

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## HB 1003 # 8

### DIGEST

State chemist. Removes provisions that would have moved the office of the state chemist to the Indiana state department of agriculture (ISDA). Establishes the government reform task force to study moving the office of the state chemist to the ISDA. Makes technical corrections.

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- 1       Page 7, between lines 33 and 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2       "SECTION 3. IC 2-5-53.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 3       AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4       UPON PASSAGE]:
- 5       **Chapter 53.5. Government Reform Task Force**
- 6       **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "agency" has the meaning set**
- 7       **forth in IC 4-22-2-3.**
- 8       **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the legislative**
- 9       **council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.**
- 10       **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rule" has the meaning set forth**
- 11       **in IC 4-22-2-3.**
- 12       **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**
- 13       **government reform task force established by section 5 of this**
- 14       **chapter.**
- 15       **Sec. 5. The government reform task force is established.**
- 16       **Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e),**
- 17       **IC 2-5-1.2 applies to the task force.**
- 18       **(b) The task force consists of the following ten (10) members of**
- 19       **the general assembly:**
- 20               **(1) Three (3) members appointed by the president pro**
- 21               **tempore of the senate.**
- 22               **(2) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the**
- 23               **senate.**
- 24               **(3) Three (3) members appointed by the speaker of the house**
- 25               **of representatives.**
- 26               **(4) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the**
- 27               **house of representatives.**

1 A member of the task force serves at the pleasure of the appointing  
2 authority.

3 (c) The task force shall meet as called by the chair. All meetings  
4 of the task force shall be open to the public in accordance with and  
5 subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the task force shall be subject  
6 to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.

7 (d) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a  
8 quorum. The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members  
9 at a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task  
10 force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.

11 (e) The:

12 (1) chairman of the council shall designate the chair; and

13 (2) vice chairman of the council shall designate the vice chair;  
14 of the task force from the members of the task force. The chair and  
15 vice chair of the task force serve as chair and vice chair at the  
16 pleasure of the appointing authority.

17 Sec. 7. The task force shall study:

18 (1) the feasibility of transferring the administration of the  
19 office of the state chemist from Purdue University to the  
20 Indiana state department of agriculture;

21 (2) any employment issue arising from a transfer of the  
22 administration of the office of the state chemist; and

23 (3) any issue arising from a transfer of any property, records,  
24 funds, or accounts of the office of state chemist to the Indiana  
25 state department of agriculture.

26 Sec. 8. The task force may request information or testimony  
27 from department or agency heads, or the designee of a department  
28 or agency head, as determined necessary by the task force.

29 Sec. 9. The task force shall:

30 (1) develop recommendations in a report concerning the  
31 issues set forth in section 7 of this chapter; and

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

34 Sec. 10. The legislative services agency shall provide support  
35 staff to the task force.

36 Sec. 11. This chapter expires June 30, 2027."

37 Page 10, delete lines 29 through 42.

38 Page 11, delete lines 1 through 18.

39 Page 64, line 8, after "the" insert "Indiana".

40 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.

- 1 Page 150, delete lines 32 through 37.
- 2 Page 150, delete line 42.
- 3 Page 151, delete lines 1 through 6.
- 4 Page 152, delete lines 19 through 42.
- 5 Delete pages 153 through 154.
- 6 Page 155, delete lines 1 through 16.
- 7 Page 162, delete lines 17 through 42.
- 8 Delete page 163.
- 9 Page 164, delete lines 1 through 13.
- 10 Page 166, line 41, reset in roman "credited to the office of Purdue
- 11 pesticide programs. The money".
- 12 Page 166, line 42, reset in roman "may be used only to provide
- 13 education about pesticides".
- 14 Page 166, line 42, delete "deposited in".
- 15 Page 167, delete line 1.
- 16 Delete page 168.
- 17 Page 169, delete lines 1 through 12.
- 18 Page 174, line 37, reset in roman "credited to the office of Purdue
- 19 pesticide".
- 20 Page 174, reset in roman line 38.
- 21 Page 174, line 39, reset in roman "pesticides".
- 22 Page 174, line 39, delete "deposited in the pesticide use and
- 23 application fund".
- 24 Page 174, delete line 40.
- 25 Page 184, delete lines 14 through 42.
- 26 Page 185, delete lines 1 through 5.
- 27 Page 227, line 8, after "The" insert "**Indiana**".
- 28 Page 287, line 10, delete "IC 22-10-3-1" and insert "IC
- 29 22-10-3-1.1".
- 30 Page 287, line 12, delete "Sec.1." and insert "**Sec. 1.1.**".
- 31 Page 377, line 20, delete "FOLLOWS:" and insert "FOLLOWS
- 32 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]:".
- 33 Page 378, delete lines 15 through 17, begin a new paragraph and
- 34 insert:
- 35 "SECTION 656. IC 25-4-1-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 36 JANUARY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 28: This chapter shall be known and cited as~~
- 37 ~~"The Indiana Architectural and Landscape Architectural Act".~~
- 38 Page 426, delete lines 2 through 30.
- 39 Page 496, delete lines 15 through 32.
- 40 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 22, 2026.)