:  
33 (1) the design professional's licensing or registration authority  
34 under IC 25-4-1 or IC 25-31, as appropriate, for the purpose of  
35 conducting a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to determine if action under  
36 IC 4-21.5-3-8 is appropriate;  
37 (2) the design professional; and  
38 (3) the project owner or general contractor on whose behalf the  
39 application was submitted.  
40 (c) An applicant that receives notice under subsection (b) may  
41 withdraw the application and submit a new application and plans to the  
42 department that are prepared by a different design professional.



1 Withdrawal of an application does not affect any disciplinary action  
 2 against the professional of record that prepared the plans described in  
 3 subsection (a).

4 SECTION 342. IC 22-15-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 5 CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]:

7 **Chapter 3.5. Self-certification by Design Professional**

8 **Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 22-15-3.2 apply throughout this**  
 9 **chapter.**

10 **Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an applicant for a**  
 11 **construction project requiring a design release for a Class 1**  
 12 **structure under IC 22-15-3 may satisfy the design release**  
 13 **requirement through self-certification.**

14 **(b) Self-certification may be used only for projects that are**  
 15 **required to be signed and sealed by an Indiana registered design**  
 16 **professional. The department may exclude projects from**  
 17 **self-certification that involve high-hazard occupancies, essential**  
 18 **facilities, or other structures determined to pose an elevated risk**  
 19 **to life safety.**

20 **Sec. 3. To self-certify a project, an applicant for a design release**  
 21 **must:**

22 **(1) be an Indiana registered design professional in good**  
 23 **standing with the applicable registration board;**

24 **(2) be a registered design professional for at least two (2)**  
 25 **years;**

26 **(3) have completed at least five (5) projects in Indiana as the**  
 27 **registered design professional of record or as the registered**  
 28 **design professional responsible for the production of the**  
 29 **construction documents; and**

30 **(4) maintain professional liability insurance of at least five**  
 31 **hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per claim and one**  
 32 **million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate.**

33 **Sec. 4. The department shall develop an electronic application**  
 34 **form for self-certifying applicants.**

35 **Sec. 5. The certifying design professional shall:**

36 **(1) perform a comprehensive review of the construction**  
 37 **documents; and**

38 **(2) submit to the department a signed certification, under**  
 39 **penalty of perjury, affirming that the plans comply with all**  
 40 **applicable state building codes and rules.**

41 **Sec. 6. Upon receipt of a complete certification and required**  
 42 **documentation, the department shall, not later than the next**



1 **business day, provide to the applicant:**  
2 (1) a copy of the design release; or  
3 (2) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design  
4 release until the applicant receives a copy of the design  
5 release;  
6 **without conducting a technical plan review.**  
7 **Sec. 7. The department may:**  
8 (1) audit self-certified projects;  
9 (2) require corrective action for noncompliance;  
10 (3) revoke or suspend a professional's authority to provide  
11 certifications; and  
12 (4) refer violations to the appropriate licensing board or  
13 impose civil penalties as authorized by law.  
14 **Sec. 8. The department may collect plan review fees for projects**  
15 **that are released without a plan review.**  
16 **Sec. 9. Nothing in this chapter limits the authority of state or**  
17 **local inspection officials to conduct inspections or enforce**  
18 **compliance during construction.**  
19 **Sec. 10. An applicant who is qualified to self-certify may apply**  
20 **for a design release under:**  
21 (1) this chapter; or  
22 (2) IC 22-15-3.  
23 **Sec. 11. Participation in the self-certification program is**  
24 **voluntary. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the department from**  
25 **reviewing or not reviewing an application in accordance with**  
26 **IC 22-15-3.**  
27 SECTION 343. IC 22-15-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
28 SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall certify  
30 an industrialized building system for use in Indiana to an applicant who  
31 qualifies under this section. If an applicant qualifies for certification  
32 under this section, the department shall provide the applicant with a  
33 seal for the certified industrial building system.  
34 (b) To qualify for a certification under this section, an applicant  
35 must:  
36 (1) submit proof that the department has issued a design release  
37 under IC 22-15-3 for the model or series of industrialized building  
38 systems being constructed;  
39 (2) demonstrate, in an in-plant inspection, that the industrialized  
40 building system covered by the application has been constructed  
41 in conformity with all applicable building laws and fire safety  
42 laws; and



- 1 (3) pay the fee set by the **commission department** under  
 2 IC 22-12-6-6.
- 3 (c) The exemption under IC 22-13-4-2 applies to an industrialized  
 4 building system certified under this section.
- 5 SECTION 344. IC 22-15-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 6 SECTION 113, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The department shall certify  
 8 a mobile structure for sale and use in Indiana for an applicant who  
 9 qualifies under this section. If an applicant qualifies for certification  
 10 under this section, the department shall provide the applicant with a  
 11 seal for the certified mobile structure.
- 12 (b) To qualify for certification under this section, an applicant must:  
 13 (1) submit proof that the department has issued a design release  
 14 under IC 22-15-3 for the model or series of mobile structures  
 15 being constructed;  
 16 (2) demonstrate, in an in-plant inspection, that the mobile  
 17 structure covered by the application has been constructed in  
 18 conformity with all applicable building laws and fire safety laws;  
 19 (3) certify in an affidavit that a seal provided by the department  
 20 will not be attached to a mobile structure that does not conform  
 21 to the requirements adopted by the **commission department** in its  
 22 rules; and  
 23 (4) pay the fee set by the **commission department** under  
 24 IC 22-12-6-6.
- 25 (c) The exemption under IC 22-13-4-2 applies to a mobile structure  
 26 certified under this chapter.
- 27 SECTION 345. IC 22-15-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. The **commission**  
 29 **department** may authorize any qualified person to conduct inspections  
 30 and issue certifications under this chapter.
- 31 SECTION 346. IC 22-15-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. A person who offers  
 33 to sell or sells for money or other consideration a mobile structure that:  
 34 (1) is manufactured after:  
 35 (A) January 1, 1972, if the mobile structure is designed to be  
 36 a dwelling; or  
 37 (B) June 30, 1987, if the mobile structure is not designed to be  
 38 a dwelling; and  
 39 (2) is kept or transported without:  
 40 (A) a seal issued under IC 9-8-1.5 (before its repeal on July 1,  
 41 1987) or section 2 or 4 of this chapter; and  
 42 (B) an affidavit from the manufacturer (if the mobile structure



1 was manufactured in Indiana or the mobile structure was  
 2 manufactured outside Indiana and has not been used by its  
 3 owner) or a dealer who has sold at least three (3) mobile  
 4 structures in the previous twelve (12) month period (if the  
 5 mobile structure was manufactured outside Indiana and the  
 6 mobile structure has been used by its owner) that states that  
 7 the mobile structure meets or exceeds the applicable  
 8 requirements adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** in its  
 9 rules or an agreement under IC 22-13-2-12;  
 10 commits a Class C infraction.

11 SECTION 347. IC 22-15-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 12 SECTION 114, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. A person who offers to sell or  
 14 sells a mobile structure that:

- 15 (1) was certified under IC 9-8-1.5 (before its repeal on July 1,
- 16 1987) or certified by the department under section 2 or 4 of this
- 17 chapter; and
- 18 (2) has been altered or converted in violation of a rule adopted by
- 19 the ~~commission;~~ **department;**
- 20 commits a Class C infraction.

21 SECTION 348. IC 22-15-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 22 SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall issue a  
 24 regulated lifting device installation or alteration permit to an applicant  
 25 who qualifies under this section.

26 (b) To qualify for a permit under this section, an applicant must  
 27 meet the following requirements:

- 28 (1) Demonstrate through the submission of complete plans,
- 29 including:
  - 30 (A) copies of specifications and accurately scaled and fully
  - 31 dimensioned plans showing the location of the installation in
  - 32 relation to the plans and elevation of the building;
  - 33 (B) plans showing the location of the machine room and the
  - 34 equipment to be installed, relocated, or altered;
  - 35 (C) plans showing the structural supporting members,
  - 36 including foundations; and
  - 37 (D) a specification of all materials employed and loads to be
  - 38 supported or conveyed;

39 that the installation or alteration covered by the application will  
 40 comply with all applicable equipment laws. All plans and  
 41 specifications must be sufficiently complete to illustrate all details  
 42 of construction and design.



- 1 (2) Pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7).
- 2 (3) Be the holder of a current elevator contractor license, if
- 3 applicable, as set forth under IC 22-15-5-7.
- 4 (c) A copy of the permit shall be kept at the construction site at all
- 5 times while the work is in progress.
- 6 (d) The regulated lifting device must be installed or altered in
- 7 compliance with:
- 8 (1) applicable codes; and
- 9 (2) the details of the application, plans, specifications, and
- 10 conditions of the permit.
- 11 (e) The regulated lifting device must be installed or altered under
- 12 the direction and control of a licensed contractor. The elevator
- 13 contractor does not have to be present at the site.
- 14 (f) The responsibilities of the department under this section may be
- 15 carried out by a political subdivision that is approved by the
- 16 ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 22-13-2-10.
- 17 SECTION 349. IC 22-15-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,
- 18 SECTION 116, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) All regulated lifting devices
- 20 shall be registered under this section.
- 21 (b) The department shall issue a registration for a regulated lifting
- 22 device to an applicant who qualifies under this section.
- 23 (c) To register a regulated lifting device under this section, an
- 24 applicant must submit, on a form approved by the department, the
- 25 following information:
- 26 (1) Type, rated load and speed, name of manufacturer, location,
- 27 and the nature of the use of the regulated lifting device.
- 28 (2) Any information required under the rules adopted by the
- 29 ~~commission.~~ **department.**
- 30 SECTION 350. IC 22-15-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,
- 31 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall carry
- 33 out a program for the periodic inspection of regulated lifting devices
- 34 being operated in Indiana. A regulated lifting device may not be
- 35 operated without an operating certificate that covers the operation of
- 36 the regulated lifting device.
- 37 (b) A permit issued under this section expires on the earlier of:
- 38 (1) one (1) year after issuance; or
- 39 (2) when the regulated lifting device is altered.
- 40 (c) After a regulated lifting device has been installed or altered, an
- 41 applicant shall apply for an initial operating certificate. The department
- 42 shall issue an initial operating certificate for a regulated lifting device



- 1 if:
- 2 (1) the applicant demonstrates:
- 3 (A) through an acceptance inspection made by an elevator
- 4 inspector licensed under section 11 of this chapter that the
- 5 regulated lifting device covered by the application complies
- 6 with the laws governing its construction, repair, maintenance,
- 7 and operation; and
- 8 (B) that the applicant has paid the fee set under
- 9 IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7); and
- 10 (2) the department verifies, through an inspection, that the
- 11 regulated lifting device complies with the laws governing the
- 12 construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of the regulated
- 13 lifting device.
- 14 (d) The department shall issue a renewal operating certificate if the
- 15 applicant:
- 16 (1) demonstrates through the completion of applicable safety tests
- 17 that the regulated lifting device complies with the laws governing
- 18 the construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of the
- 19 regulated lifting device;
- 20 (2) submits results of all applicable safety tests, including failed
- 21 safety tests for the regulated lifting device; and
- 22 (3) has paid the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7).
- 23 (e) The department may issue a temporary operating permit to an
- 24 applicant under this section who does not comply with subsection
- 25 (c)(1)(A) for a new or altered regulated lifting device or subsection
- 26 (d)(1) for an existing unaltered regulated lifting device. The applicant
- 27 must pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7) to qualify for the
- 28 temporary operating permit. Except as provided in subsection (f), the
- 29 permit, including all renewal periods, is limited to sixty (60) days.
- 30 (f) The department may renew a temporary operating permit issued
- 31 under subsection (e) for thirty (30) day periods during the construction
- 32 of a building if the regulated lifting device is used for the transportation
- 33 of construction personnel, tools, and materials.
- 34 (g) The responsibilities of the department under this section may be
- 35 carried out by a political subdivision that is approved by the
- 36 **commission department** under IC 22-13-2-10.
- 37 (h) A copy of the operating certificate shall be displayed in or on
- 38 each regulated lifting device or in an associated machine room. In
- 39 addition to the requirements of this subsection, the two-dimensional bar
- 40 code assigned to an elevator shall be displayed in or on each elevator
- 41 in a location that is easily viewed and scanned by a person riding on the
- 42 elevator.



1 (i) A licensed elevator mechanic shall perform the maintenance on  
2 a regulated lifting device.

3 SECTION 351. IC 22-15-5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
4 SECTION 309, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) The following definitions  
6 apply to sections 7 through 16 of this chapter:

7 (1) "Competency examination" means an examination that  
8 thoroughly tests the scope of the knowledge and skill of the  
9 applicant for the license.

10 (2) "Elevator apprentice" means an individual who works under  
11 the direct supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic. The term  
12 includes an individual commonly known as an elevator helper  
13 while working under the direct supervision of a licensed elevator  
14 mechanic.

15 (3) "Elevator contractor" means a person who alone or with other  
16 persons, constructs, repairs, alters, remodels, adds to, subtracts  
17 from, or improves a regulated lifting device and who is  
18 responsible for substantially all the regulated lifting devices  
19 within the entire project, or who fabricates elevator lifting devices  
20 substantially completed and ready for installation.

21 (4) "Elevator inspector" means an individual who conducts the  
22 acceptance inspection of a regulated lifting device required by  
23 section 4(c)(1)(A) of this chapter.

24 (5) "Elevator mechanic" means an individual who engages in the  
25 construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance, mechanical,  
26 or electrical work or adjustments of a regulated lifting device.

27 (6) "License" means a certificate issued by the department that  
28 confers upon the holder the privilege to act as an elevator  
29 contractor, elevator inspector, or elevator mechanic.

30 (7) "Licensing program" means the program for licensing elevator  
31 contractors, elevator inspectors, and elevator mechanics  
32 established under this section and sections 7 through 16 of this  
33 chapter.

34 (8) "Municipality" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-11.

35 (9) "Person" means:

36 (A) a natural person;

37 (B) the partners or members of a partnership or a limited  
38 partnership;

39 (C) a state educational institution; or

40 (D) a corporation or the officers, directors, and employees of  
41 the corporation.

42 (10) "Practitioner" means a person that holds:



- 1 (A) an unlimited license;
- 2 (B) a limited or probationary license;
- 3 (C) a temporary license;
- 4 (D) an emergency license; or
- 5 (E) an inactive license.
- 6 (b) The ~~commission and the~~ department shall establish a program
- 7 to license elevator contractors, elevator mechanics, and elevator
- 8 inspectors.
- 9 (c) The department shall issue a license as an elevator contractor, an
- 10 elevator mechanic, or an elevator inspector to a person who qualifies
- 11 and complies with the provisions of the licensing program. A person
- 12 who receives a license under this chapter is subject to the supervision
- 13 and control of the department.
- 14 (d) The department may contract with public and private
- 15 institutions, agencies, businesses, and organizations to implement all
- 16 or part of its duties established under this chapter.
- 17 (e) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
- 18 to implement the licensing program.
- 19 SECTION 352. IC 22-15-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,
- 20 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 21 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) An individual may not act as an elevator
- 22 contractor unless the individual:
- 23 (1) holds an elevator contractor license issued under this chapter;
- 24 or
- 25 (2) is an employee of a partnership, a limited partnership, a
- 26 corporation, or a state educational institution that holds an
- 27 elevator contractor license issued under this chapter.
- 28 (b) A partnership, a limited partnership, a corporation, or a state
- 29 educational institution may not act as an elevator contractor unless it
- 30 holds an elevator contractor license issued under this chapter.
- 31 (c) An individual who is an applicant for an elevator contractor
- 32 license shall:
- 33 (1) hold a valid elevator contractor license issued by another state
- 34 that has a licensing program that, as determined by the
- 35 department, ~~or the commission~~, is equivalent to the elevator
- 36 contractor licensing program established under this chapter; or
- 37 (2) except as otherwise provided, satisfy both of the following
- 38 requirements:
- 39 (A) Have at least five (5) years of documented work
- 40 experience in the elevator industry in construction,
- 41 maintenance, and service or repair in Indiana.
- 42 (B) Successfully complete a written competency examination



1 approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

2 (d) A corporation or a state educational institution that is an  
3 applicant for an elevator contractor license must have at least one (1)  
4 officer or employee of the corporation or a state educational institution  
5 that holds a valid elevator contractor license issued under this chapter.  
6 A license granted to a corporation or a state educational institution to  
7 act as an elevator contractor under this chapter becomes invalid when  
8 an officer or employee of the corporation or state educational  
9 institution no longer holds a valid elevator contractor license issued  
10 under this chapter.

11 (e) A partnership or limited partnership that is an applicant for an  
12 elevator contractor license must have at least one (1) partner or general  
13 partner that holds a valid elevator contractor license issued under this  
14 chapter. A license granted to a partnership or limited partnership to act  
15 as an elevator contractor under this chapter becomes invalid when the  
16 partner of a partnership or general partner of a limited partnership  
17 named in the application no longer holds a valid elevator contractor  
18 license as provided by this chapter.

19 SECTION 353. IC 22-15-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
20 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
21 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) An individual may not act as an elevator  
22 inspector unless the individual holds an elevator inspector license  
23 issued under this chapter.

24 (b) An individual who is an applicant for an elevator inspector  
25 license shall meet the standards set forth in American Society of  
26 Mechanical Engineers (ASME) American National Standard QEI-1  
27 (Standard for the Qualification of Elevator Inspectors) or other  
28 nationally accepted standard qualifying authority that the ~~commission~~  
29 **department** has determined has equivalent requirements as ASME  
30 QEI-1 for obtaining and retaining certification.

31 (c) An applicant for an initial elevator inspector license must do the  
32 following:

33 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the  
34 department that contains the following information:

35 (A) The name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail  
36 address of the applicant.

37 (B) Any other information the department requires.

38 (2) Submit to the department any proof of eligibility the  
39 department requires.

40 (3) Demonstrate proof of insurance as required by section 14 of  
41 this chapter.

42 (4) Pay the license fee established under IC 22-12-6-6. The



- 1 license fee is nonrefundable and must be paid each time an  
 2 applicant submits an application.
- 3 (5) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided  
 4 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge  
 5 and belief.
- 6 (d) An applicant for a renewal elevator inspector license shall:
- 7 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the  
 8 department that contains the following information:
- 9 (A) The name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail  
 10 address of the applicant.
- 11 (B) Any other information the department requires.
- 12 (2) Submit proof of completion of the continuing education  
 13 required by section 15 of this chapter.
- 14 (3) Demonstrate proof of insurance as required by section 14 of  
 15 this chapter.
- 16 (4) Pay the license fee established under IC 22-12-6-6. The  
 17 license fee is nonrefundable and must be paid each time an  
 18 applicant submits an application.
- 19 (5) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided  
 20 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge  
 21 and belief.
- 22 (e) An initial elevator inspector license issued under this chapter  
 23 expires on December 31 of the second year after the license was issued.
- 24 (f) A renewal of an elevator inspector license is valid for two (2)  
 25 years.
- 26 (g) An individual who engages in the business of an elevator  
 27 inspector shall carry the individual's license and present the license for  
 28 inspection by a representative of the department upon request.
- 29 (h) If the QEI-1 certification or other certification standard approved  
 30 by the **commission department** that made the individual eligible for an  
 31 inspector license under subsection (b):
- 32 (1) is terminated;
- 33 (2) expires; or
- 34 (3) becomes invalid for any other reason;
- 35 the elevator inspector's license immediately becomes invalid.
- 36 SECTION 354. IC 22-15-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
 37 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) An individual may not act as an elevator  
 39 mechanic unless the individual holds an elevator mechanic license  
 40 issued under this chapter. A license is not required for an elevator  
 41 apprentice.
- 42 (b) An individual who is an applicant for an elevator mechanic



- 1 license must meet one (1) of the following eligibility criteria:
- 2 (1) Hold an active elevator mechanic license issued by a state that
- 3 the ~~commission~~ **department** has determined has a licensing
- 4 program that is at least equivalent to the elevator mechanic
- 5 licensing program established under this chapter.
- 6 (2) Satisfy both of the following:
- 7 (A) Have at least one (1) of the following types of work
- 8 experience or training:
- 9 (i) Have at least three (3) years of documented work
- 10 experience in the elevator industry in construction,
- 11 maintenance, and service or repair.
- 12 (ii) Have at least eighteen (18) months experience in the
- 13 elevator industry in construction, maintenance, and service
- 14 or repair and have at least three (3) years experience in a
- 15 related field that is certified by a licensed elevator
- 16 contractor.
- 17 (iii) Complete an apprenticeship program that is registered
- 18 with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the
- 19 United States Department of Labor or a state apprenticeship
- 20 program and that the ~~commission~~ **department** determines
- 21 is at least equivalent to three (3) years of work experience in
- 22 the elevator industry in construction, maintenance, and
- 23 service or repair.
- 24 (B) Successfully complete a written competency examination
- 25 approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**.
- 26 (3) Successfully complete an elevator mechanic's program that
- 27 consists of a combination of extensive training and a
- 28 comprehensive examination that the ~~commission~~ **department** has
- 29 determined is at least equivalent to both the work experience
- 30 required under subdivision (2)(A)(i) and the competency
- 31 examination established under subdivision (2)(B).
- 32 (c) An applicant for an initial elevator mechanic license must do the
- 33 following:
- 34 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the
- 35 department that contains the following information:
- 36 (A) The name, business address, telephone number, and
- 37 electronic mail address of the applicant.
- 38 (B) Any other information the department requires.
- 39 (2) Submit to the department any proof of eligibility the
- 40 department requires.
- 41 (3) Pay the nonrefundable and nontransferable license fee
- 42 established under IC 22-12-6-6.



- 1 (4) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided
- 2 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge
- 3 and belief.
- 4 (d) An applicant for a renewal elevator mechanic license must do
- 5 the following:
- 6 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the
- 7 department that contains the following information:
- 8 (A) The name, business address, telephone number, and
- 9 electronic mail address of the applicant.
- 10 (B) Any other information the department requires.
- 11 (2) Submit proof of completion of the continuing education
- 12 required by section 15 of this chapter.
- 13 (3) Pay the nonrefundable and nontransferable license fee
- 14 established under IC 22-12-6-6.
- 15 (4) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided
- 16 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge
- 17 and belief.
- 18 (e) An initial elevator mechanic license issued under this chapter
- 19 expires on December 31 of the second year after the license was issued.
- 20 (f) A renewal of an elevator mechanic license is valid for two (2)
- 21 years.
- 22 (g) An individual engaged in the business of an elevator mechanic
- 23 shall carry the individual's license and present the license for inspection
- 24 by a representative of the department upon request.
- 25 SECTION 355. IC 22-15-5-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. (a) This section
- 27 does not apply to a licensed elevator contractor that is not an
- 28 individual.
- 29 (b) To renew a license issued under this licensing program, the
- 30 license holder must satisfy the continuing education requirement and
- 31 submit a proof of completion of training to the department.
- 32 (c) The continuing education requirement is at least eight (8) hours
- 33 of instruction that must be attended and completed within one (1) year
- 34 before a license renewal.
- 35 (d) The continuing education courses designed to ensure the
- 36 continuing education of an individual holding a license regarding new
- 37 and existing provisions of the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department**
- 38 may include:
- 39 (1) programs sponsored by the ~~commission;~~ **department;**
- 40 (2) trade association seminars;
- 41 (3) labor training programs; or
- 42 (4) joint labor management apprenticeship and journeyman



- 1 upgrade training programs.  
2 For an individual's completion of a continuing education course to  
3 satisfy the individual's continuing education requirement under this  
4 chapter, the continuing education provider, instructor and the  
5 curriculum must have been approved by the department.
- 6 (e) All instructors of continuing education courses must be approved  
7 by the department. If an instructor is approved by the department, has  
8 worked as an instructor teaching a curriculum approved by the  
9 department at any time within the year preceding the expiration date of  
10 the license, and submits proof of this work to the department, the  
11 instructor is exempt from the requirements of subsection (c).
- 12 (f) Continuing education providers shall keep uniform records of  
13 attendance at approved continuing education courses for at least ten  
14 (10) years on forms designed and distributed by the department.
- 15 (g) A license holder who is unable to complete the continuing  
16 education required under this chapter before the expiration of the  
17 individual's license due to temporary physical or mental disability may  
18 apply for a waiver from the department in accordance with the  
19 following:
- 20 (1) A waiver application must be submitted to the department on  
21 a form established by the department.
- 22 (2) A waiver application must be signed and accompanied by an  
23 affidavit signed by the physician of the applicant attesting to the  
24 applicant's temporary disability.
- 25 (h) After the cessation of the temporary disability, the applicant  
26 must submit to the department a certification from the same physician,  
27 if the physician is still the treating physician of the applicant, or from  
28 a subsequent treating physician attesting to the termination of the  
29 temporary disability.
- 30 (i) Upon the submission of the certification under subsection (h), the  
31 department shall issue a temporary waiver of the continuing education  
32 requirement. A temporary waiver is valid for ninety (90) days after the  
33 date of issue and allows the individual to work as an elevator  
34 contractor, elevator inspector, or elevator mechanic without the  
35 completion of the continuing education requirement for ninety (90)  
36 days.
- 37 (j) A temporary waiver of the continuing education requirement may  
38 not be renewed.
- 39 SECTION 356. IC 22-15-5-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,  
40 SECTION 123, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 16. (a) A practitioner shall comply  
42 with the standards established under this licensing program. A



1 practitioner is subject to the exercise of the disciplinary sanctions under  
 2 IC 22-12-7-7 if the department finds that a practitioner has:

- 3 (1) engaged in or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material  
 4 deception in order to obtain a license to practice, including  
 5 cheating on a licensing examination;  
 6 (2) engaged in fraud or material deception in the course of  
 7 professional services or activities;  
 8 (3) advertised services or goods in a false or misleading manner;  
 9 (4) falsified or knowingly allowed another person to falsify  
 10 attendance records or certificates of completion of continuing  
 11 education courses provided under this chapter;  
 12 (5) been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the  
 13 practitioner's ability to continue to practice competently;  
 14 (6) knowingly violated a state statute or rule or federal statute or  
 15 regulation regulating the profession for which the practitioner is  
 16 licensed;  
 17 (7) continued to practice although the practitioner has become  
 18 unfit to practice due to:  
 19 (A) professional incompetence;  
 20 (B) failure to keep abreast of current professional theory or  
 21 practice;  
 22 (C) physical or mental disability; or  
 23 (D) addiction to, abuse of, or severe dependency on alcohol or  
 24 other drugs that endanger the public by impairing a  
 25 practitioner's ability to practice safely;  
 26 (8) engaged in a course of lewd or immoral conduct in connection  
 27 with the delivery of services to the public;  
 28 (9) allowed the practitioner's name or a license issued under this  
 29 chapter to be used in connection with an individual or business  
 30 who renders services beyond the scope of that individual's or  
 31 business's training, experience, or competence;  
 32 (10) had disciplinary action taken against the practitioner or the  
 33 practitioner's license to practice in another state or jurisdiction on  
 34 grounds similar to those under this chapter;  
 35 (11) assisted another person in committing an act that would  
 36 constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under this chapter;  
 37 or  
 38 (12) allowed a license issued by the department to be:  
 39 (A) used by another person; or  
 40 (B) displayed to the public when the license has expired, is  
 41 inactive, is invalid, or has been revoked or suspended.

42 For purposes of subdivision (10), a certified copy of a record of



1 disciplinary action constitutes prima facie evidence of a disciplinary  
2 action in another jurisdiction.

3 (b) If an applicant or a practitioner has engaged in or knowingly  
4 cooperated in fraud or material deception to obtain a license to  
5 practice, including cheating on the licensing examination, the  
6 department may rescind the license if it has been granted, void the  
7 examination or other fraudulent or deceptive material, and prohibit the  
8 applicant from reapplying for the license for a length of time  
9 established by the department.

10 (c) The department may deny licensure to an applicant who has had  
11 disciplinary action taken against the applicant or the applicant's license  
12 to practice in another state or jurisdiction or who has practiced without  
13 a license in violation of the law. A certified copy of the record of  
14 disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the other jurisdiction's  
15 disciplinary action.

16 (d) The department may order a practitioner to submit to a  
17 reasonable physical or mental examination if the practitioner's physical  
18 or mental capacity to practice safely and competently is at issue in a  
19 disciplinary proceeding. Failure to comply with a department order to  
20 submit to a physical or mental examination makes a practitioner liable  
21 to temporary suspension under subsection (h).

22 (e) Except as provided under subsection (f) or (g), a license may not  
23 be denied, revoked, or suspended because the applicant or holder has  
24 been convicted of an offense. The acts from which the applicant's or  
25 holder's conviction resulted may, however, be considered as to whether  
26 the applicant or holder should be entrusted to serve the public in a  
27 specific capacity.

28 (f) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke a license issued  
29 under this chapter if the individual who holds the license is convicted  
30 of any of the following:

- 31 (1) Possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug under IC 35-48-4-6.  
32 (2) Possession of methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-6.1.  
33 (3) Possession of a controlled substance under IC 35-48-4-7(a).  
34 (4) Fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance under  
35 IC 35-48-4-7(b) (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or  
36 IC 35-48-4-7(c) (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).  
37 (5) Manufacture of paraphernalia as a Class D felony (for a crime  
38 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
39 committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-48-4-8.1(c).  
40 (6) Dealing in paraphernalia as a Class D felony (for a crime  
41 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
42 committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-48-4-8.5(b).



- 1 (7) Possession of paraphernalia as a Class D felony (for a crime  
 2 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
 3 committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-48-4-8.3(b) (before  
 4 its amendment on July 1, 2015).
- 5 (8) Possession of marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a Class  
 6 D felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level  
 7 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014) under  
 8 IC 35-48-4-11.
- 9 (9) A felony offense under IC 35-48-4 involving possession of a  
 10 synthetic drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321), possession of a  
 11 controlled substance analog (as defined in IC 35-48-1.1-8), or  
 12 possession of a synthetic drug lookalike substance (as defined in  
 13 IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019)) as a:
- 14 (A) Class D felony for a crime committed before July 1, 2014;  
 15 or
- 16 (B) Level 6 felony for a crime committed after June 30, 2014;  
 17 under IC 35-48-4-11.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019).
- 18 (10) Maintaining a common nuisance under IC 35-48-4-13  
 19 (repealed) or IC 35-45-1-5, if the common nuisance involves a  
 20 controlled substance.
- 21 (11) An offense relating to registration, labeling, and prescription  
 22 forms under IC 35-48-4-14.
- 23 (g) The department shall deny, revoke, or suspend a license issued  
 24 under this chapter if the individual who holds the license is convicted  
 25 of any of the following:
- 26 (1) Dealing in a controlled substance resulting in death under  
 27 IC 35-42-1-1.5.
- 28 (2) Dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug under IC 35-48-4-1.
- 29 (3) Dealing in methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-1.1.
- 30 (4) Manufacturing methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-1.2.
- 31 (5) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance under  
 32 IC 35-48-4-2.
- 33 (6) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance under  
 34 IC 35-48-4-3.
- 35 (7) Dealing in a schedule V controlled substance under  
 36 IC 35-48-4-4.
- 37 (8) Dealing in a substance represented to be a controlled  
 38 substance under IC 35-48-4-4.5 (repealed).
- 39 (9) Knowingly or intentionally manufacturing, advertising,  
 40 distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, advertise,  
 41 or distribute a substance represented to be a controlled substance  
 42 under IC 35-48-4-4.6.



1 (10) Dealing in a counterfeit substance under IC 35-48-4-5.

2 (11) Dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a felony  
3 under IC 35-48-4-10.

4 (12) An offense under IC 35-48-4 involving the manufacture or  
5 sale of a synthetic drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321), a  
6 synthetic drug lookalike substance (as defined in  
7 IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019)) under  
8 IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019), a controlled  
9 substance analog (as defined in IC 35-48-1.1-8), or a substance  
10 represented to be a controlled substance (as described in  
11 IC 35-48-4-4.6).

12 (13) A violation of any federal or state drug law or rule related to  
13 wholesale legend drug distributors licensed under IC 25-26-14.

14 (h) The department may temporarily suspend a practitioner's license  
15 under IC 4-21.5-4 before a final adjudication or during the appeals  
16 process if the department finds that a practitioner represents a clear and  
17 immediate danger to the public's health, safety, or property if the  
18 practitioner is allowed to continue to practice.

19 (i) On receipt of a complaint or an information alleging that a person  
20 licensed under this chapter has engaged in or is engaging in a practice  
21 that jeopardizes the public health, safety, or welfare, the department  
22 shall initiate an investigation against the person.

23 (j) Any complaint filed with the office of the attorney general  
24 alleging a violation of this licensing program shall be referred to the  
25 department for summary review and for its general information and any  
26 authorized action at the time of the filing.

27 (k) The department shall conduct a fact finding investigation as the  
28 department considers proper in relation to the complaint.

29 (l) A practitioner may petition the department to accept the  
30 surrender of the practitioner's license. The practitioner may not  
31 surrender the practitioner's license without the written approval of the  
32 department, and the department may impose any conditions appropriate  
33 to the surrender or reinstatement of a surrendered license.

34 (m) A practitioner who has been subjected to disciplinary sanctions  
35 may be required by the ~~commission~~ **department** to pay the costs of the  
36 proceeding. The practitioner's ability to pay shall be considered when  
37 costs are assessed. If the practitioner fails to pay the costs, a suspension  
38 may not be imposed solely upon the practitioner's inability to pay the  
39 amount assessed. The costs are limited to costs for the following:

40 (1) Court reporters.

41 (2) Transcripts.

42 (3) Certification of documents.



- 1 (4) Photo duplication.  
 2 (5) Witness attendance and mileage fees.  
 3 (6) Postage.  
 4 (7) Expert witnesses.  
 5 (8) Depositions.  
 6 (9) Notarizations.
- 7 SECTION 357. IC 22-15-6-0.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 8 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 0.5. This chapter applies to a regulated boiler and  
 10 pressure vessel as set forth in rules adopted by the ~~commission~~  
 11 **department** under IC 4-22-2.
- 12 SECTION 358. IC 22-15-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 13 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 14 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. Sections 2 through 3 of this chapter do not  
 15 apply to any regulated boiler or pressure vessel exempted by a rule  
 16 adopted by the ~~commission department~~ under IC 4-22-2.
- 17 SECTION 359. IC 22-15-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 18 SECTION 167, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The department may conduct  
 20 a program of inspections of regulated boilers and pressure vessels.  
 21 (b) The department shall do the following:  
 22 (1) Issue a regulated boiler and pressure vessel operating permit  
 23 to an applicant who qualifies under this section.  
 24 (2) Perform an operating permit inspection of a boiler or pressure  
 25 vessel owned by the state.  
 26 (3) Conduct a program to audit boiler and pressure vessel  
 27 inspectors licensed under section 5 of this chapter.  
 28 (4) Conduct a program to audit inspections completed by a boiler  
 29 and pressure vessel inspector licensed under section 5 of this  
 30 chapter.  
 31 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e), an operating permit issued  
 32 under this section expires one (1) year after it is issued.  
 33 (d) To qualify for an operating permit or to renew an operating  
 34 permit under this section, an applicant must do the following:  
 35 (1) Apply for an operating permit on a form approved by the  
 36 department.  
 37 (2) Demonstrate through an inspection, performed by an inspector  
 38 licensed under section 5 of this chapter, that the regulated boiler  
 39 or pressure vessel covered by the application complies with the  
 40 rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department**.  
 41 (3) Submit a report of the inspection conducted under subdivision  
 42 (2) to the department.



1 (4) Pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(8).  
2 (e) The ~~commission~~ **department** may, by rule adopted under  
3 IC 4-22-2, specify:  
4 (1) a period between inspections of more than one (1) year; and  
5 (2) an expiration date for an operating permit longer than one (1)  
6 year from the date of issuance.  
7 However, the ~~commission~~ **department** may not set an inspection  
8 period of greater than five (5) years or issue an operating permit valid  
9 for a period of more than five (5) years for regulated pressure vessels  
10 or steam generating equipment that is an integral part of a continuous  
11 processing unit.  
12 (f) For any inspection conducted by the department under this  
13 section, the department may designate an inspector licensed under  
14 section 5 of this chapter to act as the department's agent for purposes  
15 of the inspection.  
16 (g) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
17 to implement this chapter.  
18 SECTION 360. IC 22-15-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
19 SECTION 120, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) The department shall issue a  
21 boiler and pressure vessel inspector license to an applicant who  
22 qualifies under this section.  
23 (b) To qualify for a license under this section an applicant must:  
24 (1) meet the qualifications set by the ~~commission~~ **department** in  
25 its rules;  
26 (2) pass an examination approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**  
27 and conducted, supervised, and graded as prescribed by the  
28 ~~commission;~~ **department;** and  
29 (3) pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(9).  
30 (c) The ~~commission~~ **department** may exempt an applicant from any  
31 part of the examination required by subsection (b) if the applicant has:  
32 (1) a boiler and pressure vessel inspector's license issued by  
33 another state with qualifications substantially equal to the  
34 qualifications for a license under this section; or  
35 (2) a commission as a boiler and pressure vessel inspector issued  
36 by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.  
37 (d) The ~~commission~~ **department** may sanction a boiler and pressure  
38 vessel inspector under IC 22-12-7 if the boiler and pressure vessel  
39 inspector violates this chapter or rules adopted by the ~~commission~~  
40 **department**.  
41 SECTION 361. IC 22-15-7-0.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2024,  
42 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 0.6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), the  
 2 department shall not inspect, and operating permits are not required  
 3 for, the following regulated amusement devices:

4 (1) A barrel train pulled by a garden tractor or a rubber tired farm  
 5 tractor propelled by a motor of not more than forty (40)  
 6 horsepower.

7 (2) A regulated amusement device exempt from the operating  
 8 permit and inspection requirements by a rule of the ~~commission~~  
 9 **department**.

10 (b) A regulated amusement device covered by this section shall  
 11 comply with all other requirements applicable to regulated amusement  
 12 devices under this chapter.

13 (c) The department may perform an inspection of a regulated  
 14 amusement device covered by this section only if a valid complaint or  
 15 incident is reported to the department concerning the regulated  
 16 amusement device.

17 SECTION 362. IC 22-15-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 18 SECTION 122, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. (a) The department shall issue a  
 20 regulated amusement device operating permit to an applicant who  
 21 qualifies under this section. If an applicant qualifies for a permit under  
 22 this section, an inspector shall place an inspection seal on the device  
 23 that is covered by the permit.

24 (b) A permit issued under this section:

25 (1) expires one (1) year from the date the permit was issued; and

26 (2) may be renewed if the applicant continues to qualify for a  
 27 permit under this section.

28 (c) To qualify for a permit under this section, an applicant or an  
 29 authorized officer of the applicant shall pay the inspection fee set under  
 30 IC 22-12-6-6 and execute an application form affirming under penalties  
 31 for perjury the following:

32 (1) That all information provided in the application is true to the  
 33 best of the applicant's or officer's knowledge and belief after  
 34 reasonable investigation.

35 (2) That all personnel employed by the applicant having  
 36 maintenance responsibility for the amusement devices have or  
 37 will have sufficient background, knowledge, skills, and training  
 38 to adequately maintain the amusement devices under the rules of  
 39 the ~~commission~~ **department**.

40 (3) That all persons employed by the applicant having operational  
 41 responsibility for the amusement devices have or will have  
 42 sufficient background, knowledge, skills, and training to



1 adequately operate the amusement devices under the rules of the  
2 ~~commission.~~ **department.**

3 (4) That adequate training will be provided or otherwise made  
4 available on an ongoing basis to maintenance and operational  
5 personnel to ensure the continuous compliance of the personnel  
6 with the standards set forth in subdivisions (2) and (3).

7 (5) That all maintenance and operational personnel will be trained  
8 to recognize and report any condition that would prohibit the safe  
9 operation of the amusement device.

10 (6) That, upon discovering a condition that would prohibit the  
11 safe operation of an amusement device, both operational and  
12 maintenance personnel must possess the requisite authority to  
13 immediately shut down the amusement device and report the  
14 condition of the amusement device to supervisory personnel. An  
15 amusement device that is shut down under this subdivision may  
16 not be returned to operation until the amusement device complies  
17 with ASTM standards for operation.

18 (7) That the applicant assumes full financial responsibility for:

19 (A) any condition or circumstance occasioned by, caused by,  
20 or resulting from noncompliance with the maintenance and  
21 operational standards set forth in subdivisions (2) through (6);  
22 and

23 (B) any death, injury, or other loss occasioned by, caused by,  
24 or resulting from noncompliance with the maintenance and  
25 operational standards set forth in subdivisions (2) through (6).

26 (d) The execution of an application under subsection (c) by an  
27 officer of an applicant corporation does not create individual financial  
28 liability for the officer.

29 (e) The applicant must satisfy an inspector for the department that  
30 the regulated amusement device meets the safety requirements set by  
31 the ~~commission.~~ **department.**

32 SECTION 363. IC 22-15-7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
33 SECTION 124, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department**  
35 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define appropriate training for a  
36 person who inspects regulated amusement devices.

37 (b) The rules required under this section must, at a minimum,  
38 provide the following:

39 (1) The adoption by reference of:

40 (A) ASTM F 698 (1994 edition) ("Specification for Physical  
41 Information to be Provided to Amusement Rides and  
42 Devices");



- 1 (B) ASTM F 770 (1993 edition) ("Practice for Operation
- 2 Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices");
- 3 (C) ASTM F 846 (1992 edition) ("Guide for Testing
- 4 Performance of Amusement Rides and Devices");
- 5 (D) ASTM F 853 (1993 edition) ("Practice for Maintenance
- 6 Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices");
- 7 (E) ASTM F 893 (1987 edition) ("Guide for Inspection of
- 8 Amusement Rides and Devices");
- 9 (F) ASTM F 1305 (1994 edition) ("Standard Guides for the
- 10 Classification of Amusement Ride and Device Related Injuries
- 11 and Illnesses"); or
- 12 (G) any subsequent published editions of the ASTM standards
- 13 described in clauses (A) through (F).
- 14 (2) A requirement that inspectors employed or contracted by the
- 15 department:
- 16 (A) have and maintain at least:
- 17 (i) a Level 1 certification from the National Association of
- 18 Amusement Ride Safety Officials or an equivalent
- 19 organization approved by the ~~commission;~~ **department;** or
- 20 (ii) an equivalent certification under a process or system
- 21 approved by the ~~commission;~~ **department;** and
- 22 (B) conduct inspections that conform to the rules of the
- 23 ~~commission;~~ **department.**
- 24 (3) A requirement that regulated amusement devices be operated
- 25 and maintained in accordance with the rules of the ~~commission;~~
- 26 **department.**
- 27 (4) The ~~commission's~~ **department's** chief inspector or supervisor
- 28 of regulated amusement device inspectors must have and
- 29 maintain a Level I certification.

30 SECTION 364. IC 22-15-7-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. In addition to a  
 32 regularly scheduled inspection of a regulated amusement device, the  
 33 ~~commission~~ **department** may, upon demand by the ~~commission;~~  
 34 **department,** inspect a regulated amusement device at any time  
 35 following:

- 36 (1) the report of an accident involving the regulated amusement
- 37 device; or
- 38 (2) a complaint concerning the regulated amusement device.

39 SECTION 365. IC 25-1-5-4, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1230-2026,  
 40 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 41 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The agency shall employ necessary staff,  
 42 including specialists and professionals, to carry out the administrative



- 1 duties and functions of the boards, including but not limited to:
- 2 (1) notice of board meetings and other communication services;
- 3 (2) recordkeeping of board meetings, proceedings, and actions;
- 4 (3) recordkeeping of all persons licensed, regulated, or certified
- 5 by a board;
- 6 (4) administration of examinations; and
- 7 (5) administration of license or certificate issuance or renewal.
- 8 (b) In addition, the agency:
- 9 (1) shall prepare a consolidated statement of the budget requests
- 10 of all the boards described in IC 25-0.5-5 or IC 25-0.5-7;
- 11 (2) may coordinate licensing or certification renewal cycles,
- 12 examination schedules, or other routine activities to efficiently
- 13 utilize agency staff, facilities, and transportation resources, and to
- 14 improve accessibility of board functions to the public;
- 15 (3) may consolidate, where feasible, office space, recordkeeping,
- 16 and data processing services;
- 17 (4) shall operate and maintain the electronic registry of
- 18 professions established under IC 25-1-5.5;
- 19 (5) shall post each board's public meeting agenda on the
- 20 applicable board's website not less than seventy-two (72) hours
- 21 before a board's public meeting;
- 22 (6) shall post each board's public meeting minutes on the
- 23 applicable board's website not more than fourteen (14) calendar
- 24 days after adoption of the minutes by the board;
- 25 (7) shall post any vacancy on a board on the applicable board's
- 26 website within fourteen (14) calendar days of the vacancy;
- 27 (8) notwithstanding any other law:
- 28 (A) shall prescribe the application form and manner for each
- 29 board; and
- 30 (B) shall make any new application form publicly available on
- 31 the applicable board's website for sixty (60) calendar days
- 32 before being adopted by the agency; ~~and~~
- 33 (9) shall send notification of incomplete items in an application
- 34 to the applicant every fourteen (14) calendar days after the
- 35 applicant initiates the application until the earlier of the
- 36 following:
- 37 (A) The date the application is completed.
- 38 (B) One (1) calendar year after the applicant initiates the
- 39 application; **and**
- 40 **(10) may adopt and enforce procedural rules under**
- 41 **IC 25-1-6-3.**
- 42 (c) In administering the renewal of licenses or certificates under this



1 chapter, the agency shall send a notice of the upcoming expiration of  
 2 a license or certificate to each holder of a license or certificate at least  
 3 ninety (90) days before the expiration of the license or certificate. The  
 4 notice must inform the holder of the license or certificate of the need  
 5 to renew the license or certificate and the requirement of payment of  
 6 the renewal fee. If this notice of expiration is not sent by the agency,  
 7 the holder of the license or certificate is not subject to a sanction for  
 8 failure to renew if, once notice is received from the agency, the license  
 9 or certificate is renewed within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the  
 10 notice.

11 (d) In administering an examination for licensure or certification,  
 12 the agency shall make the appropriate application forms available at  
 13 least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting an application  
 14 to all persons wishing to take the examination.

15 (e) The agency may require an applicant for license or certificate  
 16 renewal to submit evidence proving that:

17 (1) the applicant continues to meet the minimum requirements for  
 18 licensure or certification; and

19 (2) the applicant is not in violation of:

20 (A) the statute regulating the applicant's profession; or

21 (B) rules adopted by the board regulating the applicant's  
 22 profession.

23 (f) The agency shall process an application for renewal of a license  
 24 or certificate:

25 (1) not later than ten (10) days after the agency receives all  
 26 required forms and evidence; or

27 (2) within twenty-four (24) hours after the time that an applicant  
 28 for renewal appears in person at the agency with all required  
 29 forms and evidence.

30 This subsection does not require the agency to issue a renewal license  
 31 or certificate to an applicant if subsection (g) applies.

32 (g) The agency may delay issuing a license or certificate renewal for  
 33 up to one hundred twenty (120) days after the renewal date for the  
 34 purpose of permitting the board to investigate information received by  
 35 the agency that the applicant for renewal may have committed an act  
 36 for which the applicant may be disciplined. If the agency delays issuing  
 37 a license or certificate renewal, the agency shall notify the applicant  
 38 that the applicant is being investigated. Except as provided in  
 39 subsection (h), before the end of the one hundred twenty (120) day  
 40 period, the board shall do one (1) of the following:

41 (1) Deny the license or certificate renewal following a personal  
 42 appearance by the applicant before the board.



- 1 (2) Issue the license or certificate renewal upon satisfaction of all  
 2 other conditions for renewal.
- 3 (3) Issue the license or certificate renewal and file a complaint  
 4 under IC 25-1-7.
- 5 (4) Upon agreement of the applicant and the board and following  
 6 a personal appearance by the applicant before the board, renew  
 7 the license or certificate and place the applicant on probation  
 8 status under IC 25-1-9-9.
- 9 (h) If an individual fails to appear before the board under subsection  
 10 (g), the board may take action on the applicant's license or certificate  
 11 allowed under subsection (g)(1), (g)(2), or (g)(3).
- 12 (i) The applicant's license or certificate remains valid until the final  
 13 determination of the board is rendered unless the renewal is denied or  
 14 the license is summarily suspended under IC 25-1-9-10.
- 15 (j) The license or certificate of the applicant for a license or  
 16 certificate renewal remains valid during the one hundred twenty (120)  
 17 day period unless the license or certificate renewal is denied following  
 18 a personal appearance by the applicant before the board before the end  
 19 of the one hundred twenty (120) day period. If the one hundred twenty  
 20 (120) day period expires without action by the board, the license or  
 21 certificate is automatically renewed at the end of the one hundred  
 22 twenty (120) day period.
- 23 (k) The board's renewal of a license or certificate does not preclude  
 24 the board from imposing sanctions on the licensee or certificate holder  
 25 as a result of a complaint filed by the attorney general after renewal of  
 26 the license or certificate.
- 27 (l) Notwithstanding any other statute or rule, the agency may stagger  
 28 license or certificate renewal cycles. However, if a renewal cycle for a  
 29 specific board or committee is changed, the agency must obtain the  
 30 approval of the affected board or committee.
- 31 (m) An application for a license, certificate, registration, or permit  
 32 is abandoned without an action of the board, if the applicant does not  
 33 complete the requirements to complete the application within one (1)  
 34 year after the date on which the application was filed. However, the  
 35 board may, for good cause shown, extend the validity of the application  
 36 for additional thirty (30) day periods. An application submitted after  
 37 the abandonment of an application is considered a new application.
- 38 SECTION 366. IC 25-1-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2014,  
 39 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) The licensing agency shall perform all  
 41 administrative functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned by law  
 42 or rule to the executive director, secretary, or other statutory



1 administrator of the entities described in IC 25-0.5-7.

2 (b) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to give the licensing  
3 agency policy making authority **for any professional standard of**  
4 **practice**, which remains with each board. **The licensing agency may**  
5 **adopt and enforce procedural rules in accordance with IC 4-22-2**  
6 **for the administration of a board if the rule:**

7 **(1) will affect multiple boards; and**

8 **(2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected**  
9 **board.**

10 SECTION 367. IC 25-4-1-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 18. Nothing contained  
12 in this chapter shall prevent the draftsmen, students, clerks of works,  
13 superintendents, and other employees of those lawfully practicing as  
14 registered architects, under the provisions of this chapter, from acting  
15 under the instruction, control, or supervision of their employers, or to  
16 prevent the employment of superintendents of the construction,  
17 enlargement, or alteration of buildings, or any parts thereof, or prevent  
18 such superintendents from acting under the immediate personal  
19 supervision of the registered architect by whom the plans and  
20 specifications of any building, enlargement, or alteration were  
21 prepared. Nor shall anything contained in this chapter apply to the  
22 making of plans or specifications or the supervision of construction,  
23 enlargement or alteration of buildings or any parts thereof specifically  
24 exempted from the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
25 ~~commission department of homeland security~~ or specifically  
26 exempted from the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
27 ~~department of homeland security~~ requirements for preparation of  
28 such plans and specifications by registered architects or registered  
29 engineers.

30 SECTION 368. IC 25-4-1-29 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 29. (a) Except as  
32 hereinafter otherwise provided, the state of Indiana, nor any board,  
33 department or agency thereof, nor any county, city, town, township,  
34 school corporations, or other political subdivision of this state shall  
35 engage in the construction, alteration, or maintenance of any public  
36 building or public work involving the practice of architecture for which  
37 plans, specifications and estimates have not been prepared, certified,  
38 and sealed by, and the construction, alteration, or maintenance  
39 executed under the direct supervision of an architect, which architect  
40 shall be the holder in good standing of a certificate of registration from  
41 the board of registration for architects and landscape architects  
42 entitling him to practice architecture in this state.



1 (b) No official of this state, nor of any city, town, county, township,  
 2 or school corporation thereof, charged with the enforcement of any law,  
 3 ordinance, or rule relating to the construction or alteration of buildings  
 4 or structures, shall use or accept or approve any plans or specifications  
 5 that have not been prepared by, or under the supervision of, and  
 6 certified by a registered architect. This subsection shall not apply if  
 7 such plans or specifications have been prepared by, or under the  
 8 supervision of and certified by a professional engineer who is  
 9 registered under the laws of the state of Indiana. This subsection shall  
 10 not apply to the construction or alteration of any building or structures  
 11 specifically exempted from the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 12 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** or specifically  
 13 exempted from the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 14 **department of homeland security** requirements for preparation of  
 15 such plans and specifications by registered architects or registered  
 16 engineers. This section shall not be construed as to abridge, or  
 17 otherwise affect, the powers of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 18 ~~commission,~~ **department of homeland security**, or any other state  
 19 board or department, to issue rules governing the safety of buildings or  
 20 structures.

21 SECTION 369. IC 25-20-1-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 22 SECTION 87, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1.5. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, there is  
 24 established the committee of hearing aid dealer examiners which  
 25 consists of ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** members all appointed by the governor to  
 26 a term under IC 25-1-6.5. Three (3) members must be hearing aid  
 27 dealers licensed under this chapter, who are residents of this state and  
 28 who have been practicing as hearing aid dealers for at least one (1) year  
 29 prior to their appointment. ~~One (1) member must be an~~  
 30 ~~otolaryngologist in this state, who is a resident of this state and who has~~  
 31 ~~been engaged in the practice of otolaryngology for at least one (1) year~~  
 32 ~~prior to appointment to the committee.~~ One (1) member must be a  
 33 resident of this state who is in no way associated with the business of  
 34 hearing aid dealers, audiology, or speech-language pathology other  
 35 than as a consumer. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the committee, the  
 36 governor shall appoint a successor under IC 25-1-6.5.

37 (b) Three (3) members present constitute a quorum. **The**  
 38 **chairperson of the committee is not allowed to cast a vote on any**  
 39 **matter before the committee unless the chairperson's vote is**  
 40 **necessary to break a tie.**

41 (c) The members serve without compensation, except that each  
 42 member is entitled to the salary per diem as provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1



1 and to reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, and other expenses as  
 2 provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the  
 3 department of administration and approved by the state budget agency.

4 (d) A member may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.

5 SECTION 370. IC 25-23-1-7.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.148-2023,  
 6 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7.2. (a) As used in this section, "nursing education  
 8 program" means a nursing education program that is required to be  
 9 authorized by the ~~board for proprietary education (established by~~  
 10 ~~IC 21-18.5-5-1);~~ **commission for higher education established by**  
 11 **IC 21-18-2-1.**

12 (b) The board may not prohibit a nursing education program from  
 13 submitting an application for accreditation to the board before being  
 14 authorized by the ~~board for proprietary education (established by~~  
 15 ~~IC 21-18.5-5-1);~~ **commission for higher education established by**  
 16 **IC 21-18-2-1.**

17 (c) The board shall review and approve or deny a nursing education  
 18 program's application for accreditation within ninety (90) days of being  
 19 authorized by the ~~board for proprietary education (established by~~  
 20 ~~IC 21-18.5-5-1)~~ **commission for higher education established by**  
 21 **IC 21-18-2-1** unless the nursing education program, after receiving  
 22 authorization from the ~~board of proprietary education;~~ **commission for**  
 23 **higher education,** requests additional time from the board before the  
 24 board's review of the application.

25 SECTION 371. IC 25-35.6-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 26 SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) There is established the  
 28 speech-language pathology and audiology board.

29 (b) The board shall be comprised of ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** members, who  
 30 shall be appointed by the governor. Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, four (4)  
 31 board members shall have been residents of this state for at least one  
 32 (1) year immediately preceding their appointment and shall have been  
 33 engaged in rendering services to the public, teaching, or research in  
 34 speech-language pathology or audiology for at least five (5) years  
 35 immediately preceding their appointment. At least two (2) board  
 36 members shall be speech-language pathologists and at least two (2)  
 37 shall be audiologists. ~~Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3; the fifth member of the~~  
 38 ~~board; to represent the general public; shall be a resident of this state~~  
 39 ~~who has never been associated with speech-language pathology or~~  
 40 ~~audiology in any way other than as a consumer. Except for the member~~  
 41 ~~representing the general public;~~ All board members shall at all times be  
 42 holders of active and valid licenses for the practice of speech-language



- 1 pathology or audiology in this state.
- 2 (c) A member may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.
- 3 (d) Appointments shall be:
- 4 (1) for members appointed before July 1, 2019, for a three year
- 5 term; and
- 6 (2) for members appointed after June 30, 2019, for a term under
- 7 IC 25-1-6.5.
- 8 (e) The governor may consider, but shall not be bound to accept,
- 9 recommendations for board membership made by a statewide
- 10 association for speech-language and hearing. A statewide association
- 11 for speech-language and hearing may submit to the governor its
- 12 recommendations for board membership not less than sixty (60) days
- 13 after a vacancy. In the event of a mid-term vacancy, such association
- 14 may make recommendations for filling such vacancy.
- 15 (f) At the first meeting of the board each year, members shall elect
- 16 a chairperson for the subsequent twelve (12) month period. Further
- 17 meetings may be convened at the call of the chairperson or the written
- 18 request of any two (2) board members. All meetings of the board shall
- 19 be open to the public, except that the board may hold closed sessions
- 20 to prepare, approve, grade, or administer examinations or, upon request
- 21 of an applicant who fails an examination, to prepare a response
- 22 indicating any reason for the applicant's failure. All meetings of the
- 23 board must be held in Indiana.
- 24 (g) A quorum of the board consists of a majority of the appointed
- 25 members. A majority of the quorum may transact business. **The**
- 26 **chairperson of the board is not allowed to cast a vote on any matter**
- 27 **before the board unless the chairperson's vote is necessary to break**
- 28 **a tie.**
- 29 SECTION 372. IC 27-1-15.7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2024,
- 30 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 31 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The commissioner shall approve and
- 32 disapprove continuing education courses. ~~after considering~~
- 33 ~~recommendations made by the insurance producer education and~~
- 34 ~~continuing education commission established under section 6.5 of this~~
- 35 ~~chapter.~~
- 36 (b) The commissioner may not approve a course under this section
- 37 if the course:
- 38 (1) is designed to prepare an individual to receive an initial
- 39 license under this chapter;
- 40 (2) concerns only routine, basic office skills, including filing,
- 41 keyboarding, and basic computer skills; or
- 42 (3) may be completed by a licensee without supervision by an



- 1 instructor, unless the course involves an examination process that
- 2 is:
- 3 (A) completed and passed by the licensee as determined by the
- 4 provider of the course; and
- 5 (B) approved by the commissioner.
- 6 (c) The commissioner shall approve a course under this section that
- 7 is submitted for approval by an insurance trade association or
- 8 professional insurance association if:
- 9 (1) the objective of the course is to educate a manager or an
- 10 owner of a business entity that is required to obtain an insurance
- 11 producer license under IC 27-1-15.6-6(d);
- 12 (2) the course teaches insurance producer management and is
- 13 designed to result in improved efficiency in insurance producer
- 14 operations, systems use, or key functions;
- 15 (3) the course is designed to benefit consumers; and
- 16 (4) the course is not described in subsection (b).
- 17 (d) Approval of a continuing education course under this section
- 18 shall be for a period of not more than two (2) years.
- 19 (e) A prospective provider of a continuing education course shall
- 20 pay:
- 21 (1) a fee of forty dollars (\$40) for each course submitted for
- 22 approval of the commissioner under this section; or
- 23 (2) an annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) not later than
- 24 January 1 of a calendar year, which entitles the prospective
- 25 provider to submit an unlimited number of courses for approval
- 26 of the commissioner under this section during the calendar year.
- 27 The commissioner may waive all or a portion of the fee for a course
- 28 submitted under a reciprocity agreement with another state for the
- 29 approval or disapproval of continuing education courses. Fees collected
- 30 under this subsection shall be deposited in the department of insurance
- 31 fund established under IC 27-1-3-28.
- 32 (f) A prospective provider of a continuing education course may
- 33 electronically deliver to the commissioner any supporting materials for
- 34 the course.
- 35 (g) The commissioner shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish
- 36 procedures for approving continuing education courses.
- 37 SECTION 373. IC 27-1-15.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2024,
- 38 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 39 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify as a certified prelicensing course
- 40 of study for purposes of IC 27-1-15.6-6, an insurance producer program
- 41 of study must meet all of the following criteria:
- 42 (1) Be conducted or developed by an:



- 1 (A) insurance trade association;  
2 (B) accredited college or university;  
3 (C) educational organization certified by the ~~insurance~~  
4 ~~producer education and continuing education commission;~~  
5 ~~commissioner;~~ or  
6 (D) insurance company licensed to do business in Indiana.  
7 (2) Provide for self-study or instruction provided by an approved  
8 instructor in a structured setting, as follows:  
9 (A) For life insurance producers, not less than twenty (20)  
10 hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
11 self-study on:  
12 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
13 insurance;  
14 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
15 rules of Indiana; and  
16 (iii) principles of life insurance.  
17 (B) For health insurance producers, not less than twenty (20)  
18 hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
19 self-study on:  
20 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
21 insurance;  
22 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
23 rules of Indiana; and  
24 (iii) principles of health insurance.  
25 (C) For life and health insurance producers, not less than forty  
26 (40) hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
27 self-study on:  
28 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
29 insurance;  
30 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
31 rules of Indiana;  
32 (iii) principles of life insurance; and  
33 (iv) principles of health insurance.  
34 (D) For property and casualty insurance producers, not less  
35 than forty (40) hours of instruction in a structured setting or  
36 comparable self-study on:  
37 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
38 insurance;  
39 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
40 rules of Indiana;  
41 (iii) principles of property insurance; and  
42 (iv) principles of liability insurance.



- 1 (E) For personal lines producers, a minimum of twenty (20)  
 2 hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
 3 self-study on:  
 4 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
 5 insurance;  
 6 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
 7 rules of Indiana; and  
 8 (iii) principles of property and liability insurance applicable  
 9 to coverages sold to individuals and families for primarily  
 10 noncommercial purposes.
- 11 (F) For title insurance producers, not less than ten (10) hours  
 12 of instruction in a structured setting or comparable self-study  
 13 on:  
 14 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of title  
 15 insurance;  
 16 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
 17 rules of Indiana;  
 18 (iii) principles of title insurance, including underwriting and  
 19 escrow issues; and  
 20 (iv) principles of the federal Real Estate Settlement  
 21 Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. 2608).
- 22 (G) For annuity product producers, not less than four (4) hours  
 23 of instruction in a structured setting or comparable self-study  
 24 on:  
 25 (i) types and classifications of annuities;  
 26 (ii) identification of the parties to an annuity;  
 27 (iii) the manner in which fixed, variable, and indexed  
 28 annuity contract provisions affect consumers;  
 29 (iv) income taxation of qualified and non-qualified  
 30 annuities;  
 31 (v) primary uses of annuities; and  
 32 (vi) appropriate sales practices, replacement, and disclosure  
 33 requirements.
- 34 (3) Instruction provided in a structured setting must be provided  
 35 only by individuals who meet the qualifications established by the  
 36 commissioner under subsection (b).
- 37 (b) The commissioner ~~after consulting with the insurance producer~~  
 38 ~~education and continuing education commission~~, shall adopt rules  
 39 under IC 4-22-2 prescribing the criteria that a person must meet to  
 40 render instruction in a certified prelicensing course of study.
- 41 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing  
 42 the subject matter that an insurance producer program of study must



1 cover to qualify for certification as a certified prelicensing course of  
2 study under this section.

3 (d) The commissioner may make recommendations that the  
4 commissioner considers necessary for improvements in course  
5 materials.

6 (e) The commissioner shall designate a program of study that meets  
7 the requirements of this section as a certified prelicensing course of  
8 study for purposes of IC 27-1-15.6-6.

9 (f) For each person that provides one (1) or more certified  
10 prelicensing courses of study, the commissioner shall annually  
11 determine, of all individuals who received classroom instruction in the  
12 certified prelicensing courses of study provided by the person, the  
13 percentage who passed the examination required by IC 27-1-15.6-5.  
14 The commissioner shall determine only one (1) passing percentage  
15 under this subsection for all lines of insurance described in  
16 IC 27-1-15.6-7(a) for which the person provides classroom instruction  
17 in certified prelicensing courses of study.

18 (g) The commissioner may, after notice and opportunity for a  
19 hearing, do the following:

20 (1) Withdraw the certification of a course of study that does not  
21 maintain reasonable standards, as determined by the  
22 commissioner for the protection of the public.

23 (2) Disqualify a person that is currently qualified under  
24 subsection (b) to render instruction in a certified prelicensing  
25 course of study from rendering the instruction if the passing  
26 percentage calculated under subsection (f) is less than forty-five  
27 percent (45%).

28 (h) Current course materials for a prelicensing course of study that  
29 is certified under this section must be submitted to the commissioner  
30 upon request, but not less frequently than once every three (3) years.

31 SECTION 374. IC 27-1-15.7-6.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2027]. See: 6.5: (a) As used in this section, "commission"  
33 refers to the insurance producer education and continuing education  
34 commission established by subsection (b):

35 (b) The insurance producer education and continuing education  
36 commission is established within the department. The commissioner  
37 shall appoint the following seven (7) individuals:

38 (1) One (1) individual nominated by the Professional Insurance  
39 Agents of Indiana or its successor organization:

40 (2) One (1) individual nominated by the Independent Insurance  
41 Agents of Indiana or its successor organization:

42 (3) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana Association of



1 Insurance and Financial Advisors or its successor organization.

2 (4) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana State Association  
3 of Health Underwriters or its successor organization.

4 (5) One (1) individual nominated by the Association of Life  
5 Insurance Companies or its successor organization.

6 (6) One (1) individual nominated by the Insurance Institute of  
7 Indiana or its successor organization.

8 (7) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana Land Title  
9 Association or its successor organization.

10 The commissioner shall solicit nominations from the entities set forth  
11 in this subsection. The commissioner may deny to make the  
12 appointment of an individual nominated under this subsection only if  
13 the commissioner determines that the individual is not in good standing  
14 with the department or is not qualified. If the commissioner denies the  
15 appointment of an individual nominated under this subsection, the  
16 commissioner shall provide the nominating entity with the reason for  
17 the denial and allow the nominating entity to submit an alternative  
18 nomination.

19 (c) A member of the commission serves for a term of three (3) years  
20 that expires June 30, 2027, and every third year thereafter. A member  
21 may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

22 (d) The commissioner shall appoint a member of the commission to  
23 serve as chairperson, who serves at the will of the commissioner. The  
24 commission shall meet:

25 (1) at the call of the chairperson; and

26 (2) at least semiannually.

27 The department shall staff the commission. Four (4) members  
28 constitute a quorum of the commission.

29 (e) The commissioner shall fill a vacancy on the commission with  
30 a nomination from the entity that nominated the predecessor or the  
31 entity's successor. The individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall  
32 serve for the remainder of the predecessor's term.

33 (f) A member of the commission is entitled to the minimum salary  
34 per diem provided under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). A member is also entitled  
35 to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually  
36 incurred in connection with the member's duties, in accordance with  
37 state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana  
38 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.  
39 Money paid under this subsection shall be paid from amounts  
40 appropriated to the department.

41 (g) The commission shall review and make recommendations to the  
42 commissioner concerning the following:

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1 (1) Course materials and curriculum and instructor credentials for  
 2 prelicensing courses of study for which certification by the  
 3 commissioner is sought under section 5 of this chapter.

4 (2) Continuing education requirements for insurance producers.

5 (3) Continuing education courses for which the approval of the  
 6 commissioner is sought under section 4 of this chapter.

7 (4) Rules proposed for adoption by the commissioner concerning  
 8 continuing education under this chapter.

9 (h) A member of the commission or a designee of the commissioner  
 10 is permitted access to any classroom while instruction is in progress to  
 11 monitor the classroom instruction.

12 SECTION 375. IC 31-9-2-10.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 13 SECTION 175, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10.6. (a) "Board", for purposes of  
 15 IC 31-25-4, has the meaning set forth in IC 31-25-4-34(a).

16 (b) "Board", for purposes of IC 31-26-4, has the meaning set forth  
 17 in IC 31-26-4-2.

18 SECTION 376. IC 31-9-2-21.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 21.5. "Commission", for purposes  
 21 of IC 31-26-4, has the meaning set forth in IC 31-26-4-2.1.**

22 SECTION 377. IC 31-26-4-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 23 1, 2027]. **Sec. 2:** As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the Indiana  
 24 kids first trust fund board established by section 5 of this chapter.

25 SECTION 378. IC 31-26-4-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 26 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 2.1. As used in this chapter,  
 28 "commission" refers to the commission on improving the status of  
 29 children in Indiana established by IC 2-5-36-3.**

30 SECTION 379. IC 31-26-4-2.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2011,  
 31 SECTION 506, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2.3. (a) After June 30, 2003, **and  
 33 before July 1, 2027**, any reference in a statute or rule referring to the  
 34 Indiana children's trust fund board is considered a reference to the  
 35 board.

36 (b) **This subsection does not apply after June 30, 2027.** On July  
 37 1, 2003, the board becomes the owner of all the personal property and  
 38 assets and assumes the obligations and liabilities of the Indiana  
 39 children's trust fund board, as it existed before July 1, 2003.

40 (c) **After June 30, 2027, any reference in a statute or rule  
 41 referring to the Indiana children's trust fund board is considered  
 42 a reference to the commission.**



1           **(d) On July 1, 2027, the commission becomes the owner of all**  
 2 **the personal property and assets and assumes the obligations and**  
 3 **liabilities of the Indiana children's trust fund board, as it existed**  
 4 **before July 1, 2027.**

5           SECTION 380. IC 31-26-4-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 6 1, 2027]. Sec. 5: (a) The Indiana kids first trust fund board is  
 7 established:

8           (b) The purpose of the board is to determine whether proposed  
 9 projects under this chapter should be approved and to perform other  
 10 duties given to the board by this chapter. The board shall approve  
 11 projects and recommend to the department that the projects receive  
 12 funds under sections 12 and 14 of this chapter.

13           (c) The board shall, before January 1 of each year, prepare a budget  
 14 for expenditures from the fund for the following state fiscal year. The  
 15 budget must contain priorities for expenditures from the fund to  
 16 accomplish the projects that have been approved under this chapter.  
 17 The budget shall be submitted to the department and the budget  
 18 committee.

19           (d) The board may employ staff necessary to carry out the duties of  
 20 the board.

21           (e) The board may establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation  
 22 under section 17 of this chapter.

23           SECTION 381. IC 31-26-4-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 24 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) After June 30, 2027, the**  
 26 **commission shall determine whether proposed projects under this**  
 27 **chapter should be approved and to perform other duties as**  
 28 **directed by this chapter. The commission shall approve projects**  
 29 **and recommend to the department that the projects receive funds**  
 30 **under sections 12 and 14 of this chapter.**

31           (b) The commission shall annually prepare a budget for  
 32 expenditures from the fund for the following state fiscal year. The  
 33 budget must contain priorities for expenditures from the fund to  
 34 accomplish the projects that have been approved under this  
 35 chapter. The commission shall submit a budget to the department  
 36 and the budget committee before January 1, 2028, and each year  
 37 thereafter.

38           (c) The commission may employ staff necessary to carry out the  
 39 duties of the commission under this chapter.

40           (d) The commission may establish a nonprofit subsidiary  
 41 corporation under section 17 of this chapter (before its repeal).

42           SECTION 382. IC 31-26-4-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY



1, 2027]. Sec. 6: The board consists of the following ten (10) members:

(1) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with advice from the minority leader of the senate.

(2) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with advice from the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(3) The director of the department or the director's designee.

(4) Four (4) individuals appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) One (1) individual who represents the general public:

(B) Two (2) individuals who represent child advocacy organizations:

(C) One (1) individual who represents the medical community:

(5) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the commissioner's designee. An individual designated by the commissioner under this subdivision must have knowledge of or experience in issues relating to:

(A) the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

(B) the reduction of infant mortality.

SECTION 383. IC 31-26-4-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 7: (a) The members shall annually choose a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the members of the board under this section:

(b) The director of the department or the director's designee may not serve as chairperson or vice chairperson:

(c) If the member chosen as chairperson was appointed as a member by the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, the vice chairperson must be chosen from among the members appointed by the governor. If the member chosen as chairperson was appointed as a member by the governor, the vice chairperson must be chosen from among the members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives:

SECTION 384. IC 31-26-4-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chair:

(b) A majority of the appointed members of the board constitutes a quorum. The board may take action only in the presence of a quorum:

(c) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board participating in a board meeting is necessary for the board to take any action at the meeting:

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1 (d) The board shall post the minutes of a meeting on the board's  
 2 Internet web site not later than ten (10) days after the minutes are  
 3 approved by the board.

4 SECTION 385. IC 31-26-4-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 5 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: (a) The term of a board member begins on the later of  
 6 the following:

7 (1) The day the term of the member whom the individual is  
 8 appointed to succeed expires.

9 (2) The day the individual is appointed.

10 (b) The term of a member expires July 1 of the fourth year after the  
 11 member is appointed. However, a member serves at the pleasure of the  
 12 appointing authority.

13 (c) The appointing authority may reappoint a member for a new  
 14 term.

15 (d) The appointing authority shall appoint an individual to fill a  
 16 vacancy among the members.

17 SECTION 386. IC 31-26-4-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 18 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: (a) Each member of the board who is not a state  
 19 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
 20 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for  
 21 traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses  
 22 actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided  
 23 in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana  
 24 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

25 (b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to  
 26 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
 27 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 28 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 29 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 30 agency.

31 SECTION 387. IC 31-26-4-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 32 SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. The ~~board~~ **commission** shall  
 34 adopt and make available to the public:

35 (1) a strategic plan to implement the purposes of this chapter; and

36 (2) a method for proposing projects and requesting funds from the  
 37 Indiana kids first trust fund.

38 SECTION 388. IC 31-26-4-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2021,  
 39 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) The Indiana kids first trust fund is  
 41 established to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

42 (b) The fund consists of the following:



- 1 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.  
 2 (2) Interest as provided in subsection (e).  
 3 (3) Fees from kids first trust license plates issued under  
 4 IC 9-18-30 (before its expiration) or IC 9-18.5-14.  
 5 (4) Money donated to the fund, including donations from a  
 6 nonprofit subsidiary corporation established under section 17 of  
 7 this chapter **(before its repeal)**.  
 8 (5) Money transferred to the fund from other funds.  
 9 (c) The treasurer of state shall administer the fund.  
 10 (d) The expenses of administering the fund and this chapter shall be  
 11 paid from the fund.  
 12 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
 13 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
 14 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues  
 15 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.  
 16 (f) An appropriation made by the general assembly to the fund shall  
 17 be allotted and allocated at the beginning of the fiscal period for which  
 18 the appropriation was made.  
 19 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert  
 20 to the state general fund or any other fund.  
 21 (h) Subject to this chapter, there is annually appropriated to the  
 22 department all money in the fund for the purposes of this chapter.  
 23 However, the department may not request the allotment of money from  
 24 the appropriation for a project that has not been approved and  
 25 recommended by the ~~board~~ **commission**.  
 26 SECTION 389. IC 31-26-4-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2011,  
 27 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 28 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14. (a) The infant mortality account is established  
 29 within the fund for the purpose of providing money for education and  
 30 programs approved by the ~~board~~ **commission** under section ~~5(b)~~ **5.5(a)**  
 31 of this chapter to reduce infant mortality in Indiana. The account shall  
 32 be administered by the treasurer of state.  
 33 (b) Expenses of administering the account shall be paid from money  
 34 in the account. The account consists of the following:  
 35 (1) Appropriations to the account.  
 36 (2) Money donated to the account.  
 37 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not  
 38 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same  
 39 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues  
 40 from these investments shall be deposited in the account.  
 41 (d) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
 42 revert to the state general fund.



1 SECTION 390. IC 31-26-4-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 2 SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. **(a) This subsection applies to**  
 4 **a calendar year ending before January 1, 2027.** Before October 1 of  
 5 each year, the board shall prepare a report concerning the program  
 6 established by this chapter for the public and the general assembly. A  
 7 report prepared under this section for the general assembly must be in  
 8 an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

9 **(b) This subsection applies to a calendar year beginning after**  
 10 **December 31, 2026. Before October 1 of each year, the commission**  
 11 **shall prepare a report concerning the program established by this**  
 12 **chapter for the public and the general assembly. The commission**  
 13 **shall submit the report to the general assembly in an electronic**  
 14 **format under IC 5-14-6.**

15 SECTION 391. IC 31-26-4-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 16 1, 2027]. Sec. 17: (a) The board may establish a nonprofit subsidiary  
 17 corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
 18 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to solicit and accept private  
 19 funding; gifts; donations; bequests; devises; and contributions:

20 (b) The board shall study the topic of establishing a nonprofit  
 21 subsidiary corporation described in subsection (a). Not later than  
 22 December 31, 2021, the board shall submit a report to the general  
 23 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 addressing the  
 24 board's findings and determinations under this subsection. If the board  
 25 determines to establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation as described  
 26 in subsection (a), the report must also include an implementation plan  
 27 and estimated budget for the establishment of the nonprofit subsidiary  
 28 corporation:

29 (c) A subsidiary corporation established under this section is  
 30 governed by a board of directors comprised of members appointed by  
 31 the Indiana kids first trust fund board. Employees of the Indiana kids  
 32 first trust fund board may serve on the board of directors of the  
 33 subsidiary corporation. A subsidiary corporation established under this  
 34 section:

35 (1) shall use money received under subsection (a) to carry out, in  
 36 any manner, the purposes and programs of the board;

37 (2) shall report to the budget committee each year concerning:

38 (A) the use of money received; and

39 (B) the balances in any accounts or funds established by the  
 40 subsidiary corporation;

41 (3) may donate money received to the Indiana kids first trust fund;  
 42 and



1 (4) may deposit money received in an account or fund that is:

2 (A) administered by the subsidiary corporation; and

3 (B) not part of the state treasury.

4 (d) The board of directors of a subsidiary corporation established  
5 under this section shall post the minutes of a meeting on the subsidiary  
6 corporation's Internet web site not later than ten (10) days after the  
7 minutes are approved by the board of directors.

8 (e) Employees of the Indiana kids first trust fund board shall provide  
9 administrative support for a subsidiary corporation established under  
10 this section. Employees of the board directly involved in the subsidiary  
11 corporation may engage in fundraising activities on behalf of the  
12 subsidiary corporation.

13 (f) The state board of accounts shall annually audit a subsidiary  
14 corporation established under this section.

15 SECTION 392. IC 31-27-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
16 SECTION 300, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. The department may do the  
18 following:

19 (1) Prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices, and other  
20 documents required by this article or by the rules adopted under  
21 this article.

22 (2) Increase public awareness of this article and the rules adopted  
23 under this article by preparing and publishing manuals and guides  
24 explaining this article and the rules adopted under this article.

25 (3) Facilitate compliance with and enforcement of this article  
26 through the publication of materials under subdivision (2).

27 (4) Prepare reports and studies to advance the purpose of this  
28 article.

29 (5) Seek the advice and recommendations of state agencies whose  
30 information and knowledge would be of assistance in writing,  
31 revising, or monitoring rules developed under this article. These  
32 agencies, including the office of the attorney general, Indiana  
33 department of health, division of mental health and addiction,  
34 division of family resources, the state police department, and ~~fire~~  
35 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~, **department of**  
36 **homeland security**, shall upon request supply necessary  
37 information to the department.

38 (6) Make the directory of licensees available to the public for a  
39 charge not to exceed the cost of reproducing the directory.

40 (7) Charge a reasonable processing fee for each license  
41 application and renewal as follows:

42 (A) For a child caring institution or group home license, a fee



- 1 not to exceed three dollars (\$3) for each licensed bed based on  
 2 total licensed bed capacity not to exceed a maximum fee of  
 3 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).  
 4 (B) For a child placing agency license, a fee not to exceed fifty  
 5 dollars (\$50).  
 6 (8) Exercise any other regulatory and administrative powers  
 7 necessary to carry out the functions of the department.  
 8 SECTION 393. IC 31-27-2-4, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1202-2026,  
 9 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall adopt rules under  
 11 IC 4-22-2 concerning the licensing and inspection of:  
 12 (1) child caring institutions, foster family homes, group homes,  
 13 and child placing agencies after consultation with the:  
 14 (A) Indiana department of health; and  
 15 (B) **department of homeland security; and**  
 16 (2) child caring institutions and group homes that are licensed for  
 17 infants and toddlers after consultation with the division of family  
 18 resources.  
 19 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall be applied by the  
 20 department in the licensing and inspection of applicants for a license  
 21 and licensees under this article.  
 22 (c) The rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 must establish minimum  
 23 standards for the care and treatment of children in a secure private  
 24 facility.  
 25 (d) The rules described in subsection (c) must include standards  
 26 governing the following:  
 27 (1) Admission criteria.  
 28 (2) General physical and environmental conditions.  
 29 (3) Services and programs to be provided to confined children.  
 30 (4) Procedures for ongoing monitoring and discharge planning.  
 31 (5) Procedures for the care and control of confined persons that  
 32 are necessary to ensure the health, safety, and treatment of  
 33 confined children.  
 34 (e) The department shall license a facility as a secure private facility  
 35 if the facility:  
 36 (1) meets the minimum standards required under subsection (c);  
 37 (2) provides a continuum of care and services; and  
 38 (3) is licensed under IC 31-27-3.  
 39 (f) A waiver of the rules may not be granted for treatment and  
 40 reporting requirements.  
 41 (g) Rules that the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 42 **department of homeland security** adopts under IC 22-13-2-2:



1 (1) establish the minimum building and fire safety requirements  
 2 applicable to structures covered by this article; and

3 (2) take precedence over conflicting rules as provided for in  
 4 IC 22-13-2-3.

5 (h) The department may not adopt rules regulating the same subject  
 6 matter as rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 7 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security**.

8 SECTION 394. IC 31-27-2-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 9 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in  
 11 subsections (b) and (c), the department shall exempt from licensure a  
 12 child caring institution and a group home operated by a church or  
 13 religious ministry that is a religious organization exempt from federal  
 14 income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 15 (as defined in IC 6-3-1-11) and that does not:

16 (1) accept for care:

17 (A) a child who is a delinquent child under IC 31-37-1-1 or  
 18 IC 31-37-2-1; or

19 (B) a child who is a child in need of services under  
 20 IC 31-34-1-1 through IC 31-34-1-9; or

21 (2) operate a residential facility that provides child care on a  
 22 twenty-four (24) hour basis for profit.

23 (b) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to govern the  
 24 inspection of a child caring institution and a group home operated by  
 25 a church or religious ministry with regard to sanitation.

26 (c) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**  
 27 **of homeland security** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to govern the  
 28 inspection of a child caring institution and a group home operated by  
 29 a church or religious ministry under this section. The rules must  
 30 provide standards for fire alarms and fire drills.

31 (d) A child caring institution and a group home operated by a  
 32 church or religious ministry under this section shall comply with the  
 33 rules established by the department and the ~~fire prevention and~~  
 34 ~~building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** under  
 35 this section.

36 SECTION 395. IC 31-27-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2017,  
 37 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (f), the  
 39 department may grant a variance or waiver of a rule governing child  
 40 caring institutions, foster family homes, group homes, or child placing  
 41 agencies. A variance or waiver granted under this section must promote  
 42 statewide practices and must protect the rights of persons affected by



- 1 this article.
- 2 (b) The department may grant a variance to a rule if an applicant for  
3 a license or a licensee under this article does the following:
- 4 (1) Submits to the department a written request for the variance  
5 in the form and manner specified by the department.
- 6 (2) Documents that compliance with an alternative method of  
7 compliance approved by the department will not be adverse to the  
8 health, safety, or welfare of a child receiving services from the  
9 applicant for the variance, as determined by the department.
- 10 (c) A variance granted under subsection (b) must be conditioned  
11 upon compliance with the alternative method approved by the  
12 department. Noncompliance constitutes the violation of a rule of the  
13 department and may be the basis for revoking the variance.
- 14 (d) The department may grant a waiver of a rule if an applicant for  
15 a license or a licensee under this article does the following:
- 16 (1) Submits to the department a written request for the waiver in  
17 the form and manner specified by the department.
- 18 (2) Documents that compliance with the rule specified in the  
19 application for the waiver will create an undue hardship on the  
20 applicant for the waiver, as determined by the department.
- 21 (3) Documents that the applicant for the waiver will be in  
22 substantial compliance with the rules adopted by the department  
23 after the waiver is granted, as determined by the department.
- 24 (4) Documents that noncompliance with the rule specified in the  
25 application for a waiver will not be adverse to the health, safety,  
26 or welfare of a child receiving services from the applicant for the  
27 waiver, as determined by the department.
- 28 (e) Except for a variance or waiver of a rule governing foster family  
29 homes, a variance or waiver of a rule under this section that conflicts  
30 with a building rule or fire safety rule adopted by the ~~fire prevention  
31 and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** is  
32 not effective until the variance or waiver is approved by the ~~fire  
33 prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland  
34 security**.
- 35 (f) A waiver may not be granted for an applicant who has been  
36 convicted of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in IC 31-9-2-84.8.
- 37 SECTION 396. IC 31-27-2-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
38 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10. (a) If the department determines  
40 that a waiver or variance expiring under section 9 of this chapter will  
41 continue to serve the public interest, the department may do the  
42 following:



- 1 (1) Renew the waiver or variance without modifications.
- 2 (2) Renew and modify the waiver or variance as needed to
- 3 promote statewide practices and to protect the rights of persons
- 4 affected by this chapter.
- 5 (b) Before taking an action under subsection (a), the department
- 6 may require a licensee under this article to do the following:
- 7 (1) Apply for the renewal of a waiver or variance on the form
- 8 specified by the department.
- 9 (2) Provide the information required by the department.
- 10 (c) Except for a variance or waiver of a rule governing foster family
- 11 homes, before taking an action under subsection (a), the department
- 12 must obtain the approval of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~
- 13 **commission department of homeland security, or if applicable, the**
- 14 **state building commissioner**, for the action if either of the following
- 15 occurs:
- 16 (1) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~
- 17 **substantially department of homeland security or state**
- 18 **building commissioner** changes a building ~~rule~~ **requirement** or
- 19 fire safety rule **adopted by the department of homeland**
- 20 **security** affected by the waiver or variance after the date the
- 21 **commission department of homeland security or state building**
- 22 **commissioner** last approved the waiver or variance.
- 23 (2) The department substantially modifies any part of a waiver or
- 24 variance that conflicts with a building rule or fire safety rule
- 25 adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~
- 26 **department of homeland security.**
- 27 SECTION 397. IC 31-27-3-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,
- 28 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 17. The ~~fire prevention and~~
- 30 **building safety commission department of homeland security** may
- 31 not adopt rules requiring the installation of a sprinkler system in a
- 32 living unit of a licensed child caring institution in which fewer than
- 33 sixteen (16) children reside, each of whom is:
- 34 (1) ambulatory; and
- 35 (2) at least six (6) years of age.
- 36 SECTION 398. IC 31-27-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,
- 37 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. The ~~fire prevention and building~~
- 39 **safety commission department of homeland security** shall provide
- 40 consultation regarding the licensure of foster family homes to the
- 41 department upon request.
- 42 SECTION 399. IC 32-21-2.5-8, AS AMENDED BY SEA 191-2026,



1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "paper document"  
3 or "paper documents" means a tangible record that is received by a  
4 county recorder in a form that is not electronic.

5 (b) A county recorder shall receive for recording, indexing, storage,  
6 archiving, access to, searching of, retrieval, and transmittal all  
7 electronic documents proper for recording. A county recorder shall also  
8 accept electronically any fee or tax that the county recorder is  
9 authorized to collect under applicable laws. A county recorder shall  
10 implement the processing of electronic documents proper for recording  
11 in compliance with:

- 12 (1) this article;
- 13 (2) IC 33-42;
- 14 (3) IC 36-2-7.5;
- 15 (4) IC 36-2-11; and
- 16 (5) IC 36-2-13;

17 and the standards adopted by the electronic recording commission  
18 created under section 9 of this chapter **(before its repeal)**.

19 (c) This section does not apply to the following documents:

- 20 (1) A military discharge under IC 10-17-2.
- 21 (2) A survey of real property.
- 22 (3) A plat of real property.
- 23 (4) A document containing the identifying information of a  
24 participant in the address confidentiality program under  
25 IC 5-26.5.

26 (d) A recorder who accepts electronic documents for recording  
27 shall:

- 28 (1) continue to accept paper documents as authorized by state  
29 law; and
- 30 (2) place entries for paper documents and electronic documents  
31 in the same index.

32 (e) A recorder who accepts electronic documents for recording may:

- 33 (1) convert paper documents accepted for recording into  
34 electronic form;
- 35 (2) convert into electronic form information recorded before the  
36 county recorder began to accept and index electronic documents;  
37 or
- 38 (3) agree with other officials of a state or a political subdivision  
39 of a state, or of the United States, on procedures or processes to  
40 facilitate the electronic satisfaction of prior approvals and  
41 conditions precedent to recording and the electronic payment of  
42 fees and taxes.



1 SECTION 400. IC 32-21-2.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
2 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: (a) ~~The electronic recording commission is established~~  
3 ~~to adopt standards to implement this chapter before January 1, 2018.~~  
4 ~~The commission consists of the following five (5) members appointed~~  
5 ~~by the governor:~~

6 (1) ~~Three (3) members must be county recorders.~~

7 (2) ~~One (1) member must be employed in Indiana in the banking~~  
8 ~~or mortgage lending industry.~~

9 (3) ~~One (1) member must be employed in Indiana in the land title~~  
10 ~~industry.~~

11 (b) ~~To keep the standards and practices of county recorders in~~  
12 ~~Indiana in harmony with the standards and practices of recording~~  
13 ~~offices in other jurisdictions that enact substantially this chapter and to~~  
14 ~~keep the technology used by county recorders in Indiana compatible~~  
15 ~~with technology used by recording offices in other jurisdictions that~~  
16 ~~enact substantially this chapter, the electronic recording commission;~~  
17 ~~so far as is consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of this~~  
18 ~~chapter, in adopting, amending, and repealing standards shall consider:~~

19 (1) ~~standards and practices of other jurisdictions;~~

20 (2) ~~the most recent standards promulgated by national standard~~  
21 ~~setting bodies, such as the Property Records Industry Association~~  
22 ~~(PRIA);~~

23 (3) ~~the views of interested persons and governmental officials and~~  
24 ~~entities;~~

25 (4) ~~the needs of counties of varying size, population, and~~  
26 ~~resources; and~~

27 (5) ~~standards requiring adequate information security protection~~  
28 ~~to ensure that electronic documents are accurate, authentic,~~  
29 ~~adequately preserved, and resistant to tampering.~~

30 SECTION 401. IC 32-21-5.2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2024,  
31 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "local building  
33 department" means, in any county, city, or town, the department,  
34 division, agency, section, or office that enforces the Indiana building  
35 code adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission,~~  
36 **department of homeland security**, as required by IC 36-7-2-9(1).

37 SECTION 402. IC 34-13-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2021,  
38 SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. This chapter applies to a claim  
40 or suit in tort against any of the following:

41 (1) The bureau of motor vehicles commission established by  
42 IC 9-14-9-1.



- 1 (2) A member of the bureau of motor vehicles commission board  
 2 established under IC 9-14-9-2.
- 3 (3) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles commission.
- 4 (4) A member of the driver education advisory board established  
 5 by IC 9-27-6-5 (**before its repeal**).
- 6 (5) An approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined  
 7 in IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)), or an association acting on behalf of an  
 8 approved postsecondary educational institution, that:
- 9 (A) shares data with the commission for higher education  
 10 under IC 21-12-12-1; and
- 11 (B) is named as a defendant in a claim or suit in tort based on  
 12 any breach of the confidentiality of the data that occurs after  
 13 the institution has transmitted the data in compliance with  
 14 IC 21-12-12-1.
- 15 (6) The state fair commission established by IC 15-13-2-1.
- 16 (7) A member of the state fair commission established by  
 17 IC 15-13-2-1 or an employee of the state fair commission.
- 18 (8) The state fair board established by IC 15-13-5-1.
- 19 (9) A member of the state fair board established by IC 15-13-5-1.
- 20 SECTION 403. IC 34-30-2.1-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 21 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 12: IC 4-23-6-6 (Concerning medical examiners  
 22 performing certain examinations or autopsies):
- 23 SECTION 404. IC 34-30-2.1-30 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 24 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 30: IC 5-2-2-14(b) (Concerning the state for  
 25 violations of the law enforcement academy building commission law):
- 26 SECTION 405. IC 34-30-2.1-106 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 27 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 106: IC 9-27-6-5(h) (Concerning members of the  
 28 driver education advisory board):
- 29 SECTION 406. IC 34-30-2.1-107 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 107: IC 9-27-7-6(e) (Concerning members of the  
 31 advisory board to the motorcycle operator safety education program):
- 32 SECTION 407. IC 34-30-2.1-127 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 33 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 127: IC 10-18-1-2 (Concerning members of the  
 34 Indiana war memorials commission):
- 35 SECTION 408. IC 34-30-2.1-252 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 36 JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 252: IC 16-41-42.2-5(k) (Concerning members of  
 37 the spinal cord and brain injury research board):
- 38 SECTION 409. IC 35-44.2-3-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 39 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: A member or person employed by the law  
 40 enforcement academy building commission who has a conflict of  
 41 interest with respect to an action by the commission is subject to  
 42 criminal prosecution under IC 5-2-2-11:



1 SECTION 410. IC 35-47.5-2-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
2 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: "~~Commission~~" refers to the fire prevention and  
3 building safety commission established by IC 22-12-2-1.

4 SECTION 411. IC 35-47.5-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
5 SECTION 134, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall issue a  
7 regulated explosives magazine permit to maintain an explosives  
8 magazine to an applicant who qualifies under section 5 of this chapter.

9 (b) A permit issued under subsection (a) expires one (1) year after  
10 it is issued. The permit is limited to storage of the types and maximum  
11 quantities of explosives specified in the permit in the place covered by  
12 the permit and under the construction and location requirements  
13 specified in the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department**.

14 SECTION 412. IC 35-47.5-4-4.5, AS AMENDED BY  
15 P.L.187-2021, SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4.5. (a) This section  
17 does not apply to:

- 18 (1) a person who is regulated under IC 14-34; or
- 19 (2) near surface or subsurface use of regulated explosives  
20 associated with oil and natural gas:
  - 21 (A) exploration;
  - 22 (B) development;
  - 23 (C) production; or
  - 24 (D) abandonment activities or procedures.

25 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
26 to:

- 27 (1) govern the use of a regulated explosive; and
- 28 (2) establish requirements for the issuance of a license for the use  
29 of a regulated explosive.

30 (c) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall include the following  
31 requirements in the rules adopted under subsection (b):

- 32 (1) Relicensure every three (3) years after the initial issuance of  
33 a license.
- 34 (2) Continuing education as a condition of relicensure.
- 35 (3) An application for licensure or relicensure must be submitted  
36 to the department on forms approved by the ~~commission~~  
37 **department**.
- 38 (4) A fee for licensure and relicensure.
- 39 (5) Reciprocal recognition of a license for the use of a regulated  
40 explosive issued by another state if the licensure requirements of  
41 the other state are substantially similar to the licensure  
42 requirements established by the ~~commission~~ **department**.



1 (d) A person may not use a regulated explosive unless the person  
 2 has a license issued under this section for the use of a regulated  
 3 explosive.

4 (e) The department shall carry out the licensing and relicensing  
 5 program under the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

6 (f) As used in this section, "regulated explosive" does not include  
 7 either of the following:

8 (1) Consumer fireworks (as defined in 27 CFR 555.11).

9 (2) Commercially manufactured black powder in quantities not to  
 10 exceed fifty (50) pounds, if the black powder is intended to be  
 11 used solely for sporting, recreational, or cultural purposes in  
 12 antique firearms or antique devices.

13 SECTION 413. IC 35-47.5-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify for a  
 15 regulated explosives permit, an applicant must:

16 (1) submit information on the form provided by the state fire  
 17 marshal describing:

18 (A) the location of the affected magazine;

19 (B) the types and maximum quantities of explosives that will  
 20 be kept in the place covered by the application; and

21 (C) the distance that the affected magazine will be located  
 22 from the nearest highway, railway, and structure that is also  
 23 used as a place of habitation or assembly other than for the  
 24 manufacture of explosives;

25 (2) except as provided in subdivision (3), demonstrate through an  
 26 inspection that the magazine is constructed and located in  
 27 accordance with the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~;  
 28 **department**;

29 (3) demonstrate through an inspection that smoking, matches,  
 30 open flames, and spark producing devices are not allowed within  
 31 a room containing an indoor magazine; and

32 (4) pay the fee under IC 22-12-6-6.

33 (b) To qualify for the renewal of a regulated explosives permit, the  
 34 applicant must pay the fee under IC 22-12-6-6.

35 SECTION 414. IC 35-47.5-4-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. (a) This section does  
 37 not apply to storage that is exempted from the requirements of this  
 38 section in the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under  
 39 IC 22-13-3.

40 (b) A person who:

41 (1) stores a regulated explosive;

42 (2) has control over a regulated explosive that is stored; or



1 (3) has control over a place where a regulated explosive is stored;  
 2 without a regulated explosives magazine permit issued under this  
 3 chapter that covers the storage commits a Class C infraction.

4 SECTION 415. IC 35-47.5-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
 5 SECTION 617, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. A person who recklessly  
 7 violates a rule regarding the use of a regulated explosive adopted by the  
 8 **commission department** under IC 35-47.5-4-4.5 commits a Class A  
 9 misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

- 10 (1) a Level 6 felony if the violation of the rule proximately causes  
 11 bodily injury; and  
 12 (2) a Level 5 felony if the violation of the rule proximately causes  
 13 death.

14 SECTION 416. IC 35-52-5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 15 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 3. IC 5-2-2-11 defines a crime concerning the law  
 16 enforcement academy building commission.~~

17 SECTION 417. IC 35-52-16-93 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 18 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 93. IC 16-46-6-12 defines a crime concerning state  
 19 health grants and programs.~~

20 SECTION 418. IC 36-1-7-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as  
 22 provided in subsection (b) and regardless of the requirements of section  
 23 4 of this chapter, if an agreement under section 3 of this chapter  
 24 concerns the provision of services or facilities that a state officer or  
 25 state agency has power to control, the agreement must be submitted to  
 26 that officer or agency for approval before it takes effect.

27 (b) If a reciprocal borrowing agreement under section 3 of this  
 28 chapter concerns the provision of library services or facilities between  
 29 public libraries that are of the same nature as the services provided  
 30 under the statewide library card program under IC 4-23-7.1-5.1, the  
 31 reciprocal borrowing agreement is not required to be submitted to the  
 32 Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board for approval before the reciprocal  
 33 borrowing agreement takes effect, but a copy of the reciprocal  
 34 borrowing agreement shall be submitted to the state library.

35 (c) Approval or disapproval is governed by the same provisions  
 36 prescribed by section 4(b) of this chapter for the attorney general.

37 SECTION 419. IC 36-1-12-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 38 SECTION 138, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) The board must, within sixty  
 40 (60) days after the completion of the public work project, file in the  
 41 department of homeland security a complete set of final record  
 42 drawings for the public work project. However, this requirement does



1 not apply to a public work project constructed at a cost less than one  
 2 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). In addition, the filing of the  
 3 drawings is required only if the project involves a public building.

4 (b) The department of homeland security shall provide a depository  
 5 for all final record drawings filed, and retain them for inspection and  
 6 loan under regulated conditions. The ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 7 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** may designate  
 8 the librarian of Indiana as the custodian of the final record drawings.  
 9 The librarian shall preserve the final record drawings in the state  
 10 archives as public documents.

11 SECTION 420. IC 36-7-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 12 SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9. Each unit shall require compliance with:

- 14 (1) the code of building laws and fire safety laws that is adopted  
 15 in the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 16 **department of homeland security** under IC 22-13;  
 17 (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the  
 18 code of building laws and fire safety laws described in  
 19 subdivision (1);  
 20 (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the code of building  
 21 laws described in subdivision (1);  
 22 (4) IC 22-15-3-7; and  
 23 (5) a written interpretation of a building law and fire safety law  
 24 binding on the unit under IC 22-13-5-3 or IC 22-13-5-4.

25 SECTION 421. IC 36-7-2-9.1, AS AMENDED BY THE  
 26 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
 27 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 28 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 9.1. (a) This section does not apply to:

- 29 (1) a manufactured housing community; or  
 30 (2) a mobile home community;

31 that is licensed, permitted, and inspected by the Indiana department of  
 32 health or a local board of health.

33 (b) This section applies only to a city, town, or county that requires  
 34 a building permit, plan review, or inspection for the construction of a  
 35 Class 2 structure.

36 (c) As used in this section, "Class 2 structure" has the meaning set  
 37 forth in IC 22-12-1-5.

38 (d) A city, town, or county shall allow the plan review or inspection  
 39 to be conducted by the following:

- 40 (1) An individual who is employed by the city, town, or county as  
 41 a building inspector.  
 42 (2) An individual who is employed by another city, town, or



1 county as a building inspector.  
 2 (3) A private provider who is:  
 3 (A) an architect registered under IC 25-4-1;  
 4 (B) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31-1; or  
 5 (C) a certified building official (as defined in ~~IC 36-7-2.5-3~~;  
 6 **IC 36-7-2.5-4**).

7 (e) An applicant for a building permit may choose to have a private  
 8 provider under subsection (d)(3) conduct the plan review or inspection  
 9 as provided in IC 36-7-2.5.

10 SECTION 422. IC 36-7-4-1 108, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2024,  
 11 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1108. (a) This section applies only to a child care  
 13 home that is used as the primary residence of the person who operates  
 14 the child care home regardless of whether the child care home meets  
 15 the definition set forth in IC 12-7-2-28.6.

16 (b) A zoning ordinance may not do any of the following:  
 17 (1) Exclude a child care home from a residential area solely  
 18 because the child care home is a business.  
 19 (2) Impose limits on the number of children that may be served by  
 20 a child care home at any one (1) time that vary from the limits set  
 21 forth in IC 12-7-2-33.7 and IC 12-7-2-33.8.  
 22 (3) Impose requirements or restrictions upon child care homes  
 23 that vary from the requirements and restrictions imposed upon  
 24 child care homes by rules adopted by the division of family  
 25 resources or the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~;  
 26 **department of homeland security**.

27 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a child care home may be  
 28 required to meet the same:  
 29 (1) zoning requirements;  
 30 (2) developmental standards; and  
 31 (3) building codes;  
 32 that apply to other residential structures in the same residential district  
 33 or classification as the child care home.

34 SECTION 423. IC 36-7-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
 35 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) The legislative body of a county having a  
 37 county department of buildings or joint city-county building  
 38 department may, by ordinance, adopt building, heating, ventilating, air  
 39 conditioning, electrical, plumbing, and sanitation standards for  
 40 unincorporated areas of the county. These standards take effect only on  
 41 the legislative body's receipt of written approval from the ~~fire~~  
 42 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~; **department of homeland**



- 1 **security.**
- 2 (b) An ordinance adopted under this section must be based on
- 3 occupancy, and it applies to:
- 4 (1) the construction, alteration, equipment, use, occupancy,
- 5 location, and maintenance of buildings, structures, and
- 6 appurtenances that are on land or over water and are:
- 7 (A) erected after the ordinance takes effect; and
- 8 (B) if expressly provided by the ordinance, existing when the
- 9 ordinance takes effect;
- 10 (2) conversions of buildings and structures, or parts of them, from
- 11 one occupancy classification to another; and
- 12 (3) the movement or demolition of buildings, structures, and
- 13 equipment for the operation of buildings and structures.
- 14 (c) The rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~
- 15 **department of homeland security** are the minimum standards upon
- 16 which ordinances adopted under this section must be based.
- 17 (d) An ordinance adopted under this section does not apply to
- 18 private homes that are built by individuals and used for their own
- 19 occupancy. However, onsite sewage systems of a private home
- 20 described in this subsection must comply with state laws and rules.
- 21 SECTION 424. IC 36-7-8-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The legislative
- 23 body of a county having a county department of buildings or a joint
- 24 city-county building department may, by ordinance, adopt minimum
- 25 housing standards for unincorporated areas of the county. These
- 26 standards must be consistent with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and~~
- 27 ~~building safety commission.~~ **department of homeland security.**
- 28 (b) An ordinance adopted under this section applies to:
- 29 (1) residential buildings;
- 30 (2) residential parts of mixed occupancy buildings; and
- 31 (3) conversions of buildings from nonresidential to residential or
- 32 partly residential.
- 33 (c) A municipality may elect, by ordinance, to make itself subject to
- 34 an ordinance adopted under this section.
- 35 (d) This section does not affect IC 16-41-26.
- 36 SECTION 425. IC 36-8-17-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 37 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the fire~~
- 38 ~~prevention and building safety commission.~~
- 39 SECTION 426. IC 36-8-17-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. As used in this
- 41 chapter, "fire safety law" means any law, including rules and orders of
- 42 the ~~commission;~~ **department,** safeguarding life or property from the



1 hazards of fire or explosion.

2 SECTION 427. IC 36-8-17-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2023,  
3 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) A fire department serving an area that does  
5 not include a city may engage in an inspection program to promote  
6 compliance with fire safety laws. Upon the request of an owner or a  
7 primary lessee who resides in a private dwelling, the fire department  
8 may inspect the interior of the private dwelling to determine  
9 compliance with IC 22-11-18-3.5. The fire department shall maintain  
10 a written report for each inspection. These reports shall be made  
11 available to the department upon request.

12 (b) The fire department serving an area that includes a city shall  
13 inspect every place and public way within the jurisdiction of the city,  
14 except the interiors of private dwellings, for compliance with the fire  
15 safety laws. Upon the request of an owner or a primary lessee who  
16 resides in a private dwelling, the fire department may inspect the  
17 interior of the private dwelling to determine compliance with  
18 IC 22-11-18-3.5. Except as otherwise provided in the rules adopted by  
19 the ~~commission~~, **department**, the fire chief of the fire department shall  
20 specify the schedule under which places and public ways are inspected  
21 and may exclude a class of places or public ways from inspection under  
22 this section, if the fire chief determines that the public interest will be  
23 served without inspection. The fire department shall maintain a written  
24 report for each inspection. The fire department shall submit monthly  
25 reports to the department, on forms prescribed by the department,  
26 containing the following information:

- 27 (1) The total number of inspections made.  
28 (2) The total number of defects found, classified as required by  
29 the office.  
30 (3) The total number of orders issued for correction of each class  
31 of defect.  
32 (4) The total number of orders complied with.

33 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), an inspection may only be  
34 carried out by an individual who:

- 35 (1) is a firefighter who meets, at a minimum, the training  
36 requirements described in IC 36-8-10.5; or  
37 (2) has:  
38 (A) obtained certification as a:  
39 (i) fire inspector I as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-12;  
40 (ii) fire inspector II as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-13; or  
41 (iii) fire inspector I/II as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-13.1;  
42 and



- 1 (B) in the case of an individual who is not an employee of a  
 2 fire department, completed at least two (2) years of experience  
 3 as a fire inspector described in clause (A)(i) through (A)(iii).  
 4 (d) A volunteer fire department may carry out inspections under this  
 5 section only through an individual who is certified under  
 6 IC 22-14-2-6(c).
- 7 SECTION 428. IC 36-8-17-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. (a) An order issued  
 9 under section 9 or 10 of this chapter may be appealed to the  
 10 **commission department** under IC 4-21.5-3-7. A decision to deny a  
 11 request to modify or reverse an order issued under section 10 of this  
 12 chapter is not appealable.
- 13 (b) If an order issued under section 9 or 10 of this chapter is  
 14 appealed, the **commission department** or its designee shall conduct all  
 15 administrative proceedings under IC 4-21.5. In its proceedings, the  
 16 **commission department** may modify or reverse the order.
- 17 SECTION 429. IC 36-8-17-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. The **commission**  
 19 **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this  
 20 chapter.
- 21 SECTION 430. IC 36-12-1-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,  
 22 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. "Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board" refers to  
 24 the Indiana library ~~and historical~~ board established by IC 4-23-7-2.
- 25 SECTION 431. IC 36-12-3-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2012,  
 26 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 27 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 16. (a) The library board may adopt a resolution  
 28 allowing money to be disbursed under this section for lawful library  
 29 purposes, including advertising and promoting the programs and  
 30 services of the library.
- 31 (b) With the prior written approval of the library board and if the  
 32 library board has adopted a resolution under subsection (a), claim  
 33 payments may be made in advance of library board allowance for any  
 34 of the following types of expenses:
- 35 (1) Property or services purchased or leased from the federal
  - 36 government or the federal government's agencies and the state,
  - 37 the state's agencies, or the state's political subdivisions.
  - 38 (2) Dues, subscriptions, and publications.
  - 39 (3) License or permit fees.
  - 40 (4) Insurance premiums.
  - 41 (5) Utility payments or connection charges.
  - 42 (6) Federal grant programs where:



- 1 (A) advance funding is not prohibited; and  
 2 (B) the contracting party posts sufficient security to cover the  
 3 amount advanced.  
 4 (7) Grants of state funds authorized by statute.  
 5 (8) Maintenance and service agreements.  
 6 (9) Legal retainer fees.  
 7 (10) Conference fees.  
 8 (11) Expenses related to the educational or professional  
 9 development of an individual employed by the library board,  
 10 including:  
 11 (A) inservice training;  
 12 (B) attending seminars or other special courses of instruction;  
 13 and  
 14 (C) tuition reimbursement;  
 15 if the library board determines that the expenditures under this  
 16 subdivision directly benefit the library.  
 17 (12) Leases or rental agreements.  
 18 (13) Bond or coupon payments.  
 19 (14) Payroll costs.  
 20 (15) State, federal, or county taxes.  
 21 (16) Expenses that must be paid because of emergency  
 22 circumstances.  
 23 (17) Expenses incurred to advertise and promote the programs  
 24 and services of the library.  
 25 (18) Other expenses described in a library board resolution.  
 26 The library board shall review and allow the claim at the library board's  
 27 first regular or special meeting following the payment of a claim under  
 28 this section.  
 29 (c) Each payment of expenses lawfully incurred for library purposes  
 30 must be supported by a fully itemized invoice or other documentation.  
 31 The library director shall certify to the library board before payment  
 32 that each claim for payment is true and correct. The certification must  
 33 be on a form prescribed by the state board of accounts.  
 34 (d) Purchases of books, magazines, pamphlets, films, filmstrips,  
 35 microforms, microfilms, slides, transparencies, phonodiscs,  
 36 phonotapes, models, art reproductions, and all other forms of library  
 37 and audiovisual materials are exempt from the restrictions imposed by  
 38 IC 5-22.  
 39 (e) The purchase of library automation systems must meet the  
 40 standards established by the Indiana library and historical board under  
 41 IC 4-23-7.1-11(b).  
 42 SECTION 432. IC 36-12-11-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,



1 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the  
3 Indiana library and historical board established by IC 4-23-7-2.

4 SECTION 433. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027] (a) As used in this  
5 SECTION, "commission" means the Indiana commission for arts  
6 and humanities in education created by IC 4-23-12-1 (before its  
7 repeal by this act).

8 (b) As used in this SECTION, "department" means the  
9 department of education.

10 (c) On July 1, 2027, all agreements and liabilities of the  
11 commission are transferred to the department, as the successor  
12 agency.

13 (d) On July 1, 2027, all records and property of the commission,  
14 including appropriations and other funds under the control or  
15 supervision of the commission, are transferred to the department,  
16 as the successor agency.

17 (e) After June 30, 2027, any amounts owed to the commission  
18 before July 1, 2027, are considered to be owed to the department,  
19 as the successor agency.

20 (f) After June 30, 2027, a reference to the commission in a  
21 statute, rule, contract, lease, or other document is considered a  
22 reference to the department, as the successor agency.

23 (g) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the  
24 commission with respect to bonds issued by the commission in  
25 connection with any trust agreement or indenture securing those  
26 bonds are transferred to the department, as the successor agency.  
27 The rights of the trustee under any trust agreement or indenture  
28 and the rights of the bondholders of the commission remain  
29 unchanged, although the powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities  
30 of the commission have been transferred to the department, as the  
31 successor agency.

32 (h) The terms of all members serving on the commission expire  
33 July 1, 2027.

34 (i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.

35 SECTION 434. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027] (a) As used in this  
36 SECTION, "commission" means the law enforcement academy  
37 building commission created by IC 5-2-2-1 (before its repeal by this  
38 act).

39 (b) As used in this SECTION, "department" means the state  
40 police department.

41 (c) On July 1, 2027, all agreements and liabilities of the  
42 commission are transferred to the department, as the successor



- 1 agency.
- 2 (d) On July 1, 2027, all records and property of the commission,  
3 including appropriations and other funds under the control or  
4 supervision of the commission, are transferred to the department,  
5 as the successor agency.
- 6 (e) After June 30, 2027, any amounts owed to the commission  
7 before July 1, 2027, are considered to be owed to the department,  
8 as the successor agency.
- 9 (f) After June 30, 2027, a reference to the commission in a  
10 statute, rule, contract, lease, or other document is considered a  
11 reference to the department, as the successor agency.
- 12 (g) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the  
13 commission with respect to bonds issued by the commission in  
14 connection with any trust agreement or indenture securing those  
15 bonds are transferred to the department, as the successor agency.  
16 The rights of the trustee under any trust agreement or indenture  
17 and the rights of the bondholders of the commission remain  
18 unchanged, although the powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities  
19 of the commission have been transferred to the department, as the  
20 successor agency.
- 21 (h) The terms of all members serving on the commission expire  
22 July 1, 2027.
- 23 (i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.
- 24 SECTION 435. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027] (a) As used in this  
25 SECTION, "CHLA" refers to the commission on Hispanic/Latino  
26 affairs established by IC 4-23-28-2 (before its repeal by this act).
- 27 (b) As used in this SECTION, "CSSBM" refers to the  
28 commission on the social status of black males established by  
29 IC 4-23-31-2 (before its repeal by this act).
- 30 (c) As used in this SECTION, "ICW" refers to the Indiana  
31 commission for women created by IC 4-23-25-3 (before its repeal  
32 by this act).
- 33 (d) As used in this SECTION, "NAIAC" refers to the Native  
34 American Indian affairs commission established by IC 4-23-32-3  
35 (before its repeal by this act).
- 36 (e) As used in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the  
37 Indiana cultural commission established by IC 4-23-36-3 (as added  
38 by this act).
- 39 (f) On July 1, 2027, all agreements and liabilities of the:  
40 (1) CHLA;  
41 (2) CSSBM;  
42 (3) ICW; or



- 1           **(4) NAIAC;**  
 2           **are transferred to the commission as the successor entity.**  
 3           **(g) On July 1, 2027, all records and property, including**  
 4           **appropriations and other funds under an entity's control or**  
 5           **supervision, of the:**  
 6               **(1) CHLA;**  
 7               **(2) CSSBM;**  
 8               **(3) ICW; or**  
 9               **(4) NAIAC;**  
 10          **are transferred to the commission as the successor entity.**  
 11          **(h) After June 30, 2027, any amount owed to the:**  
 12               **(1) CHLA;**  
 13               **(2) CSSBM;**  
 14               **(3) ICW; or**  
 15               **(4) NAIAC;**  
 16          **is considered to be owed to the commission as the successor entity.**  
 17          **The commission shall transfer any amounts received under this**  
 18          **subsection to the state comptroller for deposit in the state general**  
 19          **fund.**  
 20          **(i) After June 30, 2027, any reference to the:**  
 21               **(1) CHLA;**  
 22               **(2) CSSBM;**  
 23               **(3) ICW; or**  
 24               **(4) NAIAC;**  
 25          **in a statute, rule, or other document is considered a reference to**  
 26          **the commission as the successor entity.**  
 27          **(j) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the:**  
 28               **(1) CHLA;**  
 29               **(2) CSSBM;**  
 30               **(3) ICW; or**  
 31               **(4) NAIAC;**  
 32          **relating to bonds issued by the board in connection with any trust**  
 33          **agreement or indenture securing those bonds are transferred to the**  
 34          **commission as the successor entity. The rights of the trustee under**  
 35          **any trust agreement or indenture and the rights of bondholders**  
 36          **described in this subsection remain unchanged although the**  
 37          **powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the ICW, CHLA,**  
 38          **CSSBM, and NAIAC, as applicable, have been transferred to the**  
 39          **commission as the successor entity.**  
 40          **(k) The term of any member serving as of June 30, 2027, on the:**  
 41               **(1) CHLA;**  
 42               **(2) CSSBM;**



1           **(3) ICW; or**  
 2           **(4) NAIAC;**  
 3 **expires July 1, 2027.**

4           **(l) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**

5           SECTION 436. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027] **(a) As used in this**  
 6 **SECTION, "commission" means the occupational safety standards**  
 7 **commission created by IC 22-8-1.1-7 (before its repeal by this act).**

8           **(b) As used in this SECTION, "board" means the board of**  
 9 **safety review created by IC 22-8-1.1-30.1.**

10           **(c) On July 1, 2027, all agreements and liabilities of the**  
 11 **commission are transferred to the board, as the successor entity.**

12           **(d) On July 1, 2027, all records and property of the commission,**  
 13 **including appropriations and other funds under the control or**  
 14 **supervision of the commission, are transferred to the board, as the**  
 15 **successor entity.**

16           **(e) After June 30, 2027, any amounts owed to the commission**  
 17 **before July 1, 2027, are considered to be owed to the board, as the**  
 18 **successor entity.**

19           **(f) After June 30, 2027, a reference to the commission in a**  
 20 **statute, rule, contract, lease, or other document is considered a**  
 21 **reference to the board, as the successor entity.**

22           **(g) Proceedings pending before the commission on July 1, 2027,**  
 23 **shall be transferred from the commission to the board and treated**  
 24 **as if initiated by the board.**

25           **(h) The rules adopted by the commission before July 1, 2027, are**  
 26 **considered, after June 30, 2027, rules of the board.**

27           **(i) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the**  
 28 **commission with respect to bonds issued by the commission in**  
 29 **connection with any trust agreement or indenture securing those**  
 30 **bonds are transferred to the board, as the successor agency. The**  
 31 **rights of the trustee under any trust agreement or indenture and**  
 32 **the rights of the bondholders of the commission remain unchanged,**  
 33 **although the powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the**  
 34 **commission have been transferred to the board, as the successor**  
 35 **entity.**

36           **(j) The terms of all members serving on the commission expire**  
 37 **July 1, 2027.**

38           **(k) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**

39           SECTION 437. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The general**  
 40 **assembly recognizes that HEA 1230-2026 repeals IC 25-1-6,**  
 41 **effective July 1, 2026, and that this act amends IC 25-1-6-3,**  
 42 **effective July 1, 2027. The general assembly intends to repeal**



- 1 **IC 25-1-6 effective July 1, 2026.**
- 2 **(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2027.**
- 3 **SECTION 438. An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform, to which was referred House Bill 1003, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 4.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1003, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 7, between lines 33 and 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 2-5-53.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

**Chapter 53.5. Government Reform Task Force**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "agency" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-22-2-3.**

**Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rule" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-22-2-3.**

**Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the government reform task force established by section 5 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 5. The government reform task force is established.**

**Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e), IC 2-5-1.2 applies to the task force.**

**(b) The task force consists of the following ten (10) members of the general assembly:**

**(1) Three (3) members appointed by the president pro**

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tempore of the senate.

(2) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(3) Three (3) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(4) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

A member of the task force serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(c) The task force shall meet as called by the chair. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the task force shall be subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.

(d) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum. The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.

(e) The:

(1) chairman of the council shall designate the chair; and

(2) vice chairman of the council shall designate the vice chair;

of the task force from the members of the task force. The chair and vice chair of the task force serve as chair and vice chair at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sec. 7. The task force shall study:

(1) the feasibility of transferring the administration of the office of the state chemist from Purdue University to the Indiana state department of agriculture;

(2) any employment issue arising from a transfer of the administration of the office of the state chemist; and

(3) any issue arising from a transfer of any property, records, funds, or accounts of the office of state chemist to the Indiana state department of agriculture.

Sec. 8. The task force may request information or testimony from department or agency heads, or the designee of a department or agency head, as determined necessary by the task force.

Sec. 9. The task force shall:

(1) develop recommendations in a report concerning the issues set forth in section 7 of this chapter; and

(2) submit the report to the council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2026.

Sec. 10. The legislative services agency shall provide support staff to the task force.



**Sec. 11. This chapter expires June 30, 2027."**

Page 10, delete lines 29 through 42.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 64, line 8, after "the" insert "**Indiana**".

Page 110, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 195. IC 14-21-1-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 22.5. (a) The review board shall establish the Indiana historical marker program for marking historical sites in Indiana. As a part of this program, the review board shall fix a state format for historical markers. No person may erect a historical marker in the state format without the approval of the review board. All historical markers in the state format shall be provided by the review board using appropriated funds, local matching funds, donations, grants, or any other funds provided for that purpose according to the guidelines and rules of the historical marker program.**

**(b) The review board may appoint a historical marker advisory committee to serve without compensation. The committee may advise the review board and the director concerning the following:**

- (1) Guidelines and rules for the historical marker program.**
- (2) Appropriate sites to be marked.**
- (3) Other matters concerning the historical marker program as requested by the review board or the director.**

**(c) Historical markers approved under this section, including state format markers installed after 1945 and markers installed by the Indiana Civil War centennial commission, are the property of the state. Maintenance of state historical markers is part of the historical marker program. The review board may cooperate with individuals, local and state agencies, and private institutions and organizations for the maintenance of the historical markers. Funds made available to the historical marker program, as approved by the review board, may be used for necessary maintenance.**

**(d) No historical marker may be erected on a highway of the state highway system without the approval of the review board as to its historical accuracy. This provision is in addition to any other requirement of law."**

Page 133, delete lines 36 through 42.

Delete pages 134 through 138.

Page 139, delete lines 1 through 37.

Page 147, delete lines 15 through 42.

Delete page 148.



- Page 149, delete lines 1 through 22.
- Page 149, delete lines 27 through 42.
- Page 150, delete lines 1 through 28.
- Page 150, delete lines 32 through 37.
- Page 150, delete line 42.
- Page 151, delete lines 1 through 6.
- Page 152, delete lines 19 through 42.
- Delete pages 153 through 154.
- Page 155, delete lines 1 through 16.
- Page 162, delete lines 17 through 42.
- Delete page 163.
- Page 164, delete lines 1 through 13.
- Page 166, line 41, reset in roman "credited to the office of Purdue pesticide programs. The money".
- Page 166, line 42, reset in roman "may be used only to provide education about pesticides."
- Page 166, line 42, delete "deposited in".
- Page 167, delete line 1.
- Delete page 168.
- Page 169, delete lines 1 through 12.
- Page 174, line 37, reset in roman "credited to the office of Purdue pesticide".
- Page 174, reset in roman line 38.
- Page 174, line 39, reset in roman "pesticides."
- Page 174, line 39, delete "deposited in the pesticide use and application fund".
- Page 174, delete line 40.
- Page 184, delete lines 14 through 42.
- Page 185, delete lines 1 through 5.
- Page 197, delete lines 4 through 42.
- Delete page 198.
- Page 227, line 8, after "The" insert "**Indiana**".
- Page 233, delete lines 9 through 42.
- Delete page 234.
- Page 235, delete lines 1 through 41.
- Page 287, line 10, delete "IC 22-10-3-1" and insert "IC 22-10-3-1.1".
- Page 287, line 12, delete "Sec.1." and insert "**Sec. 1.1.**".
- Page 362, delete lines 39 through 42.
- Page 363, delete lines 1 through 5.
- Page 363, delete lines 32 through 34.
- Page 364, delete lines 3 through 7.



Page 364, delete lines 19 through 24.  
 Page 365, delete lines 18 through 23.  
 Page 366, delete lines 10 through 12.  
 Page 366, delete lines 19 through 21.  
 Page 366, delete lines 33 through 42.  
 Delete page 367.  
 Page 368, delete lines 1 through 26.  
 Page 371, delete lines 36 through 42.  
 Delete page 372.  
 Page 373, delete lines 1 through 17.  
 Page 377, line 20, delete "FOLLOWS:" and insert "FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]:".  
 Page 378, delete lines 15 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
 "SECTION 656. IC 25-4-1-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 28. This chapter shall be known and cited as "The Indiana Architectural and Landscape Architectural Act".~~  
 Page 392, delete lines 6 through 7.  
 Page 402, delete lines 22 through 23.  
 Page 406, delete lines 22 through 42.  
 Delete pages 407 through 420.  
 Page 421, delete lines 1 through 8.  
 Page 426, delete lines 2 through 30.  
 Page 433, delete lines 40 through 42.  
 Page 434, delete lines 1 through 31.  
 Page 436, delete lines 5 through 21.  
 Page 450, delete lines 15 through 42.  
 Delete pages 451 through 452.  
 Page 453, delete lines 1 through 12.  
 Page 496, delete lines 15 through 32.  
 Page 498, delete lines 28 through 40.  
 Page 499, delete lines 1 through 9.  
 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
 and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 22, 2026.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 6.

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## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

Page 183, line 39, after "(b)" insert "**The Indiana fire and EMS standards and education commission is created.**".

Page 185, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(h) After December 31, 2026, the rules of the Indiana emergency medical services commission shall be considered the rules of the Indiana fire and EMS standards and education commission."**

Page 287, line 5, delete "2026:" and insert "**2026, are considered, after June 30, 2026, rules of the department. For purposes of applying IC 4-22-2.6 to the readoption of rules transferred by this subsection, the rules shall be treated as not expiring until January 1, 2031. In the interim, except as permitted under IC 4-22-2-38 to make nonsubstantive technical corrections, the department may not revise or repeal the transferred rules, including matters incorporated by reference, until the rules are codified by the general assembly or otherwise authorized by act of the general assembly.**".

Page 287, delete lines 6 through 9.

Page 309, line 31, strike "board" and insert "**commission**".

Page 310, between line 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(f) After December 31, 2026, the rules of the board of firefighting personnel standards and education shall be considered the rules of the Indiana fire and EMS standards and education commission."**

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 27, 2026.)

BARTELS

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 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

Page 74, line 19, strike "commission's" and insert "**department's**".

Page 74, line 37, strike "commission." and insert "**department.**".

Page 75, delete lines 23 through 27.

Page 77, line 2, strike "commission" and insert "**department**".

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Page 77, line 10, strike "commission" and insert "**department**".

Page 78, line 4, strike "commission," and insert "**department,**".

Page 144, line 35, delete "IC 15-11-16-4." and insert "**IC 15-11-16.5-4.**".

Page 194, line 27, strike "board." and insert "**state department.**".

Page 194, line 33, strike "board" and insert "**state department**".

Page 194, line 40, strike "board" and insert "**state department**".

Page 198, line 23, strike "state egg".

Page 199, line 20, strike "state egg".

Page 242, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

**"(D) One (1) member representing the Indiana osteopathic medical association."**

Page 242, line 6, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)".

Page 242, line 8, delete "(E)" and insert "(F)".

Page 242, line 10, delete "(F)" and insert "(G)".

Page 242, line 12, delete "(G)" and insert "(H)".

Page 242, line 14, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)".

Page 242, line 17, delete "(I)" and insert "(J)".

Page 242, line 22, delete "(H)." and insert "(I).".

Page 242, line 23, delete "(J)" and insert "(K)".

Page 261, line 13, strike "Commissioner to Administer - Other Agencies."

Page 261, line 14, strike "such representatives as he may designate" and insert "**the commissioner's designees**".

Page 261, line 17, strike "his" and insert "**the commissioner's**".

Page 272, line 4, strike "of mines and mine safety".

Page 272, line 25, strike "board" and insert "**bureau**".

Page 273, line 4, strike "his duties as he is so" and insert "**the practitioner's duties as**".

Page 273, line 21, strike "he" and insert "**the practitioner**".

Page 273, line 31, strike "his name or certificate issued to him" and insert "**the practitioner's name or the practitioner's certificate issued**".

Page 273, line 33, strike "his" and insert "**the individual's**".

Page 276, line 28, strike "of mines and mine safety".

Page 305, line 4, delete "register" and insert "**Register**".

Page 305, line 13, delete "register." and insert "**Register.**".

Page 305, line 15, delete "register." and insert "**Register.**".

Page 307, line 4, after "the" insert "**state**".

Page 307, line 7, after "the" insert "**state**".

Page 319, line 33, delete "Self Certification" and insert



**"Self-certification".**

Page 320, line 42, delete "section" and insert "**chapter**".

Page 321, line 8, delete "section" and insert "**chapter**".

Page 352, line 25, delete "(a)(1) through (a)(2)" and insert "**(b)(1) through (b)(2)**".

Page 418, line 1, delete "IC 25-4-3;" and insert "**IC 25-4-3,**".

Page 426, line 4, strike "commission's" and insert "**authority's**".

Page 426, line 35, strike "commission," and insert "**authority,**".

Page 426, line 38, strike "commission." and insert "**authority.**".

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 27, 2026.)

BARTELS

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

Page 35, delete lines 22 through 28, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed as follows:**

**(A) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.**

**(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.**

**(2) Two (2) members of the senate appointed as follows:**

**(A) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.**

**(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the senate."**

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 27, 2026.)

HARRIS



HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

- Page 422, delete lines 28 through 42.
- Delete pages 423 through 426.
- Page 427, delete lines 1 through 32.
- Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 27, 2026.)

HARRIS

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

- Page 169, delete line 42.
- Page 170, delete lines 1 through 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 280. IC 16-18-2-37.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008, SECTION 103, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 37.5. (a) "Board", for purposes of IC 16-22-8, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-22-8-2.1.

(b) "Board", for purposes of IC 16-41-42.2, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-42.2-1."

- Page 195, delete lines 19 through 42.
- Delete pages 196 through 201.
- Page 202, delete lines 1 through 39.
- Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 27, 2026.)

CLERE

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

- Page 37, delete lines 21 through 23, begin a new paragraph and insert:

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**"(e) A member of the public who serves on a subcommittee is entitled to receive a minimum salary per diem and to reimbursement for mileage and traveling expenses. Amounts payable under this subsection must be paid:**

- (1) from appropriations made to the civil rights commission; and**
- (2) in the same manner that a per diem, mileage, and traveling expenses are paid to a member of the commission described in section 9(a) of this chapter."**

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 27, 2026.)

PRYOR

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred House Bill No. 1003, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 5, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 7, delete lines 34 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 2-5-53.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

**Chapter 53.5. Agricultural Promotion and Regulation Task Force**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the agricultural promotion and regulation task force established by section 2 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 2. The agricultural promotion and regulation task force is established as a temporary task force which serves the general assembly. The task force shall operate under IC 2-5-1.2.**

**Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following sixteen (16) voting members and two (2) nonvoting members:**

- (1) Two (2) voting members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. However, one (1) member must include the chairperson of the senate agriculture committee.**
- (2) One (1) voting member of the senate appointed by the**

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minority leader of the senate.

(3) Two (2) voting members of the house appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. However, one (1) member must include the chairperson of the house agriculture and rural affairs committee.

(4) One (1) voting member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(5) The dean of the Purdue University School of Agriculture or the dean's designee, who is a voting member.

(6) The dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Purdue University or the dean's designee, who is a voting member.

(7) Eight (8) voting members appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) One (1) member representing the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.

(B) One (1) member representing the Agribusiness Council of Indiana.

(C) One (1) member engaged in poultry production.

(D) One (1) member engaged in dairying.

(E) One (1) member engaged in swine production.

(F) One (1) member engaged in beef-type cattle production.

(G) One (1) member engaged in corn production.

(H) One (1) member engaged in soybean production.

(8) The director of the Indiana state department of agriculture who serves ex officio and is a nonvoting member.

(9) The governor's senior policy adviser, or the adviser's designee, who is a nonvoting member.

(b) The members appointed under subsection (a) serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sec. 4. The legislative council shall appoint either the chairperson of the senate agriculture committee or the chairperson of the house agriculture and rural affairs committee as the chairperson of the task force for the duration of the task force.

Sec. 5. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the appointing authority.

Sec. 6. Nine (9) voting members of the task force constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members appointed to the task force is required for the task force to take action on any measure, including final reports.



**Sec. 8. The task force shall meet at least four (4) times. A meeting of the task force shall be called by the chairperson.**

**Sec. 9. (a) The task force shall study the following:**

**(1) Whether changing the Indiana state department of agriculture into a regulatory agency compromises the department's advocacy role for the agriculture industry.**

**(2) Whether changes are needed:**

**(A) to the Indiana state department of agriculture; or**

**(B) to any other state entity that:**

**(i) promotes;**

**(ii) regulates; or**

**(iii) provides advice concerning;**

**agriculture in Indiana;**

**to improve the state's future promotional and regulatory functions in the agricultural industry.**

**(3) Current and future challenges and opportunities in the agricultural industry.**

**(4) The interrelationship of all agricultural state entities, including any informational or regulatory gaps or overlaps between the state entities.**

**(b) If the task force determines that the transfer of administration and functions of a state entity from Purdue University is appropriate, the task force shall study the following:**

**(1) Whether employment issues will arise from transferring administration, employees, or functions of a state entity described in this subsection from Purdue University to another state entity.**

**(2) Whether issues will arise from the transfer of any:**

**(A) property;**

**(B) records;**

**(C) funds; or**

**(D) accounts;**

**from Purdue University to another state entity.**

**(3) The feasibility of transferring administration and functions of the state entities described in this subsection from Purdue University to another state entity.**

**Sec. 10. The task force shall request information and testimony from:**

**(1) agricultural associations, organizations, and businesses; and**

**(2) heads or designees of state entities that:**

**(A) promote;**



- (B) regulate; or
- (C) provide advice concerning;  
agriculture in Indiana.

**Sec. 11. The task force shall:**

- (1) develop recommendations in a report concerning the issues set forth in section 9 of this chapter; and
- (2) submit the report to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2026.

**Sec. 12. The legislative services agency shall staff the task force.**

**Sec. 13. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state employee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established by the legislative council.**

**(b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.**

**(c) Each member of the task force who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study committees established by the legislative council.**

**(d) Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this chapter shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.**

**Sec. 14. The task force's expenses shall be paid from appropriations to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.**

**Sec. 15. This chapter expires June 30, 2027."**

Delete page 8.

Page 9, delete lines 1 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 4-1-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2008, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. It is the intent of this chapter that state offices be open and able to conduct public business at all times during an eight and one-half (8 1/2) hour working day. Each employee shall work for a full seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours each working day and provision for a one (1) hour lunch period shall be provided each employee. Lunch hours of employees shall be staggered to permit the conduct of business



at all times during a working day. Breaks shall be provided as set forth in IC 5-10-6-2. It shall be lawful for state offices to close their doors for business from the close of the working day each Friday or in the event Friday is a legal holiday, then from the close of the working day on the Thursday which immediately precedes such legal holiday, until the commencement of the working day on the next following Monday, or in the event Monday is a legal holiday, then until the commencement of the working day on the Tuesday which immediately follows such legal holiday; provided, however, that the state library may be kept open until noon Saturdays in the discretion of the Indiana library and historical board.

SECTION 2. IC 4-3-29 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

**Chapter 29. Governor's Workforce Cabinet**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicable federal program" refers to the federal human resource programs for which the cabinet has authority to make recommendations as listed in section 4 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "cabinet" refers to the governor's workforce cabinet established by section 3 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 3. The governor's workforce cabinet is established under the applicable state and federal programs to do the following:**

**(1) Review the services and use of funds and resources under applicable state and federal programs and advise the governor, general assembly, commission for higher education, and state board of education on methods of coordinating the services and use of funds and resources consistent with the laws and regulations governing the particular applicable state and federal programs.**

**(2) Advise the governor, general assembly, commission for higher education, and state board of education on:**

**(A) the development and implementation of state and local standards and measures; and**

**(B) the coordination of the standards and measures; concerning the applicable federal programs.**

**(3) Perform the duties as set forth in federal law of the particular advisory bodies for applicable federal programs described in section 4 of this chapter.**

**(4) Identify the workforce needs in Indiana and recommend to the governor, general assembly, commission for higher**



education, and state board of education goals to meet the investment needs.

(5) Recommend to the governor, general assembly, commission for higher education, and state board of education goals for the development and coordination of the talent development system in Indiana.

(6) Prepare and recommend to the governor, general assembly, commission for higher education, and state board of education a strategic plan to accomplish the goals developed under subdivisions (4) and (5).

(7) Monitor and direct the implementation of and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategic plan described in subdivision (6).

(8) Advise the governor, general assembly, commission for higher education, and state board of education on the coordination of federal, state, and local education and training programs and on the allocation of state and federal funds in Indiana to promote effective services, service delivery, and innovative programs.

(9) Review and approve regional workforce development board plans, and work with regional workforce development boards to determine appropriate metrics for workforce programming at the state and local levels.

(10) Carry out other policy duties and tasks as assigned by the governor.

**Sec. 4. (a) The cabinet shall serve as the state advisory body required under the following federal laws:**

(1) The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 under 29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq., including reauthorizations of WIOA.

(2) The Wagner-Peyser Act under 29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.

(3) The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 under 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.

(4) The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act under 20 U.S.C. 9201 et seq.

**(b) In addition, the cabinet may be designated to serve as the state advisory body required under any of the following federal laws upon approval of the particular state agency directed to administer the particular federal law:**

(1) The National and Community Service Act of 1990 under 42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.

(2) Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act under 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.



**(3) The employment and training programs established under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 under 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.**

**Sec. 5. (a) The membership of the governor's workforce cabinet established by section 3 of this chapter consists of at least thirty-one (31) members as follows:**

- (1) A chairperson appointed by the governor.**
- (2) The secretary of career connections and talent, serving as a nonvoting member.**
- (3) The commissioner of the department of workforce development.**
- (4) The secretary of commerce or the secretary of commerce's designee, serving as a nonvoting member.**
- (5) The commissioner of the Indiana commission for higher education.**
- (6) The secretary of education.**
- (7) The president of Ivy Tech Community College.**
- (8) The president of Vincennes University.**
- (9) One (1) member representing a research university appointed by the governor.**
- (10) One (1) member representing a comprehensive university or an independent college appointed by the governor.**
- (11) A member appointed by the governor who is an apprenticeship coordinator of a joint labor-management apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship.**
- (12) A member representing high school career and technical education educators or directors appointed by the governor in consultation with the Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education Districts.**
- (13) Either:**
  - (A) a member representing manufacturing appointed by the governor in consultation with the Indiana Manufacturers Association; or**
  - (B) an employee of the Indiana Manufacturers Association appointed by the governor.**
- (14) A member representing a minority business enterprise appointed by the governor.**
- (15) A member representing a women's business enterprise appointed by the governor.**
- (16) A member representing a veteran owned business appointed by the governor.**



(17) A member representing the nonunion and construction trades appointed by the governor in consultation with the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and the Indiana Builders Association.

(18) Either:

(A) a business owner appointed by the governor in consultation with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce; or

(B) an employee of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce appointed by the governor.

(19) A small business owner appointed by the governor in consultation with the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

(20) A member of a community-based organization appointed by the governor.

(21) Three (3) at-large business owners appointed by the governor, one (1) of whom is a business owner who employs less than fifty (50) employees. One (1) member appointed under this subdivision shall be from an organization representing technology.

(22) A school principal, appointed by the governor.

(23) A school superintendent, appointed by the governor.

(24) The commissioner of the department of correction, serving as a nonvoting member.

(25) The secretary of family and social services, serving as a nonvoting member.

(26) A member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(27) A member of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(28) Any additional members designated and appointed by the governor.

(b) The members appointed under subsection (a)(13) through (a)(21) must be geographically diverse.

Sec. 6. The cabinet shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

Sec. 7. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, members appointed to the cabinet serve four (4) year terms. The terms of members who are not members of the general assembly expire as follows:

(1) For a member appointed under section 5(a)(9) through 5(a)(17) of this chapter, December 31, 2028, and every fourth year thereafter.

(2) For a member appointed under section 5(a)(18) through



5(a)(23) of this chapter or under section 5(a)(28) of this chapter, December 31, 2030, and every fourth year thereafter. The governor must rotate appointments described in section 5(a)(9) and 5(a)(10) of this chapter so that the same research university, comprehensive university, or independent college is not represented on the cabinet for two (2) consecutive terms.

(b) The members of the general assembly appointed under section 5(a)(26) or 5(a)(27) of this chapter serve two (2) year terms that expire June 30 of an odd-numbered year. The appropriate appointing authority shall fill a vacancy among the legislative members of the cabinet.

(c) The chairperson appointed under section 5 of this chapter serves at the pleasure of the governor.

(d) For members appointed by the governor, the governor shall promptly make an appointment to fill any vacancy on the cabinet, but only for the duration of the unexpired term.

Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and subject to the approval of the chairperson, the state personnel department, and the budget agency, the cabinet may employ professional, technical, and clerical personnel necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this chapter using the following:

- (1) Funds available under applicable federal and state programs.
- (2) Appropriations by the general assembly for this purpose.
- (3) Funds in the state technology advancement and retention account established by IC 4-12-12-1.
- (4) Other funds (other than federal funds) available to the cabinet for this purpose.

(b) The chairperson may contract for services necessary to implement this chapter.

(c) The cabinet is subject to:

- (1) the allotment system administered by the budget agency; and
- (2) financial oversight by the office of management and budget.

Sec. 9. (a) Any member of the cabinet who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement for mileage, traveling expenses under IC 4-13-1-4, and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget



agency.

(b) Any member of the cabinet who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(c) Any member of the cabinet who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

(d) Expenses paid under subsections (a) and (b) shall be paid from appropriations made to the cabinet.

**Sec. 10. (a)** The cabinet shall adopt bylaws and rules governing the cabinet's organization and operation, including bylaws and rules governing the establishment of advisory committees considered necessary by the cabinet, scheduling of cabinet meetings, and other activities necessary to implement this chapter.

(b) The cabinet's meetings and advisory committee meetings are subject to IC 5-14-1.5 (open door law).

**Sec. 11.** The state shall certify to:

- (1) the United States Secretary of Labor the establishment and membership of the cabinet before the beginning of each period of two (2) program years for which a job training plan is submitted under this chapter; and
- (2) any other appropriate United States Secretary charged with administering a particular applicable federal program the establishment and membership of the cabinet."

Page 10, line 27, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 11, line 3, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 11, delete lines 12 through 42.

Page 12, delete lines 1 through 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 9. IC 4-15-12-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: (a) There is created the affirmative action advisory committee to assist in the effective implementation of the affirmative action policy. The committee is composed of eight (8) members. The governor shall appoint the members of the committee with the advice of the affirmative action officer. The members serve at the pleasure of the governor:



(b) A member of the committee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the budget agency. A member who is not an officer or employee of the state is entitled to the minimum salary per diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) while performing the member's duties.

(c) The committee shall select from its membership a chairperson and vice chairperson to serve for one (1) year from the date of selection. They may be reelected at the pleasure of the committee. In any instance where the chairperson or vice chairperson does not serve the chairperson's or vice chairperson's full term, the committee shall select another to serve in the chairperson's or vice chairperson's own right a full term.

(d) The affirmative action advisory committee shall:

(1) provide liaison activities with the affirmative action officer with respect to problems and suggestions concerning the affirmative action policy;

(2) advise the affirmative action officer and the governor of recommended changes in the implementation of the affirmative action policy and improved guidelines for state agency programs; and

(3) advise the governor and the affirmative action officer concerning the effectiveness and status of the total implementation of the affirmative action policy.

(e) The affirmative action advisory committee may review the affirmative action programs of state agencies for effectiveness and improvements."

Page 12, line 9, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 12, line 14, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**July 1, 2027,**".

Page 12, line 16, delete "June 30, 2026." and insert "**June 30, 2027.**".

Page 12, line 19, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 14, line 42, delete "MAY 15, 2026]" and insert "JULY 1, 2027]".

Page 15, delete lines 38 through 42.

Delete pages 16 through 21.

Page 22, delete lines 1 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 25. IC 4-23-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. (Commission on Forensic Sciences)."

Page 22, line 18, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 22, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 23, line 29, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 23, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 24, line 1, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 24, line 12, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 24, line 31, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 25, line 7, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 25, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 25, line 30, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 25, line 39, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 26, delete lines 4 through 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 37. IC 4-23-7.1-39.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 39.1: (a) The state library advisory council is established for the purpose of advising the board and the state librarian concerning:

- (1) general policies of the state library;
- (2) plans or programs for library development and interlibrary cooperation;
- (3) library research;
- (4) professional development for librarians;
- (5) standards and rules for library services;
- (6) administration and distribution of state and federal funds; and
- (7) other matters as requested by the board and the state librarian.

(b) The advisory council consists of not more than fifteen (15) members:

(c) The board shall appoint the members of the advisory council, with nominations for appointment from library organizations and the state librarian:

(d) Members of the advisory council shall serve two (2) year terms. However, the board shall stagger the terms of the initial appointees:

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), if a member misses a majority of the advisory council's meetings in a calendar year, the board may remove the member and appoint a new member to serve the remainder of the term of the member removed under this subsection:

(f) A member of the advisory council is not entitled to compensation, per diem, or reimbursement for expenses:

(g) A quorum of the members must be present for the advisory council to take any official action. A quorum of the advisory council consists of a majority of the members appointed to the advisory council. An affirmative vote by a majority of the members present is needed for the advisory council to make a recommendation or take any



official action:".

Page 26, line 39, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 27, delete lines 14 through 42.

Delete page 28.

Page 29, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 29, line 20, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 29, delete lines 21 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 42. IC 4-23-24.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission).".

Delete pages 30 through 31.

Page 32, delete lines 1 through 31.

Page 32, line 33, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 32, delete lines 34 through 40, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 52. IC 4-23-26 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2027]. (Advisory Committee for Children With Special Health Needs).

SECTION 53. IC 4-23-27 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. (Children's Health Policy Board).".

Page 32, line 42, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 33, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 33, line 4, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 33, delete lines 5 through 42.

Delete page 34.

Page 35, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 35, line 9, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 37, delete lines 11 through 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(c) A subcommittee designated under this section is comprised of at least three (3) members of the commission appointed by the chairperson."**

Page 39, line 36, delete "by:" and insert **"by the legislative council."**

Page 39, delete lines 37 through 40.

Page 40, delete lines 20 through 24.

Page 40, line 35, delete "Interest on investments made".

Page 40, delete lines 36 through 38.

Page 40, line 39, delete "(g)" and insert **"(f)"**.

Page 41, line 26, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 41, line 35, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 42, line 28, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 42, line 31, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



- Page 44, line 22, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 44, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 45, line 27, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 45, line 38, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 46, line 6, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 46, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 47, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 47, line 42, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 48, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 48, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 48, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 51, delete lines 26 through 42.
- Page 52, delete lines 1 through 30.
- Page 52, line 32, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 52, line 35, delete "(before its" and insert "**(before its repeal).**".
- Page 52, delete line 36.
- Page 53, delete lines 2 through 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- "SECTION 80. IC 8-1-1.1-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec: 7: (a) There is created the advisory council to the office of the utility consumer counselor. The council consists of nine (9) members. Each Indiana congressional district must be represented by at least one (1) individual appointed under this section who is a resident of that congressional district. However, the reduction in membership of the council from ten (10) members to nine (9) shall be accomplished as the terms of members end and new members are appointed. Until the expiration of the term of a member who is serving on the council on January 1, 2014, and resides in the same congressional district as another member, the council consists of ten (10) members.
- (b) Members of the council, including those filling vacancies occurring in the council membership, shall be appointed by the governor. All members shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years, except those who have been appointed to fill a vacancy in the council whose term will be the unexpired portion of the term. All members shall serve until their successor has been duly appointed and qualified.
- (c) The membership shall be representative of the various sectors of Indiana economy, including, but not limited to: agriculture, business and industry, labor, and local government.
- (d) The members shall annually elect of themselves a chairman.
- (e) Members are entitled to receive per diem and travel expense



reimbursement at the standard rates provided for state employees for expenses they incur in the performance of their duties under this chapter subject to the approval of the consumer counselor."

Page 53, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 54, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 54, line 40, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 55, line 1, delete "formed," and insert "formed".

Page 55, delete lines 16 through 42.

Page 56, delete lines 1 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 84. IC 8-14-11-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the local bridge grant board established by section 9 of this chapter.

SECTION 85. IC 8-14-11-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: (a) The local bridge grant board is established to receive and review applications for grants under this chapter. The board consists of the following members:

- (1) The director of the department, or the director's designee.
- (2) Six (6) persons appointed by the governor; no more than three
- (3) of whom may be of the same political party; as follows:
  - (A) Two (2) members of a county executive.
  - (B) One (1) county highway engineer.
  - (C) One (1) mayor of a city.
  - (D) One (1) member of a town board of trustees.
  - (E) One (1) person with substantial experience or education in the design or construction of bridges.

A member appointed under clause (A), (B), (C), or (D) who ceases to hold the office described in that clause ceases to be a member of the board.

(b) The governor shall designate a member of the board to serve as chairman.

(c) Members of the board who are appointed by the governor serve for terms of four (4) years. The governor shall fill a vacancy on the board by appointing a new member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(d) A member of the board, other than the director of the department, is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Each member of the board is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties; as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the budget agency.



(e) Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum. The affirmative votes of four (4) members of the board are required for the board to take any action.

SECTION 86. IC 8-14-11-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: The department shall provide staff support to the board."

Page 56, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 56, between lines 24 and 25, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 2. IC 8-14-11-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 12. (a) The executive of a county may apply to the **board department** for a grant from the fund to be used to pay up to eighty percent (80%) of the cost of construction or reconstruction of one (1) or more local bridges. At the time of the application, the county executive shall notify the department of local government finance that the county has made the application.

(b) The application must include the following:

- (1) A description of the construction or reconstruction projects for which the grant application is made.
- (2) The estimated cost of the projects.
- (3) The amount of funding the county will provide for the projects, which must be at least twenty percent (20%) of the estimated cost of the projects. This amount may include the value of labor and materials to be provided by the county.
- (4) Any other information that the **board or the** department considers necessary.

SECTION 3. IC 8-14-11-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 13. Within thirty (30) days after a county applies for a grant under section 12 of this chapter, the department of local government finance shall submit to the department a financial report that includes the following information:

- (1) The amount of money available to the county for the construction and reconstruction of local bridges.
- (2) Any other information required by the **board or the** department for the processing of grant applications.

SECTION 4. IC 8-14-11-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 14. The **board department** shall use the criteria established under section 11 of this chapter and the report submitted under section 13 of this chapter to evaluate an application for a grant from the fund. The **board department** shall notify a county that makes a grant application of the **board's department's** approval or disapproval of the application within



sixty (60) days of the date of the application. The ~~board's department's~~ decision to approve or disapprove a grant application is final.

SECTION 5. IC 8-14-11-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 15. The ~~board department~~ and each county for which a grant has been approved under this chapter shall enter into an agreement specifying the purposes for which the grant may be used. The terms of the agreement must be consistent with the purposes of this chapter."

Page 56, line 26, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 56, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 57, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 58, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 6. IC 9-18.5-14-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016, SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue a kids first trust license plate. The kids first trust license plate shall be designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate under IC 9-18.5-12. The final design of the plate must be approved by the ~~board (as defined in IC 31-26-4-2):~~ **commission on improving the status of children in Indiana.**"

Page 58, line 15, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 58, line 22, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 59, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 59, delete lines 23 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 94. IC 9-27-6-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 5: (a) ~~As used in this section, "advisory board" refers to the driver education advisory board established by subsection (b):~~

(b) ~~The driver education advisory board is established to advise the commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau regarding driver education:~~

(c) ~~The advisory board is composed of seven (7) individuals appointed by the commissioner as follows:~~

(1) ~~Three (3) members must be driver education professionals endorsed by the bureau under section 8 of this chapter. In the selection of individuals for membership under this subdivision, consideration must be given to driver education instruction performed in urban and rural areas:~~

(2) ~~One (1) member must be a traffic safety advocate:~~

(3) ~~One (1) member must be a representative of the bureau:~~

(4) ~~One (1) member must be a representative of higher education:~~

(5) ~~One (1) member must be a representative of the insurance~~



industry:

(d) A member of the advisory board serves a two (2) year term. A member may not be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive full terms. Each member serves until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(e) A member of the advisory board may be removed for good cause:

(f) A vacancy on the advisory board shall be filled by the appointment by the commissioner of an individual to fill the position to which the vacating member was appointed under subsection (e) for the vacating member's unexpired term.

(g) The advisory board shall:

(1) consult with and advise the commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau regarding driver education; and

(2) suggest rules regarding the education and training of persons to operate or drive motor vehicles or to prepare a person for an examination or validation for a driver's license.

(h) A member of the advisory board is not subject to liability in a civil action for bodily injury or property damage arising from or thought to have arisen from an action taken in good faith as a member of the advisory board.

SECTION 95. IC 9-27-7-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 6: (a) The commissioner shall appoint a five (5) member advisory board consisting of at least three (3) active motorcyclists to serve in an advisory capacity to the program:

(b) A member of the advisory board serves a three (3) year term. A member may not be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive full terms. Each member serves until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(c) A member of the advisory board may be removed for good cause:

(d) A vacancy on the advisory board shall be filled by the appointment by the commissioner of an individual to fill the position to which the vacating member was appointed under subsection (a) for the vacating member's unexpired term.

(e) A member of the advisory board is not subject to liability in a civil action for bodily injury or property damage arising from or thought to have arisen from an action taken in good faith as a member of the advisory board:".

Delete page 60.

Page 61, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 61, delete lines 8 through 42.

Page 62, delete lines 1 through 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 97. IC 10-13-2-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: (a) The criminal justice advisory committee is established:

(b) The committee consists of the following persons or their designated representatives:

(1) The superintendent, who shall act as chairman.

(2) The attorney general.

(3) The executive director of the criminal justice planning agency.

(4) The commissioner of corrections.

(5) One (1) county sheriff serving in the sheriff's second or subsequent term of office.

(6) One (1) chief of police with at least two (2) years of experience as chief.

(7) One (1) prosecuting attorney in the prosecuting attorney's second or subsequent term of office.

(8) One (1) judge of a court of general criminal jurisdiction.

(9) The executive director of the law enforcement training academy.

(10) A criminologist or forensic scientist.

(c) A member of the committee:

(1) must be appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis; and

(2) shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(d) A member of the committee serves without compensation except per diem as provided by law.

(e) The committee shall meet as often as is considered necessary by the superintendent to formulate or revise rules for the statewide operation of the criminal justice data division.

SECTION 98. IC 10-13-3-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: As used in this chapter, "council" means the security and privacy council established by section 34 of this chapter.

SECTION 99. IC 10-13-3-34 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 34: (a) There is established a security and privacy council that consists of nine (9) members selected under subsections (b) and (c):

(b) The following six (6) members shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor:

(1) A prosecuting attorney.

(2) The police chief of a city.

(3) The sheriff of a county.



(4) A criminal court judge.

(5) Two (2) citizens who are not law enforcement officers.

(c) The following persons, or their designees, also are members of the council:

(1) The superintendent.

(2) The attorney general.

(3) The commissioner of the department of correction.

(d) Members of the council are not entitled to receive compensation but are entitled to receive a per diem and mileage on those days in which they are engaged in the business of the council. Per diem and mileage paid shall be that amount paid to state employees."

Page 62, line 27, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 64, line 42, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 65, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 65, line 6, delete "veterans" and insert "veterans".

Page 65, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 65, line 10, delete "January" and insert "July".

Page 65, line 13, delete "January" and insert "July".

Page 65, line 17, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "June 30, 2027,".

Page 65, line 21, delete "January" and insert "July".

Page 65, line 22, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "June 30, 2027,".

Page 65, line 25, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 66, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 66, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 67, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 67, line 25, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 67, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 68, line 4, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 68, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 68, line 40, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 69, line 7, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 69, line 23, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 69, line 41, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 70, line 14, strike "commission" and insert "department".

Page 70, line 35, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 71, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 71, line 10, delete "department" and insert "department".

Page 71, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 72, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 73, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".



- Page 74, line 16, strike "commission." and insert "**department.**".
- Page 74, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 74, line 38, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 75, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 75, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 75, line 41, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 76, line 40, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 77, line 5, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 77, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 78, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 78, line 13, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 78, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 78, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 78, line 33, delete "superintendent," and insert "superintendent".
- Page 79, line 3, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 79, delete lines 11 through 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- "SECTION 135. IC 10-18-3-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 18: (a) The governor may appoint a commission known as the memorial art commission:
- (b) The commission must consist of not more than seven (7) qualified persons who serve without pay. However, members are to be paid necessary expenses as certified by the governor to the state comptroller.
- (c) The commission shall consider the artistic qualities of a plan for a proposed memorial:
- (d) A memorial consisting of a building, monument, statue, tablet, picture, arch, or work of art of any kind may not be erected without first:
- (1) submitting the plans to the memorial art commission; and
- (2) securing criticism and advice from the commission with respect to the memorial:
- If a state art commission is established by law, it is ex officio the memorial art commission."
- Page 79, line 31, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 79, delete lines 41 through 42.
- Delete pages 80 through 81.
- Page 82, delete lines 1 through 17.
- Page 82, line 20, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 83, line 1, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 83, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".



Page 84, line 11, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 84, line 24, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 84, line 29, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 84, line 36, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 85, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 85, line 35, after "member" insert "**appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives**".

Page 85, line 37, after "member" insert "**appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate**".

Page 87, delete lines 2 through 5.

Page 87, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 88, delete lines 13 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 149. IC 12-13-14-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: (a) The electronic benefits transfer commission is established:

(b) The commission consists of eight (8) members appointed by the secretary of family and social services as follows:

(1) Two (2) employees of the office of the secretary of family and social services:

(2) Two (2) members of the Indiana Grocers and Convenience Store Association, nominated by the chief executive officer of the Indiana Grocers and Convenience Store Association for consideration by the secretary of family and social services:

(3) Two (2) members of the Indiana Bankers Association, nominated by the chief executive officer of the Indiana Bankers Association for consideration by the office of the secretary of family and social services:

(4) Two (2) persons representing recipients of SNAP benefits or TANF benefits. One (1) person shall be nominated by the Indiana Food and Nutrition Network, and one (1) person shall be nominated by the Indiana Coalition for Human Services for consideration by the secretary of family and social services:

(c) The terms of office shall be for three (3) years. The members serve at the will of the secretary of family and social services. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the secretary of family and social services in the same manner the original appointment was made:

(d) The secretary of family and social services shall appoint the initial chairperson from among the members of the commission. The commission shall meet on the call of the chairperson. When the chairperson's term expires, the commission shall elect a new



chairperson from among the membership of the commission:

(e) The division shall provide staff needed for the commission to operate under this chapter.

(f) The commission members are not eligible for per diem reimbursement or reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to and from commission meetings.

SECTION 150. IC 12-13-16-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: As used in this chapter, "advisory committee" refers to the 211 advisory committee established by section 9 of this chapter.

SECTION 151. IC 12-13-16-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.73-2020, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) The 211 services fund is established to make 211 services available throughout Indiana. The fund shall be administered by the office of the secretary.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) All money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly.
- (2) Funds received from the federal government for the support of 211 services in Indiana.
- (3) Investment earnings, including interest, on money in the fund.
- (4) Money from any other source, including gifts and grants.

(c) The office of the secretary ~~after consulting with the committee,~~ shall annually prepare a plan for the expenditure of the money in the fund. The plan must include a strategy or plan to provide information concerning, and referrals for, human services in accordance with section 7 of this chapter.

(d) Money in the fund may be spent for the following purposes:

- (1) The creation of a structure for a statewide 211 resources data base.
- (2) The development and implementation of a statewide 211 resources data base described in subdivision (1). Permissible expenditures under this subdivision include expenditures for planning, training, accreditation, and system evaluation.
- (3) Collecting, organizing, and maintaining information from state agencies, departments, and programs that provide human services, for access by a provider of 211 services.
- (4) Providing grants for any of the following purposes to a provider of 211 services:
  - (A) The design, development, and implementation of 211 services in the provider's 211 service area. Funds provided under this clause may be used for planning, public awareness, training, accreditation, and evaluation.
  - (B) The provision of 211 services on an ongoing basis after the



design, development, and implementation of 211 services in the provider's service area.

(C) The provision of 211 services on a twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven (7) day per week basis.

(e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

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

SECTION 152. IC 12-13-16-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: (a) The 211 advisory committee is established. The advisory committee includes the following members appointed by the governor or the governor's designee:

(1) Two (2) members, each of whom represents a different Indiana United Way entity.

(2) Two (2) members, each of whom represents a different local service agency that receives referrals from 211.

(3) Seven (7) members representing the types of human services provided under this chapter.

(4) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

(b) The initial members of the advisory committee serve the following terms:

(1) Three (3) members serve a term of one (1) year.

(2) Five (5) members serve a term of two (2) years.

(3) Five (5) members serve a term of four (4) years.

Members appointed to the advisory committee thereafter serve terms of four (4) years.

(c) The governor or the governor's designee shall appoint the chairperson of the advisory committee.

(d) The advisory committee shall do the following:

(1) Provide input and consultation regarding implementation and administration of 211 services by the office of the secretary to ensure compliance with any requirements or obligations under this chapter.

(2) Advise the office of the secretary and make recommendations concerning the use of and goals for 211 services.

(e) The office of the secretary shall staff the advisory committee. The expenses of the advisory committee shall be paid by the office of the secretary.



(f) Each member of the advisory committee who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(g) Each member of the advisory committee who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency."

Delete pages 89 through 92.

Page 93, delete lines 1 through 22.

Page 93, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 94, line 1, delete "the".

Page 94, line 20, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 94, line 31, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 95, line 12, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 96, line 9, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 96, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 97, line 24, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 98, line 15, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 98, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 99, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 99, line 23, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 100, line 26, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 100, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 101, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 102, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 102, line 25, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 103, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 103, line 17, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 103, line 40, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 104, delete lines 19 through 42.

Delete page 105.

Page 106, delete lines 1 through 22.

Page 106, line 24, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 106, line 32, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 107, delete lines 22 through 42.

Page 108, delete lines 1 through 27.



Page 108, line 30, delete "JULY 1, 2026]" and insert "UPON PASSAGE]".

Page 108, line 31, reset in roman "twelve (12)".

Page 108, line 31, delete "eleven (11)".

Page 108, reset in roman line 42.

Page 109, reset in roman line 1.

Page 109, line 2, reset in roman "(6)".

Page 109, line 2, delete "(5)".

Page 109, line 4, reset in roman "(7)".

Page 109, line 4, delete "(6)".

Page 109, line 4, delete "," and insert ".".

Page 109, line 4, strike "at least".

Page 109, strike lines 5 through 7.

Page 109, delete lines 8 through 42.

Delete pages 110 through 115.

Page 116, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 116, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 117, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 118, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 122, line 39, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 132, line 1, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 133, line 31, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 134, line 27, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 135, delete lines 20 through 42.

Delete pages 136 through 169.

Page 170, delete lines 1 through 5.

Page 170, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 170, delete lines 12 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 281. IC 16-18-2-84, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 84. (a) ~~"Council"~~; for purposes of IC 16-46-6, refers to the interagency state council on black and minority health:

(b) "Council", for purposes of IC 16-46-17, refers to the rare disease advisory council.

SECTION 282. IC 16-18-2-161.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 161.5: "Health care interpreter"; for purposes of IC 16-46-11.1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-46-11.1-2:

SECTION 283. IC 16-18-2-163.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 163.5: "Health care translator"; for purposes of IC 16-46-11.1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-46-11.1-3:".

Page 171, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 172, line 10, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 176, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 177, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 178, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 179, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 181, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 182, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 16-22-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022, SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a county hospital in a county having a population of more than sixteen thousand seven hundred (16,700) and less than ~~nineteen thousand~~ (~~19,000~~): **twenty thousand (20,000)**.

(b) Subject to subsection (e), the hospital and the affairs and business of the hospital shall be under the management and control of a governing board consisting of seven (7) members as follows:

(1) Three (3) members must be members of the county executive.

(2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county fiscal body, one (1) of whom may be a licensed physician.

(3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county executive.

(c) One (1) of the members initially appointed by the county fiscal body serves for one (1) year and one (1) of the members initially appointed serves for two (2) years. After the initial appointment, the members serve for two (2) years.

(d) One (1) of the members initially appointed by the county executive serves for one (1) year and one (1) of the members initially appointed serves for two (2) years. After the initial appointment, the members serve for two (2) years.

(e) Not more than two (2) members of a governing board appointed under this section may reside in a county other than the county in which the hospital is located. A member who is not a resident of the county in which the hospital is located must:

(1) be an Indiana resident; and

(2) be appointed upon a submission made under section 11 of this chapter by the governing board of the hospital to the appointing authority."

Page 182, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 182, line 26, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 182, line 42, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 183, delete lines 17 through 42.

Delete pages 184 through 185.

Page 186, delete lines 1 through 23.



Page 186, line 26, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 187, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 188, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 189, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 190, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 191, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 191, line 27, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 192, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 192, line 11, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 193, line 1, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 195, line 11, strike "stated in".

Page 195, line 12, strike "subsection (a)." and insert "**of administering the fund.**".

Page 195, delete lines 28 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 309. IC 16-46-6-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 1: As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the interagency state council on black and minority health.

SECTION 310. IC 16-46-6-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: The state department shall establish the interagency state council on black and minority health.

SECTION 311. IC 16-46-6-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: (a) The council consists of the following twenty-one (21) members:

- (1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives from different political parties appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (2) Two (2) members of the senate from different political parties appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- (3) The governor or the governor's designee.
- (4) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designee.
- (5) The director of the division of family resources established by IC 12-13-1-1 or the director's designee.
- (6) The director of the office of Medicaid policy and planning established by IC 12-8-6.5-1 or the director's designee.
- (7) The director of the division of mental health and addiction established by IC 12-21-1-1 or the director's designee.
- (8) The commissioner of the department of correction or the commissioner's designee.
- (9) One (1) representative of a local health department appointed by the governor.



(10) One (1) representative of a public health care facility appointed by the governor.

(11) One (1) psychologist appointed by the governor who:

(A) is licensed to practice psychology in Indiana; and

(B) has knowledge and experience in the special health needs of minorities.

(12) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Indiana State Medical Association.

(13) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the National Medical Association.

(14) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Indiana Hospital and Health Association.

(15) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the American Cancer Society.

(16) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the American Heart Association.

(17) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the American Diabetes Association.

(18) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Black Nurses Association.

(19) One (1) member appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition.

(b) At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the members of the council must be minorities."

Delete page 196.

Page 197, line 2, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 197, line 15, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 197, line 18, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 197, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 197, line 25, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 197, line 28, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 198, line 26, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 198, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 198, line 37, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 199, line 20, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 199, line 20, strike "office of minority health and".

Page 199, strike line 21.

Page 199, line 22, strike "Coalition, Inc.," and insert "**Indiana cultural commission established by IC 4-23-36**".

Page 199, line 26, delete "This subdivision expires December 31, 2026."

Page 201, delete lines 10 through 13, begin a new paragraph and



insert:

"SECTION 322. IC 16-46-11.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. (Commission on Health Care Interpreters and Translators).".

Page 201, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 202, line 18, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 203, delete lines 11 through 42.

Delete pages 204 through 207.

Page 208, delete lines 1 through 22.

Page 208, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 208, line 39, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 209, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 211, line 13, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 212, line 9, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 212, line 11, strike "four (4)" and insert "**three (3)**".

Page 212, strike line 13.

Page 212, line 14, strike "(C)" and insert "**(B)**".

Page 212, line 15, strike "(D)" and insert "**(C)**".

Page 212, delete lines 23 through 24, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

**"(C) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.**

**A member appointed under clause (B) or (C) may not be a member of the general assembly."**

Page 212, line 25, strike "During a member's term of service on the board," and insert "**Except as otherwise provided in this section,**".

Page 212, line 26, delete "." and insert "**during the member's term of service on the board.**".

Page 213, line 4, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 213, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 214, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 214, line 25, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 214, line 31, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 214, line 37, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 215, between lines 3 and 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
"SECTION 345. IC 21-18-1-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. Sec. 5: "~~Nominating committee~~" refers to the nominating committee established under IC 21-18-3-4.

SECTION 346. IC 21-18-3-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. Sec. 3: The governor shall appoint the student member and the full-time faculty member of the commission from a list that:

(1) contains at least three (3) names but not more than five (5) names for each appointment; and



(2) is submitted by a nominating committee.

SECTION 347. IC 21-18-3-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. Sec. 4: The chairperson of the commission shall appoint a seven (7) member student member nominating committee comprised of students from state educational institutions; with not more than one (1) student from any one (1) state educational institution.

SECTION 348. IC 21-18-3-4.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. Sec. 4.5: The chairperson of the commission shall appoint a seven (7) member faculty member nominating committee comprised of seven (7) full-time faculty members from state educational institutions; with not more than one (1) faculty member from any one (1) state educational institution."

Page 215, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 215, line 21, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 216, line 1, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 216, line 5, delete "(before its expiration)" and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 216, line 17, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 216, line 36, delete "(before its expiration)." and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 217, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 217, line 28, delete "(before its expiration)." and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 218, line 23, delete "(before its expiration)" and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 218, line 32, delete "(before its expiration)" and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 218, line 33, delete ";" and insert "**(before its repeal);**".

Page 218, line 41, delete "(before its expiration)" and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 219, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 219, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 219, line 39, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 220, line 4, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 220, delete line 42.

Page 221, delete lines 1 through 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 14. IC 21-18.5-4-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 11: The commission may cooperate in developing training programs concerning grant program requirements with the board for proprietary education."

Page 221, line 5, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".



- Page 221, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 221, line 35, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 222, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 222, line 17, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 222, line 22, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 222, line 22, delete "6" and insert "6.".
- Page 222, line 22, delete "board for proprietary".
- Page 222, delete lines 23 through 24.
- Page 222, line 25, delete "(b) The".
- Page 222, line 25, delete "January" and insert "**July**".
- Page 222, run in lines 22 through 25.
- Page 222, line 33, delete "(c)" and insert "**(b)**".
- Page 222, line 34, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "**July 1, 2027,**".
- Page 222, line 35, delete "through" and insert "**though**".
- Page 222, line 36, after "education" insert ".".
- Page 222, line 36, delete "until the commission adopts new rules or policies.".
- Page 222, line 37, delete "(d)" and insert "**(c)**".
- Page 222, line 37, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027,**".
- Page 222, line 42, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 223, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 223, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 223, line 28, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 224, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 225, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 226, line 7, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 226, line 29, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 227, line 40, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 229, line 2, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 229, line 13, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 229, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 230, line 21, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 230, line 28, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 230, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 231, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 231, line 14, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 231, delete lines 17 through 31, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- "SECTION 378. IC 21-38-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: "Council" refers to the Indiana excellence in teaching



council:

SECTION 379. IC 21-38-8-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: The Indiana excellence in teaching council is established. The council consists of nine (9) members as follows:

- (1) One (1) representative of the commission for higher education;
- (2) One (1) representative of the budget agency;
- (3) One (1) representative from each state educational institution."

Page 231, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 232, line 7, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 232, line 12, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 232, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 232, line 33, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 232, delete lines 39 through 42.

Page 233, delete lines 1 through 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 385. IC 21-38-8-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: Staff for the council shall be provided by the commission for higher education:

SECTION 386. IC 21-38-8-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: The council may:

- (1) develop guidelines; and
- (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2;

to administer the fund and this chapter."

Page 233, line 11, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 233, line 21, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 233, line 27, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 233, delete lines 30 through 42.

Page 234, delete lines 1 through 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 390. IC 21-44-5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: (a) The board consists of the following members:

- (1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, who serves as an ex officio member of the board. The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine shall serve as the chairman of the board;
- (2) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health, who serves as an ex officio member of the board;
- (3) Five (5) members appointed by the governor as follows:
  - (A) One (1) member appointed by the governor who is a director of medical education of an Indiana hospital not owned



or operated by Indiana University:

(B) One (1) member who:

(i) is a hospital administrator in a hospital not owned or operated by Indiana University; and

(ii) is not the hospital administrator for the hospital that employs the member appointed under clause (A):

(C) One (1) member who:

(i) is a citizen of Indiana; and

(ii) is not a physician and not a hospital administrator:

(D) Two (2) members who are physicians holding unlimited licenses to practice medicine in Indiana. The two (2) physicians appointed under this subdivision may not be directors of medical education. One (1) of the members appointed under this subdivision must practice in the specialty of family practice:

(b) The terms of the five (5) members appointed to the board by the governor are for three (3) years beginning January 1 of the year of appointment and continuing until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. If a membership on the board becomes vacant before the expiration of the term, the governor shall appoint a replacement with the same representative status to fill the unexpired term:".

Page 234, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 234, line 26, delete "December 31, 2026." and insert "**June 30, 2027.**".

Page 235, line 21, after "one" insert "**(1)**".

Page 235, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 235, delete lines 34 through 38, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 393. IC 21-44-6-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec: 1. There is established the mental health and addiction services development programs board:".

Page 235, line 41, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 236, delete lines 2 through 42.

Page 237, delete lines 1 through 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 395. IC 21-44-6-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec: 2. The board consists of the following ten (10) members:

(1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the dean's designee. The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the dean's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the board.

(2) The chairperson of the department of psychiatry of the Indiana



University School of Medicine or the chairperson's designee:

(3) The director of the division of mental health and addiction created by IC 12-21-1-1 or the director's designee:

(4) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the commissioner's designee:

(5) The dean of the department of family practice of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine or the dean's designee:

(6) The administrator of a graduate program in an institution of higher education in Indiana engaged in training psychologists:

(7) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher education in Indiana engaged in training advanced practice psychiatric nurses:

(8) One (1) psychiatrist who practices psychiatry in Indiana:

(9) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher education in Indiana engaged in training addiction counselors:

(10) The director of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs or the director's designee:

The governor shall appoint the members of the board described in subdivisions (6) through (9):

SECTION 396. IC 21-44-6-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: The board shall meet at least quarterly each year at the call of the chairperson:

SECTION 397. IC 21-44-6-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 4: (a) Each board member who is not a state employee is not entitled to a salary per diem. The member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency:

(b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency:

(c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the board are required for the board to take action on any measure:".

Page 237, line 15, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 238, line 26, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 239, line 11, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 239, line 33, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 240, line 18, delete "addiction," and insert "**addiction established by IC 12-21-1-1,**".

Page 240, line 27, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 240, line 31, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 240, delete lines 38 through 42.

Delete page 241.

Page 242, delete lines 1 through 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 404. IC 21-44-7-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: The graduate medical education board is established for the following purposes:

(1) To provide funding for residents not funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:

(2) To provide technical assistance for entities that wish to establish a residency program, including the following:

(A) Entities that are not licensed hospitals:

(B) Federally qualified health centers:

(3) To provide startup funding for entities that wish to establish a residency program:

SECTION 405. IC 21-44-7-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2027]. Sec. 3: (a) The board is comprised of ten (10) members appointed by the governor as follows:

(1) One (1) member representing the Indiana University School of Medicine:

(2) One (1) member representing a regional medical school campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine:

(3) One (1) member representing the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine:

(4) One (1) member representing the Indiana State Medical Association:

(5) One (1) member representing the Indiana Osteopathic Medical Association:

(6) One (1) member representing the Indiana Primary Health Care Association:

(7) One (1) member representing a teaching hospital in the Indiana Hospital Association:

(8) One (1) member representing a nonteaching hospital in the Indiana Hospital Association:

(9) Two (2) members who are medical directors of residency programs:

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c); a member appointed to the



board shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Except as provided in subsection (c), the term of a member appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (a)(4) begins on January 1 of an odd-numbered year. The term of a member appointed under subsection (a)(5) through (a)(9) begins on January 1 of an even-numbered year.

(c) This subsection applies to a member appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (a)(4) before January 1, 2016. A member to whom this subsection applies serves for a term of one (1) year beginning January 1, 2016.

(d) The governor shall make appointments to the board at the following times:

(1) The governor shall make the initial appointments to the board before January 1, 2016.

(2) Before the end of each year after 2015, the governor shall appoint members to the board to succeed those members whose terms are scheduled to expire at the end of the year.

(3) When a member resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the member's term, the governor shall appoint a member to serve the remaining term of the member who has resigned or who is otherwise unable to complete the member's term."

Page 242, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 242, line 24, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 242, delete lines 26 through 42.

Delete pages 243 through 246.

Page 247, delete lines 1 through 10.

Page 247, line 13, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 248, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 248, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 248, line 39, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 249, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 249, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 249, line 23, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 249, line 26, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 249, line 39, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 250, line 3, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 250, line 11, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 250, line 32, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 251, line 3, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 251, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 252, line 26, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 252, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 253, line 18, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".



Page 253, line 42, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 254, line 5, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 254, line 14, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 254, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 254, line 41, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 255, between lines 11 and 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 434. IC 22-9-1-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 19. (a) The commission shall commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with programs or activities that:**

**(1) honor Dr. King's life and works; and**

**(2) reflect Dr. King's philosophy and dream of freedom, justice, and racial equality through nonviolent social change.**

**(b) The commission may do the following:**

**(1) Sponsor, promote, or engage in activities on dates other than the Dr. King holiday that honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or that relate to the philosophy and principles advocated by Dr. King.**

**(2) Coordinate the commission's activities and projects with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday commission, community organizations, local municipalities, and other entities that the commission determines to be appropriate."**

Page 255, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 256, delete lines 29 through 42.

Delete pages 257 through 269.

Page 270, delete lines 1 through 34.

Page 270, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 271, line 30, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 271, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 274, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 274, line 39, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 275, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 275, line 36, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 276, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 276, line 42, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 277, line 40, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 278, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 278, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 279, delete lines 3 through 12.

Page 279, line 14, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 279, line 17, delete "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]:".

Page 279, line 20, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 23, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 28, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 31, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 35, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 39, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 40, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 279, line 42, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 280, line 1, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 280, line 3, delete "expiring" and insert "**expiring**,".

Page 280, line 3, delete "until January 1, 2031."

Page 280, line 7, delete "until the rules are codified by the".

Page 280, line 8, delete "general assembly or otherwise" and insert "**unless**".

Page 280, line 10, delete "2027," and insert "**2028**,".

Page 280, line 13, delete "codification and".

Page 280, line 14, delete "." and insert "**transferred to the department under this section**".

Page 280, line 15, after "an" insert "**interim**".

Page 280, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 280, delete lines 23 through 42.

Delete page 281.

Page 282, delete lines 1 through 32.

Page 282, line 35, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 282, line 39, reset in roman "board."

Page 282, line 39, delete "commission."

Page 283, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 284, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 284, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 285, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 285, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 286, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 286, line 27, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 286, line 28, reset in roman "board".

Page 286, line 28, delete "commission,".

Page 286, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 287, line 8, reset in roman "board."

Page 287, delete line 9.

Page 287, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 288, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 288, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 288, line 16, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 288, line 19, delete "Subject to IC 22-12-2.6, the" and insert **"The"**.

Page 289, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 289, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 289, line 22, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 290, line 1, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 290, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 290, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 291, line 4, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 291, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 292, line 20, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 292, line 41, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 294, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 294, line 22, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 295, line 23, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 296, line 32, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 297, line 4, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 297, line 12, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 297, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 297, line 30, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 297, line 31, delete "IC 22-13," and insert **"this article,"**.

Page 297, line 35, delete "int the building, fire safety, or equipment laws of" and insert **"into the rules of the department, as amended from time to time under IC 22-12-2.1."**

Page 297, delete line 36.

Page 298, line 23, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 298, line 42, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 299, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 299, line 28, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 299, line 32, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 300, line 14, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 300, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 301, line 11, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 301, delete lines 19 through 42.

Delete page 302.

Page 303, delete lines 1 through 27.

Page 303, line 30, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 303, line 42, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 304, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 305, line 25, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



- Page 305, line 29, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 305, line 41, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 306, line 11, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 306, line 30, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 307, line 5, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 307, line 16, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 307, line 32, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 308, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 309, line 18, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 310, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 310, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 310, line 41, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 311, line 21, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".
- Page 311, line 27, delete "UPON PASSAGE]" and insert "JULY 1, 2027]".
- Page 311, delete lines 39 through 42.
- Page 312, delete lines 1 through 5.
- Page 312, line 6, reset in roman "(c)".
- Page 312, line 6, delete "(d)".
- Page 312, line 6, delete "2026," and insert "**2027,**".
- Page 312, line 11, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 312, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".
- Page 313, line 1, delete "IC 22-12-3" and insert "**IC 22-15-3**".
- Page 313, line 13, delete "two (2)" and insert "**five (5)**".
- Page 313, line 30, after "6." insert "**(a)**".
- Page 313, line 36, delete "release;" and insert "**release.**
- (b) A design release or a temporary design release provided under subsection (a) is subject to a technical plan review. The department must provide notice of any design deficiencies identified through the technical plan review not later than thirty (30) days after the department responds to the applicant under subsection (a)."**
- Page 313, delete line 37.
- Page 313, line 38, delete "may:" and insert "**shall:**".
- Page 313, delete line 39.
- Page 313, line 40, delete "(2)" and insert "**(1)**".
- Page 313, line 40, delete "non-compliance" and insert "**noncompliance**".
- Page 313, line 41, delete "(3)" and insert "**(2)**".
- Page 313, line 42, delete "certifications;" and insert "**certifications for a failure to take corrective action;**".
- Page 314, line 1, delete "(4)" and insert "**(3)**".



Page 314, delete lines 12 through 15.  
Page 314, line 18, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 314, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 315, line 17, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 315, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 316, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 316, line 12, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 317, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 317, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 318, line 36, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 320, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 321, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 322, line 27, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 324, line 15, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 325, line 30, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 329, line 40, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 330, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 330, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 331, line 9, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 331, line 32, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 332, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 333, line 23, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 334, line 20, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
Page 334, line 30, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 334, line 38, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 335, delete lines 15 through 42.  
Page 336, delete lines 1 through 9.  
Page 336, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 336, delete lines 15 through 17.  
Page 336, line 19, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 336, delete lines 21 through 27.  
Page 336, line 30, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 336, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 336, delete lines 36 through 42.  
Page 337, delete lines 1 through 19.  
Page 337, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 337, line 28, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 337, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 337, line 40, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 338, delete lines 2 through 13.  
Page 338, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
Page 338, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".



Page 338, delete lines 22 through 27.  
 Page 338, line 30, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 338, line 34, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 338, delete lines 36 through 41.  
 Page 339, line 2, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 339, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 339, delete lines 8 through 10.  
 Page 339, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 342, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 342, line 21, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 342, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 344, line 40, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 346, line 17, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 346, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 346, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 347, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 347, line 18, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 347, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 348, line 13, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 348, line 23, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 350, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 350, line 32, delete "IC 25-31-1-35" and insert "**section 20 of this chapter**".  
 Page 350, line 36, delete "general fund of the state." and insert "**state general fund.**".  
 Page 350, line 38, delete "13(c)" and insert "**13**".  
 Page 360, delete lines 34 through 39.  
 Page 360, line 40, delete "(e)" and insert "**(d)**".  
 Page 361, line 10, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 361, line 28, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 362, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 363, line 8, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 363, line 16, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 363, line 21, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 363, delete lines 25 through 42.  
 Delete pages 364 through 368.  
 Page 369, delete lines 1 through 2.  
 Page 369, line 5, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 369, delete lines 23 through 42.  
 Delete pages 370 through 374.  
 Page 375, delete lines 1 through 22.  
 Page 375, line 25, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".



Page 377, delete lines 11 through 42.

Page 378, delete lines 1 through 19.

Page 378, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 379, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 379, line 36, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 380, line 18, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 381, line 22, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 382, line 30, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 385, delete lines 22 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 641. IC 27-1-15.7-6.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 6.5: (a) As used in this section, "commission" refers to the insurance producer education and continuing education commission established by subsection (b):

(b) The insurance producer education and continuing education commission is established within the department. The commissioner shall appoint the following seven (7) individuals:

(1) One (1) individual nominated by the Professional Insurance Agents of Indiana or its successor organization:

(2) One (1) individual nominated by the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana or its successor organization:

(3) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors or its successor organization:

(4) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana State Association of Health Underwriters or its successor organization:

(5) One (1) individual nominated by the Association of Life Insurance Companies or its successor organization:

(6) One (1) individual nominated by the Insurance Institute of Indiana or its successor organization:

(7) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana Land Title Association or its successor organization:

The commissioner shall solicit nominations from the entities set forth in this subsection. The commissioner may deny to make the appointment of an individual nominated under this subsection only if the commissioner determines that the individual is not in good standing with the department or is not qualified. If the commissioner denies the appointment of an individual nominated under this subsection, the commissioner shall provide the nominating entity with the reason for the denial and allow the nominating entity to submit an alternative nomination:

(c) A member of the commission serves for a term of three (3) years that expires June 30, 2027, and every third year thereafter. A member



may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms:

(d) The commissioner shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as chairperson, who serves at the will of the commissioner. The commission shall meet:

- (1) at the call of the chairperson; and
- (2) at least semiannually.

The department shall staff the commission. Four (4) members constitute a quorum of the commission:

(e) The commissioner shall fill a vacancy on the commission with a nomination from the entity that nominated the predecessor or the entity's successor. The individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the predecessor's term:

(f) A member of the commission is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). A member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, in accordance with state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency. Money paid under this subsection shall be paid from amounts appropriated to the department:

(g) The commission shall review and make recommendations to the commissioner concerning the following:

- (1) Course materials and curriculum and instructor credentials for prelicensing courses of study for which certification by the commissioner is sought under section 5 of this chapter;
- (2) Continuing education requirements for insurance producers;
- (3) Continuing education courses for which the approval of the commissioner is sought under section 4 of this chapter;
- (4) Rules proposed for adoption by the commissioner concerning continuing education under this chapter:

(h) A member of the commission or a designee of the commissioner is permitted access to any classroom while instruction is in progress to monitor the classroom instruction:".

Delete page 386 through 389.

Page 390, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 390, line 7, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 390, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 390, delete lines 15 through 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 650. IC 31-26-4-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the Indiana kids first trust fund board established by section 5 of this chapter:".

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Page 390, line 23, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 390, line 28, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 390, line 29, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 390, line 32, delete "December 31, 2026." and insert "**June 30, 2027.**".

Page 390, line 36, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027,**".

Page 390, line 39, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 390, line 42, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 391, delete lines 1 through 21, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 653. IC 31-26-4-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 5: (a) ~~The Indiana kids first trust fund board is established:~~

(b) ~~The purpose of the board is to determine whether proposed projects under this chapter should be approved and to perform other duties given to the board by this chapter. The board shall approve projects and recommend to the department that the projects receive funds under sections 12 and 14 of this chapter.~~

(c) ~~The board shall, before January 1 of each year, prepare a budget for expenditures from the fund for the following state fiscal year. The budget must contain priorities for expenditures from the fund to accomplish the projects that have been approved under this chapter. The budget shall be submitted to the department and the budget committee.~~

(d) ~~The board may employ staff necessary to carry out the duties of the board.~~

(e) ~~The board may establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation under section 17 of this chapter."~~

Page 391, line 24, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 391, line 24, delete "The" and insert "**After June 30, 2027, the**".

Page 391, line 38, delete "board." and insert "**commission under this chapter.**".

Page 391, line 40, delete "chapter." and insert "**chapter (before its repeal).**".

Page 391, delete lines 41 through 42.

Delete page 392.

Page 393, delete lines 1 through 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 655. IC 31-26-4-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 6: ~~The board consists of the following ten (10) members:~~



- (1) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly; appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with advice from the minority leader of the senate.
- (2) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general assembly; appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with advice from the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- (3) The director of the department or the director's designee.
- (4) Four (4) individuals appointed by the governor as follows:
  - (A) One (1) individual who represents the general public.
  - (B) Two (2) individuals who represent child advocacy organizations.
  - (C) One (1) individual who represents the medical community.
- (5) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the commissioner's designee. An individual designated by the commissioner under this subdivision must have knowledge of or experience in issues relating to:
  - (A) the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and
  - (B) the reduction of infant mortality.

SECTION 656. IC 31-26-4-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 7: (a) The members shall annually choose a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the members of the board under this section:

(b) The director of the department or the director's designee may not serve as chairperson or vice chairperson:

(c) If the member chosen as chairperson was appointed as a member by the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives; the vice chairperson must be chosen from among the members appointed by the governor. If the member chosen as chairperson was appointed as a member by the governor; the vice chairperson must be chosen from among the members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives:

SECTION 657. IC 31-26-4-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chair:

(b) A majority of the appointed members of the board constitutes a quorum. The board may take action only in the presence of a quorum:

(c) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board participating in a board meeting is necessary for the board to take any action at the meeting:

(d) The board shall post the minutes of a meeting on the board's



Internet web site not later than ten (10) days after the minutes are approved by the board:

SECTION 658. IC 31-26-4-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: (a) The term of a board member begins on the later of the following:

(1) The day the term of the member whom the individual is appointed to succeed expires.

(2) The day the individual is appointed.

(b) The term of a member expires July 1 of the fourth year after the member is appointed. However, a member serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(c) The appointing authority may reappoint a member for a new term.

(d) The appointing authority shall appoint an individual to fill a vacancy among the members.

SECTION 659. IC 31-26-4-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: (a) Each member of the board who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency."

Page 394, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 394, line 9, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 394, line 18, delete "." and insert "**(before its repeal)**".

Page 394, line 39, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 395, line 14, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 395, delete lines 26 through 42.

Page 396, delete lines 1 through 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 664. IC 31-26-4-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 17: (a) The board may establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to solicit and accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises, and contributions:

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(b) The board shall study the topic of establishing a nonprofit subsidiary corporation described in subsection (a). Not later than December 31, 2021, the board shall submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 addressing the board's findings and determinations under this subsection. If the board determines to establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation as described in subsection (a), the report must also include an implementation plan and estimated budget for the establishment of the nonprofit subsidiary corporation.

(c) A subsidiary corporation established under this section is governed by a board of directors comprised of members appointed by the Indiana kids first trust fund board. Employees of the Indiana kids first trust fund board may serve on the board of directors of the subsidiary corporation. A subsidiary corporation established under this section:

- (1) shall use money received under subsection (a) to carry out, in any manner, the purposes and programs of the board;
- (2) shall report to the budget committee each year concerning:
  - (A) the use of money received; and
  - (B) the balances in any accounts or funds established by the subsidiary corporation;
- (3) may donate money received to the Indiana kids first trust fund; and
- (4) may deposit money received in an account or fund that is:
  - (A) administered by the subsidiary corporation; and
  - (B) not part of the state treasury.

(d) The board of directors of a subsidiary corporation established under this section shall post the minutes of a meeting on the subsidiary corporation's Internet web site not later than ten (10) days after the minutes are approved by the board of directors.

(e) Employees of the Indiana kids first trust fund board shall provide administrative support for a subsidiary corporation established under this section. Employees of the board directly involved in the subsidiary corporation may engage in fundraising activities on behalf of the subsidiary corporation.

(f) The state board of accounts shall annually audit a subsidiary corporation established under this section."

Page 396, line 31, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 397, line 24, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 398, line 16, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 399, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 400, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".



Page 400, line 35, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 401, line 2, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 401, line 8, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 402, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 402, line 35, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 402, line 42, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 403, line 8, delete "(before its expiration on December 31, 2026)." and insert "**(before its repeal).**".

Page 403, delete lines 23 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 21. IC 34-30-2.1-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 12. IC 4-23-6-6 (Concerning medical examiners performing certain examinations or autopsies):~~".

Page 403, line 41, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 403, after line 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 22. IC 34-30-2.1-106 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 106. IC 9-27-6-5(h) (Concerning members of the driver education advisory board):~~".

Page 404, line 2, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 404, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 404, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 404, line 13, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".

Page 404, delete lines 34 through 42.

Page 405, delete lines 1 through 27.

Page 405, line 29, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 405, line 34, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 405, line 38, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 406, line 6, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 407, line 4, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 407, line 26, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 407, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 23. IC 35-47.5-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 617, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 11. A person who recklessly violates a rule regarding the use of a regulated explosive adopted by the **commission department** under IC 35-47.5-4-4.5 commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

- (1) a Level 6 felony if the violation of the rule proximately causes bodily injury; and
- (2) a Level 5 felony if the violation of the rule proximately causes death."



Page 407, line 37, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 407, line 40, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 408, line 2, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 408, line 6, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 408, line 9, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 408, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 408, line 15, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 408, line 33, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 409, line 4, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 409, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 411, line 2, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 411, line 11, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 412, line 11, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 413, line 5, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 413, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 414, line 5, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 414, line 21, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 415, line 3, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 415, line 31, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 416, delete lines 3 through 42.  
 Delete pages 417 through 427.  
 Page 428, delete lines 1 through 11.  
 Page 428, line 13, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 428, line 16, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 428, line 22, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 429, line 26, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 429, line 36, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 429, line 41, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 430, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 431, line 12, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 431, line 20, delete "JANUARY" and insert "JULY".  
 Page 432, delete lines 40 through 42.  
 Delete pages 433 through 434.  
 Page 435, delete lines 1 through 7.  
 Page 435, line 10, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 435, line 14, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 436, line 31, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".  
 Page 436, delete lines 33 through 37.  
 Page 436, line 38, delete "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]" and  
 insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".  
 Page 437, line 2, delete "2026," and insert "2027,".  
 Page 437, line 5, delete "2026," and insert "2027,".



Page 437, line 9, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027**,".

Page 437, line 10, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 437, line 12, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027**,".

Page 437, line 25, delete "June 30, 2026." and insert "**July 1, 2027**,".

Page 437, line 26, delete "2027." and insert "**2028**,".

Page 437, line 27, delete "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".

Page 437, line 33, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 437, line 36, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 437, line 40, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027**,".

Page 437, line 41, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 438, line 1, delete "July 1, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027**,".

Page 438, line 14, delete "June 30, 2026." and insert "**July 1, 2027**,".

Page 438, line 15, delete "2027." and insert "**2028**,".

Page 438, delete lines 16 through 42.

Page 439, delete lines 1 through 3.

Page 439, line 4, delete "2026]" and insert "2027]".

Page 439, line 19, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 439, line 25, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 439, line 33, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 439, line 42, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 440, line 20, delete "2026," and insert "**2027**,".

Page 440, line 25, delete "2026." and insert "**2027**,".

Page 440, line 26, delete "2027." and insert "**2028**,".

Page 440, delete lines 27 through 42.

Page 441, delete lines 1 through 35.

Page 441, line 36, delete "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".

Page 441, line 42, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 442, line 2, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 442, line 6, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027**,".

Page 442, line 7, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 442, line 9, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "**June 30, 2027**,".

Page 442, line 12, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 442, line 15, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 442, line 16, delete "December 31, 2026," and insert "**June 30**,".



**2027,".**

Page 442, line 27, delete "December 31, 2026." and insert "**July 1, 2027."**

Page 442, line 28, delete "2027." and insert "**2028."**

Page 442, line 29, delete "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".

Page 442, line 36, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 442, line 39, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 443, line 1, delete "January 1," and insert "**June 30,"**

Page 443, line 2, delete "on or".

Page 443, line 2, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 443, line 6, delete "January 1," and insert "**June 30,"**

Page 443, line 19, delete "December 31, 2026." and insert "**July 1, 2027."**

Page 443, line 20, delete "January 1, 2028." and insert "**July 1, 2028."**

Page 443, line 21, delete "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".

Page 443, line 28, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 443, line 31, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 443, line 35, delete "January 1," and insert "**June 30,"**

Page 443, line 36, delete "on or".

Page 443, line 36, delete "January" and insert "**July**".

Page 443, line 40, delete "January 1," and insert "**June 30,"**

Page 444, line 11, delete "December 31, 2026." and insert "**July 1, 2027."**

Page 444, line 12, delete "January 1, 2028." and insert "**July 1, 2028."**

Page 444, delete lines 13 through 20.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as reprinted January 30, 2026.)

BRAY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.



## SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1003 be amended to read as follows:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 467 with "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".

Page 11, delete lines 19 through 42.

Delete pages 12 through 16.

Page 17, delete lines 1 through 23, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 5. IC 4-4-16-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: (a) ~~The Indiana main street council is established. The council consists of:~~

- (1) ~~the secretary of agriculture and rural development or a person designated by the secretary; who shall serve as chairman; and~~
- (2) ~~at least seven (7) but not more than ten (10) persons appointed by the secretary; who represent organizations concerned with the purposes of the program established by this chapter and who represent all geographic regions of the state.~~

(b) ~~Members appointed to the council by the secretary shall serve for a term of three (3) years, beginning on July 1 after their appointment. However, a member appointed to fill a vacancy on the council shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

(c) ~~The council shall:~~

- (1) ~~develop and direct policy;~~
- (2) ~~coordinate administrative techniques; and~~
- (3) ~~provide assistance;~~

~~to carry out the purposes of the Indiana main street program.~~

(d) ~~Each member of the council who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Each member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the state budget agency."~~

Page 22, line 39, strike "seven (7)" and insert "**six (6)**".

Page 23, delete line 8.

Page 23, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 15. IC 4-23-6.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the commissioner's designee shall serve as



~~chairman~~ **chairperson** of the board.

(b) The board shall annually elect a vice ~~chairman~~ **chairperson** from among the members of the board.

**(c) The chairperson may only vote to break a tie."**

Page 29, delete lines 12 through 15, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

**"(A) The Black community.**

**(B) The Hispanic/Latino community.**

**(C) Women.**

**(D) The Native American Indians."**

Page 30, delete lines 4 through 7, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

**"(A) Black Hoosier affairs.**

**(B) The Hispanic/Latino affairs.**

**(C) Hoosier women concerns.**

**(D) The Native American Indian affairs."**

Page 30, line 12, delete "chairperson." and insert "**chairperson who represent the community that is the concern of the subcommittee."**

Page 35, line 30, delete "The treasurer of state, or the treasurer of state's" and insert "**The members of the board shall elect a chairperson at the first meeting each year. The member elected chairperson serves a one (1) year term as chairperson."**

Page 35, line 31, delete "designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the board."

Page 36, delete lines 41 through 42.

Delete page 37.

Page 38, delete lines 1 through 12.

Delete page 40.

Page 41, delete line 1.

Page 44, delete lines 32 through 42.

Page 45, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 48, delete lines 23 through 39.

Page 73, delete lines 39 through 42.

Page 74, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 80, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"SECTION 126. IC 12-15-30.5-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 2: As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the nonemergency medical transportation commission established by section 7 of this chapter.**

**SECTION 127. IC 12-15-30.5-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 6: (a) Before October 1, 2019, the office of the secretary shall prepare a report containing the number of Medicaid**



fee-for-service nonemergency medical transportation claims paid by:

- (1) vehicle type;
- (2) Medicaid recipient category; and
- (3) whether the recipient for which the claim was paid resided in:
  - (A) the community;
  - (B) a health facility;
  - (C) an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities;
  - (D) a hospital; or
  - (E) another location.

(b) Beginning June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2019, the claims data reported in subsection (a) must be organized by month.

(c) The office of the secretary shall submit the report prepared under subsection (a) to the commission.

SECTION 128. IC 12-15-30.5-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 7. (a) The nonemergency medical transportation commission is established for the purpose of overseeing the provision of nonemergency medical transportation services to ensure that Medicaid fee-for-service recipients are receiving satisfactory service and to ensure that brokers pay the claims of transportation providers in a timely manner.

(b) The commission consists of the following members:

- (1) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with the advice of the minority leader of the senate.
- (2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with the advice of the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- (3) One (1) representative of the office of the secretary.
- (4) One (1) individual representing a broker.
- (5) One (1) individual representing a transportation provider that has contracted with a broker.
- (6) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Hospital Association.
- (7) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Health Care Association.
- (8) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.
- (9) One (1) individual representing the Arc of Indiana.
- (10) One (1) physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.
- (11) One (1) individual representing dialysis providers.



(12) One (1) Medicaid fee-for-service recipient.

(13) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

(14) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Association.

(c) The members of the commission described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) shall serve:

(1) as nonvoting advisory members; and

(2) for a four (4) year term.

(d) The members of the commission described in subsection (b)(3) through (b)(14) shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4) years. The term of a member of the commission expires July 1. However, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. In case of a vacancy, the governor shall appoint an individual to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The governor shall designate one (1) member described in this subsection as chairperson of the commission.

(e) The initial appointments beginning July 1, 2019, must be:

(1) made by the governor not later than October 1, 2019; and

(2) notwithstanding subsection (d), staggered as follows:

(A) Two (2) years for the members appointed under subsection (b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(8), (b)(10), (b)(12), and (b)(14).

(B) Three (3) years for the members appointed under subsection (b)(5), (b)(7), (b)(9), (b)(11), and (b)(13).

This subsection expires July 1, 2024.

(f) The office shall provide staff support and technical assistance to the commission, including the collection of and dissemination of data and reports required by this chapter, in order for the commission to carry out its duties under this chapter.

SECTION 129. IC 12-15-30.5-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 8: (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana



department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

SECTION 130. IC 12-15-30.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 9: The commission shall meet at least two (2) times per year at a public meeting to do the following:

- (1) Review a report submitted under this chapter.
- (2) Provide feedback and make recommendations to the office of the secretary concerning the provision of nonemergency medical transportation services.
- (3) Approve any monies to be awarded to a broker as part of a withhold provision outlined in the contract between the office of the secretary and the broker.

SECTION 131. IC 12-15-30.5-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]. Sec. 10: On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the executive director of the legislative services agency, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, for review by the interim committee on government in accordance with IC 1-1-15.5-4 and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g). The report shall describe:

- (1) official action taken; and
- (2) actionable items considered;

by the commission during the preceding two (2) years."

Page 85, delete lines 12 through 42.

Page 86, delete lines 1 through 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 136. IC 12-17.2-6-5, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1202-2026, SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "primary use of the building" means the occupancy classification that is:

- (1) most closely related to the intended use of the building; and
- (2) determined by the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** in effect at the time that the child care ministry is first registered.

(b) The department of homeland security shall inspect a child care ministry registered under section 2 of this chapter to ensure that the child care ministry complies with the requirements of subsection (c).

(c) Except as provided in the following, a registered child care



ministry shall comply with all rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** applicable to the primary use of the building:

(1) A registered child care ministry with an occupant load of at least fifty (50) shall do either of the following:

(A) Install and maintain a fire alarm system in compliance with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security**.

(B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.

(2) Each registered child care ministry with an occupant load of less than fifty (50) shall do either of the following:

(A) Install and maintain in good operating condition at least one (1) battery operated smoke detector in each room and corridor used by the ministry.

(B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.

(3) Each registered child care ministry shall comply with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** concerning fire drills.

For purposes of this subsection, occupant load is determined by dividing the total square footage of the area used by the child care ministry by thirty-five (35) and rounding any result that is not a whole number up to the next whole number.

(d) The department of homeland security shall perform inspections of a child care ministry registered under section 2 of this chapter in accordance with IC 22-14-2-11."

Page 89, delete lines 17 through 42.

Page 90, delete lines 1 through 30.

Page 92, delete lines 33 through 42.

Delete pages 93 through 110.

Page 111, delete lines 1 through 33.

Page 113, delete lines 17 through 42.

Delete pages 114 through 118.

Page 119, delete lines 1 through 2.

Page 120, delete lines 39 through 42.

Delete pages 121 through 122.

Page 123, delete lines 1 through 11.



Page 124, delete lines 21 through 42.

Delete pages 125 through 128.

Page 129, delete lines 1 through 19.

Page 130, delete lines 13 through 34.

Page 136, line 10, delete "state" and insert **"Indiana cultural commission established under IC 4-23-36"**.

Page 136, line 11, delete "department".

Page 137, delete line 42.

Delete page 138.

Page 139, delete lines 1 through 34.

Page 145, line 22, reset in roman "four (4)".

Page 145, line 22, delete "three (3)".

Page 145, line 25, reset in roman "(B)".

Page 145, line 25, after "education." insert **"The director of the Indiana public retirement system."**

Page 145, line 26, reset in roman "(C)".

Page 145, line 26, delete "(B)".

Page 145, line 27, reset in roman "(D)".

Page 145, line 27, delete "(C)".

Page 168, line 4, delete "Medicine," and insert **"Medicine."**

Page 168, delete line 5.

Page 168, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new line blocked left and insert:

**"The members of the board shall elect the chair at the first meeting of each year. The member elected chair serves a one (1) year term as chair."**

Page 186, delete lines 21 through 42.

Delete page 187.

Page 188, delete lines 1 through 30, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 300. IC 22-11-14-4.5, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1202-2026, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4.5. (a) A retailer may sell consumer fireworks and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter from a tent under the following conditions:

- (1) The tent may not be larger than one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet.
- (2) There may be only one (1) tent for each registration granted under section 11(a) of this chapter.
- (3) The tent may not be located closer than one hundred (100) feet from a permanent structure.
- (4) A vehicle may not be parked closer than twenty (20) feet from



the edge of the tent.

(5) The tent must be fire retardant.

(6) The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning and land use rules.

(7) Sales of fireworks may be made from the tent for not more than forty-five (45) days in a year.

(8) The weight of consumer fireworks in a tent may not exceed three thousand (3,000) gross pounds of consumer fireworks.

(9) A retailer that legally operated a tent with a registration in 2005 may continue operation in a tent in 2006 and the following years. A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is required for operation in 2006 and following years. For purposes of this subdivision, a retailer includes a resident wholesaler who supplied consumer fireworks to an applicant for a tent registration in 2005.

(10) The retailer holds a valid registration under section 11(a) of this chapter.

(b) A retailer may sell consumer fireworks and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter from a Class 1 structure (as defined in IC 22-12-1-4) if the Class 1 structure meets the requirements of any of the following subdivisions:

(1) The structure complied with the rules for a B-2 or M building occupancy classification before July 4, 2003, under the Indiana building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **(before its repeal)**:

(A) in which consumer fireworks were sold or stored on or before July 4, 2003; and

(B) in which no subsequent intervening nonfireworks sales or storage use has occurred.

(2) The structure complied with the rules for a B-2 or M building occupancy classification before July 4, 2003, under the Indiana building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **(before its repeal)**:

(A) in which consumer fireworks were sold or stored on or before July 4, 2003;

(B) in a location at which the retailer was registered as a resident wholesaler in 2005; and

(C) in which the retailer's primary business is not the sale of consumer fireworks.

(3) The structure complies with the rules for an H-3 building occupancy classification under the Indiana building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety commission established



under IC 22-12-2-1, or the equivalent occupancy classification adopted by subsequent rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission: **department of homeland security.**

(4) The structure complies with the rules adopted after July 3, 2003, by the fire prevention and building safety commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **department of homeland security** for an M building occupancy classification under the Indiana building code.

A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is required for operation in 2006 and following years.

(c) This subsection does not apply to a structure identified in subsection (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), or (b)(4). A retailer may sell consumer fireworks and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter from a structure under the following conditions:

(1) The structure must be a Class 1 structure in which consumer fireworks are sold and stored.

(2) The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning and land use rules.

(3) The weight of consumer fireworks in the structure may not exceed three thousand (3,000) gross pounds of consumer fireworks.

(4) The retailer holds a valid registration under section 11(a) of this chapter.

(5) A retailer that sold consumer fireworks and operated from a structure with a registration in 2005 may continue in operation in the structure in 2006 and the following years. A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is required for operation in 2006 and following years.

(d) A member of the department of homeland security staff shall, under section 9 of this chapter, inspect tents and structures in which fireworks are sold in accordance with IC 22-14-2-11. The department of homeland security may delegate this responsibility to a responding fire department with jurisdiction over the tent or structure, subject to the policies and procedures of the state fire marshal.

(e) A retailer shall file an application for each retail location on a form to be provided by the department of homeland security.

(f) This chapter does not limit the quantity of items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter that may be sold from any Class 1 structure that complied with the rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission (**before its repeal**) in effect before May 21, 2003."

Page 194, line 21, delete "In the interim, except" and insert "**Except**".



Page 200, line 22, after "in" insert "**IC 22-12-2.1 and**".

Page 200, line 25, after "commission" delete "The" and insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 204, line 26, strike "The".

Page 204, line 26, after "commission" insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 204, line 29, strike "The".

Page 204, line 29, after "commission" insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 204, line 32, strike "The".

Page 204, line 32, after "commission" insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 205, line 1, strike "The".

Page 205, line 1, after "commission" insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 205, line 5, strike "The".

Page 205, line 5, after "commission" insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 207, line 25, strike "adopt rules under IC 4-22-2".

Page 207, line 26, strike "to implement this section." and insert "**modify or eliminate variances granted under this section in the same manner that an authorization made under section 15 of this chapter may be modified or eliminated under section 15(e) of this chapter.**".

Page 207, line 38, after "." insert "**Rulemaking under this section is subject to IC 22-12-2.1.**".

Page 209, line 30, reset in roman "IC 25-31;"

Page 209, line 30, delete "IC 25-4-3;"

Page 211, line 27, strike "The".

Page 211, line 27, after "commission" insert "**Subject to IC 22-12-2.1, the**".

Page 218, line 26, reset in roman "IC 25-4 or IC 25-31;"

Page 218, line 26, delete "IC 25-4-1 or".

Page 218, delete line 27.

Page 220, line 13, reset in roman "IC 25-31,"

Page 220, line 13, delete "IC 25-4-3,"

Page 221, delete lines 16 through 21.

Page 222, line 11, reset in roman "IC 25-31,"

Page 222, line 11, delete "IC 25-4-3,"

Page 222, delete lines 23 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 371. IC 22-15-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]:

**Chapter 3.5. Self-certification by Design Professional**

**Sec. 1.** The definitions in IC 22-15-3.2 apply throughout this chapter.

**Sec. 2. (a)** Notwithstanding any other law, an applicant for a construction project requiring a design release for a Class 1 structure under IC 22-15-3 may satisfy the design release requirement through self-certification.

**(b)** Self-certification may be used only for projects that are required to be signed and sealed by an Indiana registered design professional. The department may exclude projects from self-certification that involve high-hazard occupancies, essential facilities, or other structures determined to pose an elevated risk to life safety.

**Sec. 3.** To self-certify a project, an applicant for a design release must:

- (1)** be an Indiana registered design professional in good standing with the applicable registration board;
- (2)** be a registered design professional for at least two (2) years;
- (3)** have completed at least five (5) projects in Indiana as the registered design professional of record or as the registered design professional responsible for the production of the construction documents; and
- (4)** maintain professional liability insurance of at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per claim and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate.

**Sec. 4.** The department shall develop an electronic application form for self-certifying applicants.

**Sec. 5.** The certifying design professional shall:

- (1)** perform a comprehensive review of the construction documents; and
- (2)** submit to the department a signed certification, under penalty of perjury, affirming that the plans comply with all applicable state building codes and rules.

**Sec. 6.** Upon receipt of a complete certification and required documentation, the department shall, not later than the next business day, provide to the applicant:

- (1)** a copy of the design release; or
- (2)** a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design



release;  
without conducting a technical plan review.

**Sec. 7. The department may:**

- (1) audit self-certified projects;
- (2) require corrective action for noncompliance;
- (3) revoke or suspend a professional's authority to provide certifications; and
- (4) refer violations to the appropriate licensing board or impose civil penalties as authorized by law.

**Sec. 8. The department may collect plan review fees for projects that are released without a plan review.**

**Sec. 9. Nothing in this chapter limits the authority of state or local inspection officials to conduct inspections or enforce compliance during construction.**

**Sec. 10. An applicant who is qualified to self-certify may apply for a design release under:**

- (1) this chapter; or
- (2) IC 22-15-3.

**Sec. 11. Participation in the self-certification program is voluntary. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the department from reviewing or not reviewing an application in accordance with IC 22-15-3."**

Delete page 223.

Page 224, delete lines 1 through 3.

Page 244, delete lines 16 through 42.

Delete pages 245 through 248.

Page 249, delete lines 1 through 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 410. IC 25-1-5-4, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1230-2026, SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The agency shall employ necessary staff, including specialists and professionals, to carry out the administrative duties and functions of the boards, including but not limited to:

- (1) notice of board meetings and other communication services;
- (2) recordkeeping of board meetings, proceedings, and actions;
- (3) recordkeeping of all persons licensed, regulated, or certified by a board;
- (4) administration of examinations; and
- (5) administration of license or certificate issuance or renewal.

(b) In addition, the agency:

- (1) shall prepare a consolidated statement of the budget requests of all the boards described in IC 25-0.5-5 or IC 25-0.5-7;



- (2) may coordinate licensing or certification renewal cycles, examination schedules, or other routine activities to efficiently utilize agency staff, facilities, and transportation resources, and to improve accessibility of board functions to the public;
- (3) may consolidate, where feasible, office space, recordkeeping, and data processing services;
- (4) shall operate and maintain the electronic registry of professions established under IC 25-1-5.5;
- (5) shall post each board's public meeting agenda on the applicable board's website not less than seventy-two (72) hours before a board's public meeting;
- (6) shall post each board's public meeting minutes on the applicable board's website not more than fourteen (14) calendar days after adoption of the minutes by the board;
- (7) shall post any vacancy on a board on the applicable board's website within fourteen (14) calendar days of the vacancy;
- (8) notwithstanding any other law:
- (A) shall prescribe the application form and manner for each board; and
  - (B) shall make any new application form publicly available on the applicable board's website for sixty (60) calendar days before being adopted by the agency; ~~and~~
- (9) shall send notification of incomplete items in an application to the applicant every fourteen (14) calendar days after the applicant initiates the application until the earlier of the following:
- (A) The date the application is completed.
  - (B) One (1) calendar year after the applicant initiates the application; **and**
- (10) may adopt and enforce procedural rules under IC 25-1-6-3.**

(c) In administering the renewal of licenses or certificates under this chapter, the agency shall send a notice of the upcoming expiration of a license or certificate to each holder of a license or certificate at least ninety (90) days before the expiration of the license or certificate. The notice must inform the holder of the license or certificate of the need to renew the license or certificate and the requirement of payment of the renewal fee. If this notice of expiration is not sent by the agency, the holder of the license or certificate is not subject to a sanction for failure to renew if, once notice is received from the agency, the license or certificate is renewed within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the notice.



(d) In administering an examination for licensure or certification, the agency shall make the appropriate application forms available at least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting an application to all persons wishing to take the examination.

(e) The agency may require an applicant for license or certificate renewal to submit evidence proving that:

(1) the applicant continues to meet the minimum requirements for licensure or certification; and

(2) the applicant is not in violation of:

(A) the statute regulating the applicant's profession; or

(B) rules adopted by the board regulating the applicant's profession.

(f) The agency shall process an application for renewal of a license or certificate:

(1) not later than ten (10) days after the agency receives all required forms and evidence; or

(2) within twenty-four (24) hours after the time that an applicant for renewal appears in person at the agency with all required forms and evidence.

This subsection does not require the agency to issue a renewal license or certificate to an applicant if subsection (g) applies.

(g) The agency may delay issuing a license or certificate renewal for up to one hundred twenty (120) days after the renewal date for the purpose of permitting the board to investigate information received by the agency that the applicant for renewal may have committed an act for which the applicant may be disciplined. If the agency delays issuing a license or certificate renewal, the agency shall notify the applicant that the applicant is being investigated. Except as provided in subsection (h), before the end of the one hundred twenty (120) day period, the board shall do one (1) of the following:

(1) Deny the license or certificate renewal following a personal appearance by the applicant before the board.

(2) Issue the license or certificate renewal upon satisfaction of all other conditions for renewal.

(3) Issue the license or certificate renewal and file a complaint under IC 25-1-7.

(4) Upon agreement of the applicant and the board and following a personal appearance by the applicant before the board, renew the license or certificate and place the applicant on probation status under IC 25-1-9-9.

(h) If an individual fails to appear before the board under subsection (g), the board may take action on the applicant's license or certificate



allowed under subsection (g)(1), (g)(2), or (g)(3).

(i) The applicant's license or certificate remains valid until the final determination of the board is rendered unless the renewal is denied or the license is summarily suspended under IC 25-1-9-10.

(j) The license or certificate of the applicant for a license or certificate renewal remains valid during the one hundred twenty (120) day period unless the license or certificate renewal is denied following a personal appearance by the applicant before the board before the end of the one hundred twenty (120) day period. If the one hundred twenty (120) day period expires without action by the board, the license or certificate is automatically renewed at the end of the one hundred twenty (120) day period.

(k) The board's renewal of a license or certificate does not preclude the board from imposing sanctions on the licensee or certificate holder as a result of a complaint filed by the attorney general after renewal of the license or certificate.

(l) Notwithstanding any other statute or rule, the agency may stagger license or certificate renewal cycles. However, if a renewal cycle for a specific board or committee is changed, the agency must obtain the approval of the affected board or committee.

(m) An application for a license, certificate, registration, or permit is abandoned without an action of the board, if the applicant does not complete the requirements to complete the application within one (1) year after the date on which the application was filed. However, the board may, for good cause shown, extend the validity of the application for additional thirty (30) day periods. An application submitted after the abandonment of an application is considered a new application."

Page 249, delete lines 31 through 42.

Delete pages 250 through 253.

Page 254, delete line 1.

Page 254, delete lines 22 through 30.

Page 254, line 42, reset in roman "board of registration for architects and landscape architects".

Page 254, line 42, delete "Indiana".

Page 255, line 1, delete "board of registration for design professionals".

Page 255, delete lines 23 through 42.

Delete pages 256 through 267.

Page 268, delete lines 1 through 30.

Page 269, delete lines 15 through 42.

Page 270, delete lines 1 through 28.

Page 271, delete lines 7 through 42.



Delete pages 272 through 273.

Page 274, delete lines 1 through 32.

Page 288, delete lines 16 through 42.

Page 289, delete lines 1 through 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 457. IC 31-27-2-4, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1202-2026, SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the licensing and inspection of:

(1) child caring institutions, foster family homes, group homes, and child placing agencies after consultation with the:

(A) Indiana department of health; and

(B) **department of homeland security; and**

(2) child caring institutions and group homes that are licensed for infants and toddlers after consultation with the division of family resources.

(b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall be applied by the department in the licensing and inspection of applicants for a license and licensees under this article.

(c) The rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 must establish minimum standards for the care and treatment of children in a secure private facility.

(d) The rules described in subsection (c) must include standards governing the following:

(1) Admission criteria.

(2) General physical and environmental conditions.

(3) Services and programs to be provided to confined children.

(4) Procedures for ongoing monitoring and discharge planning.

(5) Procedures for the care and control of confined persons that are necessary to ensure the health, safety, and treatment of confined children.

(e) The department shall license a facility as a secure private facility if the facility:

(1) meets the minimum standards required under subsection (c);

(2) provides a continuum of care and services; and

(3) is licensed under IC 31-27-3.

(f) A waiver of the rules may not be granted for treatment and reporting requirements.

(g) Rules that the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** adopts under IC 22-13-2-2:

(1) establish the minimum building and fire safety requirements applicable to structures covered by this article; and



(2) take precedence over conflicting rules as provided for in IC 22-13-2-3.

(h) The department may not adopt rules regulating the same subject matter as rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~: **department of homeland security**".

Page 291, delete line 42.

Page 292, delete lines 1 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 32-21-2.5-8, AS AMENDED BY SEA 191-2026, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "paper document" or "paper documents" means a tangible record that is received by a county recorder in a form that is not electronic.

(b) A county recorder shall receive for recording, indexing, storage, archiving, access to, searching of, retrieval, and transmittal all electronic documents proper for recording. A county recorder shall also accept electronically any fee or tax that the county recorder is authorized to collect under applicable laws. A county recorder shall implement the processing of electronic documents proper for recording in compliance with:

- (1) this article;
- (2) IC 33-42;
- (3) IC 36-2-7.5;
- (4) IC 36-2-11; and
- (5) IC 36-2-13;

and the standards adopted by the electronic recording commission created under section 9 of this chapter **(before its repeal)**.

(c) This section does not apply to the following documents:

- (1) A military discharge under IC 10-17-2.
- (2) A survey of real property.
- (3) A plat of real property.
- (4) A document containing the identifying information of a participant in the address confidentiality program under IC 5-26.5.

(d) A recorder who accepts electronic documents for recording shall:

- (1) continue to accept paper documents as authorized by state law; and
- (2) place entries for paper documents and electronic documents in the same index.

(e) A recorder who accepts electronic documents for recording may:

- (1) convert paper documents accepted for recording into



electronic form;

(2) convert into electronic form information recorded before the county recorder began to accept and index electronic documents;  
or

(3) agree with other officials of a state or a political subdivision of a state, or of the United States, on procedures or processes to facilitate the electronic satisfaction of prior approvals and conditions precedent to recording and the electronic payment of fees and taxes."

Page 294, delete lines 35 through 42.

Page 295, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 297, delete lines 40 through 42.

Page 298, delete lines 1 through 9.

Page 298, delete lines 27 through 39.

Page 299, delete lines 14 through 42.

Delete pages 300 through 301.

Page 302, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 303, line 34, reset in roman "IC 25-31-1;".

Page 303, line 35, delete "IC 25-4-3;".

Page 303, delete lines 41 through 42.

Page 304, delete lines 1 through 14.

Page 307, delete lines 26 through 42.

Delete pages 308 through 309.

Page 310, delete lines 1 through 26.

Page 316, delete lines 3 through 42.

Page 317, delete lines 1 through 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"SECTION 518. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The general assembly recognizes that HEA 1230-2026 repeals IC 25-1-6, effective July 1, 2026, and that this act amends IC 25-1-6-3, effective July 1, 2027. The general assembly intends to repeal IC 25-1-6 effective July 1, 2026.**

**(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2027."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to EHB 1003 as printed February 20, 2026.)

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