

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## HB 1003 # 1

### DIGEST

Boards and commissions. Deletes provisions concerning: (1) the commission on supplier diversity; (2) race horse breed development; (3) the bureau of motor vehicles commission; (4) public safety communications and the statewide 911 system; (5) the certification appeal board for real estate appraisers; (6) the New Harmony and Wabash River bridge authority; (7) the Lewis and Clark expedition commission and fund; (8) the hazard mitigation council; (9) the Little Calumet River basin development commission; (10) the establishment of the commission on invasive species and pests; (11) the membership of regional planning commissions; (12) the membership of the Gary Metro Center station revitalization project board; (13) the division of mental health and addiction planning and advisory council; and (14) the membership of certain regional water, sewage, and solid waste districts.

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- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:  
2 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-1.3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,  
3 SECTION 270, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) A study committee shall  
5 study the issues assigned by the legislative council that are within the  
6 subject matter for the study committee, as described in section 4 of this  
7 chapter.  
8 (b) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
9 interim study committee on roads and transportation shall advise the  
10 bureau of motor vehicles regarding the suitability of a special group (as  
11 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to receive a special group recognition license  
12 plate for the special group (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170) for the first  
13 time under IC 9-18.5-12-4 and the suitability of a special group (as  
14 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to continue participating in the special group  
15 recognition license plate program under IC 9-18.5-12-5.  
16 (c) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
17 interim study committee on corrections and criminal code shall review  
18 current trends with respect to criminal behavior, sentencing,  
19 incarceration, and treatment and may:  
20 (1) identify particular needs of the criminal justice system that can  
21 be addressed by legislation; and  
22 (2) prepare legislation to address the particular needs found by the

1 committee.

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

9 (1) The level of community support for the change, including  
10 support from the local fiscal body.

11 (2) The results of a survey that shall be conducted by the county  
12 requesting the change, sampling members of the bar, members of  
13 the judiciary, and local officials to determine needs and concerns  
14 of existing courts.

15 (3) Whether the county is already using a judge or magistrate  
16 from an overserved area of the judicial district.

17 (4) The relative severity of need based on the most recent  
18 weighted caseload measurement system report published by the  
19 office of judicial administration.

20 (5) Whether the county is using any problem solving court as  
21 described in IC 33-23-16-11, and, if so, the list of problem solving  
22 courts established in the county, and any evaluation of the impact  
23 of the problem solving courts on the overall judicial caseload.

24 (6) A description of the:

25 (A) county's population growth in the ten (10) years before the  
26 date of the request; and

27 (B) projected population growth in the county for the ten (10)  
28 years after the date of the request, to the extent available;

29 and any documentation to support the information provided under  
30 this subdivision.

31 (7) A description of the county's use of pre-incarceration  
32 diversion services and post-incarceration reentry services in an  
33 effort to decrease recidivism.

34 (8) If the request is a request for a new court or new courts, an  
35 acknowledgment from the county fiscal body (as defined in  
36 IC 36-1-2-6) with the funding sources and estimated costs the  
37 county intends to pay toward the county's part of the operating  
38 costs associated with the new court or new courts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (1) review the annual reports submitted by:

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

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

26 (C) the department of child services under IC 31-25-2-24;  
 27 during the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period, and  
 28 may make recommendations regarding changes in policies or  
 29 statutes to improve child safety; and

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

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

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

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

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

40 (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**

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

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

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

17                   SECTION 2. IC 2-5-36-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.221-2025,  
 18                   SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19                   JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. The commission shall do the following:

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

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

- 1 of the oversight body shall be held not later than July 1, 2022.
- 2 (7) Create and provide staff support to a statewide youth, family,  
3 and caregiver engagement initiative to carry out the following  
4 duties:
- 5 (A) Provide staff support and funding for commission  
6 activities provided by a:
- 7 (i) youth member of the commission appointed under  
8 section 4 of this chapter; or
- 9 (ii) youth, family, or caregiver member of a commission  
10 committee, task force, or subcommittee who has been  
11 appointed as a community member.
- 12 (B) Develop a statewide plan to support, encourage, and  
13 expand the engagement of youth, families, and caregivers in  
14 state policymaking impacting youth and children.
- 15 (C) Provide and support educational:
- 16 (i) opportunities;  
17 (ii) convenings; and  
18 (iii) experiences;
- 19 that facilitate increased youth, family, and caregiver  
20 participation.
- 21 (D) Support the efforts of other state agencies and community  
22 organizations that seek to support, encourage, and expand the  
23 engagement of youth, families, and caregivers in policy  
24 decisions impacting youth and children.
- 25 (E) Solicit direct feedback from youth, families, and caregivers  
26 to inform commission recommendations concerning:
- 27 (i) points of complexity and inefficiency in child serving  
28 systems;  
29 (ii) duplication of services and potential points of  
30 consolidation; and  
31 (iii) improving time to permanency and reducing the trauma  
32 of systems involvement.
- 33 (8) Submit a report not later than September 1 of each year  
34 regarding the commission's work during the previous year. The  
35 report shall be submitted to the legislative council, the governor,  
36 and the chief justice of Indiana. The report to the legislative  
37 council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
- 38 **(9) Perform the duties of the commission set forth in**  
39 **IC 31-26-4.**
- 40 SECTION 3. IC 4-3-21.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.74-2020,

1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. The task force consists of the following  
3 members:

- 4 (1) The ~~lieutenant~~ governor or the ~~lieutenant~~ governor's designee.
- 5 (2) The secretary of commerce or the secretary of commerce's  
6 designee.
- 7 **(3) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of**  
8 **representatives.**
- 9 **(4) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore**  
10 **of the senate.**

11 ~~(5)~~ **(5)** The following members chosen by the military assets in  
12 their geographic areas:

- 13 (A) One (1) member representing the Southern Indiana  
14 Defense Network.
- 15 (B) One (1) member representing Radius Indiana.
- 16 (C) One (1) member representing greater Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 17 (D) One (1) member representing the Defense Finance and  
18 Accounting Service, Lawrence, Indiana.
- 19 (E) One (1) member representing the Grissom Regional  
20 Defense Alliance.
- 21 (F) One (1) member representing the West Central Indiana  
22 Defense Network.
- 23 (G) One (1) member representing the Michigan City Coast  
24 Guard Station.

25 SECTION 4. IC 4-3-21.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
26 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: A member of the task force who is a member of the~~  
27 ~~general assembly is a nonvoting member.~~

28 SECTION 5. IC 4-3-25-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
29 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
30 **1, 2026]: Sec. 16. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.**

31 SECTION 6. IC 4-15-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.215-2016,  
32 SECTION 88, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) There is created the affirmative action  
34 advisory committee to assist in the effective implementation of the  
35 affirmative action policy. The committee is composed of eight (8)  
36 members. The governor shall appoint the members of the committee  
37 with the advice of the affirmative action officer. The members serve at  
38 the pleasure of the governor.

39 (b) A member of the committee is entitled to reimbursement for  
40 traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection

1 with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and  
 2 procedures established by the department of administration and  
 3 approved by the budget agency. A member who is not an officer or  
 4 employee of the state is entitled to the minimum salary per diem as  
 5 provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) while performing the member's duties.

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

13 (d) The affirmative action advisory committee shall:

14 (1) provide liaison activities with the affirmative action officer  
 15 with respect to problems and suggestions concerning the  
 16 affirmative action policy;

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

21 (3) advise the governor and the affirmative action officer  
 22 concerning the effectiveness and status of the total  
 23 implementation of the affirmative action policy.

24 (e) The affirmative action advisory committee may review the  
 25 affirmative action programs of state agencies for effectiveness and  
 26 improvements.

27 **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

28 SECTION 7. IC 4-22-2-0.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2011,  
 29 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.3. **(a)** The adoption of any rule by a state agency  
 31 without the approval of the fire prevention and building safety  
 32 commission **established under IC 22-12-2-1 (before its repeal)**  
 33 before July 1, 1987, is legalized and validated.

34 **(b) The adoption of any rule by the fire prevention and building**  
 35 **safety commission before July 1, 2026, is legalized and validated**  
 36 **and considered a rule of the department of homeland security after**  
 37 **June 30, 2026.**

38 SECTION 8. IC 4-22-2.6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
 39 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) To readopt a rule, an agency must conduct

1 a review of the rule to consider the continued need for the rule and  
 2 whether the rule, if readopted, will meet each of the standards in  
 3 IC 4-22-2-19.5 and (if applicable) the requirements for fees, fines, and  
 4 civil penalties in IC 4-22-2-19.6.

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

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

18 (2) The complexity of the rule, including any difficulties  
 19 encountered by:

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

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

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

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

30 **(d) The agency shall prepare written findings concerning the**  
 31 **agency's determinations under this section. The written findings shall**  
 32 **include the following:**

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

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

37 **(3) The rationale for the agency's determination under**  
 38 **subsection (a) that the rule, if readopted, will meet each of the**  
 39 **standards in IC 4-22-2-19.5 and (if applicable) the**  
 40 **requirements for fees, fines, and civil penalties in**

- 1           **IC 4-22-2-19.6.**  
2           **(4) Either of the following:**  
3               **(A) Any revisions to previously prepared cost benefit,**  
4               **economic impact, fiscal impact, or regulatory burden**  
5               **statements prepared by the agency for the rule under:**  
6                   **(i) IC 4-3-22-13;**  
7                   **(ii) IC 4-22-2-22.7;**  
8                   **(iii) IC 4-22-2-22.8;**  
9                   **(iv) IC 4-22-2-28; or**  
10                  **(v) IC 4-22-2.1-5;**  
11               **if those previously prepared statements were published by**  
12               **the Indiana Register.**  
13               **(B) If the rule did not have a prior cost benefit, economic**  
14               **impact, fiscal impact, or regulatory burden statement**  
15               **prepared by the agency for the rule under:**  
16                   **(i) IC 4-3-22-13;**  
17                   **(ii) IC 4-22-2-22.7;**  
18                   **(iii) IC 4-22-2-22.8;**  
19                   **(iv) IC 4-22-2-28; or**  
20                   **(v) IC 4-22-2.1-5;**  
21               **published in the Indiana Register, a copy of an updated**  
22               **regulatory burden statement that meets the requirements**  
23               **of IC 4-22-2-22.7.**  
24               **(5) Any alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the**  
25               **rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would**  
26               **otherwise minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule**  
27               **on small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4) and other**  
28               **regulated entities.**  
29               **(6) The nature of any complaints or comments received from**  
30               **the public, including small businesses (as defined in**  
31               **IC 4-22-2.1-4), concerning the rule or the rule's**  
32               **implementation by the agency.**  
33               **(7) Any difficulties encountered by:**  
34                   **(A) the agency in administering the rule; or**  
35                   **(B) small businesses (as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4) or other**  
36                   **regulated persons in complying with the rule.**  
37               **(8) The degree to which technology, economic conditions, or**  
38               **other factors have changed in the area affected by the rule**  
39               **since the last time the rule was adopted, readopted, or**  
40               **amended.**

- 1           **(9) Whether the federal government or any of the states**  
 2           **covered by subsection (c) have less restrictive requirements**  
 3           **than the rule, and, if so, the evidence or unique circumstances**  
 4           **that justify why the more restrictive requirements in the rule**  
 5           **are necessary.**
- 6           **(10) The last time the substantive content of the rule was**  
 7           **amended.**
- 8           **(11) Whether the substantive content in the rule would be**  
 9           **more appropriately integrated into the Indiana Code as**  
 10           **opposed to remaining as a separate administrative rule. In**  
 11           **making such a determination, the agency shall consider the**  
 12           **frequency of updates to the rule since its initial promulgation.**  
 13           **If the substantive content of the rule has not been modified in**  
 14           **the prior eight (8) years, the agency must present specific**  
 15           **facts that justify keeping the substantive content in an**  
 16           **administrative rule rather than the Indiana Code.**
- 17           **(e) The written findings in subsection (d) must be submitted in**  
 18           **a form that can be easily loaded into commonly used business**  
 19           **analysis software and published in the Indiana Register using the**  
 20           **format jointly developed by the publisher, the office of**  
 21           **management and budget, and the budget agency. The office of**  
 22           **management and budget may provide more stringent requirements**  
 23           **for rules with fiscal impacts and costs above a threshold amount**  
 24           **determined by the office of management and budget.**
- 25           SECTION 9. IC 4-22-2.6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 26           SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 27           MAY 15, 2026]: Sec. 5. **(a) If an agency elects to readopt a rule**  
 28           **under this chapter, the agency shall submit a copy of the written**  
 29           **findings under section 4 of this chapter to the office of management**  
 30           **and budget and the legislative council not later than the first**  
 31           **regular business day in July of the year preceding the year in**  
 32           **which the rule expires under this chapter.**
- 33           ~~(a)~~ **(b)** If an agency elects to readopt a rule under this chapter, the  
 34           agency shall submit a notice of proposed readoption to the publisher  
 35           not later than the first regular business day in September of the year  
 36           preceding the year in which the rule expires under this chapter for  
 37           publication in the Indiana Register. A separate notice must be  
 38           published for each board or other person or entity with rulemaking  
 39           authority.
- 40           ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The notice must include the following:

- 1 (1) A general description of the subject matter of all rules  
 2 proposed to be readopted.
- 3 (2) A listing of rules that are proposed to be readopted, listed by  
 4 their titles and subtitles only.
- 5 (3) A written public comment period of thirty (30) days and  
 6 instructions on how to submit written comments to the agency.
- 7 (4) A request for comments on whether specific rules should be  
 8 reviewed through the regular rulemaking process under  
 9 IC 4-22-2-23 through IC 4-22-2-36 (as modified by IC 13-14-9,  
 10 when applicable).
- 11 (5) ~~A summary of~~ The agency's **written** findings under section 4  
 12 of this chapter.
- 13 (6) Any other information required by the publisher.
- 14 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The agency shall submit the material in the form required by  
 15 IC 4-22-2-20. The agency need not resubmit the documents required by  
 16 IC 4-22-2-21 if the publisher received a copy of the documents when  
 17 the rule was previously adopted or amended. The publisher shall  
 18 review the material submitted under this section and determine the date  
 19 that the publisher intends to include the material in the Indiana  
 20 Register. After:
- 21 (1) establishing the intended publication date; and  
 22 (2) receiving the material as required by this section;
- 23 the publisher shall provide an electronic mail authorization to proceed  
 24 to the agency and publish the material on the intended publication date.
- 25 SECTION 10. IC 4-23-6-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 26 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**  
 27 **1, 2026]: Sec. 7. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.**
- 28 SECTION 11. IC 4-23-6.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 29 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board consists of seven (7) members.  
 31 The board must include the following:
- 32 (1) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the  
 33 commissioner's designee.
- 34 ~~(2) The chairman of the commission on forensic sciences or the~~  
 35 ~~chairman's designee.~~
- 36 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** The superintendent of the state police department or the  
 37 superintendent's designee.
- 38 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** Four (4) county coroners appointed by the governor, who  
 39 shall consider appointing coroners who are women or members  
 40 of minority groups.

1           **(4) An attorney appointed by the governor.**

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

4           SECTION 12. IC 4-23-7.1-39.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2013,  
5 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 39.1. (a) The state library advisory council is  
7 established for the purpose of advising the board and the state librarian  
8 concerning:

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

17           (b) The advisory council consists of not more than fifteen (15)  
18 members.

19           (c) The board shall appoint the members of the advisory council,  
20 with nominations for appointment from library organizations and the  
21 state librarian.

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

24           (e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), if a member misses a majority  
25 of the advisory council's meetings in a calendar year, the board may  
26 remove the member and appoint a new member to serve the remainder  
27 of the term of the member removed under this subsection.

28           (f) A member of the advisory council is not entitled to  
29 compensation, per diem, or reimbursement for expenses.

30           (g) A quorum of the members must be present for the advisory  
31 council to take any official action. A quorum of the advisory council  
32 consists of a majority of the members appointed to the advisory  
33 council. An affirmative vote by a majority of the members present is  
34 needed for the advisory council to make a recommendation or take any  
35 official action.

36           **(h) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

37           SECTION 13. IC 4-23-7.2-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
38 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 21. (a) An advisory committee is established to advise~~  
39 ~~the historical bureau in establishing an oral history of the general~~  
40 ~~assembly under section 20 of this chapter. The committee consists of~~

1 the following eight (8) members:

2 (1) One (1) member of the general assembly appointed by the  
3 speaker of the house of representatives.

4 (2) One (1) member of the general assembly appointed by the  
5 minority leader of the house of representatives.

6 (3) One (1) member of the general assembly appointed by the  
7 president pro tempore of the senate.

8 (4) One (1) member of the general assembly appointed by the  
9 minority leader of the senate.

10 (5) Four (4) members appointed by the governor as follows:

11 (A) One (1) member nominated by the Indiana library and  
12 historical board.

13 (B) One (1) member nominated by the Indiana Historical  
14 Society.

15 (C) One (1) member nominated by the Center for the Study of  
16 History and Memory at Indiana University.

17 (D) One (1) member nominated by the board of trustees of The  
18 History Museum in South Bend.

19 (b) The following apply to the governor's appointments under  
20 subsection (a)(5):

21 (1) Not more than two (2) members appointed by the governor  
22 may be members of the same political party.

23 (2) The appointments must be made so that the northern, central,  
24 and southern regions of Indiana are represented on the committee.

25 (c) Members of the committee serve at the pleasure of the  
26 appointing authority. If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the  
27 appointing authority that appointed the member whose position is  
28 vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. An individual  
29 appointed to fill a vacancy must have the qualifications that a member  
30 appointed by the appointing authority must have.

31 (d) The:

32 (1) chairman of the legislative council, with the advice of the  
33 vice-chairman, shall designate the chair; and

34 (2) vice-chairman of the legislative council, with the advice of the  
35 chairman, shall designate a vice-chair;

36 of the committee from among the legislative members of the  
37 committee. The chair and vice-chair of the committee serve at the  
38 pleasure of the appointing authority.

39 (e) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same  
40 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve

1 as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study  
2 committees established by the legislative council.

3 (f) The historical bureau shall provide staff support to the  
4 committee.

5 (g) Expenses incurred by the committee to carry out its functions  
6 must be paid from appropriations to the Indiana library and historical  
7 board.

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

13 (1) official action taken; and

14 (2) actionable items considered;

15 by the committee during the preceding two (2) years.

16 SECTION 14. IC 4-23-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
17 2026]. (Indiana Commission for Arts and Humanities in Education).

18 SECTION 15. IC 4-23-24.1-0.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
19 1, 2026]. Sec. 0.1: The amendments made to section 3 of this chapter  
20 by P.L.199-2007 apply only to members of the commission appointed  
21 by the governor after December 31, 2008. A member of the  
22 commission appointed by the governor under section 3 of this chapter  
23 before January 1, 2009, may serve the entire four (4) year term to  
24 which the member was appointed, as provided in section 4(b) of this  
25 chapter.

26 SECTION 16. IC 4-23-24.1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
27 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of thirteen (13)  
29 members, appointed as follows:

30 (1) Nine (9) members who are Indiana residents appointed by the  
31 governor. Each Indiana congressional district must be represented  
32 by at least one (1) individual appointed under this subdivision  
33 who is a resident of that congressional district. Not more than five  
34 (5) members appointed under this subdivision may be members  
35 of the same political party.

36 (2) (1) The commissioner of the department of administration  
37 or the commissioner's designee.

38 (2) The director of the Indiana housing and community  
39 development authority or the director's designee.

40 (3) The chief executive officer of the state museum or the chief

- 1 executive officer's designee.
- 2 **(4) The state librarian or the state librarian's designee.**
- 3 **(5) The director of the civil rights commission or the**
- 4 **director's designee.**
- 5 **(6) Four (4) members appointed by the governor in**
- 6 **accordance with subsection (c).**
- 7 (7) Four (4) members of the general assembly who are appointed
- 8 under section 5 of this chapter.
- 9 (b) Members of the commission serve at the pleasure of the
- 10 appointing authority.
- 11 **(c) The following apply to members appointed under subsection**
- 12 **(a)(6):**
- 13 **(1) Not more than two (2) of the members may be members of**
- 14 **the same political party.**
- 15 **(2) At least three (3) of the members must reside in different**
- 16 **Indiana congressional districts.**
- 17 SECTION 17. IC 4-23-24.1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,
- 18 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The governor shall annually designate one
- 20 (1) of the members appointed under section ~~3(a)(1)~~ **3(a)(6)** of this
- 21 chapter as chairperson of the commission.
- 22 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (c), members of the**
- 23 **commission appointed under section ~~3(a)(1)~~ of this chapter by the**
- 24 **governor serve a four (4) year term. For a member appointed after**
- 25 **June 30, 2026, each term expires as follows:**
- 26 ~~(1) For a member appointed from an odd-numbered congressional~~
- 27 ~~district, December 31, 2025, and each fourth year thereafter.~~
- 28 ~~(2) For a member appointed from an even-numbered~~
- 29 ~~congressional district, December 31, 2027, and each fourth year~~
- 30 ~~thereafter. December 31, 2030, and each fourth year~~
- 31 ~~thereafter.~~
- 32 **(c) This subsection applies to a member appointed by the**
- 33 **governor under section 3 of this chapter before July 1, 2026. The**
- 34 **term of each member expires July 1, 2026.**
- 35 ~~(e)(d)~~ **(d)** A member appointed by the governor under section ~~3(a)(1)~~
- 36 **3** of this chapter may be reappointed for successive terms.
- 37 ~~(e)~~ **(e)** The governor shall fill a vacancy among the members
- 38 appointed under section ~~3(a)(1)~~ **3(a)(6)** of this chapter. A member
- 39 appointed under this subsection serves until the end of the unexpired
- 40 term of the vacating member of the commission.

1 SECTION 18. IC 4-23-24.1-5.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
 2 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. **(a)** The commission:

4 **(1)** shall meet at the call of the chairperson as necessary to fulfill  
 5 its duties under this chapter; **and**

6 **(2) must meet at least two (2) times each calendar year.**

7 **(b) The chairperson may:**

8 **(1) designate subcommittees as necessary to meet between**  
 9 **commission meetings; and**

10 **(2) require a subcommittee to report on its activities to the full**  
 11 **commission.**

12 SECTION 19. IC 4-23-24.1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.199-2007,  
 13 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. Seven (7) members of the commission  
 15 constitute a quorum. **The affirmative votes of at least seven (7)**  
 16 **members of the commission are required for the commission to**  
 17 **take official action.**

18 SECTION 20. IC 4-23-24.1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
 19 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Each member of the commission who is not  
 21 a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided  
 22 by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for  
 23 mileage, traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4, and other  
 24 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as  
 25 provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana  
 26 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.  
 27 ~~Expenses incurred under this subsection and subsection (b) shall be~~  
 28 ~~paid out of the funds appropriated to the civil rights commission.~~

29 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is  
 30 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
 31 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with  
 32 the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures  
 33 established by the Indiana department of administration and approved  
 34 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 members of the general assembly serving on interim  
 38 study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,  
 39 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid  
 40 from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative

1 services agency.

2 **(d) Expenses incurred under subsections (a) and (b) shall be**  
3 **paid out of the funds appropriated to the civil rights commission.**

4 SECTION 21. IC 4-23-24.1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. The civil rights  
6 commission shall furnish the necessary staff **and administrative**  
7 support for the commission.

8 SECTION 22. IC 4-23-24.1-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
9 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 11. Funding for the commission**  
11 **is derived from money appropriated to the civil rights commission.**  
12 **Money appropriated to the civil rights commission for the purposes**  
13 **of this chapter does not revert to the state general fund at the end**  
14 **of a state fiscal year, but remains available to the civil rights**  
15 **commission until the purpose for which the money was**  
16 **appropriated is fulfilled.**

17 SECTION 23. IC 4-23-24.1-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
18 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 12. (a) The Dr. Martin Luther**  
20 **King, Jr. holiday commission special fund is established to provide**  
21 **money for special projects of the commission.**

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

23 **(c) Expenses of administering the fund must be paid from**  
24 **money in the fund.**

25 **(d) The fund consists of gifts, contributions, and money donated**  
26 **to the commission.**

27 **(e) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not**  
28 **needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as**  
29 **other public funds may be invested. Interest on investments made**  
30 **under this subsection accrues to the fund.**

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

33 **(g) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the**  
34 **purposes described in subsection (a).**

35 SECTION 24. IC 4-23-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
36 2026]. (Indiana Commission for Women).

37 SECTION 25. IC 4-23-26-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
38 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. This chapter expires**  
40 **December 31, 2026.**

1 SECTION 26. IC 4-23-27-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 9. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.**

4 SECTION 27. IC 4-23-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 5 2026]. (Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs).

6 SECTION 28. IC 4-23-31 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 7 2026]. (Commission on the Social Status of Black Males).

8 SECTION 29. IC 4-23-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 9 2026]. (Native American Indian Affairs Commission).

10 SECTION 30. IC 4-23-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 11 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2026]:

13 **Chapter 35. Indiana State Historical Records Advisory Board**

14 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the Indiana**  
 15 **state historical records advisory board established by section 3 of**  
 16 **this chapter.**

17 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "NHPRC" means the federal**  
 18 **National Historical Publications and Records Commission.**

19 **Sec. 3. The Indiana state historical records advisory board:**

20 **(1) initially established under Executive Order 06-01; and**

21 **(2) continued under Executive Order 13-13 and 17-06;**

22 **is established under the Indiana department of administration. The**  
 23 **board is a continuing board. The purpose of the board is to carry**  
 24 **out the duties under section 8 of this chapter.**

25 **Sec. 4. (a) The board consists of seven (7) voting members.**

26 **(b) At least four (4) members of the board must have recognized**  
 27 **experience in the administration of government records, historical**  
 28 **records, or archives.**

29 **(c) One (1) of the seven (7) members under subsection (a) must**  
 30 **be the state archivist. The remaining six (6) members shall be**  
 31 **appointed by the state archivist and are lay members who:**

32 **(1) may be reappointed; and**

33 **(2) serve at the will of the state archivist.**

34 **There is no term limit for members of the board.**

35 **(d) The state archivist shall serve as state coordinator and chair**  
 36 **of the board.**

37 **Sec. 5. (a) The term of a member appointed under section 4(a)**  
 38 **of this chapter is three (3) years.**

39 **(b) The state archivist shall appoint a new member to fill a**  
 40 **vacancy on the board that occurs for any reason. A member**

1 appointed under this subsection serves the remainder of the  
2 unexpired term of the vacating member.

3 Sec. 6. (a) This section applies to a member of the board  
4 appointed under Executive Order 06-01, 13-13, or 17-06.

5 (b) An individual who serves as a member of the board on June  
6 30, 2026, is appointed by operation of law to serve the remainder  
7 of the member's unexpired term. A subsequent vacancy shall be  
8 filled by the state archivist under section 4(c) of this chapter.

9 (c) This section expires July 1, 2030.

10 Sec. 7. (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly at the call of  
11 the chair.

12 (b) The chair may call additional meetings. There is no  
13 maximum number of meetings that may be called by the chair.

14 (c) A quorum consists of a simple majority of voting members.

15 Sec. 8. (a) The board shall serve as the central advisory body  
16 for:

17 (1) historical records planning; and

18 (2) projects:

19 (A) funded by the NHPRC; and

20 (B) developed and carried out within Indiana.

21 (b) The board may do the following:

22 (1) Develop and submit to the NHPRC state priorities for  
23 historical records programs as part of a state plan.

24 (2) Solicit or develop proposals for NHPRC grant projects.

25 (3) Review proposals by institutions in Indiana and make  
26 recommendations about the proposals to the NHPRC.

27 (4) Work to preserve Indiana's documentary heritage.

28 (5) Promote practices that ensure preservation of, and access  
29 to, the state's public and private records.

30 (6) Encourage adherence to archival and records management  
31 principles through meetings and workshops.

32 (7) Survey repositories, support the state's records  
33 management program, and promote the sharing of collection  
34 information.

35 (8) Encourage the professional development of archivists,  
36 curators, volunteers, and others dedicated to the task of  
37 caring for Indiana's documentary heritage.

38 Sec. 9. (a) Each member of the board who is not a state  
39 employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided  
40 by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). A member is, however, entitled to

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

5 (b) The expenses of the board shall be paid in the same manner  
 6 in which the board's expenses were paid under Executive Orders  
 7 06-01, 13-13, and 17-06.

8 (c) The Indiana department of administration shall staff the  
 9 board.

10 Sec. 10. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members  
 11 appointed to the board are required for the board to take action on  
 12 any measure, including final reports.

13 Sec. 11. (a) The board shall annually submit a report on its work  
 14 to the governor.

15 (b) A report under subsection (a) is a public record.

16 SECTION 31. IC 4-23-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 17 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2026]:

19 **Chapter 36. Indiana Cultural Commission**

20 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the  
 21 Indiana cultural commission established by section 3 of this  
 22 chapter.

23 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "Native American Indian" means  
 24 an individual who is at least one (1) of the following:

- 25 (1) An Alaska native as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1602(b).
- 26 (2) An Indian as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(d).
- 27 (3) A native Hawaiian as defined in 20 U.S.C. 7517(1).

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

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

- 31 (1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives  
 32 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The  
 33 members appointed under this subdivision must be from  
 34 different political parties.
- 35 (2) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president  
 36 pro tempore of the senate. The members appointed under this  
 37 subdivision must be from different political parties.
- 38 (3) One (1) individual who is not a member of the general  
 39 assembly appointed by the speaker of the house of  
 40 representatives.

- 1           **(4) One (1) individual who is not a member of the general**  
 2           **assembly appointed by the president pro tempore of the**  
 3           **senate.**
- 4           **(5) The secretary of the family and social services**  
 5           **administration, or the secretary's designee.**
- 6           **(6) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health, or**  
 7           **the commissioner's designee.**
- 8           **(7) The secretary of education, or the secretary's designee.**
- 9           **(8) The commissioner of the department of correction, or the**  
 10           **commissioner's designee.**
- 11           **(9) The director of the civil rights commission, or the**  
 12           **director's designee.**
- 13           **(10) Four (4) individuals appointed by the governor in**  
 14           **accordance with subsection (b).**
- 15           **(b) The following apply to members of the commission**  
 16           **appointed by the governor under subsection (a)(10):**
- 17               **(1) The appointed individuals may not be members of the**  
 18               **general assembly or state employees.**
- 19               **(2) The appointed individuals must represent the following:**
- 20                   **(A) African Americans.**
- 21                   **(B) The Hispanic/Latino community.**
- 22                   **(C) Women.**
- 23                   **(D) Native American Indians.**
- 24           **(c) If a legislative member of the commission ceases to be a**  
 25           **member of the legislative chamber from which the member was**  
 26           **appointed, the member ceases to be a member of the commission.**
- 27           **(d) A member of the commission:**
- 28               **(1) serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing**  
 29               **authority; and**
- 30               **(2) may be removed at any time by the appointing authority.**
- 31           **(e) If a vacancy on the commission occurs, the appointing**  
 32           **authority who appointed the former member whose position has**  
 33           **become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. An**  
 34           **individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves on the commission for**  
 35           **the remainder of the unexpired term of the individual's**  
 36           **predecessor.**
- 37           **Sec. 5. (a) A member of the commission may be reappointed for**  
 38           **successive terms.**
- 39           **(b) The following members serve a two (2) year term that**  
 40           **expires June 30 of an odd-numbered year:**

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

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

5           **(c) A member appointed to the commission under section**  
 6           **4(a)(10) of this chapter serves a term that expires December 31,**  
 7           **2028, and each fourth year thereafter.**

8           **Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall meet:**

9                   **(1) at the call of the chairperson as necessary to fulfill its**  
 10                   **duties under this chapter; and**

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

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

14                   **(1) African American affairs.**

15                   **(2) Hispanic/Latino affairs.**

16                   **(3) Women and families.**

17                   **(4) Native American Indian affairs.**

18           **Each subcommittee shall submit an annual report on its activities**  
 19           **to the full commission.**

20           **(c) The chairperson may:**

21                   **(1) designate other subcommittees to meet between**  
 22                   **commission meetings; and**

23                   **(2) require a subcommittee to report on its activities to the full**  
 24                   **commission.**

25           **(d) A subcommittee designated under this section is comprised**  
 26           **of the following:**

27                   **(1) At least three (3) members of the commission appointed by**  
 28                   **the chairperson.**

29                   **(2) Not more than three (3) members of the public appointed**  
 30                   **by the chairperson.**

31           **A member of public appointed to a subcommittee must be selected**  
 32           **based on the individual's background and experience related to the**  
 33           **subcommittee's designated purpose.**

34           **(e) A member of the public who serves on a subcommittee is not**  
 35           **entitled to a per diem or a mileage allowance under section 9 of this**  
 36           **chapter.**

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

39                   **(1) a member to serve as the chairperson of the commission;**  
 40                   **and**

1           **(2) a member to serve as the vice chairperson of the**  
2           **commission.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40          **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**

1           **IC 5-14-6.**

2           **Sec. 11. The commission may study topics that are not described**  
3 **in section 10 of this chapter as assigned by:**

- 4           **(1) statute;**  
5           **(2) the governor;**  
6           **(3) the legislative council; or**  
7           **(4) the chairperson of the commission.**

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

- 9           **(1) Designate and appoint members to subcommittees in**  
10 **accordance with section 6 of this chapter.**  
11           **(2) Transact business and enter into contracts that support**  
12 **the commission's purposes.**  
13           **(3) Apply for, receive, and disburse gifts, contributions, and**  
14 **grants of funds or in-kind services.**  
15           **(4) Adopt, rescind, and amend bylaws to regulate the conduct**  
16 **of the commission's business.**  
17           **(5) Assign duties to the commission's officers under the**  
18 **commission's bylaws.**

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

- 21           **(1) Negotiations between a Native American Indian tribe and**  
22 **the state or federal government concerning tribal sovereignty.**  
23           **(2) Gaming on tribal land.**

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

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

29           **(c) Money appropriated to the civil rights commission for the**  
30 **purposes of this chapter does not revert to the state general fund**  
31 **at the end of a state fiscal year, but remains available to the civil**  
32 **rights commission until the purpose for which the money was**  
33 **appropriated is fulfilled.**

34           **Sec. 15. (a) The Indiana cultural commission special fund is**  
35 **established to provide money for special projects of the**  
36 **commission.**

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

38           **(c) Expenses of administering the fund must be paid from**  
39 **money in the fund.**

40           **(d) The fund consists of gifts, contributions, and money donated**

1 to the commission.

2 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not  
3 needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as  
4 other public funds may be invested. Interest on investments made  
5 under this subsection accrues to the fund.

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

8 (g) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the  
9 purposes described in subsection (a).

10 SECTION 32. IC 5-1.5-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.259-2019,  
11 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) There is established a board of directors to  
13 govern the bank. The powers of the bank are vested in this board.

14 (b) The board is composed of:

15 (1) the treasurer of state, who shall be the chairman ex officio, or  
16 the treasurer of state's designee;

17 (2) the public finance director appointed under IC 5-1.2-3-6, who  
18 shall be the director ex officio, or the public finance director's  
19 designee; and

20 (3) ~~five (5) directors~~ **one (1) director** appointed by the governor;

21 **(4) two (2) directors appointed by the president pro tempore**  
22 **of the senate; and**

23 **(5) two (2) directors appointed by the speaker of the house of**  
24 **representatives.**

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

27 (1) must be a resident of Indiana;

28 (2) must have substantial expertise in the buying, selling, and  
29 trading of municipal securities, in municipal administration or in  
30 public facilities management;

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

33 (4) is eligible for reappointment;

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

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

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

6           SECTION 33. IC 5-2-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
7 2026]. (Law Enforcement Academy Building Commission).

8           SECTION 34. IC 5-13-9-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
9 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "board" refers to  
11 the Indiana local government investment pool board established by  
12 subsection (c).

13           (b) As used in this section, "investment pool" refers to the local  
14 government investment pool established by section 11(b) of this  
15 chapter.

16           (c) The Indiana local government investment pool board is  
17 established as a continuing board under the executive branch of state  
18 government. The purpose of the board is to establish policies for the  
19 investment of funds contributed to the investment pool.

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

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

22           (2) The director of the Indiana department of financial  
23 institutions.

24           (3) Two (2) members with practical experience with financial  
25 institutions, local government or public finance, or financial  
26 investments domiciled in Indiana, appointed by the president pro  
27 tempore of the senate.

28           (4) Two (2) members with practical experience with financial  
29 institutions, local government or public finance, or financial  
30 investments domiciled in Indiana, appointed by the speaker of the  
31 house of representatives.

32           (5) One (1) member with practical experience with financial  
33 institutions, local government or public finance, or financial  
34 investments domiciled in Indiana, appointed by the governor.

35           (e) A member appointed under subsection (d)(3), (d)(4), or (d)(5)  
36 serves a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed by the  
37 appointing authority.

38           (f) A member appointed under subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2) who  
39 ceases to hold the office or qualification described in that subsection  
40 ceases to be a member of the board.

1 (g) ~~The governor shall designate one (1) of the members as~~  
2 ~~chairperson. The treasurer of state, or the treasurer of state's~~  
3 ~~designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the board.~~ The  
4 chairperson has one (1) vote on all matters voted on by the members.

5 (h) A member of the board who is appointed under subsection  
6 (d)(3), (d)(4), or (d)(5) serves a term that ends June 30 of the  
7 odd-numbered year four (4) years after appointment.

8 (i) The board shall meet at least four (4) times a year and at the call  
9 of the chairperson.

10 (j) Five (5) members of the board constitute a quorum. The  
11 affirmative votes of four (4) members are required to take any action.

12 (k) Each member of the board who is not a state employee is entitled  
13 to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) for each  
14 day that the member is engaged in the official business of the board.  
15 The member is also entitled to reimbursement for mileage, traveling  
16 expenses, and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the  
17 member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures  
18 established by the Indiana department of administration and approved  
19 by the budget agency.

20 (l) The expenses of the board shall be paid from the investment  
21 pool.

22 (m) The board shall establish policies regarding how the treasurer  
23 of state shall administer and invest the funds in the investment pool.  
24 The policies must provide the following:

25 (1) There is not a minimum time for which funds paid into the  
26 investment pool must be retained by the investment pool.

27 (2) There is not a limit on the number of accounts that the state or  
28 a unit of government participating in the investment pool may  
29 establish within the investment pool.

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

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

37 (n) The board may select and direct the treasurer of state to contract  
38 with accountants, attorneys, regulated investment advisors, money  
39 managers, and other finance and investment professionals to make  
40 investments and provide for the public accounting and legal

1 compliance necessary to ensure and maintain the safety, liquidity, and  
2 yield of the investment pool.

3 SECTION 35. IC 5-16-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
4 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The department of homeland security shall  
6 provide a safe depository for all blueprints and specifications filed as  
7 provided in section 1 of this chapter and retain them for inspection and  
8 loan under the conditions and restrictions as the ~~fire prevention and  
9 building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** shall  
10 determine by rule. The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
11 **department of homeland security** may designate the librarian of the  
12 state of Indiana as the custodian of any blueprints and specifications  
13 filed with it, at any time, and it shall be the duty of the state librarian  
14 to safely preserve the same in the state archives as public documents.

15 SECTION 36. IC 5-16-13-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.70-2023,  
16 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section, "adequate welding  
18 standards" means specifications, guidelines, tests, and other methods  
19 used to ensure that all structural steel welds meet, at minimum, the  
20 codes and standards for such welds established in the welding code and  
21 under rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety  
22 commission under IC 22-13-2-2.~~ **department of homeland security.**

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

27 (c) As used in this section, "structural steel welding" means  
28 structural welds, weld repair, the structural system, and the welding of  
29 all primary steel members of a structure in accordance with the welding  
30 code. The term does not include welding that is required by the  
31 American Society of Mechanical Engineers to have its own  
32 certification.

33 (d) As used in this section, "welding code" refers to the American  
34 Welding Society structural steel welding code D1.1, as in effect on July  
35 1, 2023.

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

- 38 (1) The workers performing the structural steel welding have been  
39 tested by, and hold a valid certification from, a facility that, or an  
40 individual who, has been accredited by the American Welding

- 1 Society to test and certify welders and welding inspectors.
- 2 (2) All structural steel welds performed for the project meet
- 3 adequate welding standards and are listed in the project's job
- 4 specifications.
- 5 (3) All structural steel welding inspections listed in the project's
- 6 job specifications are completed by a certified welding inspector.
- 7 SECTION 37. IC 5-28-15-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2018,
- 8 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) There is established in each enterprise
- 10 zone an urban enterprise association (U.E.A.). The ~~twelve (12)~~ **ten (10)**
- 11 members of the U.E.A. shall be chosen as follows:
- 12 ~~(1) The governor shall appoint the following:~~
- 13 ~~(A) One (1) state legislator whose district includes all or part~~
- 14 ~~of the enterprise zone.~~
- 15 ~~(B) One (1) representative of the corporation, who is not a~~
- 16 ~~voting member of the U.E.A.~~
- 17 ~~(2) (1) The executive of the municipality in which the zone is~~
- 18 ~~located shall appoint the following:~~
- 19 ~~(A) One (1) representative of the plan commission having~~
- 20 ~~jurisdiction over the zone, if any exists.~~
- 21 ~~(B) One (1) representative of the municipality's department~~
- 22 ~~that performs planning or economic development functions.~~
- 23 ~~(C) Two (2) representatives of businesses located in the zone,~~
- 24 ~~one (1) of whom shall be from a manufacturing concern, if any~~
- 25 ~~exists in the zone.~~
- 26 ~~(D) One (1) resident of the zone.~~
- 27 ~~(E) One (1) representative of organized labor from the~~
- 28 ~~building trades that represent construction workers.~~
- 29 ~~(3) (2) The legislative body of the municipality in which the zone~~
- 30 ~~is located shall appoint, by majority vote, the following:~~
- 31 ~~(A) One (1) member of the municipality's legislative body~~
- 32 ~~whose district includes all or part of the zone.~~
- 33 ~~(B) One (1) representative of a business located in the zone.~~
- 34 ~~(C) Two (2) residents of the zone, who must not be members~~
- 35 ~~of the same political party.~~
- 36 (b) Members of the U.E.A. serve four (4) year terms. The appointing
- 37 authority shall fill any vacancy for the balance of the vacated term.
- 38 (c) Members may be dismissed only by the appointing authority and
- 39 only for just cause.
- 40 (d) The members shall elect a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and

1 a secretary by majority vote. This election shall be held every two (2)  
 2 years in the same month as the first meeting or whenever a vacancy  
 3 occurs. The U.E.A. shall meet at least once every three (3) months. The  
 4 secretary shall notify members of meetings at least two (2) weeks in  
 5 advance of meetings. The secretary shall provide a list of members to  
 6 each member and shall notify members of any changes in membership.

7 SECTION 38. IC 6-9-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2023,  
 8 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The county treasurer shall establish an  
 10 innkeeper's tax fund. The treasurer shall deposit in that fund all money  
 11 received under section 6 of this chapter that is attributable to an  
 12 innkeeper's tax rate that is not more than five percent (5%).

13 (b) Money in the innkeeper's tax fund shall be distributed as  
 14 follows:

15 (1) Forty percent (40%) shall be distributed to the commission to  
 16 carry out its purposes, including making any distributions or  
 17 payments to the Lafayette - West Lafayette Convention and  
 18 Visitors Bureau, Inc.

19 (2) Ten percent (10%) shall be distributed to a community  
 20 development corporation that serves a metropolitan area in the  
 21 county that includes:

22 (A) Lafayette; and

23 (B) West Lafayette;

24 for the community development corporation's use in tourism,  
 25 recreation, and economic development activities.

26 (3) Ten percent (10%) shall be distributed to Historic  
 27 Prophetstown to be used by Historic Prophetstown for carrying  
 28 out its purposes.

29 (4) Ten percent (10%) shall be distributed to the Wabash River  
 30 Enhancement Corporation to assist the Wabash River  
 31 Enhancement Corporation in carrying out its purposes.

32 (5) The following amounts shall be distributed to the department  
 33 of natural resources for the development of projects in the state  
 34 park on the Wabash River, including its tributaries:

35 (A) For distributions in calendar year 2023, ten percent (10%).

36 (B) For distributions in calendar year 2024, nine percent (9%).

37 (C) For distributions in calendar year 2025, eight percent  
 38 (8%).

39 (D) For distributions in calendar year 2026, seven percent  
 40 (7%).

- 1 (E) For distributions in calendar year 2027, six percent (6%).  
 2 (F) For distributions in calendar year 2028, five percent (5%).  
 3 (G) For distributions in calendar year 2029, four percent (4%).  
 4 (H) For distributions in calendar year 2030, three percent  
 5 (3%).  
 6 (I) For distributions in calendar year 2031, two percent (2%).  
 7 (J) For distributions in calendar year 2032, one percent (1%).  
 8 (K) For distributions after calendar year 2032, zero percent  
 9 (0%).

10 The department of natural resources is not required to provide  
 11 additional state resources to the state park described in this  
 12 subdivision as a result of the reduction of revenue set forth in this  
 13 subdivision.

14 (6) The following amounts shall be distributed to the county fiscal  
 15 body for the purposes set forth in subsection (c):

- 16 (A) For distributions in calendar year 2023, zero percent (0%).  
 17 (B) For distributions in calendar year 2024, one percent (1%).  
 18 (C) For distributions in calendar year 2025, two percent (2%).  
 19 (D) For distributions in calendar year 2026, three percent  
 20 (3%).  
 21 (E) For distributions in calendar year 2027, four percent (4%).  
 22 (F) For distributions in calendar year 2028, five percent (5%).  
 23 (G) For distributions in calendar year 2029, six percent (6%).  
 24 (H) For distributions in calendar year 2030, seven percent  
 25 (7%).  
 26 (I) For distributions in calendar year 2031, eight percent (8%).  
 27 (J) For distributions in calendar year 2032, nine percent (9%).  
 28 (K) For distributions after calendar year 2032, ten percent  
 29 (10%).

30 (7) Twenty percent (20%) shall be distributed as determined by  
 31 the county fiscal body.

32 (c) Amounts distributed to the county fiscal body under subsection  
 33 (b)(6) may only be used for tourism or quality of life purposes,  
 34 including:

- 35 (1) mixed use development projects;  
 36 (2) quality public spaces;  
 37 (3) multiple transportation options;  
 38 (4) multiple housing options;  
 39 (5) revitalization of historic, blighted, or vacant properties;  
 40 (6) arts, culture, and creativity; and

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

1 approved by the budget agency.

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

4 SECTION 39. IC 7.1-4-13-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The wine grape  
6 market development fund is created.

7 (b) The wine grape market development fund may not be used for  
8 political or legislative activity of any kind.

9 (c) The fund shall be administered by the ~~council~~ **director** and used  
10 for the purpose of this chapter. The expenses of administering the fund  
11 shall be paid from money in the fund.

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

14 SECTION 40. IC 7.1-4-13-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The wine grape  
16 market development council is created.

17 (b) The council shall have an odd number of members, but not less  
18 than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) members. The following are  
19 the members of the council:

20 (1) The director or the director's designee.

21 (2) The chairman of the horticulture department at Purdue  
22 University or chairman's designee.

23 (3) The chairman of the food science department at Purdue  
24 University or the chairman's designee.

25 (4) Other members that the director shall appoint.

26 (c) A majority of the members of the council must be wine grape  
27 growers or processors of wine grape products.

28 **(d) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

29 SECTION 41. IC 7.1-4-13-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The council shall  
31 adopt bylaws governing the terms of office, filling unexpired terms,  
32 expenses, quorum, duties, and other administrative matters. The bylaws  
33 may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, if  
34 a quorum is present.

35 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

36 SECTION 42. IC 7.1-4-13-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The council  
38 shall do the following:

39 (1) Elect a chairman and any other officers.

40 (2) Recommend expenditures from the wine grape market

1 development fund for the administration of the wine grape market  
2 development program and for the administration of this chapter.  
3 (3) Perform any other necessary duties.

4 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

5 SECTION 43. IC 7.1-4-13-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The director  
7 shall consider the advice, recommendations, and assistance of the  
8 council for the expenditure of funds for the wine grape market  
9 development program and for the administration of this chapter.

10 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

11 SECTION 44. IC 8-1-1.1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this  
13 chapter:

14 "Council" means the advisory council to the office of utility  
15 consumer counselor created under section 7 of this chapter **(before its**  
16 **expiration on December 31, 2026).**

17 "Counselor" means the consumer counselor established under  
18 section 2 of this chapter.

19 "Deputy consumer counselor" means the deputy consumer  
20 counselor for Washington affairs that may be established under section  
21 9.1 of this chapter.

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

24 SECTION 45. IC 8-1-1.1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014,  
25 SECTION 74, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) There is created the advisory council to the  
27 office of the utility consumer counselor. The council consists of nine  
28 (9) members. Each Indiana congressional district must be represented  
29 by at least one (1) individual appointed under this section who is a  
30 resident of that congressional district. However, the reduction in  
31 membership of the council from ten (10) members to nine (9) shall be  
32 accomplished as the terms of members end and new members are  
33 appointed. Until the expiration of the term of a member who is serving  
34 on the council on January 1, 2014, and resides in the same  
35 congressional district as another member, the council consists of ten  
36 (10) members.

37 (b) Members of the council, including those filling vacancies  
38 occurring in the council membership, shall be appointed by the  
39 governor. All members shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years,  
40 except those who have been appointed to fill a vacancy in the council

1 whose term will be the unexpired portion of the term. All members  
2 shall serve until their successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

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

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

7 (e) Members are entitled to receive per diem and travel expense  
8 reimbursement at the standard rates provided for state employees for  
9 expenses they incur in the performance of their duties under this  
10 chapter subject to the approval of the consumer counselor.

11 **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

12 SECTION 46. IC 8-10-9-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The district shall  
14 be governed by a board of directors consisting of ~~seven (7)~~ **five (5)**  
15 members, four (4) of whom are appointed by the executive of the city  
16 in which the district is formed, ~~two (2) of whom are appointed by the~~  
17 ~~governor~~; and one (1) of whom is appointed by the legislative body of  
18 the city in which the district is formed.

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

22 (c) ~~Five (5)~~ **Three (3)** members of the board of directors must be  
23 qualified electors of the city in which the district is formed. Two (2)  
24 members need not be residents of the city in which the district is  
25 formed but shall be representatives of property owners of land that  
26 borders waterways within the district. One (1) of the two (2) members  
27 shall be among the members appointed by the mayor. ~~and one (1) shall~~  
28 ~~be among the members appointed by the governor.~~

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

31 SECTION 47. IC 8-14-11-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a)** As used in this  
33 chapter, "board" refers to the local bridge grant board established by  
34 section 9 of this chapter.

35 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

36 SECTION 48. IC 8-14-11-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The local bridge  
38 grant board is established to receive and review applications for grants  
39 under this chapter. The board consists of the following members:

40 (1) The director of the department, or the director's designee.

- 1 (2) Six (6) persons appointed by the governor, no more than three  
 2 (3) of whom may be of the same political party, as follows:  
 3 (A) Two (2) members of a county executive.  
 4 (B) One (1) county highway engineer.  
 5 (C) One (1) mayor of a city.  
 6 (D) One (1) member of a town board of trustees.  
 7 (E) One (1) person with substantial experience or education in  
 8 the design or construction of bridges.  
 9 A member appointed under clause (A), (B), (C), or (D) who  
 10 ceases to hold the office described in that clause ceases to be a  
 11 member of the board.
- 12 (b) The governor shall designate a member of the board to serve as  
 13 chairman.
- 14 (c) Members of the board who are appointed by the governor serve  
 15 for terms of four (4) years. The governor shall fill a vacancy on the  
 16 board by appointing a new member to serve the remainder of the  
 17 unexpired term.
- 18 (d) A member of the board, other than the director of the  
 19 department, is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
 20 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Each member of the board is entitled to  
 21 reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually  
 22 incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the  
 23 state travel policies and procedures established by the department of  
 24 administration and approved by the budget agency.
- 25 (e) Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum. The  
 26 affirmative votes of four (4) members of the board are required for the  
 27 board to take any action.
- 28 **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**
- 29 SECTION 49. IC 8-14-11-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The department  
 31 shall provide staff support to the board.
- 32 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**
- 33 SECTION 50. IC 8-14-11-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. The **board**  
 35 **department** shall establish criteria to be used in evaluating  
 36 applications for grants from the fund. These criteria:  
 37 (1) must be consistent with the purposes of the federal local  
 38 bridge program (23 U.S.C. 144(n));  
 39 (2) must be based on good engineering practices; and  
 40 (3) must provide for an equitable distribution of grants to counties

1 located throughout Indiana.

2 SECTION 51. IC 8-23-9-60, AS ADDED BY P.L.70-2023,  
3 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 60. (a) As used in this section, "adequate welding  
5 standards" means specifications, guidelines, tests, and other methods  
6 used to ensure that all structural steel welds meet, at minimum, the  
7 codes and standards for such welds established in the welding code and  
8 under rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
9 ~~commission under IC 22-13-2-2.~~ **department of homeland security.**

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

14 (c) As used in this section, "structural steel welding" means  
15 structural welds, weld repair, the structural system, and the welding of  
16 all primary steel members of a structure in accordance with the welding  
17 code. The term does not include welding that is required by the  
18 American Society of Mechanical Engineers to have its own  
19 certification.

20 (d) As used in this section, "welding code" refers to the American  
21 Welding Society structural steel welding code D1.1, as in effect on July  
22 1, 2023.

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

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

29 (2) All structural steel welds performed for the project meet  
30 adequate welding standards and follow the project's special  
31 provisions.

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

34 (f) If the department reasonably suspects a contractor has violated  
35 this section, the department shall require the contractor to remedy the  
36 violation not later than thirty (30) days after the department notifies the  
37 contractor of the violation. The notification to the contractor must be  
38 signed by the commissioner and sent by a method that enables the  
39 department to verify receipt of the notice by the contractor. During the  
40 thirty (30) day period, the contractor may continue to work on the

1 project. If the contractor fails to remedy the violation within the thirty  
 2 (30) day period, the department shall find the contractor not  
 3 responsible and determine the length of time the contractor is  
 4 considered not responsible by the department.

5 (g) In making the determination of the length of time a contractor is  
 6 not responsible under subsection (f), the department shall consider the  
 7 severity of the violation. The period during which a contractor is  
 8 considered not responsible:

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

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

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

16 SECTION 52. IC 9-18.5-22-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,  
 17 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The bureau shall, with the advice  
 19 of the ~~Native American Indian affairs commission established under~~  
 20 ~~IC 4-23-32~~, **Indiana cultural commission established under**  
 21 **IC 4-23-36**, design and issue an Indiana Native American trust license  
 22 plate as a special group recognition license plate under IC 9-18.5-12.

23 SECTION 53. IC 9-18.5-22-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.118-2022,  
 24 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The Indiana Native American trust fund is  
 26 established.

27 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the Indiana  
 28 Native American trust fund not currently needed to meet the  
 29 obligations of the Indiana Native American trust fund in the same  
 30 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues  
 31 from these investments shall be deposited in the Indiana Native  
 32 American trust fund.

33 (c) The bureau shall administer the Indiana Native American trust  
 34 fund. Expenses of administering the Indiana Native American trust  
 35 fund shall be paid from money in the Indiana Native American trust  
 36 fund.

37 (d) The bureau shall distribute at least one (1) time each month the  
 38 money from the fund to the ~~Native American Indian affairs commission~~  
 39 ~~established under IC 4-23-32~~. **Indiana cultural commission**  
 40 **established under IC 4-23-36**.

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

3 (f) The ~~Native American Indian affairs~~ **Indiana cultural**  
4 commission may use money received under this section for any lawful  
5 purpose of the ~~Native American Indian affairs~~ **Indiana cultural**  
6 commission **that impacts, studies, supports, or relates to the**  
7 **Indiana Native American community.**

8 SECTION 54. IC 9-27-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
9 SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The director of the state department of  
11 toxicology may solicit and receive aid from the following:

- 12 (1) The office of traffic safety.
- 13 (2) The state police department.
- 14 ~~(3) The commission on forensic sciences.~~
- 15 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** The Indiana Coroners Association.
- 16 ~~(5)~~ **(4)** The Indiana department of health.
- 17 ~~(6)~~ **(5)** The Indiana State Medical Association.
- 18 ~~(7)~~ **(6)** Other agencies that may, in the director's opinion, make a  
19 contribution to the effectiveness of the study.

20 SECTION 55. IC 9-27-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2013,  
21 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "advisory board"  
23 refers to the driver education advisory board established by subsection  
24 (b).

25 (b) The driver education advisory board is established to advise the  
26 commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission  
27 and the bureau regarding driver education.

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

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

40 (d) A member of the advisory board serves a two (2) year term. A

1 member may not be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive full  
2 terms. Each member serves until the member's successor is appointed  
3 and qualified.

4 (e) A member of the advisory board may be removed for good  
5 cause.

6 (f) A vacancy on the advisory board shall be filled by the  
7 appointment by the commissioner of an individual to fill the position  
8 to which the vacating member was appointed under subsection (c) for  
9 the vacating member's unexpired term.

10 (g) The advisory board shall:

11 (1) consult with and advise the commissioner in the  
12 administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau  
13 regarding driver education; and

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

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

21 **(i) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

22 SECTION 56. IC 9-27-7-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2013,  
23 SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The commissioner shall appoint a five (5)  
25 member advisory board consisting of at least three (3) active  
26 motorcyclists to serve in an advisory capacity to the program.

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

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

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

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

1           **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

2           SECTION 57. IC 10-13-2-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. ~~(a)~~ The  
4 superintendent shall adopt rules necessary to accomplish the purposes  
5 of this chapter.

6           ~~(b) In formulating the rules, the superintendent shall have the advice  
7 and assistance of the criminal justice advisory committee established  
8 by section 10 of this chapter.~~

9           SECTION 58. IC 10-13-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The criminal  
11 justice advisory committee is established.

12           (b) The committee consists of the following persons or their  
13 designated representatives:

- 14           (1) The superintendent, who shall act as chairman.
- 15           (2) The attorney general.
- 16           (3) The executive director of the criminal justice planning agency.
- 17           (4) The commissioner of corrections.
- 18           (5) One (1) county sheriff serving in the sheriff's second or  
19 subsequent term of office.
- 20           (6) One (1) chief of police with at least two (2) years of  
21 experience as chief.
- 22           (7) One (1) prosecuting attorney in the prosecuting attorney's  
23 second or subsequent term of office.
- 24           (8) One (1) judge of a court of general criminal jurisdiction.
- 25           (9) The executive director of the law enforcement training  
26 academy.
- 27           (10) A criminologist or forensic scientist.

28           (c) A member of the committee:

- 29           (1) must be appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis; and
- 30           (2) shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

31           (d) A member of the committee serves without compensation except  
32 per diem as provided by law.

33           (e) The committee shall meet as often as is considered necessary by  
34 the superintendent to formulate or revise rules for the statewide  
35 operation of the criminal justice data division.

36           **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

37           SECTION 59. IC 10-13-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. **(a)** As used in this  
39 chapter, "council" means the security and privacy council established  
40 by section 34 of this chapter.

1           **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

2           SECTION 60. IC 10-13-3-34 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 34. (a) There is  
4 established a security and privacy council that consists of nine (9)  
5 members selected under subsections (b) and (c).

6           (b) The following six (6) members shall be appointed by and shall  
7 serve at the pleasure of the governor:

8           (1) A prosecuting attorney.

9           (2) The police chief of a city.

10          (3) The sheriff of a county.

11          (4) A criminal court judge.

12          (5) Two (2) citizens who are not law enforcement officers.

13          (c) The following persons, or their designees, also are members of  
14 the council:

15          (1) The superintendent.

16          (2) The attorney general.

17          (3) The commissioner of the department of correction.

18          (d) Members of the council are not entitled to receive compensation  
19 but are entitled to receive a per diem and mileage on those days in  
20 which they are engaged in the business of the council. Per diem and  
21 mileage paid shall be that amount paid to state employees.

22          **(e) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

23          SECTION 61. IC 10-14-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2015,  
24 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The agency shall prepare and maintain a  
26 current state emergency operations plan. The plan may provide for the  
27 following:

28          (1) Prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by  
29 disaster.

30          (2) Prompt and effective response to disaster.

31          (3) Emergency relief.

32          (4) Identification of areas particularly vulnerable to disaster.

33          (5) Recommendations for:

34               (A) zoning;

35               (B) building;

36               (C) other land use controls;

37               (D) safety measures for securing mobile homes or other  
38 nonpermanent or semipermanent structures; and

39               (E) other preventive and preparedness measures designed to  
40 eliminate or reduce disaster or its impact;

- 1 that must be disseminated to ~~both the fire prevention and building~~  
2 ~~safety commission and~~ local authorities.
- 3 (6) Assistance to local officials in designing local emergency  
4 action plans.
- 5 (7) Authorization and procedures for the erection or other  
6 construction of temporary works designed to protect against or  
7 mitigate danger, damage, or loss from flood, conflagration, or  
8 other disaster.
- 9 (8) Preparation and distribution to the appropriate state and local  
10 officials of state catalogs of federal, state, and private assistance  
11 programs.
- 12 (9) Organization of manpower and chains of command.
- 13 (10) Coordination of federal, state, and local disaster activities.
- 14 (11) Coordination of the state disaster plan with the disaster plans  
15 of the federal government.
- 16 (12) Other necessary matters.
- 17 (b) The agency shall take an integral part in the development and  
18 revision of local and interjurisdictional disaster plans prepared under  
19 section 17 of this chapter. The agency shall employ or otherwise secure  
20 the services of professional and technical personnel capable of  
21 providing expert assistance to political subdivisions, a political  
22 subdivision's disaster agencies, and interjurisdictional planning and  
23 disaster agencies. These personnel:
- 24 (1) shall consult with subdivisions and government agencies on  
25 a regularly scheduled basis;
- 26 (2) shall make field examinations of the areas, circumstances, and  
27 conditions to which particular local and interjurisdictional  
28 disaster plans are intended to apply; and
- 29 (3) may suggest revisions.
- 30 (c) In preparing and revising the state disaster plan, the agency shall  
31 seek the advice and assistance of local government, business, labor,  
32 industry, agriculture, civic and volunteer organizations, and community  
33 leaders. In advising local and interjurisdictional agencies, the agency  
34 shall encourage local and interjurisdictional agencies to seek advice  
35 from the sources specified in this subsection.
- 36 (d) The state disaster plan or any part of the plan may be  
37 incorporated in rules of the agency or by executive orders.
- 38 (e) The agency shall do the following:
- 39 (1) Determine requirements of the state and political subdivisions  
40 for food, clothing, and other necessities in the event of an

- 1 emergency.
- 2 (2) Procure and pre-position supplies, medicines, materials, and  
3 equipment.
- 4 (3) Adopt standards and requirements for local and  
5 interjurisdictional disaster plans.
- 6 (4) Provide for mobile support units.
- 7 (5) Assist political subdivisions, political subdivisions' disaster  
8 agencies, and interjurisdictional disaster agencies to establish and  
9 operate training programs and public information programs.
- 10 (6) Make surveys of industries, resources, and facilities in  
11 Indiana, both public and private, necessary to carry out this  
12 chapter.
- 13 (7) Plan and make arrangements for the availability and use of  
14 any private facilities, services, and property, and if necessary and  
15 if the private facilities, services, or property is used, provide for  
16 payment for the use under agreed upon terms and conditions.
- 17 (8) Establish a register of persons with types of training and skills  
18 important in emergency prevention, preparedness, response, and  
19 recovery.
- 20 (9) Establish a register of mobile and construction equipment and  
21 temporary housing available for use in a disaster emergency.
- 22 (10) Prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive orders,  
23 proclamations, and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping  
24 with disaster.
- 25 (11) Cooperate with the federal government and any public or  
26 private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of this chapter  
27 and in implementing programs for disaster prevention,  
28 preparation, response, and recovery.
- 29 (12) Do other things necessary, incidental, or appropriate to  
30 implement this chapter.
- 31 (f) The agency shall ascertain the rapid and efficient  
32 communications that exist in times of disaster emergencies. The agency  
33 shall consider the desirability of supplementing these communications  
34 resources or of integrating these resources into a comprehensive  
35 intrastate or state-federal telecommunications or other communications  
36 system or network. In studying the character and feasibility of any  
37 system, the agency shall evaluate the possibility of multipurpose use of  
38 the system for general state and local governmental purposes. The  
39 agency shall make appropriate recommendations to the governor.
- 40 (g) The agency shall assist political subdivisions in implementing

1 the intrastate mutual aid compact created by section 10.8 of this  
2 chapter.

3 SECTION 62. IC 10-18-3-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,  
4 SECTION 321, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. (a) The governor may appoint  
6 a commission known as the memorial art commission.

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

11 (c) The commission shall consider the artistic qualities of a plan for  
12 a proposed memorial.

13 (d) A memorial consisting of a building, monument, statue, tablet,  
14 picture, arch, or work of art of any kind may not be erected without  
15 first:

- 16 (1) submitting the plans to the memorial art commission; and  
17 (2) securing criticism and advice from the commission with  
18 respect to the memorial.

19 If a state art commission is established by law, it is ex officio the  
20 memorial art commission.

21 **(e) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

22 SECTION 63. IC 10-19-3-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2020,  
23 SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in this section, for  
25 purposes of IC 4-22-2, the executive director is the authority that  
26 adopts rules for the department.

27 (b) The Indiana emergency medical services commission is the  
28 authority that adopts rules under IC 16-31.

29 ~~(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the fire prevention and  
30 building safety commission is the authority that adopts rules under any  
31 of the following:~~

- 32 ~~(1) IC 22-11;~~  
33 ~~(2) IC 22-12;~~  
34 ~~(3) IC 22-13;~~  
35 ~~(4) IC 22-14;~~  
36 ~~(5) IC 22-15;~~

37 ~~(d)~~ (c) The board of firefighting personnel standards and education  
38 is the authority that adopts rules under IC 22-14-2-7(c)(7) and  
39 IC 36-8-10.5.

40 ~~(e)~~ (d) The executive director may adopt rules governing:

- 1 (1) emergency action plans; or  
 2 (2) emergency response plans;  
 3 for outdoor performances (as defined in IC 22-12-1-17.5) where  
 4 outdoor event equipment (as defined in IC 22-12-1-17.7) is used.

5 SECTION 64. IC 10-19-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
 6 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The state fire marshal appointed under  
 8 IC 22-14-2-2 shall manage the department's administration of the  
 9 following:

- 10 (1) IC 22-11.  
 11 (2) IC 22-12.  
 12 (3) IC 22-13.  
 13 (4) IC 22-14.  
 14 (5) IC 22-15.

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

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

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

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

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

28 SECTION 65. IC 11-12-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 29 SECTION 82, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall adopt under IC 4-22-2  
 31 minimum standards for county jails governing:

- 32 (1) general physical and environmental conditions;  
 33 (2) services and programs to be provided to confined persons;  
 34 (3) procedures for the care and control of confined persons that  
 35 are necessary to ensure the health and safety of confined persons,  
 36 the security of the jail, and public safety; and  
 37 (4) the restraint of pregnant inmates. Rules adopted under this  
 38 subdivision must be consistent with IC 11-10-3.5.

39 However, the department may not adopt any standard that prohibits the  
 40 placement of more than one (1) prisoner in a prisoner cell that has

1 thirty-five (35) square feet or more of floor space per prisoner.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 66. IC 12-7-2-34, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
24 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
25 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 34. "Commission" means the following:

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

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

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

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

34 ~~(5) (3)~~ For purposes of IC 12-15-33, the meaning set forth in  
35 IC 12-15-33-1.

36 ~~(6) (4)~~ For purposes of IC 12-21-7.1, the meaning set forth in  
37 IC 12-21-7.1-1.

38 ~~(7) (5)~~ For purposes of IC 12-28-1, the meaning set forth in  
39 IC 12-28-1-3.

40 SECTION 67. IC 12-7-2-44, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012,

1 SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 44. "Council" means the following:

3 ~~(1)~~ For purposes of ~~IC 12-9-4~~, the meaning set forth in  
4 ~~IC 12-9-4-1~~.

5 ~~(2)~~ **(1)** For purposes of IC 12-12-8, the meaning set forth in  
6 IC 12-12-8-2.5.

7 ~~(3)~~ For purposes of ~~IC 12-13-4~~, the meaning set forth in  
8 ~~IC 12-13-4-1~~.

9 ~~(4)~~ **(2)** For purposes of IC 12-12.7-2, the meaning set forth in  
10 IC 12-12.7-2-2.

11 ~~(5)~~ **(3)** For purposes of IC 12-21-4, the meaning set forth in  
12 IC 12-21-4-1.

13 SECTION 68. IC 12-7-2-87.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2015,  
14 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 87.8. "Food retailer", for purposes of  
16 IC 12-13-14, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 12-13-14-1(f)~~.  
17 **IC 12-13-14-1.**

18 SECTION 69. IC 12-7-2-142, AS AMENDED BY P.L.171-2011,  
19 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
20 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 142. "Political subdivision", for purposes of  
21 the following statutes, has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13:

22 (1) IC 12-8.

23 ~~(2)~~ ~~IC 12-13-4~~.

24 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** IC 12-32-1.

25 SECTION 70. IC 12-8-1.5-18.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.167-2025,  
26 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 18.5. ~~(a) As used in this section, "advisory~~  
28 ~~council" refers to the division of disability and rehabilitative services~~  
29 ~~advisory council established under IC 12-9-4.~~

30 ~~(b)~~ **(a)** As used in this section, "board" refers to the community and  
31 home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled board  
32 established by IC 12-10-11-1.

33 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** As used in this section, "commission" refers to the Indiana  
34 state commission on aging established by IC 12-10-2-2.

35 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The office of the secretary may, in collaboration with the  
36 Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, study and prepare a  
37 report containing recommendations for realigning and consolidating  
38 the area agency on aging planning and service areas.

39 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** If the office of the secretary elects to study and prepare the  
40 report described in subsection ~~(d)~~, **(c)**, the office of the secretary shall

1 do the following:

2 (1) Provide notice of the election to the legislative council in an  
3 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

4 (2) In studying and preparing the report, consult with the:

5 ~~(A) advisory council;~~

6 ~~(B) (A) board;~~ and

7 ~~(C) (B) commission;~~

8 at the regularly scheduled public meetings of the ~~advisory~~  
9 ~~council;~~ board and commission to receive input and feedback  
10 concerning the recommendations described in subsection ~~(d)~~: **(c)**.

11 (3) Not later than two (2) years after the date on which the office  
12 of the secretary provides notice under subdivision (1), submit the  
13 report to the legislative council in an electronic format under  
14 IC 5-14-6.

15 SECTION 71. IC 12-8-2.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.160-2012,  
16 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. Unless otherwise provided by a statute,  
18 this chapter applies to the following:

19 (1) ~~The following advisory councils:~~

20 ~~(A) The division of disability and rehabilitative services~~  
21 ~~advisory council.~~

22 ~~(B) The division of family resources advisory council.~~

23 ~~(C) The division of mental health and addiction advisory~~  
24 ~~council.~~

25 (2) A body:

26 (A) established by statute for a division; and

27 (B) whose enabling statute makes this chapter applicable to  
28 the body.

29 SECTION 72. IC 12-8-2.5-3.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
30 JANUARY 1, 2027]. Sec. 3.5: ~~Up to five (5) individuals appointed by~~  
31 ~~the secretary to serve on an entity not described in section 3(1) of this~~  
32 ~~chapter may be appointed to serve concurrently on an advisory council~~  
33 ~~described in section 3(1) of this chapter. However, an individual may~~  
34 ~~not serve concurrently on more than one (1) advisory council described~~  
35 ~~in section 3(1) of this chapter.~~

36 SECTION 73. IC 12-9-4-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
37 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
38 1, 2026]: **Sec. 9. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.**

39 SECTION 74. IC 12-9-5-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.131-2024,  
40 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The division shall provide to the division  
 2 of disability and rehabilitative services advisory council established by  
 3 IC 12-9-4-2 quarterly updates regarding the implementation of the  
 4 recommendations made by the services for individuals with intellectual  
 5 and other developmental disabilities task force under IC 12-11-15.5  
 6 (before its expiration).

7 (b) This section expires December 31, ~~2027~~: **2026**.

8 SECTION 75. IC 12-13-4-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 9 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 10 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.**

11 SECTION 76. IC 12-13-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2015,  
 12 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "automated  
 14 teller machine" means an electronic hardware device owned or  
 15 operated by or on behalf of a financial institution or retailer that is  
 16 capable of dispensing currency and responding to balance inquiries  
 17 through the use of a magnetic stripe card issued by or on behalf of the  
 18 division for distribution of assistance through an EBT system as  
 19 described in this chapter.

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

22 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** As used in this chapter, "Department" refers to the United  
 23 States Department of Health and Human Services.

24 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** As used in this chapter, "EBT program" means an electronic  
 25 benefits transfer program.

26 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** As used in this chapter, "financial institution" means a bank,  
 27 trust company, savings institution, credit union, or any other  
 28 organization:

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

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

33 ~~(f)~~ **(e)** As used in this chapter, "food retailer" means a retailer that:

34 (1) sells food items to consumers; and

35 (2) has been authorized under 7 CFR 278 to participate in SNAP.

36 ~~(g)~~ **(f)** As used in this chapter, "person" includes any individual or  
 37 entity described in IC 6-2.5-1-3.

38 ~~(h)~~ **(g)** As used in this chapter, "point of sale terminal" means an  
 39 electronic hardware device that is:

40 (1) used at a retailer's place of business where consumers pay for

1 goods or services; and

2 (2) capable of:

3 (A) initiating a request for authorization of a purchase of  
4 tangible personal property;

5 (B) disbursing currency from an account;

6 (C) initiating a balance inquiry for an account; or

7 (D) distributing assistance through an EBT system as  
8 described in this chapter.

9 ~~(h)~~ **(h)** As used in this chapter, "primary business" means more than  
10 fifty percent (50%) of the gross retail income (as defined in  
11 IC 6-2.5-1-5) attributable to the location or premises where the  
12 business is located.

13 ~~(i)~~ **(i)** As used in this chapter, "retailer" means a person that, in the  
14 ordinary course of business:

15 (1) sells or transfers tangible personal property; or

16 (2) provides or performs services for compensation;

17 to consumers.

18 ~~(j)~~ **(j)** As used in this chapter, "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of  
19 the United States Department of Agriculture.

20 SECTION 77. IC 12-13-14-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2015,  
21 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The electronic benefits transfer commission  
23 is established.

24 (b) The commission consists of eight (8) members appointed by the  
25 secretary of family and social services as follows:

26 (1) Two (2) employees of the office of the secretary of family and  
27 social services.

28 (2) Two (2) members of the Indiana Grocers and Convenience  
29 Store Association, nominated by the chief executive officer of the  
30 Indiana Grocers and Convenience Store Association for  
31 consideration by the secretary of family and social services.

32 (3) Two (2) members of the Indiana Bankers Association,  
33 nominated by the chief executive officer of the Indiana Bankers  
34 Association for consideration by the office of the secretary of  
35 family and social services.

36 (4) Two (2) persons representing recipients of SNAP benefits or  
37 TANF benefits. One (1) person shall be nominated by the Indiana  
38 Food and Nutrition Network, and one (1) person shall be  
39 nominated by the Indiana Coalition for Human Services for  
40 consideration by the secretary of family and social services.

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

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

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

13 (f) The commission members are not eligible for per diem  
 14 reimbursement or reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to  
 15 and from commission meetings.

16 **(g) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

17 SECTION 78. IC 12-13-16-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.73-2020,  
 18 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "advisory  
 20 committee" refers to the 211 advisory committee established by section  
 21 9 of this chapter.

22 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

23 SECTION 79. IC 12-13-16-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.241-2023,  
 24 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The 211 advisory committee is established.  
 26 The advisory committee includes the following members appointed by  
 27 the governor or the governor's designee:

28 (1) Two (2) members, each of whom represents a different  
 29 Indiana United Way entity.

30 (2) Two (2) members, each of whom represents a different local  
 31 service agency that receives referrals from 211.

32 (3) Seven (7) members representing the types of human services  
 33 provided under this chapter.

34 (4) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of  
 35 Rehabilitation Facilities.

36 (b) The initial members of the advisory committee serve the  
 37 following terms:

38 (1) Three (3) members serve a term of one (1) year.

39 (2) Five (5) members serve a term of two (2) years.

40 (3) Five (5) members serve a term of four (4) years.

1 Members appointed to the advisory committee thereafter serve terms  
2 of four (4) years.

3 (c) The governor or the governor's designee shall appoint the  
4 chairperson of the advisory committee.

5 (d) The advisory committee shall do the following:

6 (1) Provide input and consultation regarding implementation and  
7 administration of 211 services by the office of the secretary to  
8 ensure compliance with any requirements or obligations under  
9 this chapter.

10 (2) Advise the office of the secretary and make recommendations  
11 concerning the use of and goals for 211 services.

12 (e) The office of the secretary shall staff the advisory committee.  
13 The expenses of the advisory committee shall be paid by the office of  
14 the secretary.

15 (f) Each member of the advisory committee who is not a state  
16 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
17 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for  
18 traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses  
19 actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided  
20 in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana  
21 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

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

28 **(h) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

29 SECTION 80. IC 12-15-1-14.5, AS AMENDED BY THE  
30 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. (a) The office of the secretary shall prepare  
33 a report on the provision of Medicaid services, including Medicaid  
34 home and community based waiver services, to recipients who have  
35 medically complex conditions. The report must include the following,  
36 categorized by whether the recipient was less than, or at least, eighteen  
37 (18) years of age:

38 (1) The number of recipients, by county, who received Medicaid  
39 services through:

40 (A) the state plan;

- 1 (B) a Medicaid waiver; or  
 2 (C) services under both ~~clause~~ **clauses** (A) and (B).
- 3 (2) A list of the specific services provided to the recipients, by  
 4 county, and the number of recipients who received each service.
- 5 (3) The median length of time recipients have received Medicaid,  
 6 by county, through the following:
- 7 (A) The state plan.  
 8 (B) A Medicaid waiver.  
 9 (C) Services under both ~~clause~~ **clauses** (A) and (B).
- 10 (b) Not later than September 1, 2025, and each September 1  
 11 thereafter, the office of the secretary shall submit the report described  
 12 in subsection (a) to the following:
- 13 (1) The Medicaid advisory commission, established by  
 14 IC 12-15-33-2.  
 15 (2) The Medicaid oversight committee, in an electronic format  
 16 under IC 5-14-6.  
 17 (3) The budget committee.  
 18 (4) The legislative council, in an electronic format under  
 19 IC 5-14-6.  
 20 (5) The division of disability and rehabilitative services advisory  
 21 council established under IC 12-9-4 **(before its expiration on**  
 22 **December 31, 2026)**.
- 23 (c) The division of disability and rehabilitative services advisory  
 24 council established under IC 12-9-4 **(before its expiration on**  
 25 **December 31, 2026)** shall provide the following recommendations to  
 26 the division of disability and rehabilitative services to ensure the  
 27 delivery of appropriate high quality services to recipients, including an  
 28 evaluation of models of care for complex care assistants used in other  
 29 states:
- 30 (1) The potential benefits and risks to recipients and family  
 31 caregivers.  
 32 (2) Training and certification requirements.  
 33 (3) Implementation challenges and strategies to address the  
 34 challenges.  
 35 (4) Any potential fiscal impact of implementing a complex care  
 36 assistant program in Indiana.
- 37 SECTION 81. IC 12-15-1.3-15, AS AMENDED BY THE  
 38 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
 39 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section, "division" refers to

1 the division of disability and rehabilitative services established by  
2 IC 12-9-1-1.

3 (b) As used in this section, "waiver" refers to any waiver  
4 administered by the office and the division under section 1915(c) of the  
5 federal Social Security Act.

6 (c) The office shall apply to the United States Department of Health  
7 and Human Services for approval to amend a waiver to set an  
8 emergency placement priority for individuals in the following  
9 situations:

10 (1) Death of a primary caregiver.

11 (2) The primary caregiver is at least eighty (80) years of age.

12 (3) There is evidence of abuse or neglect in the current  
13 institutional or home placement.

14 (4) There is evidence of other health and safety risks, as  
15 determined by the division director, where other available  
16 services through:

17 (A) the Medicaid program and other federal, state, and local  
18 public programs; and

19 (B) supports that families and communities provide;  
20 are insufficient to address the other health and safety risks, as  
21 determined by the division director.

22 **(d) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to**  
23 **implement this section.**

24 ~~(d)~~ **(e) Before January 1, 2027**, the division shall report on a  
25 quarterly basis the following information to the division of disability  
26 and rehabilitative services advisory council established by IC 12-9-4-2  
27 **(before its expiration on December 31, 2026)** concerning each  
28 Medicaid waiver for which the office has been approved under this  
29 section to administer an emergency placement priority for individuals  
30 described in this section:

31 (1) The number of applications for emergency placement priority  
32 waivers.

33 (2) The number of individuals served on the waiver.

34 (3) The number of individuals on a wait list for the waiver.

35 **This subsection expires December 31, 2026.**

36 ~~(e)~~ **(f) Before July 1, 2021**, the division, in coordination with the  
37 task force established by IC 12-11-15.5-2 **(before its expiration)**, shall  
38 establish new priority categories for individuals served by a waiver.

39 **This subsection expires December 31, 2026.**

40 ~~(f)~~ **The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to**

1 ~~implement this section.~~

2 SECTION 82. IC 12-15-30.5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.116-2019,  
3 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "commission" refers  
5 to the nonemergency medical transportation commission established by  
6 section 7 of this chapter.

7 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

8 SECTION 83. IC 12-15-30.5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.116-2019,  
9 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Before October 1, 2019, the office of the  
11 secretary shall prepare a report containing the number of Medicaid  
12 fee-for-service nonemergency medical transportation claims paid by:

- 13 (1) vehicle type;
- 14 (2) Medicaid recipient category; and
- 15 (3) whether the recipient for which the claim was paid resided in:
  - 16 (A) the community;
  - 17 (B) a health facility;
  - 18 (C) an intermediate care facility for individuals with  
19 intellectual disabilities;
  - 20 (D) a hospital; or
  - 21 (E) another location.

22 (b) Beginning June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2019, the claims data  
23 reported in subsection (a) must be organized by month.

24 (c) The office of the secretary shall submit the report prepared under  
25 subsection (a) to the commission.

26 **(d) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

27 SECTION 84. IC 12-15-30.5-7, AS AMENDED BY THE  
28 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
29 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The nonemergency medical transportation  
31 commission is established for the purpose of overseeing the provision  
32 of nonemergency medical transportation services to ensure that  
33 Medicaid fee-for-service recipients are receiving satisfactory service  
34 and to ensure that brokers pay the claims of transportation providers in  
35 a timely manner.

36 (b) The commission consists of the following members:

- 37 (1) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members of  
38 the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore  
39 of the senate with the advice of the minority leader of the senate.
- 40 (2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may

- 1 not be members of the same political party, appointed by the  
 2 speaker of the house of representatives with the advice of the  
 3 minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 4 (3) One (1) representative of the office of the secretary.
- 5 (4) One (1) individual representing a broker.
- 6 (5) One (1) individual representing a transportation provider that  
 7 has contracted with a broker.
- 8 (6) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Hospital  
 9 Association.
- 10 (7) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Health Care  
 11 Association.
- 12 (8) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of  
 13 Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 14 (9) One (1) individual representing the Arc of Indiana.
- 15 (10) One (1) physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.
- 16 (11) One (1) individual representing dialysis providers.
- 17 (12) One (1) Medicaid fee-for-service recipient.
- 18 (13) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Association of  
 19 Area Agencies on Aging.
- 20 (14) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Emergency  
 21 Medical Services Association.
- 22 (c) The members of the commission described in subsection (b)(1)  
 23 and (b)(2) shall serve:
- 24 (1) as nonvoting advisory members; and  
 25 (2) for a four (4) year term.
- 26 (d) The members of the commission described in subsection (b)(3)  
 27 through (b)(14) shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4)  
 28 years. The term of a member of the commission expires July 1.  
 29 However, a member may continue to serve until a successor is  
 30 appointed. In case of a vacancy, the governor shall appoint an  
 31 individual to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The  
 32 governor shall designate one (1) member described in this subsection  
 33 as chairperson of the commission.
- 34 ~~(e) The initial appointments beginning July 1, 2019, must be:~~  
 35 ~~(1) made by the governor not later than October 1, 2019; and~~  
 36 ~~(2) notwithstanding subsection (d), staggered as follows:~~
- 37 ~~(A) Two (2) years for the members appointed under subsection~~  
 38 ~~(b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(8), (b)(10), (b)(12), and (b)(14).~~  
 39 ~~(B) Three (3) years for the members appointed under~~  
 40 ~~subsection (b)(5), (b)(7), (b)(9), (b)(11), and (b)(13).~~

1 ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2024.~~

2       ~~(f)~~ (e) The office shall provide staff support and technical assistance  
3 to the commission, including the collection of and dissemination of  
4 data and reports required by this chapter, in order for the commission  
5 to carry out its duties under this chapter.

6       **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

7       SECTION 85. IC 12-15-30.5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.116-2019,  
8 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Each member of the commission who is not  
10 a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided  
11 by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement  
12 for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in  
13 connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel  
14 policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of  
15 administration and approved by the budget agency.

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

22       (c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general  
23 assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel  
24 allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees  
25 established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel  
26 allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations  
27 made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

28       **(d) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

29       SECTION 86. IC 12-15-30.5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.116-2019,  
30 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The commission shall meet at least two (2)  
32 times per year at a public meeting to do the following:

- 33           (1) Review a report submitted under this chapter.  
34           (2) Provide feedback and make recommendations to the office of  
35           the secretary concerning the provision of nonemergency medical  
36           transportation services.  
37           (3) Approve any monies to be awarded to a broker as part of a  
38           withhold provision outlined in the contract between the office of  
39           the secretary and the broker.

40       **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

1 SECTION 87. IC 12-15-30.5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.161-2025,  
 2 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. **(a)** On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1  
 4 biennially thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the  
 5 executive director of the legislative services agency, in an electronic  
 6 format under IC 5-14-6, for review by the interim committee on  
 7 government in accordance with IC 1-1-15.5-4 and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g).  
 8 The report shall describe:

- 9 (1) official action taken; and
- 10 (2) actionable items considered;

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

12 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

13 SECTION 88. IC 12-17.2-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 14 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The division may do the  
 16 following:

- 17 (1) Prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices, and other  
 18 documents required by this article or by the rules adopted under  
 19 this article.
- 20 (2) Increase public awareness of this article and the rules adopted  
 21 under this article by preparing and publishing manuals and guides  
 22 explaining this article and the rules adopted under this article.
- 23 (3) Facilitate compliance with and enforcement of this article  
 24 through the publication of materials under subdivision (2).
- 25 (4) Prepare reports and studies to advance the purpose of this  
 26 article.
- 27 (5) Seek the advice and recommendations of state agencies whose  
 28 information and knowledge would be of assistance in writing,  
 29 revising, or monitoring rules developed under this article. These  
 30 agencies, including the office of the attorney general, Indiana  
 31 department of health, division of mental health and addiction,  
 32 bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and ~~fire  
 33 prevention and building safety commission~~, **the department of  
 34 homeland security**, shall upon request supply necessary  
 35 information to the division.
- 36 (6) Make the directory of licensees available to the public for a  
 37 charge not to exceed the cost of reproducing the directory.
- 38 (7) Charge a reasonable processing fee for each license  
 39 application and renewal as follows:

- 40 (A) For a child care center license, a fee of two dollars (\$2) per

- 1 licensed child capacity.
- 2 (B) For a child care center new inquiry application packet, a  
3 fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5).
- 4 (C) For a child care home license new inquiry application  
5 packet, a fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5).
- 6 (D) For a child care home annual inspection, a fee not to  
7 exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 8 (8) Exercise any other regulatory and administrative powers  
9 necessary to carry out the functions of the division.

10 SECTION 89. IC 12-17.2-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
11 SECTION 118, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The division shall adopt rules  
13 under IC 4-22-2 concerning the licensing and inspection of child care  
14 centers and child care homes after consultation with the following:

- 15 (1) Indiana department of health.
- 16 (2) ~~Fire prevention and building safety commission.~~ **Department**  
17 **of homeland security.**

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

21 SECTION 90. IC 12-17.2-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
22 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) A program operated to serve migrant  
24 children that is exempted under section 8(6) of this chapter and is  
25 certified by the United States Department of Health and Human  
26 Services shall be:

- 27 (1) granted a provisional license by the division, for a limited  
28 period not to exceed one (1) year and that is subject to review  
29 every three (3) months, if the division determines that the  
30 program reasonably complies with the rules adopted by the  
31 division; and  
32 (2) inspected by the department of homeland security.

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

- 37 (1) operate in donated space;  
38 (2) provide services for children from migrant worker families;  
39 and  
40 (3) are operated during a single period of less than one hundred

1 twenty (120) consecutive days during a calendar year.

2 (c) This section does not prohibit a program operated to serve  
3 migrant children from applying for a license under this article.

4 SECTION 91. IC 12-17.2-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2013,  
5 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The division may grant a variance or  
7 waiver of a rule governing a provider. A variance or waiver granted  
8 under this section must promote statewide practices and must protect  
9 the rights of persons affected by this article.

10 (b) The division may grant a variance to a rule if a provider does the  
11 following:

12 (1) Submits to the division a written request for the variance in  
13 the form and manner specified by the division.

14 (2) Documents that compliance with an alternative method of  
15 compliance approved by the division will not be adverse to the  
16 health, safety, or welfare of a child receiving services from the  
17 applicant for the variance, as determined by the division.

18 (c) A variance granted under subsection (b) must be conditioned  
19 upon compliance with the alternative method approved by the division.  
20 Noncompliance constitutes the violation of a rule of the division and  
21 may be the basis for revoking the variance.

22 (d) The division may grant a waiver of a rule if a provider does the  
23 following:

24 (1) Submits to the division a written request for the waiver in the  
25 form and manner specified by the division.

26 (2) Documents that compliance with the rule specified in the  
27 application for the waiver will create an undue hardship on the  
28 applicant for the waiver, as determined by the division.

29 (3) Documents that the applicant for the waiver will be in  
30 substantial compliance with the rules adopted by the division after  
31 the waiver is granted, as determined by the division.

32 (4) Documents that noncompliance with the rule specified in the  
33 application for a waiver will not be adverse to the health, safety,  
34 or welfare of a child receiving services from the applicant for the  
35 waiver, as determined by the division.

36 (e) Except for a variance or waiver of a rule governing child care  
37 homes, a variance or waiver of a rule under this section that conflicts  
38 with a building rule or fire safety rule adopted by the ~~fire prevention~~  
39 ~~and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** is  
40 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 92. IC 12-17.2-2-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: 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 93. 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, 2026]: 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.

- 1 (2) Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral.
- 2 (3) Indiana Head Start Collaboration Office.
- 3 (4) Department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1.
- 4 (5) Early Childhood Alliance.
- 5 (6) 4C of Southern Indiana.

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

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

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

21 SECTION 94. IC 12-17.2-3.5-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A facility where  
23 a provider operates a child care program must have two (2) exits that:

- 24 (1) do not require passage through a:
  - 25 (A) garage; or
  - 26 (B) storage area;
 where hazardous materials are stored;
- 27 (2) are not windows;
- 28 (3) are on different sides of the facility;
- 29 (4) are not blocked; and
- 30 (5) are operable from the inside without the use of a key or any  
31 special knowledge.

32 (b) A provider shall:

- 33 (1) conduct monthly documented fire drills:
  - 34 (A) in accordance with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and~~  
35 ~~building safety commission; department of homeland~~  
36 ~~security; and~~  
37 **security; and**
  - 38 (B) that include complete evacuation of all:
    - 39 (i) children; and
    - 40 (ii) adults who provide child care;

- 1           in the facility;
- 2           (2) maintain documentation of all fire drills conducted during the
- 3           immediately preceding twelve (12) month period, including:
- 4           (A) the date and time of the fire drill;
- 5           (B) the name of the individual who conducted the fire drill;
- 6           (C) the weather conditions at the time of the fire drill; and
- 7           (D) the amount of time required to fully evacuate the facility;
- 8           and
- 9           (3) maintain a two and one-half (2 1/2) pound or greater ABC
- 10          multiple purpose fire extinguisher:
- 11          (A) on each floor of the facility; and
- 12          (B) in the kitchen area of the facility;

13          in each facility where the provider operates a child care program.

14          SECTION 95. IC 12-17.2-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

15          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The ~~fire prevention~~

16          ~~and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security**

17          must provide consultation regarding the licensure of child care homes

18          to the division upon request.

19          SECTION 96. IC 12-17.2-5-6.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2024,

20          SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

21          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. To qualify for a license to operate a class II

22          child care home under this chapter, a person must do the following:

- 23          (1) Provide all child care services on the first story of the child
- 24          care home unless the class II child care home meets the
- 25          exceptions to the first story requirements contained in the Indiana
- 26          building code adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~
- 27          ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** in effect at the
- 28          time the class II child care home provider applies for licensure.
- 29          (2) Provide a smoke detection system that is:
- 30          (A) hard wired to the building's electrical system; and
- 31          (B) wired in a manner that activates all of the detector devices
- 32          in the building when one (1) detector device is activated.
- 33          (3) Provide a fire extinguisher in each room that is used to
- 34          provide child care services.
- 35          (4) Meet:
- 36          (A) the exit requirements for an E-3 building occupancy
- 37          classification under the Indiana building code adopted by the
- 38          ~~fire prevention and building safety commission;~~ **department**
- 39          **of homeland security**, except for any illumination
- 40          requirements, in effect at the time the class II child care home

- 1 provider initially applies for licensure; and
- 2 (B) the illumination requirements established in section
- 3 6.3(b)(3) of this chapter.
- 4 (5) Provide a minimum of thirty-five (35) square feet for each
- 5 child.
- 6 (6) Conduct fire drills required under article 37 of the Indiana fire
- 7 prevention code adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building~~
- 8 ~~safety commission department of homeland security~~ in effect
- 9 at the time the class II child care home provider applies for
- 10 licensure.
- 11 (7) Apply for a license before July 1, 1996, or after June 30, 2001.
- 12 (8) Comply with rules adopted by the division of family resources
- 13 for class II child care homes.
- 14 (9) Complete the training course taught or approved by the
- 15 division concerning safe sleeping practices for a child within the
- 16 person's care as described in IC 12-17.2-2-1(10).
- 17 SECTION 97. IC 12-17.2-5-36 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: 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 98. 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, 2026]: 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~~

- 1                   ~~commission.~~ **department of homeland security.**
- 2                   (B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department
- 3                   of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends
- 4                   the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same
- 5                   level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.
- 6                   (2) Each registered child care ministry with an occupant load of
- 7                   less than fifty (50) shall do either of the following:
- 8                   (A) Install and maintain in good operating condition at least
- 9                   one (1) battery operated smoke detector in each room and
- 10                  corridor used by the ministry.
- 11                  (B) Provide a notice on a form prescribed by the department
- 12                  of homeland security to the parents of each child who attends
- 13                  the ministry stating that the ministry does not have the same
- 14                  level of fire safety protection as a licensed child care center.
- 15                  (3) Each registered child care ministry shall comply with the rules
- 16                  of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~
- 17                  **department of homeland security** concerning fire drills.
- 18                  For purposes of this subsection, occupant load is determined by
- 19                  dividing the total square footage of the area used by the child care
- 20                  ministry by thirty-five (35) and rounding any result that is not a whole
- 21                  number up to the next whole number.
- 22                  (d) The state fire marshal shall make an inspection of a child care
- 23                  ministry registered under section 2 of this chapter at least annually.
- 24                  (e) During an inspection, the state fire marshal shall inspect the
- 25                  structure in which the child care ministry is conducted for fire safety
- 26                  and life safety with respect to the structure's primary use.
- 27                  SECTION 99. IC 12-17.6-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014,
- 28                  SECTION 111, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 29                  [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The office shall contract with
- 30                  an independent organization to evaluate the program.
- 31                  (b) The office shall report the results of each evaluation to the
- 32                  ~~(1) children's health policy board established by IC 4-23-27-2;~~
- 33                  ~~and~~
- 34                  ~~(2) interim study committee on public health, behavioral health,~~
- 35                  ~~and human services established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an electronic~~
- 36                  ~~format under IC 5-14-6.~~
- 37                  (c) This section does not modify the requirements of other statutes
- 38                  relating to the confidentiality of medical records.
- 39                  SECTION 100. IC 12-17.6-2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2014,
- 40                  SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. Not later than April 1, the office  
 2 shall provide a report describing the program's activities during the  
 3 preceding calendar year to the:

- 4 (1) budget committee;
- 5 (2) legislative council; **and**
- 6 ~~(3) children's health policy board established by IC 4-23-27-2;~~  
 7 ~~and~~
- 8 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** interim study committee on public health, behavioral  
 9 health, and human services established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an  
 10 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

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

13 SECTION 101. IC 12-17.6-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.103-2009,  
 14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The benefit package provided under the  
 16 program shall focus on age appropriate preventive, primary, and acute  
 17 care services.

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

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

28 The office may offer services in addition to those listed in this  
 29 subsection if appropriations to the program exist to pay for the  
 30 additional services.

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

- 36 (1) Prescription drugs.
- 37 (2) Mental health services.
- 38 (3) Vision services.
- 39 (4) Hearing services.
- 40 (5) Dental services.

1 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), the office may not  
 2 impose treatment limitations or financial requirements on the coverage  
 3 of services for a mental illness if similar treatment limitations or  
 4 financial requirements are not imposed on coverage for services for  
 5 other illnesses. Coverage for mental illness under the program must  
 6 include the following:

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

9 (A) treats mental disease; and

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

11 unless coverage is prohibited by federal law.

12 (2) Psychiatric residential treatment services.

13 (3) Community mental health rehabilitation services.

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

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

19 SECTION 102. IC 12-17.6-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) It is a violation  
 21 of IC 27-4-1-4 if an insurer, or an insurance producer or insurance  
 22 broker compensated by the insurer, knowingly or intentionally refers  
 23 an insured or the dependent of an insured to the program for health  
 24 insurance coverage when the insured already receives health insurance  
 25 coverage through an employer's health care plan that is underwritten by  
 26 the insurer.

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

31 SECTION 103. IC 13-20-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.37-2012,  
 32 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. A person that obtains a certificate of  
 34 registration under section 3 of this chapter must do the following:

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

36 (A) The number of passenger tire equivalents received at the  
 37 waste tire storage site or by the waste tire processing  
 38 operation.

39 (B) The number and manner of disposal of the passenger tire  
 40 equivalents.

- 1 (2) Maintain contingency plans to protect public health and the  
 2 environment.
- 3 (3) If the person operates a waste tire storage site, maintain  
 4 financial assurance acceptable to the department necessary for  
 5 waste tire removal, in an amount specified in rules adopted by the  
 6 board under section 11(b)(3) of this chapter.
- 7 (4) Maintain a copy of the certificate of registration at the site.
- 8 (5) Comply with applicable rules and requirements established by  
 9 the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**  
 10 **of homeland security** for indoor waste tire storage sites.
- 11 (6) Retain a copy of manifests received from a waste tire  
 12 transporter under IC 13-20-14 for at least one (1) year and make  
 13 a copy of the manifests available to the department upon request.

14 SECTION 104. IC 13-23-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. A unit of local  
 16 government may not enact or enforce an ordinance that is in conflict  
 17 with any of the following:

- 18 (1) This article.
- 19 **(2) IC 22-12-2.6.**
- 20 ~~(3)~~ **(3)** Rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 21 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** under this article.
- 22 ~~(4)~~ **(4)** Rules adopted by the board under this article.

23 SECTION 105. IC 13-23-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) To obtain a  
 25 certificate under section 1 of this chapter, a person must:

- 26 (1) take an examination that is approved;
- 27 (2) achieve a passing score on the examination that is established;
- 28 and
- 29 (3) pay any reasonable fees necessary to offset the costs incurred  
 30 by the state fire marshal in administering the examination and  
 31 certification procedures that are established;

32 under rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 33 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security**.

34 (b) An examination described under subsection (a) must cover the  
 35 following subjects:

- 36 (1) Relevant rules adopted by the:
- 37 (A) board; and
- 38 (B) ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~;  
 39 **department of homeland security**;  
 40 concerning underground storage tanks.

1 (2) Any other subjects approved under rules adopted by the ~~fire~~  
 2 ~~prevention and building safety commission;~~ **department of**  
 3 **homeland security.**

4 (c) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**  
 5 **of homeland security** shall adopt rules establishing the following:

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

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

11 (d) The state fire marshal may, under rules adopted by the ~~fire~~  
 12 ~~prevention and building safety commission;~~ **department of homeland**  
 13 **security**, certify a person:

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

15 (2) by reciprocity;

16 if the person is licensed or certified by another state that has  
 17 certification requirements that are substantially similar to the  
 18 requirements established under this section.

19 SECTION 106. IC 14-8-2-48, AS AMENDED BY P.L.251-2023,  
 20 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 21 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 48. (a) "Commission", except as provided in  
 22 this section, refers to the natural resources commission.

23 (b) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-1, has the meaning set  
 24 forth in IC 14-13-1-1.

25 (c) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-2, has the meaning set  
 26 forth in IC 14-13-2-2.

27 ~~(d) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-4, has the meaning set~~  
 28 ~~forth in IC 14-13-4-1.~~

29 ~~(e) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-5, has the meaning set~~  
 30 ~~forth in IC 14-13-5-1.~~

31 ~~(f) (d) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-6, has the meaning~~  
 32 ~~set forth in IC 14-13-6-2.~~

33 ~~(g) (e) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-13-9, has the meaning~~  
 34 ~~set forth in IC 14-13-9-2.~~

35 ~~(h) (f) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-20-11, has the meaning~~  
 36 ~~set forth in IC 14-20-11-1.~~

37 ~~(i) (g) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-28-4, has the meaning~~  
 38 ~~set forth in IC 14-28-4-1.~~

39 ~~(j) (h) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30-2, has the meaning~~  
 40 ~~set forth in IC 14-30-2-2.~~

1           ~~(k)~~ (i) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30-3, has the meaning  
2 set forth in IC 14-30-3-2.

3           ~~(j)~~ (j) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30-4, has the meaning  
4 set forth in IC 14-30-4-2.

5           ~~(m)~~ (k) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-30.5, has the meaning  
6 set forth in IC 14-30.5-1-2.

7           ~~(n)~~ (l) "Commission", for purposes of IC 14-33-20, has the meaning  
8 set forth in IC 14-33-20-2.

9           SECTION 107. IC 14-8-2-59, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2011,  
10 SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 59. "Corridor" has the following meaning:

12           ~~(1)~~ For purposes of ~~IC 14-13-4~~, the meaning set forth in  
13 ~~IC 14-13-4-2~~.

14           ~~(2)~~ For purposes of ~~IC 14-13-5~~, the meaning set forth in  
15 ~~IC 14-13-5-2~~.

16           ~~(3)~~ For purposes of ~~IC 14-13-6~~, the meaning set forth in  
17 IC 14-13-6-3.

18           SECTION 108. IC 14-8-2-61 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
19 1, 2026]. Sec. 61. "Council", for purposes of ~~IC 14-21-1~~, has the  
20 meaning set forth in ~~IC 14-21-1-5~~.

21           SECTION 109. IC 14-9-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
22 2026]. (Advisory Council).

23           SECTION 110. IC 14-10-1-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
24 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
25 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: **Sec. 0.5. This article expires July**  
26 **1, 2027.**

27           SECTION 111. IC 14-10-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.78-2019,  
28 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The natural resources commission is  
30 established. The commission consists of ~~twelve (12)~~ **eleven (11)**  
31 members as follows:

32           (1) The commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation  
33 or the commissioner's designee.

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

36           (3) The director of the office of tourism development or the  
37 director's designee (before July 1, 2020) or the director of the  
38 Indiana destination development corporation or the director's  
39 designee (after June 30, 2020).

40           (4) The director of the department.

- 1           ~~(5) The chairperson of the advisory council established by~~  
 2           ~~IC 14-9-6-1.~~
- 3           ~~(6) (5) The president of the Indiana academy of science or the~~  
 4           ~~president's designee.~~
- 5           ~~(7) (6) Six (6) citizen members appointed by the governor, at least~~  
 6           ~~two (2) of whom must have knowledge, experience, or education~~  
 7           ~~in the environment or in natural resource conservation. Not more~~  
 8           ~~than three (3) citizen members may be of the same political party.~~
- 9           SECTION 112. IC 14-13-2-32, AS ADDED BY P.L.106-2012,  
 10          SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 32. (a) The Little Calumet River basin project  
 12          advisory board is established.
- 13          (b) The advisory board consists of the following members:
- 14               (1) One (1) member appointed by the executive of each  
 15               municipality located in the watershed.
- 16               (2) One (1) member appointed by the board of county  
 17               commissioners of Lake County.
- 18          (c) Each member of the advisory board must have experience in:
- 19               (1) designing;
- 20               (2) constructing;
- 21               (3) maintaining; or
- 22               (4) managing;
- 23          drainage or flood control facilities in the watershed.
- 24          **(d) This section expires December 31, 2026.**
- 25          SECTION 113. IC 14-13-4-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 26          CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 17. This chapter expires**  
 28          **December 31, 2026.**
- 29          SECTION 114. IC 14-13-5-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 30          CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 31          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 18. This chapter expires**  
 32          **December 31, 2026.**
- 33          SECTION 115. IC 14-21-1-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 34          1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5: As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the~~  
 35          ~~advisory council established by IC 14-9-6-1.~~
- 36          SECTION 116. IC 14-21-1-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 37          FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. The division shall  
 38          do the following:
- 39               (1) Develop a program of historical, architectural, and  
 40               archeological research and development, including continuing

- 1 surveys, excavations, scientific recording, interpretation, and  
 2 publication of the state's historical, architectural, and  
 3 archeological resources.
- 4 (2) Prepare a preservation plan for the state that establishes  
 5 planning guidelines to encourage the continuous maintenance and  
 6 integrity of historic sites and historic structures. However, the  
 7 plan is not effective until the plan has been  
 8 ~~(A) presented to the council for review and comment; and~~  
 9 ~~(B)~~ approved by the review board after public hearing.
- 10 (3) Undertake the action necessary to qualify the state for  
 11 participation in sources of federal aid to further the purposes  
 12 stated in subdivisions (1) and (2).
- 13 (4) Provide information on historic sites and structures within  
 14 Indiana to federal, state, and local governmental agencies, private  
 15 individuals, and organizations.
- 16 (5) Advise and coordinate the activities of local historical  
 17 associations, historic district commissions, historic commissions,  
 18 and other interested groups or persons.
- 19 (6) Provide technical and financial assistance to local historical  
 20 associations, historic district commissions, historic commissions,  
 21 and other interested groups or persons.
- 22 (7) Review environmental impact statements as required by  
 23 federal and state law for actions significantly affecting historic  
 24 properties.

25 SECTION 117. IC 14-21-1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
 26 SECTION 169, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. The division may do the  
 28 following:

- 29 (1) Recommend the purchase, lease, or gift of historic property of  
 30 archeological importance and make recommendations to the  
 31 director ~~council~~, and commission regarding policies affecting the  
 32 operation and administration of these sites and structures by the  
 33 section of historic sites of the division of state museums and  
 34 historic sites.
- 35 (2) Prepare and review planning and research studies relating to  
 36 archeology.
- 37 (3) Conduct a program of education in archeology, either within  
 38 the division or in conjunction with a postsecondary educational  
 39 institution.
- 40 (4) Inspect and supervise an archeological field investigation

1 authorized by this chapter.

2 SECTION 118. IC 14-21-1-25.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2012,  
3 SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 25.5. (a) If a Native American  
5 Indian burial ground is discovered, the department shall immediately  
6 provide notice to the ~~Native American Indian affairs commission~~  
7 ~~established by IC 4-23-32.~~ **Indiana cultural commission established**  
8 **under IC 4-23-36.**

9 (b) If Native American Indian human remains are removed from a  
10 burial ground, the department shall provide the following to the ~~Native~~  
11 ~~American Indian affairs~~ **Indiana cultural** commission:

12 (1) Any written findings or reports that result from the analysis  
13 and study of the human remains.

14 (2) Written notice to the ~~Native American Indian affairs~~ **Indiana**  
15 **cultural** commission that the analysis and study of the human  
16 remains are complete.

17 (c) After receiving written notice under subsection (b)(2), the ~~Native~~  
18 ~~American Indian affairs~~ **Indiana cultural** commission shall make  
19 recommendations to the department regarding the final disposition of  
20 the Native American Indian human remains.

21 SECTION 119. IC 14-25-2-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,  
22 SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this chapter,  
24 "water utility" means:

25 (1) a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a));

26 (2) a municipally owned utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(h));

27 (3) a not-for-profit utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-125(a));

28 (4) a cooperatively owned corporation;

29 (5) a conservancy district established under IC 14-33; or

30 (6) a regional water district established under IC 13-26;

31 that provides water service to the public.

32 (b) A person that seeks to contract with the commission for the  
33 provision of certain minimum quantities of stream flow or the sale of  
34 water on a unit pricing basis under section 2 of this chapter must  
35 submit a request to the commission and the department. The  
36 commission shall not make a determination as to whether to enter into  
37 a contract with the person making the request until:

38 (1) the procedures set forth in this section have been followed;  
39 and

40 (2) the commission has reviewed and considered each report

- 1 submitted to the commission under subsection (i).
- 2 (c) Not later than thirty (30) days after receiving a request under  
3 subsection (b), the department shall provide, by certified mail, written  
4 notice of the request to the following:
- 5 (1) Each person with whom the commission holds a contract for:  
6 (A) the provision of certain minimum quantities of stream  
7 flow; or  
8 (B) the sale of water on a unit pricing basis;  
9 as of the date of the request.
- 10 (2) The executive and legislative body of each:  
11 (A) county;  
12 (B) municipality, if any; and  
13 (C) conservancy district established under IC 14-33, if any;  
14 in which the water sought in the request would be used.
- 15 (3) The executive and legislative body of each:  
16 (A) county;  
17 (B) municipality, if any; and  
18 (C) conservancy district established under IC 14-33, if any;  
19 in which the affected reservoir is located.
- 20 (d) Not later than seven (7) days after receiving a notice from the  
21 department under subsection (c), each person described in subsection  
22 (c)(1) shall, by certified mail, provide written notice of the request to  
23 each:
- 24 (1) water utility; or  
25 (2) other person;
- 26 that contracts with the person described in subsection (c)(1) for the  
27 purchase of water for resale. Each person to whom notice is mailed  
28 under this subsection is in turn responsible for providing written notice  
29 by certified mail to each water utility or other person that purchases  
30 water from that person for resale. A water utility or another person  
31 required to provide notice under this subsection shall mail the required  
32 notice not later than seven (7) days after it receives notice of the  
33 request from the water utility or other person from whom it purchases  
34 water for resale.
- 35 (e) At the same time that:  
36 (1) a person described in subsection (c)(1); or  
37 (2) a water utility or another person described in subsection (d);  
38 mails any notice required under subsection (d), it shall also mail to the  
39 department, by certified mail, a list of the names and addresses of each  
40 water utility or other person to whom it has mailed the notice under

1 subsection (d).

2 (f) In addition to the mailed notice required under subsection (c), the  
3 department shall publish notice of the request, in accordance with  
4 IC 5-3-1, in each county:

- 5 (1) in which a person described in section (c)(1) is located;  
6 (2) in which the affected reservoir is located;  
7 (3) in which the water sought in the request would be used; and  
8 (4) in which a water utility or other person included in a list  
9 received by the department under subsection (e) is located.

10 Notwithstanding IC 5-3-1-6, in each county in which publication is  
11 required under this subsection, notice shall be published in at least one  
12 (1) general circulation newspaper in the county. The department may,  
13 in its discretion, publish public notices in a qualified publication (as  
14 defined in IC 5-3-1-0.7) or additional newspapers to provide  
15 supplementary notification to the public. The cost of publishing  
16 supplementary notification is a proper expenditure of the department.

17 (g) A notice required to be mailed or published under this section  
18 must:

- 19 (1) identify the person making the request;  
20 (2) include a brief description of:  
21 (A) the nature of the pending request; and  
22 (B) the process by which the commission will determine  
23 whether to enter into a contract with the person making the  
24 request;  
25 (3) set forth the date, time, and location of the public meeting  
26 required under subsection (h); and  
27 (4) in the case of a notice that is required to be mailed under  
28 subsection (c)(1) or (d), a statement of the recipient's duty to in  
29 turn provide notice to any:  
30 (A) water utility; or  
31 (B) other person;  
32 that purchases water for resale from the recipient, in accordance  
33 with subsection (d).

34 (h) The ~~advisory council established by IC 14-9-6-1~~ **department**  
35 shall hold a public meeting in each county in which notice is published  
36 under subsection (f). A public meeting required under this subsection  
37 must include the following:

- 38 (1) A presentation by the department describing:  
39 (A) the nature of the pending request; and  
40 (B) the process by which the commission will determine

1           whether to enter into a contract with the person making the  
2           request.

3           (2) An opportunity for public comment on the pending request.  
4           The ~~advisory council~~ **department** may appoint a hearing officer to  
5           assist with a public meeting held under this subsection.

6           (i) Not later than thirty (30) days after a public meeting is held  
7           under subsection (h), the ~~advisory council~~ **department** shall submit to  
8           the commission a report summarizing the public meeting.

9           SECTION 120. IC 14-25-7-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2025,  
10          SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall administer this  
12          chapter.

13          (b) The deputy director for the bureau of resource management shall  
14          serve as technical secretary to the commission. The deputy director  
15          shall perform the duties that are required by this chapter or that the  
16          commission directs.

17          (c) ~~The advisory council established by IC 14-9-6-1 shall serve in~~  
18          ~~an advisory capacity to the commission with respect to the~~  
19          ~~implementation of the commission's powers and duties; including the~~  
20          ~~drafting of rules and development of inventories, assessments, and~~  
21          ~~plans.~~

22          (d) ~~For the time that the advisory council is involved in the drafting~~  
23          ~~of rules, the membership of the council shall be augmented as follows:~~

24                  (1) ~~Two (2) members of the senate, not more than one (1) of~~  
25                  ~~whom may be of the same political party, shall be appointed for~~  
26                  ~~a term of two (2) years by the president pro tempore of the senate.~~

27                  (2) ~~Two (2) members of the house of representatives, not more~~  
28                  ~~than one (1) of whom may be of the same political party, shall be~~  
29                  ~~appointed for a term of two (2) years by the speaker of the house~~  
30                  ~~of representatives.~~

31          ~~These members are entitled to travel expenses and a per diem~~  
32          ~~allowance as determined by the budget agency for members of boards~~  
33          ~~and commissions generally.~~

34          (e) ~~(c)~~ The department shall provide professional, technical, and  
35          clerical personnel, equipment, supplies, and support services  
36          reasonably required to assist the commission in the exercise of the  
37          commission's powers and duties under this chapter. The department  
38          shall include money for this purpose in the regular operating budget  
39          requests of the department.

40          (f) ~~On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially thereafter, the~~

1 advisory council shall submit a report to the executive director of the  
 2 legislative services agency, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, for  
 3 review by the interim committee on government in accordance with  
 4 IC 1-1-15.5-4 and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g). The report shall describe:

5 (1) official action taken; and

6 (2) actionable items considered;

7 by the advisory council during the preceding two (2) years:

8 SECTION 121. IC 14-25-7-12.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.189-2015,  
 9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.5. (a) The department shall cooperate with the  
 11 United States Geological Survey to establish a program under which  
 12 volunteers may monitor the water resource and provide monitoring data  
 13 to the commission, the department, and the United States Geological  
 14 Survey. Data derived from the voluntary monitoring conducted under  
 15 the program may be:

16 (1) collected and disseminated by the commission under section  
 17 12(1) of this chapter; and

18 (2) used by the commission in conducting the continuing  
 19 assessment of the availability of the water resource under section  
 20 11(1) of this chapter.

21 (b) The department may cooperate with other local, state, and  
 22 federal governmental agencies in implementing this section.

23 (c) The commission, under IC 4-22-2 and section 10(a) of this  
 24 chapter, may adopt rules concerning the administration of this section.  
 25 ~~Section 10(c) and 10(d) of this chapter does not apply to the adoption~~  
 26 ~~of rules under this subsection.~~

27 SECTION 122. IC 14-26-2-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2025,  
 28 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 24. (a) Relying on recommendations of the  
 30 department, ~~and the advisory council established by IC 14-9-6-1~~, the  
 31 commission shall adopt, under IC 4-22-7-7(a)(5)(A), and maintain a  
 32 nonrule policy statement that lists the public freshwater lakes in  
 33 Indiana. For each public freshwater lake the statement must include the  
 34 following information:

35 (1) The name of the lake.

36 (2) The county and specific location within the county where the  
 37 lake is located.

38 (b) A person may obtain an administrative adjudication from the  
 39 office of administrative law proceedings for the listing or nonlisting of  
 40 a lake as a public freshwater lake through a licensure action, status

1 determination, or enforcement action under IC 4-21.5.

2 SECTION 123. IC 15-11-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2018,  
3 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "biomass" means  
5 agriculturally based sources of renewable energy, including the  
6 following:

- 7 (1) Agricultural crops.
- 8 (2) Agricultural wastes and residues.
- 9 (3) Wood and wood byproducts, including the following:
  - 10 (A) Wood residue.
  - 11 (B) Forest thinning.
  - 12 (C) Mill residue wood.
- 13 (4) Animal wastes.
- 14 (5) Animal byproducts.
- 15 (6) Aquatic plants.
- 16 (7) Algae.

17 The term does not include waste from construction and demolition.

18 (b) The department shall do the following:

- 19 (1) Provide administrative and staff support for the following:
  - 20 (A) The state fair board for purposes of carrying out the  
21 director's duties under IC 15-13-5.
  - 22 (B) The Indiana corn marketing council for purposes of  
23 administering the duties of the director under IC 15-15-12.
  - 24 (C) The Indiana dairy industry development board for  
25 purposes of administering the duties of the director under  
26 IC 15-18-5.
  - 27 (D) The Indiana land resources council under IC 15-12-5.
  - 28 (E) The Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing agency  
29 under IC 26-3-7.
  - 30 (F) The Indiana grain indemnity corporation under IC 26-4-3.
  - 31 (G) The division.
- 32 (2) Administer the election of state fair board members under  
33 IC 15-13-5.
- 34 (3) Administer state programs and laws promoting agricultural  
35 trade.
- 36 (4) Administer state livestock or agriculture marketing grant  
37 programs.
- 38 (5) Administer economic development efforts for agriculture by  
39 doing the following:
  - 40 (A) Promoting value added agricultural resources.

- 1 (B) Marketing Indiana agriculture to businesses  
 2 internationally.
- 3 (C) Assisting Indiana agricultural businesses with developing  
 4 partnerships with the Indiana economic development  
 5 corporation.
- 6 (D) Soliciting private funding for selective economic  
 7 development and trade initiatives.
- 8 (E) Providing for the orderly economic development and  
 9 growth of Indiana's agricultural economy.
- 10 (F) Facilitating the use of biomass and algae production  
 11 systems to generate renewable energy.
- 12 (6) Carry out the department's duties under IC 23-15-12.
- 13 **(7) Provide administrative and staff support for the following:**
- 14 **(A) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the state**  
 15 **seed commissioner duties under IC 15-15-1.**
- 16 **(B) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 17 **duties under IC 15-15-2.**
- 18 **(C) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the state**  
 19 **seed commissioner duties under IC 15-15-5.**
- 20 **(D) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the state**  
 21 **seed commissioner duties under IC 15-15-7.**
- 22 **(E) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the state**  
 23 **seed commissioner duties under IC 15-15-13.**
- 24 **(F) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 25 **duties under IC 15-16-1.**
- 26 **(G) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 27 **duties under IC 15-16-2.**
- 28 **(H) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 29 **duties under IC 15-16-3.**
- 30 **(I) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 31 **duties under IC 15-16-4.**
- 32 **(J) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 33 **duties under IC 15-16-5.**
- 34 **(K) The state chemist for purposes of carrying out the**  
 35 **duties under IC 15-19-7.**
- 36 SECTION 124. IC 15-11-2-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.5-2025,  
 37 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "user" includes:  
 39 (1) a rural community;  
 40 (2) a farmer;

- 1 (3) an agribusiness; or  
 2 (4) any other individual or entity using the online portal  
 3 established under this section for the purposes described in  
 4 subsection (d).
- 5 (b) The department shall establish an online portal on the  
 6 department's website.
- 7 (c) The department shall administer the online portal.
- 8 (d) The purposes of the online portal shall be to:
- 9 (1) assist users in the successful navigation of agricultural or  
 10 related topics among various federal and state agencies;  
 11 (2) provide a single source for users to access agricultural or  
 12 related federal and state funding opportunities;  
 13 (3) provide a searchable data base of available federal and state  
 14 grants with information on eligibility and deadline criteria; and  
 15 (4) provide regular updates to reflect changes in federal and state  
 16 funding opportunities.
- 17 (e) The online portal shall include links that will facilitate the  
 18 navigation of the websites of various federal and state agencies,  
 19 including the following:
- 20 (1) The United States Department of Agriculture.  
 21 (2) The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural  
 22 Resources Conservation Service.  
 23 (3) The United States Environmental Protection Agency.  
 24 (4) The department of environmental management established by  
 25 IC 13-13-1-1.  
 26 (5) The Indiana state board of animal health established by  
 27 IC 15-17-3-1.  
 28 (6) The office of **the** state chemist (and by virtue of office, the  
 29 state seed commissioner under IC 15-15-1-26) established by  
 30 ~~IC 15-16-2-24.~~ **IC 15-11-4.5-1.**  
 31 (7) The office of community and rural affairs established by  
 32 IC 4-4-9.7-4.  
 33 (8) Any other federal or state agency, the interaction with which  
 34 would be helpful to users.
- 35 (f) To accomplish the purposes described in subsection (d), the  
 36 online portal shall do the following:
- 37 (1) Provide a series of regulatory checklists for users that are  
 38 considering diversifying into new markets to assist users in:
- 39 (A) the navigation of agricultural and related regulations; and  
 40 (B) the avoidance of punitive enforcement actions before they

- 1           arise.
- 2           (2) Assist users in collaborating with:
- 3           (A) the Purdue University cooperative extension service;
- 4           (B) the state climate office hosted by Purdue University; and
- 5           (C) the United States Department of Agriculture;
- 6           to create a one stop venue that will help connect users with
- 7           responsive data visualization tools and technical assistance
- 8           programming.
- 9           (3) Provide a one stop venue where users may gather information
- 10          regarding, and apply for, available federal and state agricultural
- 11          and related funding opportunities.
- 12          (4) Include a link to provide users with ongoing updates on the
- 13          status of land that was identified as lost farmland included in the
- 14          department's inventory of lost farmland, and as reported by the
- 15          department, under IC 15-11-9-1.1 (before its expiration) or
- 16          IC 15-11-9-1.3.
- 17          (5) Include a formal venue to collect comments from the public
- 18          regarding federal regulations that impact Indiana's rural economy
- 19          with the goal of assisting the state in providing vigorous advocacy
- 20          on behalf of the public.
- 21          (6) Include a formal venue where users may provide to the
- 22          department reviews and feedback regarding the usefulness of the
- 23          online portal.

24          SECTION 125. IC 15-11-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 25          CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 26          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

27                 **Chapter 4.5. Office of the State Chemist**

28                 **Sec. 1. The office of the state chemist is established as a division**  
 29                 **of the department.**

30                 **Sec. 2. The director shall appoint the state chemist, who serves**  
 31                 **at the pleasure of the director, and the state chemist is the**  
 32                 **administrative head of the office of the state chemist.**

33                 **Sec. 3. The state chemist may designate staff or an employee to**  
 34                 **discharge duties imposed on the state chemist by law.**

35                 **Sec. 4. The state chemist shall administer the following**  
 36                 **chapters:**

37                         **(1) IC 15-15-1.**

38                         **(2) IC 15-15-2.**

39                         **(3) IC 15-15-5.**

40                         **(4) IC 15-15-7.**

1 (5) IC 15-15-13.

2 (6) IC 15-16-1.

3 (7) IC 15-16-2.

4 (8) IC 15-16-3.

5 (9) IC 15-16-4.

6 (10) IC 15-16-5.

7 (11) IC 15-19-7.

8 **Sec. 5. (a) After December 31, 2027, all individuals employed by**  
9 **the state chemist shall become employees of the state.**

10 **(b) The department shall determine qualifications, duties,**  
11 **compensation, and terms of service for individuals employed by the**  
12 **state chemist as employees or as independent contractors.**

13 **(c) Employees of the state chemist who are employed on**  
14 **December 31, 2027, under Purdue University and who continue**  
15 **employment after December 31, 2027, under the department as**  
16 **provided in subsection (a) are entitled to have their service under**  
17 **Purdue University included for purposes of computing:**

18 **(1) retention in the event of a layoff; and**

19 **(2) all other applicable employment and retirement benefits.**

20 **Sec. 6. (a) As used in this section, "Purdue University" refers to:**

21 **(1) the treasurer of Purdue University;**

22 **(2) the board of trustees of Purdue University; or**

23 **(3) the dean of agriculture of Purdue University;**

24 **as applicable in the administration of the office of the state chemist**  
25 **under IC 15-16-2-24 (before its repeal).**

26 **(b) After December 31, 2027, all powers, duties, agreements, and**  
27 **liabilities of the office of the state chemist administered by Purdue**  
28 **University are transferred to the department, as the successor**  
29 **agency.**

30 **(c) After December 31, 2027, all records and property of the**  
31 **office of the state chemist administered by Purdue University,**  
32 **including appropriations and other funds under the control or**  
33 **supervision of the office of the state chemist, are transferred to the**  
34 **department, as the successor agency.**

35 **(d) After December 31, 2027, any amounts owed to the office of**  
36 **the state chemist administered by Purdue University before**  
37 **December 31, 2027, are considered to be owed to the office of the**  
38 **state chemist administered by the department, as the successor**  
39 **agency.**

40 **Sec. 7. (a) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees**

1 collected under IC 15-15-1 by the state seed commissioner and  
2 transferred to the treasurer of Purdue University, including  
3 appropriations under the control or supervision of the treasurer of  
4 Purdue University, are transferred to the seed fund established by  
5 IC 15-15-1-34.5 and to the department, as the successor agency.

6 (b) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected  
7 under IC 15-15-2 by the state chemist and transferred to the  
8 treasurer of Purdue University, including appropriations under the  
9 control or supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are  
10 transferred to the plant cultures fund established by IC 15-15-2-5.5  
11 and to the department, as the successor agency.

12 (c) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected  
13 under IC 15-15-13 by the state seed commissioner and paid to the  
14 treasurer of Purdue University, including appropriations under the  
15 control or supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are  
16 transferred to the industrial hemp fund established by  
17 IC 15-15-13-15.5 and to the department, as the successor agency.

18 (d) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected  
19 under IC 15-16-2-35 by the state chemist and transferred to the  
20 treasurer of Purdue University, including appropriations under the  
21 control or supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are  
22 transferred to the commercial fertilizer fund established by  
23 IC 15-16-2-34.5 and to the department, as the successor agency.

24 (e) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected by  
25 the state chemist and paid to the treasurer of Purdue University  
26 under IC 15-16-2-36, including appropriations under the control  
27 or supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are  
28 transferred to the horticulture products and control excess fund  
29 established by IC 15-16-2-35.5 and to the department, as the  
30 successor agency.

31 (f) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected by the  
32 state chemist and paid to the treasurer of Purdue University under  
33 IC 15-16-4, including appropriations under the control or  
34 supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are transferred  
35 to the pesticide fund established by IC 15-16-4-61.5 and to the  
36 department, as the successor agency.

37 (g) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected by  
38 the state chemist and paid to the treasurer of Purdue University  
39 under IC 15-16-5, including appropriations under the control or  
40 supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are transferred

1 to the pesticide use and application fund established by  
2 IC 15-16-5-59.5 and to the department, as the successor agency.

3 (h) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected by  
4 the state chemist and paid to the treasurer of Purdue University  
5 under IC 15-19-7, including appropriations under the control or  
6 supervision of the treasurer of Purdue University, are transferred  
7 to the commercial feed inspection fund established by  
8 IC 15-19-7-32.5 and to the department, as the successor agency.

9 (i) After December 31, 2027, all records and fees collected by the  
10 state chemist and paid to the treasurer of Purdue University for the  
11 soil scientist registration fund under IC 25-31.5-3-9, including  
12 appropriations under the control or supervision of the treasurer of  
13 Purdue University, are transferred to the department, as the  
14 successor agency.

15 SECTION 126. IC 15-15-1-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
16 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 34.5. (a) The seed fund is  
18 established to carry out the functions of this chapter. The fund  
19 shall be administered by the state seed commissioner.

20 (b) The fund consists of:

21 (1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;

22 (2) fees collected under this chapter; and

23 (3) money received from any other source, including transfers  
24 from other:

25 (A) funds; or

26 (B) accounts.

27 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
28 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
29 manner as other public funds may be invested.

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

32 SECTION 127. IC 15-15-1-35, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
33 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 35. (a) The state seed commissioner shall pay  
35 deposit all fees collected under this chapter to in the treasurer of  
36 Purdue University: seed fund established by section 34.5 of this  
37 chapter.

38 (b) The board of trustees of Purdue University state seed  
39 commissioner shall expend the fees on proper vouchers filed with the  
40 treasurer of Purdue University. The treasurer shall pay vouchers use

- 1 **funds from the seed fund to pay** for the following expenses:
- 2 (1) The employment of inspectors and seed analysts.
- 3 (2) Procuring samples.
- 4 (3) Printing bulletins giving the results of inspection.
- 5 (4) Any other expenses ~~of the Purdue University agricultural~~  
6 ~~programs~~ authorized by law and for implementing this chapter.
- 7 (c) ~~The dean of agriculture of Purdue University state seed~~  
8 **commissioner** shall make and submit an annual financial report to the:
- 9 (1) governor;
- 10 (2) legislative council; and
- 11 (3) budget committee;
- 12 in such form as the state board of accounts requires, showing the total  
13 receipts and expenditures of all fees received under this chapter. The  
14 budget committee shall review this report annually.
- 15 (d) Excess funds from the collection of fees under this chapter are  
16 subject to IC 15-16-2-36.
- 17 SECTION 128. IC 15-15-2-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
18 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) The plant cultures fund**  
20 **is established to carry out the functions of this chapter. The fund**  
21 **shall be administered by the state chemist.**
- 22 **(b) The fund consists of:**
- 23 **(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**  
24 **(2) fees collected under this chapter; and**  
25 **(3) money received from any other source, including transfers**  
26 **from other:**
- 27 **(A) funds; or**  
28 **(B) accounts.**
- 29 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
30 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
31 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**
- 32 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**  
33 **revert to the state general fund.**
- 34 SECTION 129. IC 15-15-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
35 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6. (a) The state chemist shall charge, collect, and**  
37 **receive a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25):**
- 38 (1) at the time of registering a pure or mixed culture of  
39 microorganisms or materials described in section 3 of this chapter  
40 for each material or culture registered; and

1 (2) not later than the fifteenth day of January of each succeeding  
 2 year until the pure or mixed cultures of microorganisms or  
 3 material is no longer sold, distributed, offered, or displayed for  
 4 sale in Indiana.

5 (b) Money received under subsection (a) must be ~~forwarded to the~~  
 6 ~~treasurer of Purdue University, who shall~~ **deposited in the plant**  
 7 **cultures fund established by section 5.5 of this chapter and used by**  
 8 **expend the money on vouchers to be filed with** the state comptroller to  
 9 pay all necessary expenses incurred in implementing this chapter,  
 10 including:

11 (1) the employment of inspectors, chemists, and bacteriologists;  
 12 (2) the expenses incurred in procuring samples;  
 13 (3) printing bulletins; and  
 14 (4) giving the results of inspections, as provided by this chapter;  
 15 ~~and for any other expenses of Purdue University agricultural programs;~~  
 16 as authorized by law and in support of the purposes of this chapter.

17 (c) ~~The dean of agriculture of Purdue University~~ **state chemist** shall  
 18 submit to the:

19 (1) governor;  
 20 (2) legislative council; and  
 21 (3) budget committee;

22 an annual classified report showing the total receipts and expenditures  
 23 of all fees received under this chapter. The budget committee shall  
 24 review this report annually.

25 (d) Excess funds from the collection of fees under this chapter are  
 26 subject to IC 15-16-2-36.

27 SECTION 130. IC 15-15-5-29 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 28 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 29. This chapter expires**  
 30 **December 31, 2026.**

31 SECTION 131. IC 15-15-13-15.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 32 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 15.5. (a) The industrial hemp**  
 34 **fund is established to carry out the functions of this chapter. The**  
 35 **state seed commissioner shall deposit all fees collected under this**  
 36 **chapter into the fund. The fund shall be administered by the state**  
 37 **seed commissioner.**

38 (b) **The fund consists of:**

39 (1) **money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**  
 40 (2) **all fees collected under this chapter; and**

1           **(3) money received from any other source, including transfers**  
 2           **from other:**

3                 **(A) funds; or**

4                 **(B) accounts.**

5           **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 6           **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 7           **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

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

10           SECTION 132. IC 15-15-13-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
 11           SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12           JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) The state seed commissioner shall **deposit**  
 13           ~~pay~~ all fees collected under this chapter ~~to in the treasurer of Purdue~~  
 14           ~~University.~~ **industrial hemp fund established by section 15.5 of this**  
 15           **chapter.**

16           (b) ~~The board of trustees of Purdue University shall expend the fees~~  
 17           ~~on proper vouchers filed with the treasurer of Purdue University.~~ The  
 18           ~~treasurer~~ **state seed commissioner** shall pay vouchers for the following  
 19           expenses:

20                 (1) The employment of inspectors and seed analysts.

21                 (2) Procuring samples.

22                 (3) Printing bulletins giving the results of inspection.

23                 (4) Any other expenses ~~of the Purdue University agricultural~~  
 24                 ~~programs~~ authorized by law and for implementing this chapter.

25           (c) The ~~dean of agriculture of Purdue University~~ **state seed**  
 26           **commissioner** shall make and submit an annual financial report to the:

27                 (1) governor;

28                 (2) legislative council; and

29                 (3) budget committee;

30           in such form as the state board of accounts requires, showing the total  
 31           receipts and expenditures of all fees received under this chapter. The  
 32           budget committee shall review this report annually.

33           (d) Excess funds from the collection of fees under this chapter are  
 34           subject to IC 15-16-2-36.

35           SECTION 133. IC 15-16-2-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 36           1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1. Because the department of biochemistry at Purdue~~  
 37           ~~University is particularly conversant with the purpose and procedures~~  
 38           ~~provided by this chapter, the general assembly desires that the governor~~  
 39           ~~appoint a professor of biochemistry at Purdue University as the state~~  
 40           ~~chemist.~~

1 SECTION 134. IC 15-16-2-24 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
2 1, 2026]. Sec. 24. (a) The office of state chemist is established:

3 (b) The governor shall appoint the state chemist, who serves at the  
4 pleasure of the governor:

5 (c) The state chemist shall administer this chapter.

6 (d) The state chemist may designate an agent to discharge duties  
7 imposed on the state chemist by law:

8 SECTION 135. IC 15-16-2-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2009,  
9 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 30. (a) Each member of the board who is not a  
11 state employee is entitled to receive both:

12 (1) the minimum salary per diem **provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b)**;  
13 and

14 (2) reimbursement for **mileage and** travel expenses **as provided**  
15 **under IC 4-13-1-4** and other expenses actually incurred in  
16 connection with the member's duties;

17 as provided in the ~~Purdue University travel policies and procedures~~  
18 ~~established by the Purdue University department of transportation and~~  
19 ~~approved by the Purdue University vice president of business services:~~  
20 **state policies and procedures established by the Indiana**  
21 **department of administration and approved by the budget agency.**

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

28 SECTION 136. IC 15-16-2-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
29 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**  
30 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 34.5. (a) The commercial**  
31 **fertilizer fund is established to carry out the functions of this**  
32 **chapter. The fund shall be administered by the state chemist.**

33 **(b) The fund consists of:**

34 **(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**

35 **(2) inspection fees collected under this chapter; and**

36 **(3) money received from any other source, including transfers**  
37 **from other:**

38 **(A) funds; or**

39 **(B) accounts.**

40 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**

1 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 2 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

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

5 SECTION 137. IC 15-16-2-35, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
 6 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 35. (a) The state chemist shall ~~pay to the treasurer~~  
 8 ~~of Purdue University~~ **deposit** all inspection fees collected under this  
 9 chapter **in the commercial fertilizer fund established by section 34.5**  
 10 **of this chapter.**

11 (b) Inspection fees collected under this chapter must be used to pay  
 12 all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out this chapter, including  
 13 the following:

- 14 (1) Employing inspectors and chemists.
- 15 (2) Procuring samples.
- 16 (3) Printing bulletins.
- 17 (4) Giving the results of inspections as provided for by this  
 18 chapter.
- 19 (5) Any other expenses incurred by ~~Purdue University agricultural~~  
 20 ~~programs:~~ **the office of the state chemist:**
  - 21 (A) authorized by law; and
  - 22 (B) in support of the purposes of this chapter.

23 (c) The ~~dean of agriculture of Purdue University~~ **state chemist** shall  
 24 make an annual classified report to the:

- 25 (1) governor;
- 26 (2) legislative council; and
- 27 (3) budget committee;

28 showing the total receipts and expenditures of all fees received under  
 29 this chapter. The budget committee shall review this report annually.

30 SECTION 138. IC 15-16-2-35.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 35.5. (a) The horticulture**  
 33 **products and control excess fund is established to carry out the**  
 34 **functions of those chapters referred to in subsection (b)(2). The**  
 35 **fund shall be administered by the state chemist.**

36 **(b) The fund consists of:**

- 37 (1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;
- 38 (2) excess funds accumulated from the fees collected by:
  - 39 (A) the state chemist, under this chapter, IC 15-15-2,
  - 40 IC 15-16-4, IC 15-16-5, and IC 15-19-7; and

1           **(B) the state seed commissioner under IC 15-15-1 and**  
 2           **IC 15-15-13; and**

3           **(3) money received from any other source, including transfers**  
 4           **from other:**

5           **(A) funds; or**

6           **(B) accounts.**

7           **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 8           **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 9           **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

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

12          SECTION 139. IC 15-16-2-36, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
 13          SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 14          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 36. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, all excess  
 15          funds accumulated from the fees collected by:

16               (1) the state chemist, under this chapter, IC 15-15-2, IC 15-16-4,  
 17               IC 15-16-5, and IC 15-19-7; and

18               (2) the state seed commissioner under IC 15-15-1 and  
 19               IC 15-15-13;

20          shall be ~~paid to the treasurer of Purdue University.~~ **deposited in the**  
 21          **horticulture products and control excess fund established by**  
 22          **section 35.5 of this chapter.** The funds shall be administered by the  
 23          board of trustees of ~~Purdue University.~~ **state chemist.**

24          (b) On approval of the governor and the budget agency, and upon  
 25          review of the budget committee, the ~~board of trustees~~ **state chemist**  
 26          may spend the excess funds for the construction, operation,  
 27          rehabilitation, and repair of buildings, structures, or other facilities  
 28          used for:

29               (1) carrying out the purposes of those chapters referred to in  
 30               subsection (a) under which the fees are collected; or

31               (2) the agricultural programs authorized by law and in support of  
 32               the purposes of the chapters referred to in subsection (a).

33          SECTION 140. IC 15-16-2-44.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
 34          SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 35          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 44.5. (a) The state chemist shall ~~pay to the~~  
 36          ~~treasurer of Purdue University~~ **all certification and educational program**  
 37          **deposit** fees collected under section 44 of this chapter **into the**  
 38          **commercial fertilizer fund established by section 34.5 of this**  
 39          **chapter.**

40          (b) Certification and educational program fees collected under

1 section 44 of this chapter must be used to pay all necessary expenses  
 2 incurred in carrying out and administering the certification and  
 3 educational programs.

4 (c) The ~~dean of agriculture of Purdue University~~ **state chemist** shall  
 5 make an annual classified report to the:

- 6 (1) governor;
- 7 (2) legislative council; and
- 8 (3) budget committee;

9 showing the total receipts and expenditures of all fees received under  
 10 this section. The budget committee shall review this report annually.

11 SECTION 141. IC 15-16-4-61.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 61.5. (a) The pesticide fund is**  
 14 **established to carry out the functions of this chapter. The fund**  
 15 **shall be administered by the state chemist.**

16 **(b) The fund consists of:**

- 17 **(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**
- 18 **(2) fees collected under this chapter;**
- 19 **(3) money collected for civil penalties imposed under section**  
 20 **69 of this chapter; and**
- 21 **(4) money received from any other source, including transfers**  
 22 **from other:**

23 **(A) funds; or**

24 **(B) accounts.**

25 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 26 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 27 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

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

30 SECTION 142. IC 15-16-4-61.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 31 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 61.6. (a) The pesticide education**  
 33 **account is established within the pesticide fund to provide**  
 34 **education about the safe and effective use of pesticides. The**  
 35 **account shall be administered by the state chemist.**

36 **(b) The account consists of money transferred under section**  
 37 **62(d)(6) of this chapter.**

38 **(c) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from**  
 39 **money in the account.**

40 **(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account**

1 **not currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the**  
 2 **same manner as other public money may be invested.**

3 **(e) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not**  
 4 **revert to the state general fund.**

5 SECTION 143. IC 15-16-4-62, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
 6 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 62. (a) Each registrant shall pay an annual,  
 8 nonrefundable application fee of one hundred seventy dollars (\$170)  
 9 for each application for each pesticide product submitted for  
 10 registration or reregistration.

11 (b) Each registration expires January 1 of each year.

12 (c) All fees collected by the state chemist under this chapter shall be  
 13 ~~paid to the treasurer of Purdue University, who shall deposit the fees in~~  
 14 ~~a special restricted account designated by the treasurer of the board of~~  
 15 ~~trustees of Purdue University.~~ **deposited in the pesticide fund**  
 16 **established by section 61.5 of this chapter.**

17 (d) From the ~~account fund~~ described in subsection (c), the ~~treasurer~~  
 18 **state chemist** shall pay all expenses incurred in administering this  
 19 chapter, including expenses for the following:

20 (1) The employment of:

21 (A) inspectors;

22 (B) investigators;

23 (C) researchers;

24 (D) analysts;

25 (E) administrators; and

26 (F) clerical and service staff.

27 (2) Expenses in procuring samples and printing results of  
 28 inspections.

29 (3) Purchasing:

30 (A) supplies;

31 (B) equipment; and

32 (C) services.

33 (4) Necessary remodeling.

34 (5) Other expenses of the office of the state chemist.

35 (6) The transfer of ten dollars (\$10) from each fee paid under  
 36 subsection (a) on an annual basis to the ~~office of Purdue pesticide~~  
 37 ~~programs~~ **pesticide education account established by section**  
 38 **61.6 of this chapter** to provide education about the safe and  
 39 effective use of pesticides.

40 The ~~treasurer~~ **state chemist** is not required to use any other funds,

1 except those collected as registration fees, to pay any expenses incurred  
 2 in the administration of this chapter. The ~~dean of agriculture state~~  
 3 **chemist** shall make an annual financial report to the governor,  
 4 legislative council, and budget committee showing total receipts and  
 5 expenditures of all fees received under this chapter. The budget  
 6 committee shall review this report annually.

7 (e) A registrant who registers or pays an annual fee after December  
 8 31 of any year shall pay a late fee of one hundred seventy dollars  
 9 (\$170) as well as the annual fee.

10 (f) Excess funds from the collection of fees under this chapter are  
 11 subject to IC 15-16-2-36.

12 SECTION 144. IC 15-16-5-59.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 59.5. (a) The pesticide use and**  
 15 **application fund is established to carry out the functions of this**  
 16 **chapter. The fund shall be administered by the state chemist.**

17 **(b) The fund consists of:**

18 **(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**

19 **(2) fees collected under this chapter;**

20 **(3) money collected for civil penalties imposed under section**  
 21 **66 of this chapter; and**

22 **(4) money received from any other source, including transfers**  
 23 **from other:**

24 **(A) funds; or**

25 **(B) accounts.**

26 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 27 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 28 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

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

31 SECTION 145. IC 15-16-5-61, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2024,  
 32 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 61. (a) All fees collected by the state chemist**  
 34 **under this chapter shall be paid to Purdue University and deposited in**  
 35 **a special restricted account designated by the treasurer of the board of**  
 36 **trustees of Purdue University. deposited in the pesticide use and**  
 37 **application fund established by section 59.5 of this chapter.**

38 **(b) From the account fund described in subsection (a), the treasurer**  
 39 **state chemist shall pay from the special restricted account fund the**  
 40 **expenses incurred in administering this chapter, including expenses for**

1 the following:

- 2 (1) The employment of:
- 3 (A) inspectors;
- 4 (B) investigators;
- 5 (C) researchers;
- 6 (D) analysts;
- 7 (E) administrators; and
- 8 (F) clerical and service staff.
- 9 (2) Conducting and reporting inspections and investigations.
- 10 (3) Purchasing supplies and services.
- 11 (4) Providing necessary facilities and remodeling.
- 12 (5) Any other expense of the office of the state chemist.

13 The ~~treasurer~~ **state chemist** is not required to use any other funds,  
14 except those collected under this chapter, to defray any expenses  
15 incurred in the administration of this chapter.

16 (c) The ~~dean of agriculture of Purdue University~~ **state chemist** shall  
17 make an annual financial report to the:

- 18 (1) governor;
- 19 (2) legislative council; and
- 20 (3) budget committee;

21 showing total receipts and expenditures of all fees received under this  
22 chapter. The budget committee shall review this report annually.

23 (d) Fee revenue remaining in the ~~account~~ **fund** described in  
24 subsection (a) after payment of the expenses described in subsection  
25 (b) is subject to IC 15-16-2-36.

26 SECTION 146. IC 15-19-7-32.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 32.5. (a) The commercial feed  
29 inspection fund is established to carry out the purposes of this  
30 chapter. The fund shall be administered by the state chemist.**

31 **(b) The fund consists of:**

- 32 **(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**
- 33 **(2) fees collected by the state chemist under this chapter; and**
- 34 **(3) money received from any other source, including transfers  
35 from other:**
- 36 **(A) funds; or**
- 37 **(B) accounts.**

38 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
39 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
40 manner as other public funds may be invested.**

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

3           SECTION 147. IC 15-19-7-33, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,  
 4 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 33. (a) Fees collected by the state chemist under  
 6 this chapter shall be ~~paid to the treasurer of Purdue University. The~~  
 7 ~~board of trustees of Purdue University shall expend the money received~~  
 8 ~~under this section on proper vouchers in meeting all necessary~~  
 9 ~~expenses in carrying out this chapter, including:~~ **deposited in the**  
 10 **commercial feed inspection fund established by section 32.5 of this**  
 11 **chapter, and used to meet all necessary expenses in carrying out**  
 12 **this chapter, including:**

- 13           (1) the employment of inspectors and chemists;  
 14           (2) other expenses of the work of feed inspection as provided for  
 15           by this chapter; and  
 16           (3) any other expenses ~~of Purdue University agricultural programs~~  
 17           authorized by law and in support of the purposes of this chapter.

18           (b) Excess funds from the collection of fees under this chapter are  
 19 subject to IC 15-16-2-36.

20           SECTION 148. IC 16-18-2-62, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2025,  
 21 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 62. (a) "Commission", for purposes of IC 16-27.5,  
 23 refers to the certified health care professions commission established  
 24 by IC 16-27.5-2-1.

25           (b) "Commission", for purposes of IC 16-31, refers to the Indiana  
 26 emergency medical services commission.

27           (c) "Commission", for purposes of IC 16-46-11.1, has the meaning  
 28 set forth in IC 16-46-11.1-1. **This subsection expires December 31,**  
 29 **2026.**

30           SECTION 149. IC 16-18-2-161.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 161.5. (a) "Health care  
 32 interpreter", for purposes of IC 16-46-11.1, has the meaning set forth  
 33 in IC 16-46-11.1-2.

34           **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

35           SECTION 150. IC 16-18-2-163.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 163.5. (a) "Health care  
 37 translator", for purposes of IC 16-46-11.1, has the meaning set forth in  
 38 IC 16-46-11.1-3.

39           **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

40           SECTION 151. IC 16-19-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,

1 SECTION 182, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The executive board may, by  
3 an affirmative vote of a majority of its members, adopt reasonable rules  
4 under IC 4-22-2 on behalf of the state department to protect or to  
5 improve the public health in Indiana.

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

7 (1) Nuisances dangerous to public health.

8 (2) The pollution of any water supply other than where  
9 jurisdiction is in the environmental rules board and department of  
10 environmental management.

11 (3) The disposition of excremental and sewage matter.

12 (4) The control of fly and mosquito breeding places.

13 (5) The detection, reporting, prevention, and control of diseases  
14 that affect public health.

15 (6) The care of maternity and infant cases and the conduct of  
16 maternity homes.

17 (7) The production, distribution, and sale of human food.

18 (8) Except as provided in section 4.4 of this chapter, the conduct  
19 of camps.

20 (9) Standards of cleanliness of eating facilities for the public.

21 (10) Standards of cleanliness of sanitary facilities offered for  
22 public use.

23 (11) The handling, disposal, disinterment, and reburial of dead  
24 human bodies.

25 (12) Vital statistics.

26 (13) Sanitary conditions and facilities in public buildings and  
27 grounds, including plumbing, drainage, sewage disposal, water  
28 supply, lighting, heating, and ventilation, other than where  
29 jurisdiction is vested by law in the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
30 ~~safety commission department of homeland security~~ or other  
31 state agency.

32 (14) The design, construction, and operation of swimming and  
33 wading pools. However, the rules governing swimming and  
34 wading pools do not apply to a pool maintained by an individual  
35 for the sole use of the individual's household and house guests.

36 (c) The executive board shall adopt reasonable rules to regulate the  
37 following:

38 (1) The sanitary operation of tattoo parlors.

39 (2) The sanitary operation of body piercing facilities.

40 (d) The executive board may adopt rules on behalf of the state

1 department for the efficient enforcement of this title, except as  
 2 otherwise provided. However, fees for inspections relating to weights  
 3 and measures may not be established by the rules.

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

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

9 SECTION 152. IC 16-19-3.5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.49-2016,  
 10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. The state department may not deny a  
 12 construction permit based upon noncompliance or suspected  
 13 noncompliance with a rule adopted under the authority of the ~~fire~~  
 14 ~~prevention and building safety commission established by~~  
 15 ~~IC 22-12-2-1.~~ **department of homeland security.**

16 SECTION 153. IC 16-19-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.51-2021,  
 17 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The office is established for the following  
 19 purposes:

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

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

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

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

36 (B) Menopause.

37 (C) Mental health.

38 (D) Substance abuse.

39 (E) Sexually transmitted diseases.

40 (F) Sexual assault and domestic violence.

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

1 women's health in Indiana, and areas for improvement. A report  
 2 provided under this subdivision to the legislative council must be  
 3 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

4 This section does not allow the director or any employees of the office  
 5 to advocate, promote, refer to, or otherwise advance abortion or  
 6 abortifacients.

7 SECTION 154. IC 16-28-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2014,  
 8 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The state department shall do the following:

- 10 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing the following:
- 11 (A) Health and sanitation standards necessary to protect the
  - 12 health, safety, security, rights, and welfare of patients.
  - 13 (B) Qualifications of applicants for licenses issued under this
  - 14 article to assure the proper care of patients.
  - 15 (C) Operation, maintenance, management, equipment, and
  - 16 construction of facilities required to be licensed under this
  - 17 article if jurisdiction is not vested in any other state agency.
  - 18 (D) Manner, form, and content of the license, including rules
  - 19 governing disclosure of ownership interests.
  - 20 (E) Levels of medical staffing and medical services in
  - 21 cooperation with the office of Medicaid policy and planning,
  - 22 division of family resources, and other agencies authorized to
  - 23 pay for the services.
- 24 (2) Recommend to the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 25 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** fire safety rules  
 26 necessary to protect the health, safety, security, rights, and welfare  
 27 of patients.
- 28 (3) Classify health facilities in health care categories.

29 SECTION 155. IC 16-41-26-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2018,  
 30 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the  
 32 state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to protect  
 33 the health, safety, and welfare of persons living in agricultural labor  
 34 camps, prescribing standards for living quarters at agricultural labor  
 35 camps, including provisions relating to construction of camps, sanitary  
 36 conditions, light, air, safety protection from fire hazards, equipment,  
 37 maintenance and operation of the camp, sewage disposal through septic  
 38 tank absorption fields or other approved methods, and other matters  
 39 appropriate for the security of the life and health of occupants.

40 (b) The environmental rules board shall adopt rules under

1 IC 13-14-9 pertaining to water supplies required for agricultural labor  
2 camps.

3 (c) In the preparation of rules, the state department:

4 (1) shall consult with and request technical assistance from other  
5 appropriate state agencies; and

6 (2) may appoint and consult with committees of technically  
7 qualified persons and of representatives of employers and  
8 employees.

9 (d) If a conflict exists between rules adopted under this chapter and  
10 rules adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~,  
11 **department of homeland security**, the rules authorized in this section  
12 apply.

13 (e) A copy of every rule adopted under this chapter shall be sent to  
14 each health officer in Indiana and to the heads of other state agencies  
15 with specific or related responsibility affecting agricultural labor camps  
16 and to any person requesting the rules. The rules affecting agricultural  
17 labor camps adopted under this chapter shall be published periodically  
18 in the manner the state department determines.

19 SECTION 156. IC 16-41-31-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The ~~fire prevention  
21 and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security**  
22 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish fire safety standards for  
23 bed and breakfast establishments.

24 SECTION 157. IC 16-41-42.2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.29-2016,  
25 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The spinal cord and brain injury research  
27 board is established for the purpose of administering the fund. The  
28 board is composed of eleven (11) members.

29 (b) The following six (6) members of the board shall be appointed  
30 by the ~~governor~~: **state health commissioner**:

31 (1) One (1) member who has a spinal cord or head injury or who  
32 has a family member with a spinal cord or head injury.

33 (2) One (1) member who is a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5  
34 who has specialty training in neuroscience and surgery.

35 (3) One (1) member who is a physiatrist holding a board  
36 certification from the American Board of Physical Medicine and  
37 Rehabilitation.

38 (4) One (1) member representing the technical life sciences  
39 industry.

40 (5) One (1) member who is a physical therapist licensed under

- 1 IC 25-27 who treats individuals with traumatic spinal cord  
2 injuries or brain injuries.
- 3 (6) One (1) member who owns or operates a facility that provides  
4 long term activity based therapy services at affordable rates to  
5 individuals with traumatic spinal cord injuries or brain injuries.
- 6 (c) Five (5) members of the board shall be appointed as follows:
- 7 (1) One (1) member representing Indiana University to be  
8 appointed by Indiana University.
- 9 (2) One (1) member representing Purdue University to be  
10 appointed by Purdue University.
- 11 (3) One (1) member representing the National Spinal Cord Injury  
12 Association to be appointed by the National Spinal Cord Injury  
13 Association.
- 14 (4) One (1) member representing the largest freestanding  
15 rehabilitation hospital for brain and spinal cord injuries in Indiana  
16 to be appointed by the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana located  
17 in Indianapolis.
- 18 (5) One (1) member representing the Brain Injury Association of  
19 America to be appointed by the Brain Injury Association of  
20 Indiana.
- 21 (d) The term of a member is four (4) years. A member serves until  
22 a successor is appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs on the board  
23 before the end of a member's term, the appointing authority appointing  
24 the vacating member shall appoint an individual to serve the remainder  
25 of the vacating member's term.
- 26 (e) A majority of the members appointed to the board constitutes a  
27 quorum. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members are  
28 required for the board to take action on any measure.
- 29 (f) Each member of the board is entitled to the minimum salary per  
30 diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to  
31 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
32 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
33 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
34 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
35 agency.
- 36 (g) The board shall annually elect a chairperson who shall be the  
37 presiding officer of the board. The board may establish other officers  
38 and procedures as the board determines necessary.
- 39 (h) The board shall meet at least two (2) times each year. The  
40 chairperson may call additional meetings.

1 (i) The state department shall provide staff for the board. The state  
2 department shall maintain a registry of the members of the board. An  
3 appointing authority shall provide written confirmation of an  
4 appointment to the board to the state department in the form and  
5 manner specified by the state department.

6 (j) The board shall do the following:

7 (1) Consider policy matters relating to spinal cord and brain  
8 injury research projects and programs under this chapter.

9 (2) Consider research applications and make grants for approved  
10 research projects under this chapter.

11 (3) Consider applications and make grants to health care clinics  
12 that:

13 (A) are exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
14 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;

15 (B) employ physical therapists licensed under IC 25-27; and

16 (C) provide in Indiana long term activity based therapy  
17 services at affordable rates to individuals with spinal cord  
18 injuries or brain injuries that require extended post acute care.

19 (4) Consider the application's efficacy in providing significant and  
20 sustained improvement to individuals with spinal cord injuries or  
21 brain injuries.

22 (5) Formulate policies and procedures concerning the operation  
23 of the board.

24 (6) Review and authorize spinal cord and brain injury research  
25 projects and programs to be financed under this chapter. For  
26 purposes of this subdivision, the board may establish an  
27 independent scientific advisory panel composed of scientists and  
28 clinicians who are not members of the board to review proposals  
29 submitted to the board and make recommendations to the board.  
30 Collaborations are encouraged with other Indiana-based  
31 researchers as well as researchers located outside Indiana,  
32 including researchers in other countries.

33 (7) Review and approve progress and final research reports on  
34 projects authorized under this chapter, including any other  
35 information the board has required to be submitted as a condition  
36 of receiving a grant.

37 (8) Review and make recommendations concerning the  
38 expenditure of money from the fund.

39 (9) Take other action necessary for the purpose stated in  
40 subsection (a).

1 (10) Provide to the governor, the general assembly, and the  
 2 legislative council an annual report not later than January 30 of  
 3 each year showing the status of funds appropriated under this  
 4 chapter. The report to the general assembly and the legislative  
 5 council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

6 (k) A member of the board is exempt from civil liability arising or  
 7 thought to arise from an action taken in good faith as a member of the  
 8 board.

9 (l) The department shall annually present to the board a financial  
 10 statement that includes the following information for the current and  
 11 previous fiscal year:

12 (1) The amount of money deposited into the fund.

13 (2) The amount of money expended from the fund.

14 (3) The amount of money, including any reserves, available for  
 15 grants from the fund.

16 SECTION 158. IC 16-46-11.1-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. This chapter expires December**  
 19 **31, 2026.**

20 SECTION 159. IC 20-26-5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 21 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. All powers delegated to the  
 23 governing body of a school corporation under section 1 or 4 of this  
 24 chapter are subject to all laws subjecting the school corporation to  
 25 regulation by a state agency, including the secretary of education, state  
 26 board of accounts, state police department, ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 27 ~~safety commission,~~ **department of homeland security**, department of  
 28 local government finance, environmental rules board, state school bus  
 29 committee, Indiana department of health, and any local governmental  
 30 agency to which the state has been delegated a specific authority in  
 31 matters other than educational matters and other than finance,  
 32 including plan commissions, zoning boards, and boards concerned with  
 33 health and safety.

34 SECTION 160. IC 20-37-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2022,  
 35 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) As used in this section, "applicable high  
 37 school" means a high school at which all the students participate in a  
 38 work based learning course (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.7) or school  
 39 based enterprise.

40 (b) As used in this section, "primary use of the building" means an

1 occupancy classification that is:

- 2 (1) most closely related to the intended use of the building; and  
 3 (2) determined by the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 4 ~~safety commission established by IC 22-12-2-1~~ **department of**  
 5 **homeland security** that apply to the building immediately  
 6 preceding the date that the applicable high school agrees to use  
 7 the building.

8 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), an applicable high school  
 9 shall comply with all rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 10 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** applicable to the  
 11 primary use of the building.

12 (d) The ~~fire prevention and building commission~~ **department of**  
 13 **homeland security** may grant a variance under IC 22-13-2-11 to the  
 14 rules applicable to the primary use of the building necessary to  
 15 implement this section.

16 SECTION 161. IC 21-38-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. "Commission" refers to the**  
 19 **commission for higher education of the state of Indiana established**  
 20 **by IC 21-18-2.**

21 SECTION 162. IC 21-38-1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
 22 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) "Council" refers to the  
 24 Indiana excellence in teaching council.

25 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

26 SECTION 163. IC 21-38-8-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
 27 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana excellence in  
 29 teaching council is established. The council consists of nine (9)  
 30 members as follows:

- 31 (1) One (1) representative of the commission for higher  
 32 education.  
 33 (2) One (1) representative of the budget agency.  
 34 (3) One (1) representative from each state educational institution.

35 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

36 SECTION 164. IC 21-38-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2007,  
 37 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana excellence in teaching  
 39 endowment is established to provide state educational institutions with  
 40 grants to match interest income generated by an endowment to attract

1 and retain distinguished teachers. The fund shall be administered by  
2 the ~~council~~ **commission**.

3 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from  
4 money in the fund.

5 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
6 currently needed to meet obligations of the fund in the same manner as  
7 other public funds may be invested.

8 (d) Money in the fund at the end of the state fiscal year does not  
9 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for  
10 providing money for grants as allowed under this chapter.

11 SECTION 165. IC 21-38-8-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
12 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A state educational institution  
14 must apply for a matching grant in the manner prescribed by the  
15 ~~council~~ **commission**.

16 SECTION 166. IC 21-38-8-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
17 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. When determining a  
19 distinguished teacher's prominence, the ~~council~~ **commission** shall  
20 consider the following criteria when distributing endowment funds:

21 (1) Evidence of excellent teaching ability.

22 (2) Distinguished accomplishments.

23 (3) Either:

24 (A) productive scholarship; or

25 (B) artistic achievement and superior talent.

26 The ~~council~~ **commission** may consider any other criteria for  
27 distributing endowment funds that the ~~council~~ **commission** determines  
28 appropriate.

29 SECTION 167. IC 21-38-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
30 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The ~~council~~ **commission**  
32 shall approve or disapprove a matching grant application within sixty  
33 (60) days after the application is received by the ~~council~~ **commission**.

34 (b) The ~~council~~ **commission** may approve a grant application with  
35 an amount that is the same or less than the amount requested by the  
36 state educational institution.

37 SECTION 168. IC 21-38-8-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
38 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Each matching grant from the  
40 fund is intended to be used to supplement, and may not be used instead

1 of, a distinguished teacher's regular annual salary.

2 (b) The ~~council~~ **commission** may not approve a matching grant from  
3 the fund that exceeds income generated from the endowment of the  
4 institution.

5 SECTION 169. IC 21-38-8-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
6 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Staff for the council shall be  
8 provided by the commission for higher education.

9 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

10 SECTION 170. IC 21-38-8-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
11 SECTION 279, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The council may:

13 (1) develop guidelines; and

14 (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2;

15 to administer the fund and this chapter.

16 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

17 SECTION 171. IC 21-44-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
18 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) There is established the mental health and  
20 addiction services development programs board.

21 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

22 SECTION 172. IC 21-44-6-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. **As used in this chapter,**  
25 **"commission" refers to the commission for higher education of the**  
26 **state of Indiana established by IC 21-18-2.**

27 SECTION 173. IC 21-44-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
28 SECTION 203, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of the  
30 following ten (10) members:

31 (1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the  
32 dean's designee. The dean of the Indiana University School of  
33 Medicine or the dean's designee shall serve as the chairperson of  
34 the board.

35 (2) The chairperson of the department of psychiatry of the Indiana  
36 University School of Medicine or the chairperson's designee.

37 (3) The director of the division of mental health and addiction  
38 created by IC 12-21-1-1 or the director's designee.

39 (4) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the  
40 commissioner's designee.

- 1 (5) The dean of the department of family practice of the Marian  
 2 University College of Osteopathic Medicine or the dean's  
 3 designee.  
 4 (6) The administrator of a graduate program in an institution of  
 5 higher education in Indiana engaged in training psychologists.  
 6 (7) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher  
 7 education in Indiana engaged in training advanced practice  
 8 psychiatric nurses.  
 9 (8) One (1) psychiatrist who practices psychiatry in Indiana.  
 10 (9) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher  
 11 education in Indiana engaged in training addiction counselors.  
 12 (10) The director of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs or  
 13 the director's designee.

14 The governor shall appoint the members of the board described in  
 15 subdivisions (6) through (9).

16 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

17 SECTION 174. IC 21-44-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
 18 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly each  
 20 year at the call of the chairperson.

21 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

22 SECTION 175. IC 21-44-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
 23 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Each board member who is not a state  
 25 employee is not entitled to a salary per diem. The member is, however,  
 26 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
 27 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with  
 28 the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures  
 29 established by the Indiana department of administration and approved  
 30 by the budget agency.

31 (b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to  
 32 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 (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to  
 38 the board are required for the board to take action on any measure.

39 **(d) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

40 SECTION 176. IC 21-44-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.209-2015,

1 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The ~~purpose of the board is to~~ **commission**  
 3 **shall** do the following:

4 (1) ~~To~~ Establish and oversee a loan forgiveness program designed  
 5 to increase the number of professional mental health care  
 6 providers, including addiction health care professionals, in areas  
 7 with health professional shortages, as determined by the ~~board~~;  
 8 **commission**, by assisting professionals in the following  
 9 occupational categories to pay off loans incurred in the training  
 10 needed to practice in Indiana:

11 (A) Psychiatrists.

12 (B) Addiction psychiatrists, including psychiatrists pursuing  
 13 fellowship training and certification in addiction psychiatry.

14 (C) Psychologists.

15 (D) Psychiatric nurses.

16 (E) Addiction counselors.

17 (F) Mental health professionals.

18 (2) ~~To~~ Establish and oversee an integrated behavioral health and  
 19 addiction treatment development program to attract and train  
 20 psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, addiction  
 21 counselors, or mental health professionals who will engage in the  
 22 practice of integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment  
 23 in:

24 (A) state mental health institutions;

25 (B) community mental health centers;

26 (C) state funded addiction treatment centers; or

27 (D) other behavioral health and addiction treatment settings  
 28 determined by the ~~board~~ **commission** to be mental health and  
 29 addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings.

30 (3) ~~To~~ Develop and oversee an integrated behavioral health and  
 31 addiction treatment training track program through the Indiana  
 32 University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry  
 33 residency training program. The training track program must  
 34 provide an opportunity for residents to work in mental health and  
 35 addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings, including:

36 (A) state psychiatric hospitals;

37 (B) community mental health centers;

38 (C) state funded addiction treatment centers; or

39 (D) other behavioral health and addiction treatment settings  
 40 determined by the ~~board~~ **commission** to be mental health and

- 1           addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings.
- 2           (4) ~~To~~ Develop standards for participation in the training track
- 3           program that include:
- 4           (A) guidelines for the amounts of grants and other assistance
- 5           a participant receives;
- 6           (B) guidelines for the type of training in integrated behavioral
- 7           health and addiction treatment the participant receives;
- 8           (C) guidelines for agreements with mental health hospitals,
- 9           community mental health centers, and other entities
- 10          participating in the training track program; and
- 11          (D) other guidelines and standards necessary for governing the
- 12          training track program.

13          SECTION 177. IC 21-44-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,

14          SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

15          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The ~~board~~ **commission** shall establish

16          guidelines for the repayment of the loans incurred by a psychiatrist,

17          psychologist, psychiatric nurse, addiction counselor, or mental health

18          professional, including the following:

- 19          (1) A participant may not receive more than twenty-five thousand
- 20          dollars (\$25,000) in a year.
- 21          (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), a participant may not
- 22          receive grants for more than four (4) years.
- 23          (3) A participant who is a psychiatrist pursuing fellowship
- 24          training and certification in addiction psychiatry may not receive
- 25          grants for more than five (5) years.
- 26          (4) A participant must commit to a full year of service in an
- 27          integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment setting as
- 28          described in section 5(2) or 5(3) of this chapter for each year of
- 29          loan repayment.
- 30          (5) A participant must be a practitioner who:
- 31               (A) is:
- 32                   (i) from Indiana; and
- 33                   (ii) accepting a new position in Indiana; or
- 34               (B) is:
- 35                   (i) from outside Indiana;
- 36                   (ii) not currently practicing in Indiana and has not practiced
- 37                   in Indiana for three (3) years before applying for the
- 38                   program; and
- 39                   (iii) establishing a new practice in Indiana.

40          SECTION 178. IC 21-44-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,

1 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "account" refers to  
3 the mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness account  
4 established in subsection (b).

5 (b) The mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness  
6 account within the state general fund is established for the purpose of  
7 providing grants for loan repayment under this chapter. The account  
8 shall be administered by the ~~board~~ **commission**. Money in the account  
9 shall be used to fund loan forgiveness grants under this chapter.

10 (c) The account consists of:

- 11 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly;
- 12 (2) grants; and
- 13 (3) gifts and bequests.

14 (d) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from  
15 money in the account.

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

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

22 SECTION 179. IC 21-44-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,  
23 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "account" refers to  
25 the integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment development  
26 program account established in subsection (b).

27 (b) The integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment  
28 development program account within the state general fund is  
29 established for the purpose of providing funding for the integrated  
30 behavioral health and addiction treatment development program  
31 established under this chapter. The account shall be administered by  
32 the division of mental health and addiction. Money in the account shall  
33 be used to fund residency positions, fellowship training, and  
34 certification in addiction psychiatry, including:

- 35 (1) educational expenses;
- 36 (2) grants and scholarships;
- 37 (3) salaries; and
- 38 (4) benefits.

39 (c) The account consists of:

- 40 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly;

- 1           (2) grants; and  
 2           (3) gifts and bequests.
- 3           (d) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from  
 4 money in the account.
- 5           (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not  
 6 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same  
 7 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues  
 8 from these investments shall be deposited in the account.
- 9           (f) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
 10 revert to the state general fund.
- 11          (g) The ~~board~~ **division of mental health and addiction, in**  
 12 **consultation with the commission**, shall give due consideration to  
 13 annually funding two (2) psychiatrists pursuing fellowship training and  
 14 certification in addiction psychiatry. A participant who is a psychiatrist  
 15 pursuing fellowship training and certification in addiction psychiatry  
 16 must agree to establish a new practice in Indiana for at least five (5)  
 17 years upon completion of the fellowship training and certification in  
 18 addiction psychiatry.
- 19          SECTION 180. IC 21-44-6-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JANUARY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 9. The division of mental health and~~  
 21 ~~addiction shall provide administrative support for the board.~~
- 22          SECTION 181. IC 21-47-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2025,  
 23 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) There is established a geological and water  
 25 survey advisory council.
- 26          (b) The council consists of the following members:
- 27           (1) One (1) member appointed by the president of Indiana  
 28 University who is a faculty member of the Indiana University  
 29 School of Public and Environmental Affairs to serve for a period  
 30 of four (4) years. A member appointed under this subdivision  
 31 must have a background in energy, geology, water, or  
 32 environmental science.
- 33           (2) One (1) member appointed by the president of Indiana  
 34 University who is a faculty member of the earth sciences  
 35 department to serve for a period of four (4) years.
- 36           (3) The vice provost of research of Indiana University, or the vice  
 37 provost's designee.
- 38           (4) The chairperson of the house of representatives standing  
 39 committee tasked with studying utilities and energy, or the  
 40 chairperson's designee.

- 1 (5) The chairperson of the senate standing committee tasked with  
2 studying utilities and energy, or the chairperson's designee.
- 3 (6) The director of the department of natural resources, or the  
4 director's designee.
- 5 (7) The director of the Indiana department of environmental  
6 management, or the director's designee.
- 7 (8) The director of the Indiana economic development  
8 corporation, or the director's designee.
- 9 (9) The public finance director appointed under IC 5-1.2-3-6, or  
10 the public finance director's designee.
- 11 (10) Two (2) individuals who:  
12 (A) are appointed by the governor;  
13 (B) represent private industry; and  
14 (C) have a background in energy, geology, water, or  
15 environmental science.
- 16 An individual appointed by the governor under this subdivision  
17 serves for a term of four (4) years.
- 18 A designee under subdivision (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), or (9) must have  
19 a background in energy, geology, water, or environmental science. The  
20 members of the council shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from  
21 among the membership of the council.
- 22 (c) A member who is appointed or designated to serve on the  
23 council under subsection (b):  
24 (1) in the case of an appointed member:  
25 (A) holds the position for the term of the appointment;  
26 (B) continues to serve after expiration of the appointment until  
27 a successor is appointed and qualified; and  
28 (C) subject to subdivision (2), is eligible for reappointment;  
29 (2) may not serve on the council for a total of more than two (2)  
30 consecutive terms; and  
31 (3) serves at the pleasure of the appointing or designating  
32 authority and may be removed by the appointing or designating  
33 authority at any time.
- 34 The appointing or designating authority shall fill a vacancy that occurs  
35 after a member appointed or designated by the authority resigns, is  
36 removed, or is no longer qualified to serve.
- 37 (d) The state geologist shall serve as secretary of the council, shall  
38 provide staff support to the council, and shall report on the following  
39 at each meeting of the council:  
40 (1) The staffing of the survey.

- 1 (2) The finances of the survey.
- 2 (3) The outreach programs of the survey.
- 3 (4) The current research projects of the survey.
- 4 (5) Any other report requested by the council.
- 5 (e) The state geologist may cast the deciding vote to break a tie.
- 6 (f) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is
- 7 entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).
- 8 A member is also entitled to reimbursement for mileage and traveling
- 9 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as
- 10 provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana
- 11 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.
- 12 (g) Each member of the council who is a member of the general
- 13 assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel
- 14 allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees
- 15 established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel
- 16 allowances paid under this section shall be paid from appropriations
- 17 made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.
- 18 (h) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is
- 19 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
- 20 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with
- 21 the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures
- 22 established by the Indiana department of administration and approved
- 23 by the budget agency.
- 24 (i) Expenses paid under subsections (f) and (h) shall be paid from
- 25 appropriations made to the state geologist.
- 26 (j) The council shall meet quarterly in the first month of each
- 27 quarter. The date, time, and location of a meeting must be upon
- 28 agreement of the council.
- 29 (k) The council shall meet with the state geologist to make
- 30 recommendations concerning:
  - 31 (1) the functions and performance of the survey; and
  - 32 (2) appropriations and funding for the survey.
- 33 (l) The council may make recommendations concerning the
- 34 effectiveness and efficiency of the survey and other matters.
- 35 (m) Recommendations and reports of the council shall be directed
- 36 to the following:
  - 37 (1) The governor.
  - 38 (2) The budget agency.
  - 39 (3) The president of Indiana University.
  - 40 (4) The director of the department of natural resources.

- 1 (5) The commissioner of the department of environmental  
2 management.
- 3 (n) The terms of the members of the council described in subsection  
4 (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(10) expire as follows:
- 5 (1) For the members described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2),  
6 June 30, 2025, and each fourth year thereafter.
- 7 (2) For the members described in subsection (b)(10), June 30,  
8 2027, and each fourth year thereafter.
- 9 (o) The terms of the members of the council who are members of  
10 the general assembly designated under subsection (b)(4) and (b)(5)  
11 expire June 30 of an odd-numbered year.
- 12 ~~(p) On or before July 1, 2027, and July 1 biennially thereafter, the~~  
13 ~~council shall submit a report to the executive director of the legislative~~  
14 ~~services agency, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, for review by~~  
15 ~~the interim committee on government in accordance with IC 1-1-15.5-4~~  
16 ~~and IC 2-5-1.3-13(g). The report shall describe:~~
- 17 ~~(1) official action taken; and~~  
18 ~~(2) actionable items considered;~~
- 19 ~~by the council during the preceding two (2) years:~~
- 20 **(p) This section expires December 31, 2026.**
- 21 SECTION 182. IC 21-47-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
22 SECTION 145, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
23 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section,  
24 "center" refers to the center for water established by subsection ~~(e)~~: **(b)**.
- 25 ~~(b) As used in this section, "council" refers to the geological and~~  
26 ~~water survey advisory council established by section 4 of this chapter:~~
- 27 ~~(e)~~ **(b)** The center for water is established within the survey for the  
28 purpose of:
- 29 (1) carrying out the survey's statutory duties concerning Indiana's  
30 water resources;
- 31 (2) supporting long term studies of the state's water resources, as  
32 requested by the Indiana finance authority; and
- 33 (3) upon request, providing resources to:
- 34 (A) state agencies;
- 35 (B) municipal agencies; and
- 36 (C) soil and water conservation groups.
- 37 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The center shall be staffed
- 38 ~~(1)~~ **(1)** by employees of the survey who have expertise in water  
39 resources. ~~and~~
- 40 ~~(2) at staffing levels consistent with recommendations of the~~

1 council.

2 (e) The center shall report to the council before each quarterly  
3 meeting of the council under section 4(j) of this chapter.

4 (f) (d) The state geologist shall oversee and manage the activities of  
5 the center.

6 (g) (e) The center shall be funded by the available resources of the  
7 survey.

8 SECTION 183. IC 21-47-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,  
9 SECTION 146, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
10 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section,  
11 "center" refers to the center for energy established by subsection (e):  
12 (b).

13 (b) As used in this section, "council" refers to the geological and  
14 water survey advisory council established by section 4 of this chapter.

15 (c) (b) The center for energy is established within the survey for the  
16 purpose of:

17 (1) carrying out the survey's statutory duties concerning Indiana's  
18 natural energy resources;

19 (2) supporting long term studies of the state's energy resources, as  
20 requested by the state; and

21 (3) upon request, providing resources to:

22 (A) state agencies;

23 (B) municipal agencies; and

24 (C) energy stakeholders.

25 (d) (c) The center shall be staffed

26 (1) by employees of the survey who have expertise in energy  
27 resources. and

28 (2) at staffing levels consistent with recommendations of the  
29 council.

30 (e) The center shall report to the council before each quarterly  
31 meeting of the council under section 4(j) of this chapter.

32 (f) (d) The state geologist shall oversee and manage the activities of  
33 the center.

34 (g) (e) The center shall be funded by the available resources of the  
35 survey.

36 SECTION 184. IC 22-9.5-5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A person may not  
38 discriminate in the sale or rental or otherwise make unavailable or deny  
39 a dwelling to any buyer or renter because of a disability of:

40 (1) the buyer or renter;

- 1 (2) a person residing in or intending to reside in the dwelling after  
2 the dwelling is sold, rented, or made available; or  
3 (3) any person associated with the buyer or renter.
- 4 (b) A person may not discriminate against any person in the terms,  
5 conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling or in the  
6 provision of services or facilities in connection with the dwelling  
7 because of a disability of:
- 8 (1) the person;  
9 (2) a person residing in or intending to reside in the dwelling after  
10 the dwelling is sold, rented, or made available; or  
11 (3) any person associated with the person.
- 12 (c) For purposes of this section only, discrimination includes the  
13 following:
- 14 (1) A refusal to permit, at the expense of the person with a  
15 disability, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied  
16 or to be occupied by the person if the modifications may be  
17 necessary to afford the person full enjoyment of the premises.
- 18 (2) A refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules,  
19 policies, practices, or services, when the accommodations may be  
20 necessary to afford the person equal opportunity to use and enjoy  
21 a dwelling.
- 22 (3) In connection with the design and construction of covered  
23 multifamily dwellings for first occupancy after March 13, 1991,  
24 a failure to design and construct those dwellings in a manner that:
- 25 (A) the public use and common use parts of the dwellings are  
26 readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities;  
27 (B) all the doors are designed to allow passage into and within  
28 all premises within the dwellings and are sufficiently wide to  
29 allow passage by persons with disabilities in wheelchairs; and  
30 (C) all premises within the dwellings contain the following  
31 features of adaptive design:
- 32 (i) An accessible route into and through the dwelling.  
33 (ii) Light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and other  
34 environmental controls in accessible locations.  
35 (iii) Reinforcements in bathroom walls to allow later  
36 installation of grab bars.  
37 (iv) Usable kitchens and bathrooms so that an individual in  
38 a wheelchair can maneuver about the space.
- 39 (d) As used in subsection (c), "covered multifamily dwellings"  
40 means:

- 1 (1) buildings consisting of four (4) or more units if the buildings  
 2 have one (1) or more elevators; and  
 3 (2) ground floor units in other buildings consisting of four (4) or  
 4 more units.

5 (e) Compliance with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 6 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** that incorporate  
 7 by reference the appropriate requirements of the American National  
 8 Standard for buildings and facilities providing accessibility and  
 9 usability for people with physical disabilities (ANSI A117.1) satisfies  
 10 the requirements of subsection (c)(3)(C).

11 (f) This section does not require that a dwelling be made available  
 12 to an individual whose tenancy would constitute a direct threat to the  
 13 health or safety of other individuals or whose tenancy would result in  
 14 substantial physical damage to the property of others.

15 SECTION 185. IC 22-11-14-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 16 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 18 ~~commission~~ **department of homeland security** shall:

19 (1) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the granting of permits for  
 20 supervised public displays of fireworks by municipalities, fair  
 21 associations, amusement parks, and other organizations or groups  
 22 of individuals; and

23 (2) establish by rule the fee for the permit, which shall be paid  
 24 into the fire and building services fund created under  
 25 IC 22-12-6-1.

26 (b) The application for a permit required under subsection (a) must:

- 27 (1) name a competent operator who is to officiate at the display;  
 28 (2) set forth a brief resume of the operator's experience;  
 29 (3) be made in writing or an electronic format; and  
 30 (4) be received with the applicable fee by the department of  
 31 homeland security at least five (5) business days before the  
 32 display.

33 No operator who has a prior conviction for violating this chapter may  
 34 operate any display for one (1) year after the conviction.

35 (c) Every display shall be handled by a qualified operator approved  
 36 by the chief of the fire department of the municipality in which the  
 37 display is to be held. A display shall be located, discharged, or fired as,  
 38 in the opinion of:

- 39 (1) the chief of the fire department of the city or town in which  
 40 the display is to be held; or

1 (2) the township fire chief or the fire chief of the municipality  
 2 nearest the site proposed, in the case of a display to be held  
 3 outside of the corporate limits of any city or town;

4 after proper inspection, is not hazardous to property or person.

5 (d) A permit granted under this section is not transferable.

6 (e) A denial of a permit by a municipality shall be issued in writing  
 7 before the date of the display.

8 (f) A person may not possess, transport, or deliver special fireworks,  
 9 except as authorized under this section.

10 SECTION 186. IC 22-11-14-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.187-2006,  
 11 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. The **fire prevention and building safety**  
 13 **commission department of homeland security** may adopt rules under  
 14 IC 4-22-2 that specify the conditions under which the chief of a  
 15 municipal or township fire department may grant a permit to a person  
 16 to sponsor a special discharge location in the municipality or township.

17 SECTION 187. IC 22-11-14-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 18 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) A retailer may sell consumer fireworks  
 20 and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter from a tent under  
 21 the following conditions:

22 (1) The tent may not be larger than one thousand five hundred  
 23 (1,500) square feet.

24 (2) There may be only one (1) tent for each registration granted  
 25 under section 11(a) of this chapter.

26 (3) The tent may not be located closer than one hundred (100) feet  
 27 from a permanent structure.

28 (4) A vehicle may not be parked closer than twenty (20) feet from  
 29 the edge of the tent.

30 (5) The tent must be fire retardant.

31 (6) The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning  
 32 and land use rules.

33 (7) Sales of fireworks may be made from the tent for not more  
 34 than forty-five (45) days in a year.

35 (8) The weight of consumer fireworks in a tent may not exceed  
 36 three thousand (3,000) gross pounds of consumer fireworks.

37 (9) A retailer that legally operated a tent with a registration in  
 38 2005 may continue operation in a tent in 2006 and the following  
 39 years. A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is  
 40 required for operation in 2006 and following years. For purposes

- 1 of this subdivision, a retailer includes a resident wholesaler who  
 2 supplied consumer fireworks to an applicant for a tent registration  
 3 in 2005.
- 4 (10) The retailer holds a valid registration under section 11(a) of  
 5 this chapter.
- 6 (b) A retailer may sell consumer fireworks and items referenced in  
 7 section 8(a) of this chapter from a Class 1 structure (as defined in  
 8 IC 22-12-1-4) if the Class 1 structure meets the requirements of any of  
 9 the following subdivisions:
- 10 (1) The structure complied with the rules for a B-2 or M building  
 11 occupancy classification before July 4, 2003, under the Indiana  
 12 building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety  
 13 commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **(before its repeal):**  
 14 (A) in which consumer fireworks were sold or stored on or  
 15 before July 4, 2003; and  
 16 (B) in which no subsequent intervening nonfireworks sales or  
 17 storage use has occurred.
- 18 (2) The structure complied with the rules for a B-2 or M building  
 19 occupancy classification before July 4, 2003, under the Indiana  
 20 building code adopted by the fire prevention and building safety  
 21 commission established under IC 22-12-2-1 **(before its repeal):**  
 22 (A) in which consumer fireworks were sold or stored on or  
 23 before July 4, 2003;  
 24 (B) in a location at which the retailer was registered as a  
 25 resident wholesaler in 2005; and  
 26 (C) in which the retailer's primary business is not the sale of  
 27 consumer fireworks.
- 28 (3) The structure complies with the rules for an H-3 building  
 29 occupancy classification under the Indiana building code adopted  
 30 by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission established~~  
 31 ~~under IC 22-12-2-1, or the equivalent occupancy classification~~  
 32 ~~adopted by subsequent rules of the fire prevention and building~~  
 33 ~~safety commission:~~ **department of homeland security.**
- 34 (4) The structure complies with the rules adopted after July 3,  
 35 2003, by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 36 ~~established under IC 22-12-2-1~~ **department of homeland**  
 37 **security** for an M building occupancy classification under the  
 38 Indiana building code.
- 39 A registration under section 11(a) of this chapter is required for  
 40 operation in 2006 and following years.

1 (c) This subsection does not apply to a structure identified in  
2 subsection (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), or (b)(4). A retailer may sell consumer  
3 fireworks and items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter from a  
4 structure under the following conditions:

5 (1) The structure must be a Class 1 structure in which consumer  
6 fireworks are sold and stored.

7 (2) The sales site must comply with all applicable local zoning  
8 and land use rules.

9 (3) The weight of consumer fireworks in the structure may not  
10 exceed three thousand (3,000) gross pounds of consumer  
11 fireworks.

12 (4) The retailer holds a valid registration under section 11(a) of  
13 this chapter.

14 (5) A retailer that sold consumer fireworks and operated from a  
15 structure with a registration in 2005 may continue in operation in  
16 the structure in 2006 and the following years. A registration under  
17 section 11(a) of this chapter is required for operation in 2006 and  
18 following years.

19 (d) The state fire marshal or a member of the department of  
20 homeland security staff shall, under section 9 of this chapter, inspect  
21 tents and structures in which fireworks are sold. The state fire marshal  
22 may delegate this responsibility to a responding fire department with  
23 jurisdiction over the tent or structure, subject to the policies and  
24 procedures of the state fire marshal.

25 (e) A retailer shall file an application for each retail location on a  
26 form to be provided by the state fire marshal.

27 (f) This chapter does not limit the quantity of items referenced in  
28 section 8(a) of this chapter that may be sold from any Class 1 structure  
29 that complied with the rules of the fire prevention and building safety  
30 commission **(before its repeal)** in effect before May 21, 2003.

31 SECTION 188. IC 22-11-14-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2006,  
32 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) A person shall not sell at retail, offer for sale  
34 at retail, or deliver the following items to a person less than eighteen  
35 (18) years of age:

36 (1) Dipped sticks or wire sparklers. However, total pyrotechnic  
37 composition may not exceed one hundred (100) grams per item.  
38 Devices containing chlorate or perchlorate salts may not exceed  
39 five (5) grams in total composition per item.

40 (2) Cylindrical fountains.

- 1 (3) Cone fountains.  
 2 (4) Illuminating torches.  
 3 (5) Wheels.  
 4 (6) Ground spinners.  
 5 (7) Flitter sparklers.  
 6 (8) Snakes or glow worms.  
 7 (9) Smoke devices.  
 8 (10) Trick noisemakers, which include:  
 9 (A) Party poppers.  
 10 (B) Booby traps.  
 11 (C) Snappers.  
 12 (D) Trick matches.  
 13 (E) Cigarette loads.  
 14 (F) Auto burglar alarms.
- 15 (b) A retailer or wholesaler of consumer fireworks may sell  
 16 consumer fireworks to a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 17 (c) An individual who sells consumer fireworks must be at least  
 18 eighteen (18) years of age.
- 19 (d) An individual who sells an item set forth in subsection (a) must  
 20 be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- 21 (e) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**  
 22 **of homeland security** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing  
 23 procedures to ensure compliance with the age limitations set forth in  
 24 this section.
- 25 SECTION 189. IC 22-11-14-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.187-2006,  
 26 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 28 **commission department of homeland security** and the department of  
 29 state revenue shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this  
 30 chapter.
- 31 SECTION 190. IC 22-11-14.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.101-2006,  
 32 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 34 **commission department of homeland security** shall adopt rules under  
 35 IC 4-22-2 to implement a statewide code concerning displays of indoor  
 36 pyrotechnics. The rules:  
 37 (1) must require that a certificate of insurance be issued that  
 38 provides general liability coverage of at least five hundred  
 39 thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the injury or death of any number  
 40 of persons in any one (1) occurrence and five hundred thousand

- 1 dollars (\$500,000) for property damage in any one (1) occurrence  
 2 by an intended display of indoor pyrotechnics arising from any  
 3 acts of the operator of the display or the operator's agents,  
 4 employees, or subcontractors;
- 5 (2) must require the person intending to present the display to  
 6 give, at least twenty four (24) hours before the time of the display,  
 7 written notice of the intended display to the chief of the  
 8 responding fire department of the location proposed for the  
 9 display of the indoor pyrotechnics and to include with the written  
 10 notice a certification from the person intending to display the  
 11 indoor pyrotechnics that the display will be made in accordance  
 12 with:
- 13 (A) the rules adopted under this section; and  
 14 (B) any ordinance or resolution adopted under section 4 of this  
 15 chapter;
- 16 (3) must include and adopt NFPA 1126, Standard for the Use of  
 17 Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience, 2001 Edition,  
 18 published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1  
 19 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169;
- 20 (4) must be amended to adopt any subsequent edition of NFPA  
 21 Standard 1126, including addenda, within eighteen (18) months  
 22 after the effective date of the subsequent edition; and
- 23 (5) may provide for amendments to NFPA Standard 1126 as a  
 24 condition of the adoption under subdivisions (3) and (4).
- 25 SECTION 191. IC 22-11-16-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~fire~~  
 27 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland**  
 28 **security** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing fire safety in  
 29 certain buildings as specified in subsection (b).
- 30 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) and subsection (d), this  
 31 chapter and the rules adopted under it apply to:
- 32 (1) all hotels, motels, apartments (in buildings containing three  
 33 (3) or more apartments), and buildings containing three (3) or  
 34 more sleeping rooms that rent for a fee; and
- 35 (2) all buildings occupied after September 14, 1982, as hotels,  
 36 motels, apartments (in buildings containing three (3) or more  
 37 apartments), and buildings containing three (3) or more sleeping  
 38 rooms that rent for a fee.
- 39 (c) This chapter does not apply to hotels and motels that have no  
 40 interior corridors and whose individual rooms have only exterior exits.

1 (d) This chapter does not apply to an apartment in an apartment  
 2 building from which apartment there is immediate ground level access  
 3 to the outside.

4 (e) Compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted under it does  
 5 not relieve the owner of a building covered by this chapter from the  
 6 requirements of any other applicable law, rule, regulation, or ordinance.

7 SECTION 192. IC 22-11-17-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 8 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

10 (1) "~~Commission~~" refers to the Indiana fire prevention and  
 11 building safety commission. "**Department**" refers to the  
 12 **department of homeland security**.

13 (2) "Exit" means a continuous and unobstructed means of egress  
 14 to a public way designated as an exit pursuant to the rules of the  
 15 ~~commission~~. **department**. The term includes doorways, corridors,  
 16 exterior exit balconies, ramps, stairways, smokeproof enclosures,  
 17 horizontal exits, exit passageways, exit courts, and yards.

18 (3) "Owner" means a person having control or custody of any  
 19 building covered by this chapter.

20 (4) "Public building" means any structure used in whole or in part  
 21 as a place of resort, assemblage, lodging, trade, traffic,  
 22 occupancy, or use by the public, or by three (3) or more tenants.  
 23 It also means all educational buildings, day care centers,  
 24 hospitals, institutions, health facilities, residential-custodial care  
 25 facilities, mercantile occupancies, and office occupancies.

26 (5) "Special egress control device" means an electronically  
 27 controlled exit locking system that:

28 (A) allows a delay in exiting through an exit in a  
 29 nonemergency situation; and

30 (B) complies with rules adopted by the ~~commission~~.  
 31 **department**.

32 SECTION 193. IC 22-11-17-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 33 SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and  
 35 (d) and section 2.5 of this chapter, an owner of a public building shall  
 36 not permit an exit to be locked or obstructed in any manner that denies  
 37 the public a continuous and unobstructed means of egress while  
 38 lawfully occupied by anyone who is not an officer or an employee.

39 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
 40 that:

- 1 (1) allow the owner of a public building to equip an exit with a  
 2 special egress control device;
- 3 (2) limit the circumstances under which a special egress control  
 4 device may be used; and
- 5 (3) allow an exit that was in compliance with the rules of the  
 6 **commission department** when the exit was constructed to be  
 7 equipped with a special egress control device.
- 8 (c) An owner of a public building shall not permit a fire alarm to be  
 9 disconnected or otherwise rendered inoperative, except in cases of  
 10 routine maintenance or for repair.
- 11 (d) A school that has one (1) or more employees shall develop a  
 12 plan to address unplanned fire alarm activation as part of its emergency  
 13 operations plan.
- 14 (e) A school's emergency operations plan for unplanned fire alarm  
 15 activation shall include procedures for the following:
- 16 (1) Evacuation of the building when the fire alarm is heard. A  
 17 school with a fire alarm panel that allows for a positive fire alarm  
 18 sequence may:
- 19 (A) develop a plan to investigate an unplanned fire alarm  
 20 activation before activating the audible and visual alarms  
 21 requiring evacuation;
- 22 (B) designate school officials to acknowledge that an alarm  
 23 has been activated and initiate an investigation within fifteen  
 24 (15) seconds;
- 25 (C) secure-in-place for up to three (3) minutes in order for a  
 26 designated school official to determine, by investigation, if an  
 27 active shooter is on the property; and
- 28 (D) following the three (3) minute period under clause (C), the  
 29 school must evacuate, unless an active shooter has been  
 30 verified to be on the school's property.
- 31 (2) Compliance with all provisions of 675 IAC 28-1-28.
- 32 SECTION 194. IC 22-12-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2013,  
 33 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) "Class 1 structure" means any part of the  
 35 following:
- 36 (1) A building or structure that is intended to be or is occupied or  
 37 otherwise used in any part by any of the following:
- 38 (A) The public.
- 39 (B) Three (3) or more tenants.
- 40 (C) One (1) or more persons who act as the employees of

- 1 another.
- 2 (2) A site improvement affecting access by persons with physical
- 3 disabilities to a building or structure described in subdivision (1).
- 4 (3) Outdoor event equipment.
- 5 (4) Any class of buildings or structures that the ~~commission~~
- 6 **department** determines by rules to affect a building or structure
- 7 described in subdivision (1), except buildings or structures
- 8 described in subsections (c) through (f).
- 9 (b) Subsection (a)(1) includes a structure that contains three (3) or
- 10 more condominium units (as defined in IC 32-25-2-9) or other units
- 11 that:
- 12 (1) are intended to be or are used or leased by the owner of the
- 13 unit; and
- 14 (2) are not completely separated from each other by an
- 15 unimproved space.
- 16 (c) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a building or structure that:
- 17 (1) is intended to be or is used only for an agricultural purpose on
- 18 the land where it is located; and
- 19 (2) is not used for retail trade or is a stand used for retail sales of
- 20 farm produce for eight (8) or less consecutive months in a
- 21 calendar year.
- 22 (d) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a Class 2 structure.
- 23 (e) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a vehicular bridge.
- 24 (f) Subsection (a)(1) does not include a structure that is intended to
- 25 be or is occupied solely to provide periodic maintenance or repair of:
- 26 (1) the structure; or
- 27 (2) mechanical or electrical equipment located within and affixed
- 28 to the structure.
- 29 SECTION 195. IC 22-12-1-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 30 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 6: "Commission" refers to the fire prevention and~~
- 31 ~~building safety commission.~~
- 32 SECTION 196. IC 22-12-1-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) "Control" means
- 34 authority to create, change, or eliminate a condition or to initiate,
- 35 regulate, or terminate conduct that is based on any of the following:
- 36 (1) An agency, employment, or contractual relationship.
- 37 (2) A possessory or nonpossessory ownership or leasehold interest
- 38 in property.
- 39 (3) A contractual right to possess or use property.
- 40 (b) **The term does not apply to IC 22-12-2.1-1.**

1 SECTION 197. IC 22-12-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
2 2026]. (Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission).

3 SECTION 198. IC 22-12-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
4 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

6 **Chapter 2.1. Transition of Responsibilities for Fire and Building**  
7 **Safety**

8 **Sec. 1. (a) On July 1, 2026, all powers, duties, agreements, and**  
9 **liabilities of the fire prevention and building safety commission are**  
10 **transferred to the department.**

11 **(b) On July 1, 2026, all records and property of the fire safety**  
12 **and building commission, including appropriations and other funds**  
13 **under the control or supervision of the fire safety and building**  
14 **commission, are transferred to the department.**

15 **(c) After June 30, 2026, any amounts owed to the fire safety and**  
16 **building commission before July 1, 2026, are considered to be owed**  
17 **to the department as the successor agency.**

18 **(d) After June 30, 2026, a reference to the fire safety and**  
19 **building commission in a statute, rule, or other document is**  
20 **considered a reference to the department.**

21 **(e) Proceedings pending before the fire safety and building**  
22 **commission on July 1, 2026, shall be transferred from the fire**  
23 **safety and building commission to the department and treated as**  
24 **if initiated by the department.**

25 **(f) A license or permit issued by the fire safety and building**  
26 **commission before July 1, 2026, shall be treated after June 30,**  
27 **2026, as a certification issued by the department.**

28 **(g) The rules adopted by the fire safety and building commission**  
29 **before July 1, 2026, are considered, after June 30, 2026, rules of the**  
30 **department.**

31 SECTION 199. IC 22-12-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
32 1, 2026]. (Building Codes and Standards; Review and Implementation  
33 of Rules; Taking Effect of Rules).

34 SECTION 200. IC 22-12-2.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
35 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

37 **Chapter 2.6. Indiana Building Code**

38 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "building code" includes the**  
39 **standards relating to a building code, an equipment code, and a fire**  
40 **safety code.**

1           **Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), on or before July**  
2 **1, 2028, the department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
3 **supersede the following rules in existence on July 1, 2026:**

4           **(1) 675 IAC 12 (Administration).**

5           **(2) 675 IAC 13 (Building Codes).**

6           **(3) 675 IAC 14 (One and Two Family Dwelling Code).**

7           **(4) 675 IAC 15 (Industrialized Building Systems).**

8           **(5) 675 IAC 16 (Plumbing Code).**

9           **(6) 675 IAC 17 (Electrical Codes).**

10          **(7) 675 IAC 18 (Mechanical Code).**

11          **(8) 675 IAC 19 (Energy Conservation Codes).**

12          **(9) 675 IAC 20 (Swimming Pool Code).**

13          **(10) 675 IAC 21 (Safety Codes for Elevators, Escalators,**  
14 **Manlifts and Hoists).**

15          **(11) 675 IAC 22 (Fire Prevention Codes).**

16          **(12) 675 IAC 24 (Supplementary Fire Safety Rules).**

17          **(13) 675 IAC 25 (Fuel Gas Code).**

18          **(14) 675 IAC 27 (Indiana Visitability Rule for One and Two**  
19 **Family Dwellings and Townhouses).**

20          **(15) 675 IAC 28 (National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**  
21 **Standards).**

22          **(16) 675 IAC 30 (Indiana Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules).**

23          **(b) The rules adopted to supersede the rules described in**  
24 **subsection (a) shall be known as the Indiana building code. If the**  
25 **rules adopted under this section incorporate provisions included in**  
26 **a model code, rule, or requirement, the provisions:**

27               **(1) may not be incorporated by reference and must be**  
28 **included in the rule; and**

29               **(2) must be free and accessible to the public.**

30          **(c) On or before July 1, 2027, the department shall submit a**  
31 **report to legislative council, in an electronic format under**  
32 **IC 5-16-4, that includes any provision that is included in the rules**  
33 **described in subsection (a) on July 1, 2026, that the department**  
34 **recommends to be codified by the general assembly. Any proposed**  
35 **legislative changes shall not include any of the following:**

36               **(1) Pictures or images.**

37               **(2) Diagrams or illustrations.**

38               **(3) Special characters not supported by the Indiana Code**  
39 **(nonstandard symbols).**

40               **(4) Mathematical or scientific formulas.**

1           **Sec. 3. (a) The building rules adopted by the department to**  
 2 **govern new construction must promote the following:**

3           **(1) Safety.**

4           **(2) Sanitary conditions.**

5           **(3) Energy conservation.**

6           **(4) Access by a person with a physical disability to Class 1**  
 7 **structures.**

8           **(b) Rules that:**

9           **(1) are adopted by the department; and**

10          **(2) are not covered by subsection (a);**

11 **must promote safety.**

12          **Sec. 4. Rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, may not take effect**  
 13 **earlier than one hundred eighty (180) days after the final rule is**  
 14 **filed with the publisher unless required by law or to maintain**  
 15 **compliance with a federal program.**

16          **Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to either of the following**  
 17 **adopted by a unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23):**

18          **(1) The unit's architectural design standards.**

19          **(2) The unit's zoning ordinances.**

20          **(b) A unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) may not adopt an**  
 21 **ordinance concerning construction and remodeling that:**

22          **(1) conflicts with a rule in 290 IAC or a subsequent rule**  
 23 **adopted under this chapter; or**

24          **(2) includes more stringent or detailed requirements than**  
 25 **those set forth in 290 IAC or a subsequent rule adopted under**  
 26 **this chapter.**

27 **If a building code or standard within the jurisdiction of the**  
 28 **department is silent on equipment or a regulation, a unit may**  
 29 **petition the department for consideration and a determination.**

30          **Sec. 6. (a) The department shall adopt building rules for the**  
 31 **purpose of complying with and implementing the Americans with**  
 32 **Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12181 et seq.) and any amendments and**  
 33 **regulations relating to the Act, to be consistent with the Americans**  
 34 **with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (28 CFR 36.101 et**  
 35 **seq.).**

36          **(b) The rules adopted under this section must:**

37          **(1) require that new construction must be readily accessible**  
 38 **to and usable by individuals with disabilities, unless it is**  
 39 **structurally impracticable to meet the accessibility**  
 40 **requirements according to the standards established by the**

1 Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (28  
2 CFR 36.101 et seq.);

3 (2) require that an alteration of an existing facility must be  
4 made so that the alteration complies with the readily  
5 achievable barrier removal provisions of the Americans with  
6 Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (28 CFR 36.101 et  
7 seq.); and

8 (3) allow the use of reasonable and cost effective alternative  
9 means of public access or service if the alternative means are  
10 consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 12181 et seq.).

12 Sec. 7. (a) The department shall adopt building rules regarding  
13 installation of audio frequency induction loop systems and beacon  
14 positioning systems in Class 1 structures located in a first or second  
15 class city after June 30, 2020.

16 (b) The rules adopted under this section must:

17 (1) require that a person performing new construction must  
18 consider the installation of:

- 19 (A) an audio frequency induction loop system as part of  
20 any public address system unless installation of an audio  
21 frequency induction loop system would be impractical; and  
22 (B) a beacon positioning system unless installation of a  
23 beacon positioning system would be impractical;

24 (2) require that a person performing any major alteration of  
25 an existing facility's public address system must consider the  
26 installation of:

- 27 (A) an audio frequency induction loop system unless  
28 installation of an audio frequency induction loop system  
29 would be impractical; and

- 30 (B) a beacon positioning system unless installation of a  
31 beacon positioning system would be impractical;

32 (3) require that a person performing new construction or any  
33 major alteration of an existing facility's public address system  
34 under subdivision (1) or (2) must solicit:

- 35 (A) at least one (1) bid for the installation of an audio  
36 frequency induction loop system unless installation of an  
37 audio frequency induction loop system would be  
38 impractical; and

- 39 (B) at least one (1) bid for the installation of a beacon  
40 positioning system unless installation of a beacon

- 1                    **positioning system would be impractical;**  
 2                    **(4) adopt American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and**  
 3                    **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards**  
 4                    **for audio frequency induction loop system installation,**  
 5                    **maintenance, and performance; and**  
 6                    **(5) develop standards for installation and maintenance of a**  
 7                    **beacon positioning system.**

8                    **Sec. 8. The department shall adopt building rules to govern the**  
 9                    **construction of industrialized building systems and mobile**  
 10                    **structures. In these rules, industrialized building systems and**  
 11                    **mobile structures may be exempted from requirements that**  
 12                    **otherwise apply to buildings or other structures.**

13                    **Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to a building or other structure**  
 14                    **that is:**

- 15                    **(1) temporarily used as a model or office for the sale of a one**  
 16                    **(1) or two (2) family dwelling; or**  
 17                    **(2) used for an occupation that is compatible, as determined**  
 18                    **by criteria established by the commission, with its primary**  
 19                    **use as a dwelling.**

20                    **(b) The department may adopt building rules that exempt a**  
 21                    **building or other structure described in subsection (a) from:**

- 22                    **(1) building rules that otherwise apply to Class 1 structures;**  
 23                    **and**  
 24                    **(2) the design release requirement under IC 22-15-3.**

25                    **Sec. 10. The department may adopt building rules that exempt**  
 26                    **minor construction (as defined in the rules adopted by the**  
 27                    **commission) from the design release requirement under IC 22-15-3**  
 28                    **and the regulated lifting device installation or alteration permit**  
 29                    **requirement under IC 22-15-5.**

30                    **Sec. 11. (a) The department shall adopt building rules that allow**  
 31                    **a person to convert a building or other structure, in whole or in**  
 32                    **part, from one (1) class of occupancy and use established under the**  
 33                    **department's rules to another without complying with all of the**  
 34                    **department's rules governing new construction.**

35                    **(b) The rules adopted under this section must protect the public**  
 36                    **from significant health hazards and safety hazards.**

37                    **(c) Subject to subsection (b), the rules must promote the**  
 38                    **following:**

- 39                    **(1) The preservation of architecturally significant and**  
 40                    **historically significant parts of buildings and other structures.**

- 1           **(2) The economically efficient reuse of buildings and other**  
 2           **structures.**
- 3           **(3) The preservation and use of commercial buildings located**  
 4           **within:**
- 5               **(A) the downtown of a local unit; and**  
 6               **(B) a designated historic district.**
- 7           **Before the effective date of the department's rules, the**  
 8           **department's policies must promote the preservation and use of**  
 9           **commercial buildings as set forth in subdivision (3).**
- 10          **(d) The rules adopted under this section may condition an**  
 11          **exemption upon:**
- 12               **(1) passing an inspection conducted by the department; and**  
 13               **(2) paying the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6.**
- 14          **Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to Class 1 structures that are**  
 15          **partially or entirely located within the geographic area included in**  
 16          **seismic zone 2A.**
- 17               **(b) As used in this section, "seismic zone 2A" refers to the**  
 18               **geographic boundaries that comprise seismic zone 2A as**  
 19               **established in the rules adopted by the department.**
- 20               **(c) The department shall adopt building rules under IC 4-22-2**  
 21               **that prohibit or limit occupancy or use of Class 1 structures that do**  
 22               **not comply with the department's rules governing structural**  
 23               **resistance to earthquakes.**
- 24          **(d) The rules adopted under this section must cover essential**  
 25          **buildings and public utility services:**
- 26               **(1) designated by the department; and**  
 27               **(2) needed for disaster recovery operations.**
- 28          **(e) The rules adopted under this section may not apply to a**  
 29          **Class 1 structure if construction of the structure began before July**  
 30          **1, 1993.**
- 31          **Sec. 13. (a) This section applies only to new construction of the**  
 32          **following dwellings:**
- 33               **(1) A detached one (1) or two (2) family dwelling.**  
 34               **(2) A townhouse.**
- 35          **(b) This section does not apply to a mobile structure or an**  
 36          **industrialized building system.**
- 37               **(c) As used in this section, "environmental controls" means**  
 38               **switches or devices that control or regulate lights, temperature,**  
 39               **fuses, fans, doors, security system features, or other features.**
- 40          **(d) As used in this section, "new construction" means the**

1 construction of a new dwelling on a vacant lot. The term does not  
2 include an addition to or remodeling of an existing building.

3 (e) As used in this section, "townhouse" means a single family  
4 dwelling unit constructed in a row of attached units separated by  
5 property lines and with open space on at least two (2) sides.

6 (f) As used in this section, "visitability feature" means a design  
7 feature of a dwelling that allows a person with a mobility  
8 impairment to enter and comfortably stay in a dwelling for a  
9 duration of time. The term includes features that allow a person  
10 with a mobility impairment to get in and out through one (1)  
11 exterior door of the dwelling without any steps and to pass through  
12 all main floor interior doors, including a bathroom door.

13 (g) If a person contracts with a designer and a builder for  
14 construction of a visitability feature in the new construction of a  
15 dwelling, the designer and builder shall comply with the standards  
16 adopted by the commission under this section for the construction  
17 and design of the visitability feature. The standards adopted under  
18 this section:

19 (1) shall be enforced by a political subdivision that enforces  
20 the department's standards with respect to Class 2 structures;  
21 and

22 (2) may not be enforced by the department.

23 (h) The department shall adopt minimum standards by rule  
24 under IC 4-22-2 for visitability features in the new construction of  
25 a dwelling. The rules shall include minimum standards for the  
26 following:

27 (1) Entrances to the dwelling, including paths from the  
28 dwelling to the street.

29 (2) Room dimensions.

30 (3) The width of exterior and interior doors.

31 (4) The width of interior hallways.

32 (5) The grade of interior thresholds and hallways.

33 (6) The height and location of environmental controls.

34 (7) The reinforcement of bathroom walls sufficient to attach  
35 grab bars.

36 SECTION 201. IC 22-12-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
37 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
38 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The fire and building services fund is  
39 established for the purpose of defraying the personal services, other  
40 operating expense, and capital outlay of the following:

1 (1) The department.

2 (2) The education board.

3 ~~(3) The commission.~~

4 (b) The fund shall be administered by the department. Money  
5 collected for deposit in the fund shall be deposited at least monthly  
6 with the treasurer of state.

7 (c) The treasurer of state shall deposit the following collected  
8 amounts in the fund:

9 (1) Fire insurance policy premium taxes assessed under section 5  
10 of this chapter.

11 (2) Except as provided in section 6(d) of this chapter, all fees  
12 collected under this chapter.

13 (3) Any money not otherwise described in this subsection but  
14 collected by the department ~~commission~~, or education board and  
15 designated for distribution to the fund by statute or the executive  
16 director of the department.

17 (4) A fee collected by the education board for the issuance of a  
18 certification under IC 22-14-2-7.

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

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

24 SECTION 202. IC 22-12-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
25 SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The statewide fire and building safety  
27 education fund is established to provide money to:

28 (1) local fire and building inspection departments for enrollment  
29 in education and training programs approved by the department;  
30 and

31 (2) the department for:

32 (A) enrollment in education and training programs approved  
33 by the department; and

34 (B) the sponsoring of training conferences.

35 (b) The department shall administer the fund. The department shall  
36 distribute money from the fund in accordance with the rules adopted  
37 under IC 4-22-2 by the ~~commission~~. **department.**

38 (c) The fund consists of:

39 (1) money allocated under section 6(d) of this chapter; and

40 (2) fees collected under subsection (e).

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

3 (e) The department may charge a fee for a person's participation in  
4 a training conference. The department shall deposit the fees collected  
5 under this subsection in the fund. The department shall pay all  
6 expenses associated with training conferences out of the fund.

7 SECTION 203. IC 22-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
8 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt  
10 rules under IC 4-22-2 setting a fee schedule for the following:

11 (1) Fireworks display permits issued under IC 22-11-14-2.

12 (2) Explosives magazine permits issued under IC 35-47.5-4.

13 (3) Design releases issued under IC 22-15-3 and IC 22-15-3.2.

14 (4) Certification of industrialized building systems and mobile  
15 structures under IC 22-15-4.

16 (5) Inspection of regulated amusement devices under IC 22-15-7.

17 (6) Application fees for variance requests under IC 22-13-2-11  
18 and inspection fees for exemptions under ~~IC 22-13-4-5.~~

19 **IC 22-12-2.6-11.**

20 (7) Except as provided in section 6.5 of this chapter, permitting  
21 and inspection of regulated lifting devices under IC 22-15-5.

22 (8) Permitting and inspection of regulated boiler and pressure  
23 vessels under IC 22-15-6.

24 (9) Licensing of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors under  
25 IC 22-15-6-5.

26 (10) Licensing of elevator contractors, elevator inspectors, and  
27 elevator mechanics under IC 22-15-5-6 through IC 22-15-5-16.

28 (b) Fee schedules set under this section must be sufficient to pay all  
29 of the costs, direct and indirect, that are payable from the fund into  
30 which the fee must be deposited, after deducting other money deposited  
31 in the fund. In setting these fee schedules, the ~~commission~~ **department**  
32 may consider differences in the degree or complexity of the activity  
33 being performed for each fee.

34 (c) The fee schedule set for design releases issued under subsection  
35 (a)(3) may not be changed more than one (1) time each year. The  
36 ~~commission~~ **department** may include in this fee schedule a fee for the  
37 review of plans and specifications and, if a political subdivision does  
38 not have a program to periodically inspect the construction covered by  
39 the design release, a fee for inspecting the construction.

40 (d) The fee schedule set under subsection (a) for design releases

1 may provide that a portion of the fees collected shall be deposited in  
2 the statewide fire and building safety education fund established under  
3 section 3 of this chapter.

4 SECTION 204. IC 22-12-6-6.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
5 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt  
7 rules under IC 4-22-2 to set fees for a permit issued under  
8 IC 22-15-5-4(c) if the acceptance inspection of the regulated lifting  
9 device required by IC 22-15-5-4(c)(1)(A) is conducted by an inspector  
10 who is not employed by the department.

11 (b) A fee under subsection (a) must be a lesser fee than that set  
12 under section 6(a)(7) of this chapter.

13 (c) When determining a fee under subsection (a), the ~~commission~~  
14 **department** shall consider any savings the department will experience  
15 as a result of a permit applicant using an inspector who is not employed  
16 by the department, including savings related to department inspector  
17 salaries, travel, and administrative costs.

18 SECTION 205. IC 22-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
19 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This section does not apply to a nonpublic  
21 school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-12) or a school operated by a school  
22 corporation (as defined in IC 20-18-2-16).

23 (b) The department shall charge an application fee set by rules  
24 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-22-2 for  
25 amusement and entertainment permits issued under IC 22-14-3.

26 (c) The department shall collect an inspection fee set by rules  
27 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-22-2 whenever the  
28 department conducts an inspection for a special event endorsement  
29 under IC 22-14-3.

30 (d) Halls, gymnasiums, or places of assembly in which contests,  
31 drills, exhibitions, plays, displays, dances, concerts, or other types of  
32 amusement are held by colleges, universities, social or fraternal  
33 organizations, lodges, farmers organizations, societies, labor unions,  
34 trade associations, or churches are exempt from the fees charged or  
35 collected under subsections (b) and (c), unless rental fees are charged  
36 or collected.

37 (e) The fees set for applications or inspections under this section  
38 must be sufficient to pay all the direct and indirect costs of processing  
39 an application or performing an inspection for which the fee is set. In  
40 setting the fees, the ~~commission~~ **department** may consider differences

1 in the degree or complexity of the activity being performed for each  
2 fee.

3 SECTION 206. IC 22-12-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The application  
5 fee for a fireworks manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or importer  
6 permit issued under IC 22-11-14-5 shall be set by rules adopted by the  
7 **commission department** under IC 4-22-2.

8 (b) The application fee for a fireworks retail stand permit issued  
9 under IC 22-11-14-7 shall be set by rules adopted by the **commission**  
10 **department** under IC 4-22-2. The rules must exempt a nonprofit  
11 corporation incorporated under IC 23-7-1.1 (before its repeal on  
12 August 1, 1991) or IC 23-17 from the fee.

13 (c) The fees set for applications under this section must be sufficient  
14 to pay all the direct and indirect costs of processing an application for  
15 which the fee is set. In setting the fees, the **commission department**  
16 may consider differences in the degree or complexity of the activity  
17 being performed for each fee.

18 SECTION 207. IC 22-12-6-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,  
19 SECTION 205, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section,  
21 "credit card" means a bank card, debit card, charge card, prepaid card,  
22 or other similar device used for payment.

23 (b) In addition to other methods of payment allowed by law, the  
24 department may accept payment by credit card for certifications,  
25 licenses, and fees, and other amounts payable to the following:

- 26 (1) The department.
- 27 (2) The fire prevention and building safety commission (**before**  
28 **its repeal**).
- 29 (3) The Indiana homeland security foundation (before its repeal).

30 (c) The department may enter into appropriate agreements with  
31 banks or other organizations authorized to do business in Indiana to  
32 enable the department to accept payment by credit card.

33 (d) The department may recognize net amounts remitted by the bank  
34 or other organization as payment in full of amounts due the department.

35 (e) The department may pay any applicable credit card service  
36 charge or fee.

37 SECTION 208. IC 22-12-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
38 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to ~~the commission~~; the  
40 education board and every officer, employee, and agent of an office or

1 division within the department whenever the person has authority to  
 2 administer or enforce a law under IC 22-11 through IC 22-15,  
 3 IC 35-47.5, or IC 36-8-10.5.

4 SECTION 209. IC 22-12-7-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,  
 5 SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to an order issued by  
 7 an officer, employee, or agent of an office or division within the  
 8 department.

9 (b) The office or division issuing an order shall give a person who:

10 (1) is aggrieved by the order; and

11 (2) requests review of the order in verbal or written form;

12 an opportunity to informally discuss the order with the office or  
 13 division. Review under this subsection does not suspend the running of  
 14 the time period in which a person must petition under IC 4-21.5-3-7 to  
 15 appeal the order.

16 (c) The office or division issuing the order may, on its own initiative  
 17 or at the request of any person, modify its order or reverse the order.

18 (d) An order issued by an office or a division may be appealed to the  
 19 **commission department** under IC 4-21.5-3-7. A decision to deny a  
 20 request to modify or reverse an order under subsection (c) is not  
 21 appealable. However, orders issued under IC 22-14-2-7,  
 22 IC 22-14-2-7.5, or IC 36-8-10.5 are appealed to the education board.

23 (e) If an order is appealed, the agency that is responsible for  
 24 reviewing the order under subsection (d) or its designee shall conduct  
 25 all administrative proceedings under IC 4-21.5. In its proceedings, the  
 26 agency conducting the proceeding may modify the order to impose any  
 27 requirement authorized under this article or reverse the order.

28 SECTION 210. IC 22-12-7-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.160-2025,  
 29 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided by subsection (c), if a  
 31 property is inspected by the department or plans were reviewed by the  
 32 department, neither the department nor a political subdivision may  
 33 require compliance with a new or different set of building, fire safety,  
 34 or equipment laws than were originally enforced by the department:

35 (1) before July 1, 2025; or

36 (2) two (2) years after the earlier of the date of the:

37 (A) initial inspection; or

38 (B) plan review.

39 (b) A child care home (as defined in IC 12-7-2-28.6) that was  
 40 licensed to operate in a Class 2 structure by the office of the secretary

1 of family and social services before July 1, 2025, may continue to  
 2 operate in the structure notwithstanding the provisions of this article  
 3 and 675 IAC 13.

4 (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to any of the following:

5 (1) Any:

6 (A) fraud;

7 (B) material misrepresentation; or

8 (C) other act of bad faith;

9 that results in misapplication of the appropriate requirements.

10 (2) A change of use or occupancy of the structure or equipment.

11 (3) A condition imposed in a variance issued by the:

12 (A) department; or

13 (B) ~~commission~~; **state building commissioner**.

14 (4) Any new construction, addition, or alteration of the structure  
 15 or equipment.

16 (5) A violation that would qualify for an emergency order under  
 17 section 6(a)(1) of this chapter.

18 (6) Any maintenance requirements.

19 SECTION 211. IC 22-13-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. "Building rule"  
 21 means a rule that:

22 (1) is adopted by the ~~commission~~; **department**; and

23 (2) qualifies as a building law under IC 22-12-1-3.

24 SECTION 212. IC 22-13-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. "Fire safety rule"  
 26 means a rule that:

27 (1) is adopted by the ~~commission~~; **department**; and

28 (2) qualifies as a fire safety law under IC 22-12-1-13.

29 SECTION 213. IC 22-13-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
 30 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in section 3.5 of this  
 32 chapter, the ~~commission~~ **department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
 33 to adopt a statewide code of fire safety laws and building laws.

34 (b) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to IC 22-12-2.6, the department** shall  
 35 adopt the following national codes or their equivalent by rules under  
 36 IC 4-22-2 and IC 22-13-2.5 (before its repeal):

37 (1) ANSI A10.4 (Safety Requirements for Personnel Hoists).

38 (2) ASME A17.1 (Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, an  
 39 American National Standard).

40 (3) ASME A18.1 (Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway

- 1 Chairlifts, American National Standard).
- 2 (4) ASME QEI-1 (Standard for the Qualification of Elevator
- 3 Inspectors, an American National Standard).
- 4 (5) The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Automated
- 5 People Mover Standard 21.
- 6 (6) ANSI A90.1 Safety Code for Manlifts.
- 7 (7) ASME A17.3 (Safety Code for Existing Elevators and
- 8 Escalators, an American National Standard).
- 9 (8) ASME A17.6 (Standard for Elevator Suspension,
- 10 Compensation, and Governor Systems).
- 11 (c) ~~The commission shall review the subsequent edition of each~~
- 12 ~~code adopted under subsection (b) within twenty-four (24) months after~~
- 13 ~~the effective date of the subsequent edition:~~
- 14 (d) ~~Except as provided in subsection (c), the commission may~~
- 15 ~~amend the national codes as a condition of the adoption under~~
- 16 ~~subsections (b) and (c):~~
- 17 (e) ~~An amendment to the national code under subsection (d) may~~
- 18 ~~not unreasonably impair public safety:~~
- 19 SECTION 214. IC 22-13-2-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 20 1, 2026]. Sec. 2.5. (a) ~~Before January 1, 2020, the commission shall~~
- 21 ~~adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to replace the statewide residential code~~
- 22 ~~for Class 2 structures that is included within the statewide code of fire~~
- 23 ~~safety laws and building laws adopted under section 2 of this chapter:~~
- 24 (b) ~~If the commission uses a national code as part of the adoption of~~
- 25 ~~a replacement statewide residential code under subsection (a), the~~
- 26 ~~commission shall amend the national code as a condition of the~~
- 27 ~~adoption under subsection (a):~~
- 28 (c) ~~The commission shall submit a report to the general assembly~~
- 29 ~~not later than January 1, 2019, regarding the commission's work during~~
- 30 ~~the previous year related to adoption of a replacement statewide~~
- 31 ~~residential code under subsection (a). The report to the general~~
- 32 ~~assembly must be submitted in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6:~~
- 33 SECTION 215. IC 22-13-2-2.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.79-2019,
- 34 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.6. Before January 1, 2021, the ~~commission~~
- 36 **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to exempt a bunkhouse
- 37 from being required to be equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler
- 38 system.
- 39 SECTION 216. IC 22-13-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2023,
- 40 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The rules adopted under section 2 of this  
2 chapter **and IC 22-12-2.6** take precedence over:

- 3 (1) any rule adopted by a state agency that conflicts with the  
4 ~~commission's department's~~ fire safety rules or building rules; and  
5 (2) any ordinance or other regulation adopted by a political  
6 subdivision that covers the same subject matter as the  
7 ~~commission's department's~~ fire safety rules or building rules.

8 (b) State agencies and political subdivisions may incorporate the  
9 rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** by reference into a rule,  
10 ordinance, or other regulation. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-9-6, a  
11 reference to the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~, **department**, by  
12 citation to the Indiana Administrative Code (IAC), shall be construed  
13 to include all amendments as of the date that the reference is written  
14 and any later amendments to that provision, unless accompanied by a  
15 reference to a specific edition or supplement to the Indiana  
16 Administrative Code.

17 (c) A city, town, or county may not adopt an ordinance that conflicts  
18 with or includes more stringent or detailed requirements than the  
19 ~~commission's department's~~ rules.

20 SECTION 217. IC 22-13-2-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.104-2018,  
21 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The following may not adopt rules  
23 requiring the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system in a  
24 Class 2 structure:

- 25 (1) The ~~commission~~: **department**.  
26 (2) Another state agency.

27 (b) A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance or other  
28 regulation requiring the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler  
29 system in a Class 2 structure.

30 SECTION 218. IC 22-13-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. If the ~~commission~~  
32 **department** finds duplication, conflict, or overlapping of responsibility  
33 between:

- 34 (1) this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14, IC 22-15, a fire safety rule, or  
35 a building rule; and  
36 (2) the rules adopted by another state agency;

37 the ~~commission~~ **department** shall notify the state agency, and the state  
38 agency shall revise its rules to eliminate the duplication, conflict, or  
39 overlap.

40 SECTION 219. IC 22-13-2-4.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,

1 SECTION 74, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.1. (a) This section applies only to a plan review  
3 for a design release performed:

- 4 (1) before construction of a Class 1 structure; and
- 5 (2) to determine compliance with the rules of the ~~commission~~  
6 **department**.

7 (b) This section does not apply to a plan review for the issuance of  
8 a building permit, an improvement permit, a fire protection system  
9 permit, or any other permit issued by a state agency or a city, town, or  
10 county.

11 (c) A plan review for a design release must be:

- 12 (1) authorized under IC 22-15-3; and
- 13 (2) performed in compliance with the rules and objective criteria  
14 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 22-15-3-1.

15 (d) If the ~~commission~~ **department** has certified that a city, town, or  
16 county is qualified to perform a plan review for a design release under  
17 IC 22-15-3, both of the following may perform the plan review for a  
18 design release:

- 19 (1) The department.
- 20 (2) The city, town, or county.

21 However, only the entity described in subdivision (1) or (2) that  
22 performs the initial plan review for a design release may charge a fee  
23 for the plan review for a design release. The other entity shall not  
24 charge a fee for the plan review for a design release.

25 SECTION 220. IC 22-13-2-5.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.155-2023,  
26 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.6. (a) As used in this section, "building code"  
28 means a building code and includes the standards related to a building  
29 code.

30 (b) As used in this section, "unit" means a county, city, or town.

31 (c) ~~Beginning January 1, 2024,~~ A unit may submit a proposal to the  
32 ~~commission~~ **department** to amend any building code that the  
33 ~~commission~~ **department** adopts or updates. ~~after December 31, 2023.~~  
34 A unit may submit the proposal in hard copy or in an electronic form  
35 that is acceptable to the ~~commission~~ **department**. A proposal must  
36 include the following:

- 37 (1) A resolution adopted by the unit to request an amendment to  
38 the building code that:
  - 39 (A) specifies the building code language to be amended; and
  - 40 (B) states the safety issue that is the basis for the proposed

1 amendment.

2 (2) A fiscal analysis of the estimated cost or savings resulting  
3 from the proposed building code amendment.

4 (d) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall hold one (1) meeting each  
5 year to review and consider all proposals submitted by units. A unit  
6 may submit a proposal at any time. However, the ~~commission~~  
7 **department** shall review and consider only complete proposal  
8 submissions that are received not later than sixty (60) days before the  
9 date of a meeting in which proposals are considered.

10 (e) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall:

11 (1) place a proposal on the meeting agenda not later than thirty  
12 (30) days before the date of the meeting in which the proposal is  
13 considered; and

14 (2) take public testimony at the meeting.

15 (f) ~~The commission may only adopt a proposed amendment upon an~~  
16 ~~affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the~~  
17 ~~commission present and voting as provided in IC 22-12-2-6.~~

18 (g) ~~A building code amendment adopted by the commission under~~  
19 ~~this section is subject to IC 22-12-2.5-2.~~

20 SECTION 221. IC 22-13-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The ~~commission~~  
22 **department, or with the approval of the department, the state**  
23 **building commissioner,** may review and modify or reverse any  
24 variance or other order that:

25 (1) is issued by a state agency or political subdivision; and

26 (2) covers a subject governed by this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14,  
27 IC 22-15, a fire safety rule, or a building rule.

28 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall review variances granted by  
29 a political subdivision to the fire safety laws and building laws adopted  
30 in its ordinances. The variance is not effective until it is approved by  
31 the ~~commission.~~ **department.**

32 (c) The ~~commission~~ **department, or with the approval of the**  
33 **department, the state building commissioner,** shall review orders  
34 under this section that:

35 (1) are issued by a political subdivision; and

36 (2) concern a Class 2 structure;

37 if a person aggrieved by the order petitions for review under  
38 IC 4-21.5-3-7 within thirty (30) days after the political subdivision has  
39 issued the order.

40 (d) A copy of the petition under subsection (c) shall be delivered to

1 the political subdivision issuing the order.

2 (e) Review of an order under this section does not suspend the  
3 running of the time period under any statute in which a person must  
4 petition a court for judicial review of the order.

5 SECTION 222. IC 22-13-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
6 SECTION 161, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to**  
8 **IC 22-12-2.6, the department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
9 create equipment laws applicable to regulated lifting devices.

10 (b) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to IC 22-12-2.6, the department** shall  
11 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to create equipment laws applicable to  
12 regulated boilers and pressure vessels.

13 (c) ~~The commission~~ **Subject to and except as otherwise provided**  
14 **in IC 22-12-2.6, the department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
15 adopt by reference all or part of the following national boiler and  
16 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~~ **department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
26 to create equipment laws applicable to regulated amusement devices.

27 SECTION 223. IC 22-13-2-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
28 SECTION 162, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8.5. (a) ~~The commission~~  
30 **department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for outdoor event  
31 equipment at outdoor performances to protect the safety of persons at  
32 the outdoor performances. ~~The commission~~ **department** may:

33 (1) exempt small assemblies of outdoor event equipment, as  
34 defined by the ~~commission;~~ **department**, from some or all fees or  
35 other requirements that otherwise would apply to outdoor event  
36 equipment under a rule adopted under this section or another  
37 building law; or

38 (2) establish alternative procedures, fees, or other requirements,  
39 or any combination, for small assemblies of outdoor event  
40 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 224. 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, 2026]: 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

1 regulate lifting devices to the ~~commission~~ **department** for approval.  
 2 The ordinance or other regulation is not effective until it is approved by  
 3 the ~~commission~~. **department**. If any of these ordinances or regulations  
 4 conflict with the ~~commission's~~ **department's** rules, the ~~commission's~~  
 5 **department's** rules supersede the local ordinance or other regulation.

6 (c) A unit may issue permits only to applicants who qualify under  
 7 IC 22-15-5. However, the unit may specify a lesser fee than that set  
 8 under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7).

9 (d) A unit must inspect regulated lifting devices with inspectors who  
 10 possess the qualifications necessary to be employed by the department  
 11 of homeland security as a regulated lifting device inspector.

12 SECTION 225. IC 22-13-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
 13 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The department **or the state**  
 15 **building commissioner** ~~or the commission~~ may grant a variance to any  
 16 rule adopted by the ~~commission~~. **department**. However, the  
 17 ~~commission~~ **state building commissioner** may grant a variance under  
 18 this section only if the department ~~places~~ **provides** the application for  
 19 the variance ~~on to the commission's agenda~~. **state building**  
 20 **commissioner**.

21 (b) To qualify for a variance, an applicant must pay the fee set under  
 22 IC 22-12-6-6 and file an application, on a form approved by the  
 23 department, that contains facts demonstrating that:

24 (1) compliance with the rule will impose an undue hardship upon  
 25 the applicant or prevent the preservation of an architecturally  
 26 significant or historically significant part of a building or other  
 27 structure; and

28 (2) either:

29 (A) noncompliance with the rule; or

30 (B) compliance with an alternative requirement approved by  
 31 the body considering the variance application;

32 will not be adverse to the public health, safety, or welfare.

33 (c) A variance granted under this section is conditioned upon  
 34 compliance with an alternative standard approved under subsection  
 35 (b)(2)(B).

36 (d) A variance granted under this section takes precedence over  
 37 conflicting rules adopted by a state agency and conflicting ordinances  
 38 and other regulations adopted by a political subdivision.

39 (e) Variances granted by the boiler and pressure vessel rules board  
 40 and the regulated amusement device safety board prior to July 1, 2019,

1 are valid and remain in full force and effect.

2 (f) The department shall make all variance applications available for  
3 review on a public portal.

4 (g) Local fire and building officials shall receive notice of variance  
5 applications filed under this section within their respective  
6 jurisdictions.

7 (h) A local fire official, local building official, or other interested  
8 party may submit documentation regarding a variance application to  
9 the department or ~~commission~~ **the state building commissioner** for  
10 review and consideration prior to an initial determination being made  
11 on the application by the department or the ~~commission~~ **state building**  
12 **commissioner**.

13 (i) The department or ~~commission~~ **state building commissioner**  
14 shall wait at least five (5) business days after a variance application is  
15 filed before making an initial determination on the application.

16 (j) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
17 to implement this section.

18 SECTION 226. IC 22-13-2-11.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
19 SECTION 164, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11.5. (a) As used in this section,  
21 "NFPA 72" refers to NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling  
22 Code, 2010 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection  
23 Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471.

24 (b) **Subject to and except as provided in IC 22-12-2.6**, it is the  
25 intent of the general assembly that NFPA 72, as may be amended by  
26 the ~~commission~~ **department** under subsection (c), be incorporated into  
27 the Indiana Administrative Code. Not later than July 1, 2014, the  
28 ~~commission~~ **department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to amend  
29 675 IAC 28-1-28 to incorporate NFPA 72 into the Indiana  
30 Administrative Code, subject to subsection (c)(1) and (c)(2).

31 (c) In adopting rules to incorporate NFPA 72 into the Indiana  
32 Administrative Code, as required by subsection (b), the ~~commission~~  
33 **department** may amend NFPA 72 as the ~~commission~~ **department**  
34 considers appropriate. However, the rules finally adopted by the  
35 ~~commission~~ **department** to comply with this section must do the  
36 following:

37 (1) Incorporate the definition of, and associated requirements for:  
38 (A) a managed facilities-based voice network (MFVN); and  
39 (B) a public switched telephone network (PSTN);  
40 as set forth in NFPA 72.

1 (2) Allow digital alarm communicator systems that make use of  
 2 a managed facilities-based voice network (MFVN) to transmit  
 3 signals from a fire alarm system to an offsite monitoring facility,  
 4 subject to the requirements for those systems set forth in NFPA  
 5 72.

6 (d) If the **commission department** does not comply with subsection  
 7 (b), the following apply: ~~on July 1, 2014:~~

8 (1) The definition of, and associated requirements for:

9 (A) a managed facilities-based voice network (MFVN); and

10 (B) a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

11 as set forth in NFPA 72, are considered incorporated into the  
 12 Indiana Administrative Code. Any provisions of 675 IAC 28-1-28  
 13 (or any rules adopted by a state agency, or any ordinances or other  
 14 regulations adopted by a political subdivision) that conflict with  
 15 the definitions and requirements described in this subdivision are  
 16 superseded by the definitions and requirements described in this  
 17 subdivision. This subdivision continues to apply until the  
 18 **commission department** adopts rules that amend 675  
 19 IAC 28-1-28 to incorporate NFPA 72 into the Indiana  
 20 Administrative Code and that comply with subsection (c)(1) and  
 21 (c)(2).

22 (2) A person that after June 30, 2014, installs or uses a digital  
 23 alarm communicator system that:

24 (A) makes use of a managed facilities-based voice network  
 25 (MFVN) to transmit signals from a fire alarm system to an  
 26 offsite monitoring facility; and

27 (B) meets the requirements for such a system set forth in  
 28 NFPA 72;

29 is not required to obtain a variance under section 11 of this  
 30 chapter for the installation or use.

31 SECTION 227. IC 22-13-2-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) This section  
 33 applies if the **commission department** is authorized by statute to enter  
 34 into agreements with the federal government, another state, or foreign  
 35 country.

36 (b) An agreement under this section must be submitted to the  
 37 attorney general for approval. The attorney general shall approve the  
 38 agreement unless the attorney general finds that it does not comply  
 39 with the statutes. If the attorney general disapproves the agreement, the  
 40 attorney general shall give the **commission department** a detailed

1 statement indicating the basis for the disapproval. If the attorney  
2 general fails to approve or disapprove the agreement within sixty (60)  
3 days after it is submitted, it is considered approved.

4 SECTION 228. IC 22-13-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
5 SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt  
7 rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14, and  
8 IC 22-15.

9 (b) Any power of the state fire marshal or the department to adopt  
10 rules to implement this article, IC 22-12, IC 22-14, and IC 22-15 shall  
11 be exercised by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

12 SECTION 229. IC 22-13-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
13 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. The ~~commission~~ or department may engage  
15 in studies and consult with any person to implement this article,  
16 IC 22-12, IC 22-14, and IC 22-15.

17 SECTION 230. IC 22-13-2-14.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
18 SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.1. (a) The ~~commission~~ or department shall  
20 consult with an industry expert to discuss a variance application or an  
21 update to a rule or safety standard concerning:

- 22 (1) a boiler or pressure vessel; or  
23 (2) a regulated amusement device.

24 (b) An industry expert for the purposes of consulting under  
25 subsection (a)(1) must be:

- 26 (1) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31; and  
27 (2) knowledgeable in and have experience with boiler and  
28 pressure vessels.

29 SECTION 231. IC 22-13-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The ~~commission~~  
31 **department** shall adopt fire safety rules that prohibit the following:

- 32 (1) The storage of regulated explosives (as defined in  
33 IC 35-47.5-2-13) in quantities exceeding the maximum quantity  
34 specified by the ~~commission~~ **department**.  
35 (2) The storage of regulated explosives (as defined in  
36 IC 35-47.5-2-13) at a site that is located less than the minimum  
37 distance specified by the ~~commission~~ **department** from a  
38 railroad, highway, or other place of habitation or assembly.  
39 (3) The use of a receptacle, burning fixture or equipment, heating  
40 fixture or equipment, or structure for an explosive, flammable, or

1 other combustible matter that does not meet the design and  
2 composition standards specified by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

3 (4) The keeping, storage, use, manufacture, sale, handling,  
4 transportation, or disposition of an explosive, flammable, or other  
5 combustible matter in violation of any other requirements  
6 specified by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

7 SECTION 232. IC 22-13-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
8 SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following  
10 laboratories:

11 (1) Analytical laboratories approved by the department under the  
12 alternative criteria established by the ~~commission~~ **department** in  
13 its rules.

14 (2) Laboratories that are:

15 (A) operated by a college, university, school, or other  
16 educational entity for the purpose of instruction or research;  
17 and

18 (B) approved by the department under the alternative criteria  
19 established by the ~~commission~~ **department** in the rules.

20 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** may:

21 (1) apply different rules to the manufacture of regulated  
22 explosives (as defined in IC 35-47.5-2-13) in a laboratory  
23 described in subsection (a) than apply to other places where  
24 regulated explosives (as defined in IC 35-47.5-2-13) are  
25 manufactured; and

26 (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to exempt laboratories described  
27 in subsection (a) from the regulated explosive magazines permit  
28 requirement under IC 35-47.5-4.

29 SECTION 233. IC 22-13-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The ~~commission~~  
31 **department** shall adopt fire safety rules that prohibit the occupancy or  
32 use of Class 1 structures that do not comply with the ~~commission's~~  
33 **department's** rules governing the number, type, location,  
34 identification, repair, and maintenance of emergency exits, smoke  
35 detection devices, and other emergency communication devices.

36 SECTION 234. IC 22-13-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
37 2026]. (Standards for Building Rules; Exemption From Design Release  
38 Requirement).

39 SECTION 235. IC 22-13-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
40 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided under subsection (c),  
 2 upon the written request of an interested person, the state building  
 3 commissioner of the department shall issue a written interpretation of  
 4 a building law or a fire safety law not later than ten (10) business days  
 5 after the date of receiving a request. An interpretation issued by the  
 6 state building commissioner must be consistent with building laws and  
 7 fire safety laws enacted by the general assembly or adopted by the  
 8 ~~commission.~~ **department.**

9 (b) The state building commissioner shall issue a written  
 10 interpretation of a building law or fire safety law under subsection (a)  
 11 whether or not the county or municipality has taken any action to  
 12 enforce the building law or fire safety law.

13 (c) If:

14 (1) an interested person submits a written or electronic request to  
 15 the building commissioner for a written interpretation of a  
 16 building law or fire safety law applicable to a Class 2 structure;  
 17 and

18 (2) the building commissioner is absent and unable to issue a  
 19 written interpretation within the time specified under subsection

20 (a);

21 ~~the chair of the commission, or, if the chair is absent, the vice chair of~~  
 22 ~~the commission,~~ **department** shall issue the written interpretation not  
 23 later than ten (10) business days after the date of receiving the request.

24 SECTION 236. IC 22-13-5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A written  
 26 interpretation issued under section 2 of this chapter binds the interested  
 27 person and the county or municipality with whom the interested person  
 28 has the dispute until the written interpretation is overruled in a  
 29 proceeding under IC 4-21.5.

30 (b) For purposes of IC 4-21.5, the ~~commission~~ **department** is the  
 31 ultimate authority regarding a written interpretation issued under  
 32 section 2 of this chapter.

33 SECTION 237. IC 22-13-5-4, AS AMENDED BY THE  
 34 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
 35 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) A written interpretation of a building law or  
 37 fire safety law binds all counties and municipalities if the state building  
 38 commissioner publishes the written interpretation of the building law  
 39 or fire safety law in the Indiana Register under IC 4-22-7-7(b). For  
 40 purposes of IC 4-22-7-7, a written interpretation of a building law or

1 fire safety law published by the state building commissioner is  
2 considered adopted by an agency.

3 (b) A written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law  
4 published under subsection (a) binds all counties and municipalities  
5 until the earlier of the following:

6 (1) The general assembly enacts a statute that substantively  
7 changes the building law or fire safety law interpreted or voids the  
8 written interpretation.

9 (2) The ~~commission~~ **department** adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2 to  
10 state a different interpretation of the building law or fire safety  
11 law.

12 (3) The written interpretation is found to be an erroneous  
13 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law in a judicial  
14 proceeding.

15 (4) The state building commissioner publishes a different written  
16 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.

17 (c) The department or the state building commissioner shall create  
18 an electronic data base for the purpose of cataloging all available  
19 variance rulings by ~~the commission~~ or the department for the purpose  
20 of making the information available to the public on the ~~Internet web~~  
21 **site website** of the department or the state building commissioner.

22 SECTION 238. IC 22-14-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
23 SECTION 83, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The department shall carry out a program to  
25 provide public information concerning fire prevention and maintain  
26 data and statistics concerning fires and fire prevention activities.

27 (b) The department shall provide a copy of the fire safety rules  
28 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** to the chief of each fire  
29 department. The department may exclude, from the rules distributed  
30 under this subsection, any text that is incorporated by reference into the  
31 rules published in the Indiana Administrative Code.

32 SECTION 239. IC 22-14-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
33 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department may modify an amusement  
35 and entertainment permit with a special event endorsement that covers  
36 one (1) or more events not specified in the initial permit.

37 (b) To qualify for a special event endorsement, an applicant must:

38 (1) provide the information required by the ~~commission;~~  
39 **department;**

40 (2) demonstrate through an inspection that the special events

1 covered by the application will be conducted in compliance with  
2 applicable fire safety laws; and

3 (3) pay the inspection fee set under IC 22-12-6-7.

4 SECTION 240. IC 22-14-7-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.82-2008,  
5 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt a  
7 subsequent ASTM Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition  
8 Strength of Cigarettes upon a finding that the subsequent method does  
9 not result in a change in the percentage of full length burns exhibited  
10 by any tested cigarette when compared to the percentage of full length  
11 burns the same cigarette would exhibit when tested in accordance with  
12 ASTM Standard E2187-04 and the performance standard in section  
13 13(c) of this chapter.

14 SECTION 241. IC 22-14-7-21, AS ADDED BY P.L.82-2008,  
15 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 21. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), each  
17 manufacturer shall submit to the state fire marshal a written  
18 certification attesting that:

19 (1) each cigarette listed in the certification has been tested as  
20 required under section 13 or 15 of this chapter; and

21 (2) each cigarette listed in the certification meets the performance  
22 standard in section 13(c) or 15 of this chapter.

23 (b) Each cigarette listed in the certification must include the  
24 following information:

25 (1) Brand, or trade name on the package.

26 (2) Style, such as light or ultra light.

27 (3) Length in millimeters.

28 (4) Circumference in millimeters.

29 (5) Flavor, such as menthol, if applicable.

30 (6) Filter or nonfilter.

31 (7) Package description, such as soft pack or box.

32 (8) Marking under section 23 of this chapter.

33 (9) The name, address, and telephone number of the laboratory,  
34 if different than the manufacturer that conducted the test.

35 (10) The date that the testing occurred.

36 (c) The certifications must be made available to the attorney general  
37 for purposes consistent with this chapter and the department of state  
38 revenue and the alcohol and tobacco commission for the purposes of  
39 ensuring compliance with this section.

40 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the state fire marshal may

1 accept as evidence of compliance with this chapter a certification  
2 issued to:

3 (1) the New York State Department of State's Office of Fire  
4 Prevention and Control; or

5 (2) the responsible entity of another state that has:

6 (A) substantially equivalent certification requirements relating  
7 to reduced ignition propensity cigarettes; and

8 (B) the same test method and performance standard  
9 requirements as provided in sections 13 and 15 of this chapter.

10 (e) Each cigarette listed in a certification submitted under this  
11 section must be recertified every three (3) years.

12 (f) For each brand family listed in a certification submitted under  
13 subsection (a) or (d), a manufacturer shall pay a fee to the state fire  
14 marshal of eight hundred dollars (\$800). The state fire marshal may  
15 adjust the fee every three (3) years to ensure that the fee defrays the  
16 actual costs of the processing, testing, enforcement, and oversight  
17 activities required by this chapter under rules adopted by the ~~fire  
18 prevention and building safety commission~~ **department**. However, the  
19 fee for each brand family may not exceed one thousand dollars  
20 (\$1,000).

21 (g) If a manufacturer has certified a cigarette under this section, and  
22 after submitting the certification, makes a change to the cigarette that  
23 is likely to alter the cigarette's compliance with the reduced cigarette  
24 ignition propensity standards required by this chapter, that cigarette  
25 may not be sold or offered for sale in Indiana until the manufacturer  
26 retests the cigarette under the testing standards in section 13 or 15 of  
27 this chapter and maintains records of that retesting as required by  
28 section 16 of this chapter. An altered cigarette that does not meet the  
29 performance standard in section 13 or 15 of this chapter may not be  
30 sold in Indiana.

31 SECTION 242. IC 22-14-7-29, AS ADDED BY P.L.82-2008,  
32 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 29. The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules  
34 under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

35 SECTION 243. IC 22-14-8-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2023,  
36 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "NFPA 855" refers to:

38 (1) the 2023 edition of NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of  
39 Stationary Energy Storage Systems, as adopted by the National  
40 Fire Protection Association; or

1 (2) if the ~~commission~~ **department** adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2  
2 to amend:

3 (A) the 2023 edition; or

4 (B) any subsequent edition;

5 of NFPA 855, the version of NFPA 855 as amended by the  
6 ~~commission.~~ **department.**

7 SECTION 244. IC 22-14-8-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2023,  
8 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The total capacity of the batteries contained  
10 within a single enclosure in:

11 (1) a utility scale battery energy storage system installation of  
12 which is subject to department approval under section 4(a)(1) of  
13 this chapter; or

14 (2) an installation added to an existing utility scale battery energy  
15 storage system in an expansion for which department approval is  
16 required under section 4(a)(2) of this chapter;

17 may not exceed ten (10) megawatt hours unless authorized under rules  
18 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under this chapter.

19 SECTION 245. IC 22-14-8-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
20 SECTION 166, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The ~~commission~~  
22 **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter  
23 and to specify standards for the installation and operation of utility  
24 scale battery energy storage systems consistent with:

25 (1) this chapter; and

26 (2) NFPA 855.

27 (b) Rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under subsection  
28 (a) must include standards for:

29 (1) chemical spill prevention and control; and

30 (2) appropriate setbacks from surface water resources;

31 for the installation and expansion of utility scale battery energy storage  
32 systems, as necessary to protect soil and surface water resources from  
33 chemicals contained in or produced by utility scale battery energy  
34 storage systems. In establishing the standards described in this  
35 subsection, the ~~commission~~ **department** shall consult with the  
36 department of environmental management or the department of natural  
37 resources, as appropriate.

38 SECTION 246. IC 22-15-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
39 SECTION 97, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) To carry out the department's

1 responsibilities, the department or an employee or another agent of the  
2 department may:

- 3 (1) exercise any program of supervision that is approved by the  
4 ~~commission~~, **department**, if the responsibility involves the  
5 administration or enforcement of a building law;
- 6 (2) enter and inspect any property, at a reasonable hour;
- 7 (3) issue and enforce administrative orders under IC 22-12-7 and  
8 apply for judicial orders under IC 22-12-7-13; and
- 9 (4) cooperate with law enforcement officers and political  
10 subdivisions that have jurisdiction over a matter.

11 (b) To carry out the state building commissioner's responsibilities,  
12 the state building commissioner shall issue a written interpretation of  
13 any building law under IC 22-13-5.

14 SECTION 247. IC 22-15-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
15 SECTION 99, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The state building commissioner or a city,  
17 town, or county certified under subsection (d) shall issue a design  
18 release for the construction of a Class 1 structure to an applicant who  
19 qualifies under section 2 or 3 of this chapter.

20 (b) The state building commissioner shall issue a design release for  
21 the fabrication of an industrial building system or mobile structure  
22 under section 4 of this chapter.

23 (c) A design release issued under this chapter expires on the date  
24 specified in the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~. **department**.

25 (d) The ~~commission~~ **department** may certify a city, town, or county  
26 as qualified to issue design releases, if the city, town, or county:

- 27 (1) is competent under the ~~commission's~~ **department's** objective  
28 criteria; and
- 29 (2) has adopted the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department** under  
30 IC 22-13-2-3.

31 (e) A city, town, or county that is certified by the ~~commission~~  
32 **department** under subsection (d) may issue design releases. A design  
33 release issued by a certified city, town, or county must be:

- 34 (1) in accordance with the ~~commission's~~ **department's** objective  
35 criteria; and
- 36 (2) for a construction type for which the city, town, or county is  
37 certified.

38 All records held by a certified city, town, or county that pertain to the  
39 design release must be submitted to the department to be held in a  
40 central repository.

1 SECTION 248. IC 22-15-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
2 SECTION 100, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. To qualify for a design release  
4 under this section, an applicant must:

5 (1) demonstrate, through the submission of plans and  
6 specifications for the construction covered by the application, that  
7 the construction will comply with all applicable building laws and  
8 fire safety laws;

9 (2) pay the fees set under IC 22-12-6-6;

10 (3) have the plans and specifications:

11 (A) prepared by a registered architect or professional engineer  
12 who is:

13 (i) competent to design the construction covered by the  
14 application as determined by the department; and

15 (ii) registered under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31;

16 (B) include on each page of all drawings and the title page of  
17 all specifications the seal of the registered architect or  
18 professional engineer described by clause (A) or the person's  
19 technical or professional staff; and

20 (C) filed by the registered architect or professional engineer  
21 described by clause (A) or the person's technical or  
22 professional staff; and

23 (4) submit a certificate prepared on a form provided by the  
24 department and sworn or affirmed under penalty of perjury by the  
25 registered architect or professional engineer described in  
26 subdivision (3)(A):

27 (A) providing an estimate of the cost of the construction  
28 covered by the application, its square footage, and any other  
29 information required under the rules of the ~~commission;~~  
30 **department;**

31 (B) stating that the plans and specifications submitted for the  
32 application were prepared either by or under the immediate  
33 supervision of the person making the statement;

34 (C) stating that the plans and specifications submitted for the  
35 application provide for construction that will meet all building  
36 laws; and

37 (D) stating that the construction covered by the application  
38 will be subject to inspection at intervals appropriate to the  
39 stage of the construction by a registered architect or  
40 professional engineer identified in the statement for the

1           purpose of determining in general if work is proceeding in  
2           accordance with the released plans and specifications.

3           SECTION 249. IC 22-15-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2020,  
4           SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5           JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies only to an application  
6           for a design release to construct:

- 7           (1) a Class 1 structure with thirty thousand (30,000) or fewer  
8           cubic feet of space;
- 9           (2) an addition to a Class 1 structure, if the addition adds thirty  
10          thousand (30,000) or fewer cubic feet of space;
- 11          (3) an alteration to a Class 1 structure, if the alteration does not  
12          involve changes affecting the structural safety of the Class 1  
13          structure; or
- 14          (4) an installation or alteration of an automatic fire sprinkler  
15          system in a Class 1 structure by persons qualified pursuant to  
16          rules set forth by the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
17          ~~commission.~~ **department.**

18          (b) The design release requirements under subsection (c) do not  
19          apply for any construction that is otherwise exempted under 675  
20          IAC 12-6-4(b), **or subsequent rules adopted in accordance with**  
21          **IC 22-12-2.6**, even if the construction is:

- 22          (1) a part of;
  - 23          (2) supplemental to; or
  - 24          (3) an accessory of;
- 25          any other construction that would otherwise require a design release.

26          (c) To qualify for a design release under this section, an applicant  
27          must do the following:

- 28          (1) Demonstrate, through the submission of plans and  
29          specifications for the construction covered by the application, that  
30          the construction will comply with all applicable building laws and  
31          fire safety laws.
- 32          (2) Pay the fees set under IC 22-12-6-6.

33          SECTION 250. IC 22-15-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
34          SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
35          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a design release for  
36          the fabrication of a model or other series of similar industrialized  
37          building systems or mobile structures.

38          (b) To qualify for a design release under this section, an applicant  
39          must:

- 40          (1) demonstrate, through the submission of plans and

1 specifications for the construction covered by the application, that  
 2 the construction will comply with all applicable building laws and  
 3 fire safety laws;

4 (2) have the submitted plans and specifications prepared by an  
 5 architect registered under IC 25-4 or a professional engineer  
 6 registered under IC 25-31, if required under the rules adopted by  
 7 the ~~commission~~; **department**; and

8 (3) pay the fees set under IC 22-12-6-6.

9 SECTION 251. IC 22-15-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 10 SECTION 101, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does not  
 12 authorize a variance from any rule adopted by the ~~commission~~;  
 13 **department**.

14 (b) The rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** do not  
 15 prevent the use of:

16 (1) materials;

17 (2) methods of construction; or

18 (3) design procedures;

19 if they are not specifically prohibited in the rules and if they are  
 20 approved under subsection (c).

21 (c) The state fire marshal and the department may, in the review of  
 22 an application for a design release, consider as evidence of compliance  
 23 with the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** any evaluation  
 24 report that:

25 (1) contains limitations, conditions, or standards for alternative  
 26 materials, methods of construction, or design procedures; and

27 (2) is published by an independent, nationally recognized testing  
 28 laboratory or other organization that is approved under the rules  
 29 adopted by the ~~commission~~; **department**.

30 SECTION 252. IC 22-15-3-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) This section does  
 32 not apply to construction that is exempted from this section in the rules  
 33 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **under IC 22-13-4**; **department**.

34 (b) This section applies to the following:

35 (1) Each person who engages in the construction.

36 (2) Each person who has control over the construction.

37 (3) Each person who has control over the Class 1 structure  
 38 industrialized building system or mobile home that is constructed.

39 (c) A person described in subsection (b) commits a Class C  
 40 infraction if:

1 (1) a Class 1 structure is constructed, or construction is begun, at  
2 the site where it is to be used; and

3 (2) no design release issued under section 2 or 3 of this chapter  
4 covers the construction.

5 (d) A person described in subsection (b) commits a Class C  
6 infraction if:

7 (1) an industrialized building system or a mobile structure is  
8 fabricated; and

9 (2) no design release issued under section 4 of this chapter covers  
10 the fabrication.

11 SECTION 253. IC 22-15-3.2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
12 SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) This section applies if the  
14 results of a plan review reveal that a design professional knowingly or  
15 recklessly submitted plans or specifications containing one (1) or more  
16 violations of the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department** that are  
17 determined by the department ~~and the commission~~ to pose a wanton  
18 and willful disregard for the public health, safety, or welfare.

19 (b) The provisions regarding the time limitations for review and  
20 notice under this chapter do not apply, and the department is not  
21 required to issue a design release and confirmation number for  
22 providing notice. The department shall send written notice of its  
23 determination to:

24 (1) the design professional's licensing or registration authority  
25 under IC 25-4-1 or IC 25-31, as appropriate, for the purpose of  
26 conducting a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to determine if action under  
27 IC 4-21.5-3-8 is appropriate;

28 (2) the design professional; and

29 (3) the project owner or general contractor on whose behalf the  
30 application was submitted.

31 (c) An applicant that receives notice under subsection (b) may  
32 withdraw the application and submit a new application and plans to the  
33 department that are prepared by a different design professional.  
34 Withdrawal of an application does not affect any disciplinary action  
35 against the professional of record that prepared the plans described in  
36 subsection (a).

37 SECTION 254. IC 22-15-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
38 SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall certify  
40 an industrialized building system for use in Indiana to an applicant who

1 qualifies under this section. If an applicant qualifies for certification  
 2 under this section, the department shall provide the applicant with a  
 3 seal for the certified industrial building system.

4 (b) To qualify for a certification under this section, an applicant  
 5 must:

6 (1) submit proof that the department has issued a design release  
 7 under IC 22-15-3 for the model or series of industrialized building  
 8 systems being constructed;

9 (2) demonstrate, in an in-plant inspection, that the industrialized  
 10 building system covered by the application has been constructed  
 11 in conformity with all applicable building laws and fire safety  
 12 laws; and

13 (3) pay the fee set by the ~~commission~~ **department** under  
 14 IC 22-12-6-6.

15 (c) The exemption under ~~IC 22-13-4-2~~ **IC 22-12-2.6-8** applies to an  
 16 industrialized building system certified under this section.

17 SECTION 255. IC 22-15-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 18 SECTION 113, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The department shall certify  
 20 a mobile structure for sale and use in Indiana for an applicant who  
 21 qualifies under this section. If an applicant qualifies for certification  
 22 under this section, the department shall provide the applicant with a  
 23 seal for the certified mobile structure.

24 (b) To qualify for certification under this section, an applicant must:

25 (1) submit proof that the department has issued a design release  
 26 under IC 22-15-3 for the model or series of mobile structures  
 27 being constructed;

28 (2) demonstrate, in an in-plant inspection, that the mobile  
 29 structure covered by the application has been constructed in  
 30 conformity with all applicable building laws and fire safety laws;

31 (3) certify in an affidavit that a seal provided by the department  
 32 will not be attached to a mobile structure that does not conform  
 33 to the requirements adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** in its  
 34 rules; and

35 (4) pay the fee set by the ~~commission~~ **department** under  
 36 IC 22-12-6-6.

37 (c) The exemption under ~~IC 22-13-4-2~~ **IC 22-12-2.6-8** applies to a  
 38 mobile structure certified under this chapter.

39 SECTION 256. IC 22-15-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The ~~commission~~

1 **department** may authorize any qualified person to conduct inspections  
2 and issue certifications under this chapter.

3 SECTION 257. IC 22-15-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. A person who offers  
5 to sell or sells for money or other consideration a mobile structure that:

6 (1) is manufactured after:

7 (A) January 1, 1972, if the mobile structure is designed to be  
8 a dwelling; or

9 (B) June 30, 1987, if the mobile structure is not designed to be  
10 a dwelling; and

11 (2) is kept or transported without:

12 (A) a seal issued under IC 9-8-1.5 (before its repeal on July 1,  
13 1987) or section 2 or 4 of this chapter; and

14 (B) an affidavit from the manufacturer (if the mobile structure  
15 was manufactured in Indiana or the mobile structure was  
16 manufactured outside Indiana and has not been used by its  
17 owner) or a dealer who has sold at least three (3) mobile  
18 structures in the previous twelve (12) month period (if the  
19 mobile structure was manufactured outside Indiana and the  
20 mobile structure has been used by its owner) that states that  
21 the mobile structure meets or exceeds the applicable  
22 requirements adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** in its  
23 rules or an agreement under IC 22-13-2-12;

24 commits a Class C infraction.

25 SECTION 258. IC 22-15-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
26 SECTION 114, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. A person who offers to sell or  
28 sells a mobile structure that:

29 (1) was certified under IC 9-8-1.5 (before its repeal on July 1,  
30 1987) or certified by the department under section 2 or 4 of this  
31 chapter; and

32 (2) has been altered or converted in violation of a rule adopted by  
33 the ~~commission~~; **department**;

34 commits a Class C infraction.

35 SECTION 259. IC 22-15-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
36 SECTION 115, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall issue a  
38 regulated lifting device installation or alteration permit to an applicant  
39 who qualifies under this section.

40 (b) To qualify for a permit under this section, an applicant must

1 meet the following requirements:

2 (1) Demonstrate through the submission of complete plans,  
3 including:

4 (A) copies of specifications and accurately scaled and fully  
5 dimensioned plans showing the location of the installation in  
6 relation to the plans and elevation of the building;

7 (B) plans showing the location of the machine room and the  
8 equipment to be installed, relocated, or altered;

9 (C) plans showing the structural supporting members,  
10 including foundations; and

11 (D) a specification of all materials employed and loads to be  
12 supported or conveyed;

13 that the installation or alteration covered by the application will  
14 comply with all applicable equipment laws. All plans and  
15 specifications must be sufficiently complete to illustrate all details  
16 of construction and design.

17 (2) Pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7).

18 (3) Be the holder of a current elevator contractor license, if  
19 applicable, as set forth under IC 22-15-5-7.

20 (c) A copy of the permit shall be kept at the construction site at all  
21 times while the work is in progress.

22 (d) The regulated lifting device must be installed or altered in  
23 compliance with:

24 (1) applicable codes; and

25 (2) the details of the application, plans, specifications, and  
26 conditions of the permit.

27 (e) The regulated lifting device must be installed or altered under  
28 the direction and control of a licensed contractor. The elevator  
29 contractor does not have to be present at the site.

30 (f) The responsibilities of the department under this section may be  
31 carried out by a political subdivision that is approved by the  
32 ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 22-13-2-10.

33 SECTION 260. IC 22-15-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section does  
35 not apply to minor construction that is exempted from this section  
36 under ~~IC 22-13-4~~. **IC 22-12-2.6**.

37 (b) This section applies to the following:

38 (1) Each person who installs or alters a regulated lifting device,  
39 whether or not required to be licensed under IC 22-15-5-7,  
40 IC 22-15-5-8, IC 22-15-5-9, IC 22-15-5-10, IC 22-15-5-11, or

1 IC 22-15-5-12. However, the installation, alteration, or  
 2 maintenance of a regulated lifting device to which ASME A18.1  
 3 applies is not required to be performed by a mechanic licensed  
 4 under IC 22-15-5-12 or by a contractor licensed under  
 5 IC 22-15-5-7.

6 (2) Each person who has control over the installation or alteration  
 7 of a regulated lifting device.

8 (3) Each person who has control over the place where the  
 9 regulated lifting device is installed or altered.

10 (c) A person described in subsection (b) commits a Class C  
 11 infraction if:

12 (1) a regulated lifting device is installed or altered; and

13 (2) no regulated lifting device installation or alteration permit  
 14 issued under section 1 of this chapter covers the installation or  
 15 alteration.

16 SECTION 261. IC 22-15-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 17 SECTION 116, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) All regulated lifting devices  
 19 shall be registered under this section.

20 (b) The department shall issue a registration for a regulated lifting  
 21 device to an applicant who qualifies under this section.

22 (c) To register a regulated lifting device under this section, an  
 23 applicant must submit, on a form approved by the department, the  
 24 following information:

25 (1) Type, rated load and speed, name of manufacturer, location,  
 26 and the nature of the use of the regulated lifting device.

27 (2) Any information required under the rules adopted by the  
 28 ~~commission.~~ **department.**

29 SECTION 262. IC 22-15-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 30 SECTION 117, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall carry  
 32 out a program for the periodic inspection of regulated lifting devices  
 33 being operated in Indiana. A regulated lifting device may not be  
 34 operated without an operating certificate that covers the operation of  
 35 the regulated lifting device.

36 (b) A permit issued under this section expires on the earlier of:

37 (1) one (1) year after issuance; or

38 (2) when the regulated lifting device is altered.

39 (c) After a regulated lifting device has been installed or altered, an  
 40 applicant shall apply for an initial operating certificate. The department

1 shall issue an initial operating certificate for a regulated lifting device  
2 if:

3 (1) the applicant demonstrates:

4 (A) through an acceptance inspection made by an elevator  
5 inspector licensed under section 11 of this chapter that the  
6 regulated lifting device covered by the application complies  
7 with the laws governing its construction, repair, maintenance,  
8 and operation; and

9 (B) that the applicant has paid the fee set under  
10 IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7); and

11 (2) the department verifies, through an inspection, that the  
12 regulated lifting device complies with the laws governing the  
13 construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of the regulated  
14 lifting device.

15 (d) The department shall issue a renewal operating certificate if the  
16 applicant:

17 (1) demonstrates through the completion of applicable safety tests  
18 that the regulated lifting device complies with the laws governing  
19 the construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of the  
20 regulated lifting device;

21 (2) submits results of all applicable safety tests, including failed  
22 safety tests for the regulated lifting device; and

23 (3) has paid the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7).

24 (e) The department may issue a temporary operating permit to an  
25 applicant under this section who does not comply with subsection  
26 (c)(1)(A) for a new or altered regulated lifting device or subsection  
27 (d)(1) for an existing unaltered regulated lifting device. The applicant  
28 must pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(7) to qualify for the  
29 temporary operating permit. Except as provided in subsection (f), the  
30 permit, including all renewal periods, is limited to sixty (60) days.

31 (f) The department may renew a temporary operating permit issued  
32 under subsection (e) for thirty (30) day periods during the construction  
33 of a building if the regulated lifting device is used for the transportation  
34 of construction personnel, tools, and materials.

35 (g) The responsibilities of the department under this section may be  
36 carried out by a political subdivision that is approved by the  
37 ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 22-13-2-10.

38 (h) A copy of the operating certificate shall be displayed in or on  
39 each regulated lifting device or in an associated machine room. In  
40 addition to the requirements of this subsection, the two-dimensional bar

1 code assigned to an elevator shall be displayed in or on each elevator  
2 in a location that is easily viewed and scanned by a person riding on the  
3 elevator.

4 (i) A licensed elevator mechanic shall perform the maintenance on  
5 a regulated lifting device.

6 SECTION 263. IC 22-15-5-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
7 SECTION 309, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The following definitions  
9 apply to sections 7 through 16 of this chapter:

10 (1) "Competency examination" means an examination that  
11 thoroughly tests the scope of the knowledge and skill of the  
12 applicant for the license.

13 (2) "Elevator apprentice" means an individual who works under  
14 the direct supervision of a licensed elevator mechanic. The term  
15 includes an individual commonly known as an elevator helper  
16 while working under the direct supervision of a licensed elevator  
17 mechanic.

18 (3) "Elevator contractor" means a person who alone or with other  
19 persons, constructs, repairs, alters, remodels, adds to, subtracts  
20 from, or improves a regulated lifting device and who is  
21 responsible for substantially all the regulated lifting devices  
22 within the entire project, or who fabricates elevator lifting devices  
23 substantially completed and ready for installation.

24 (4) "Elevator inspector" means an individual who conducts the  
25 acceptance inspection of a regulated lifting device required by  
26 section 4(c)(1)(A) of this chapter.

27 (5) "Elevator mechanic" means an individual who engages in the  
28 construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance, mechanical,  
29 or electrical work or adjustments of a regulated lifting device.

30 (6) "License" means a certificate issued by the department that  
31 confers upon the holder the privilege to act as an elevator  
32 contractor, elevator inspector, or elevator mechanic.

33 (7) "Licensing program" means the program for licensing elevator  
34 contractors, elevator inspectors, and elevator mechanics  
35 established under this section and sections 7 through 16 of this  
36 chapter.

37 (8) "Municipality" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-11.

38 (9) "Person" means:

39 (A) a natural person;

40 (B) the partners or members of a partnership or a limited

- 1 partnership;
- 2 (C) a state educational institution; or
- 3 (D) a corporation or the officers, directors, and employees of
- 4 the corporation.
- 5 (10) "Practitioner" means a person that holds:
- 6 (A) an unlimited license;
- 7 (B) a limited or probationary license;
- 8 (C) a temporary license;
- 9 (D) an emergency license; or
- 10 (E) an inactive license.
- 11 (b) The ~~commission and the~~ department shall establish a program
- 12 to license elevator contractors, elevator mechanics, and elevator
- 13 inspectors.
- 14 (c) The department shall issue a license as an elevator contractor, an
- 15 elevator mechanic, or an elevator inspector to a person who qualifies
- 16 and complies with the provisions of the licensing program. A person
- 17 who receives a license under this chapter is subject to the supervision
- 18 and control of the department.
- 19 (d) The department may contract with public and private
- 20 institutions, agencies, businesses, and organizations to implement all
- 21 or part of its duties established under this chapter.
- 22 (e) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
- 23 to implement the licensing program.
- 24 SECTION 264. IC 22-15-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,
- 25 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) An individual may not act as an elevator
- 27 contractor unless the individual:
- 28 (1) holds an elevator contractor license issued under this chapter;
- 29 or
- 30 (2) is an employee of a partnership, a limited partnership, a
- 31 corporation, or a state educational institution that holds an
- 32 elevator contractor license issued under this chapter.
- 33 (b) A partnership, a limited partnership, a corporation, or a state
- 34 educational institution may not act as an elevator contractor unless it
- 35 holds an elevator contractor license issued under this chapter.
- 36 (c) An individual who is an applicant for an elevator contractor
- 37 license shall:
- 38 (1) hold a valid elevator contractor license issued by another state
- 39 that has a licensing program that, as determined by the
- 40 department, ~~or the commission~~, is equivalent to the elevator

1 contractor licensing program established under this chapter; or  
 2 (2) except as otherwise provided, satisfy both of the following  
 3 requirements:

4 (A) Have at least five (5) years of documented work  
 5 experience in the elevator industry in construction,  
 6 maintenance, and service or repair in Indiana.

7 (B) Successfully complete a written competency examination  
 8 approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

9 (d) A corporation or a state educational institution that is an  
 10 applicant for an elevator contractor license must have at least one (1)  
 11 officer or employee of the corporation or a state educational institution  
 12 that holds a valid elevator contractor license issued under this chapter.  
 13 A license granted to a corporation or a state educational institution to  
 14 act as an elevator contractor under this chapter becomes invalid when  
 15 an officer or employee of the corporation or state educational  
 16 institution no longer holds a valid elevator contractor license issued  
 17 under this chapter.

18 (e) A partnership or limited partnership that is an applicant for an  
 19 elevator contractor license must have at least one (1) partner or general  
 20 partner that holds a valid elevator contractor license issued under this  
 21 chapter. A license granted to a partnership or limited partnership to act  
 22 as an elevator contractor under this chapter becomes invalid when the  
 23 partner of a partnership or general partner of a limited partnership  
 24 named in the application no longer holds a valid elevator contractor  
 25 license as provided by this chapter.

26 SECTION 265. IC 22-15-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
 27 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) An individual may not act as an elevator  
 29 inspector unless the individual holds an elevator inspector license  
 30 issued under this chapter.

31 (b) An individual who is an applicant for an elevator inspector  
 32 license shall meet the standards set forth in American Society of  
 33 Mechanical Engineers (ASME) American National Standard QEI-1  
 34 (Standard for the Qualification of Elevator Inspectors) or other  
 35 nationally accepted standard qualifying authority that the ~~commission~~  
 36 **department** has determined has equivalent requirements as ASME  
 37 QEI-1 for obtaining and retaining certification.

38 (c) An applicant for an initial elevator inspector license must do the  
 39 following:

40 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the

- 1 department that contains the following information:
- 2 (A) The name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail  
3 address of the applicant.
- 4 (B) Any other information the department requires.
- 5 (2) Submit to the department any proof of eligibility the  
6 department requires.
- 7 (3) Demonstrate proof of insurance as required by section 14 of  
8 this chapter.
- 9 (4) Pay the license fee established under IC 22-12-6-6. The  
10 license fee is nonrefundable and must be paid each time an  
11 applicant submits an application.
- 12 (5) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided  
13 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge  
14 and belief.
- 15 (d) An applicant for a renewal elevator inspector license shall:
- 16 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the  
17 department that contains the following information:
- 18 (A) The name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail  
19 address of the applicant.
- 20 (B) Any other information the department requires.
- 21 (2) Submit proof of completion of the continuing education  
22 required by section 15 of this chapter.
- 23 (3) Demonstrate proof of insurance as required by section 14 of  
24 this chapter.
- 25 (4) Pay the license fee established under IC 22-12-6-6. The  
26 license fee is nonrefundable and must be paid each time an  
27 applicant submits an application.
- 28 (5) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided  
29 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge  
30 and belief.
- 31 (e) An initial elevator inspector license issued under this chapter  
32 expires on December 31 of the second year after the license was issued.
- 33 (f) A renewal of an elevator inspector license is valid for two (2)  
34 years.
- 35 (g) An individual who engages in the business of an elevator  
36 inspector shall carry the individual's license and present the license for  
37 inspection by a representative of the department upon request.
- 38 (h) If the QEI-1 certification or other certification standard approved  
39 by the ~~commission~~ **department** that made the individual eligible for an  
40 inspector license under subsection (b):

- 1 (1) is terminated;  
 2 (2) expires; or  
 3 (3) becomes invalid for any other reason;

4 the elevator inspector's license immediately becomes invalid.

5 SECTION 266. IC 22-15-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2019,  
 6 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) An individual may not act as an elevator  
 8 mechanic unless the individual holds an elevator mechanic license  
 9 issued under this chapter. A license is not required for an elevator  
 10 apprentice.

11 (b) An individual who is an applicant for an elevator mechanic  
 12 license must meet one (1) of the following eligibility criteria:

13 (1) Hold an active elevator mechanic license issued by a state that  
 14 the ~~commission~~ **department** has determined has a licensing  
 15 program that is at least equivalent to the elevator mechanic  
 16 licensing program established under this chapter.

17 (2) Satisfy both of the following:

18 (A) Have at least one (1) of the following types of work  
 19 experience or training:

20 (i) Have at least three (3) years of documented work  
 21 experience in the elevator industry in construction,  
 22 maintenance, and service or repair.

23 (ii) Have at least eighteen (18) months experience in the  
 24 elevator industry in construction, maintenance, and service  
 25 or repair and have at least three (3) years experience in a  
 26 related field that is certified by a licensed elevator  
 27 contractor.

28 (iii) Complete an apprenticeship program that is registered  
 29 with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the  
 30 United States Department of Labor or a state apprenticeship  
 31 program and that the ~~commission~~ **department** determines  
 32 is at least equivalent to three (3) years of work experience in  
 33 the elevator industry in construction, maintenance, and  
 34 service or repair.

35 (B) Successfully complete a written competency examination  
 36 approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

37 (3) Successfully complete an elevator mechanic's program that  
 38 consists of a combination of extensive training and a  
 39 comprehensive examination that the ~~commission~~ **department** has  
 40 determined is at least equivalent to both the work experience

1 required under subdivision (2)(A)(i) and the competency  
2 examination established under subdivision (2)(B).

3 (c) An applicant for an initial elevator mechanic license must do the  
4 following:

5 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the  
6 department that contains the following information:

7 (A) The name, business address, telephone number, and  
8 electronic mail address of the applicant.

9 (B) Any other information the department requires.

10 (2) Submit to the department any proof of eligibility the  
11 department requires.

12 (3) Pay the nonrefundable and nontransferable license fee  
13 established under IC 22-12-6-6.

14 (4) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided  
15 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge  
16 and belief.

17 (d) An applicant for a renewal elevator mechanic license must do  
18 the following:

19 (1) Submit to the department an application provided by the  
20 department that contains the following information:

21 (A) The name, business address, telephone number, and  
22 electronic mail address of the applicant.

23 (B) Any other information the department requires.

24 (2) Submit proof of completion of the continuing education  
25 required by section 15 of this chapter.

26 (3) Pay the nonrefundable and nontransferable license fee  
27 established under IC 22-12-6-6.

28 (4) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided  
29 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge  
30 and belief.

31 (e) An initial elevator mechanic license issued under this chapter  
32 expires on December 31 of the second year after the license was issued.

33 (f) A renewal of an elevator mechanic license is valid for two (2)  
34 years.

35 (g) An individual engaged in the business of an elevator mechanic  
36 shall carry the individual's license and present the license for inspection  
37 by a representative of the department upon request.

38 SECTION 267. IC 22-15-5-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) This section  
40 does not apply to a licensed elevator contractor that is not an

1 individual.

2 (b) To renew a license issued under this licensing program, the  
3 license holder must satisfy the continuing education requirement and  
4 submit a proof of completion of training to the department.

5 (c) The continuing education requirement is at least eight (8) hours  
6 of instruction that must be attended and completed within one (1) year  
7 before a license renewal.

8 (d) The continuing education courses designed to ensure the  
9 continuing education of an individual holding a license regarding new  
10 and existing provisions of the rules of the ~~commission~~ **department**  
11 may include:

- 12 (1) programs sponsored by the ~~commission~~; **department**;  
13 (2) trade association seminars;  
14 (3) labor training programs; or  
15 (4) joint labor management apprenticeship and journeyman  
16 upgrade training programs.

17 For an individual's completion of a continuing education course to  
18 satisfy the individual's continuing education requirement under this  
19 chapter, the continuing education provider, instructor and the  
20 curriculum must have been approved by the department.

21 (e) All instructors of continuing education courses must be approved  
22 by the department. If an instructor is approved by the department, has  
23 worked as an instructor teaching a curriculum approved by the  
24 department at any time within the year preceding the expiration date of  
25 the license, and submits proof of this work to the department, the  
26 instructor is exempt from the requirements of subsection (c).

27 (f) Continuing education providers shall keep uniform records of  
28 attendance at approved continuing education courses for at least ten  
29 (10) years on forms designed and distributed by the department.

30 (g) A license holder who is unable to complete the continuing  
31 education required under this chapter before the expiration of the  
32 individual's license due to temporary physical or mental disability may  
33 apply for a waiver from the department in accordance with the  
34 following:

35 (1) A waiver application must be submitted to the department on  
36 a form established by the department.

37 (2) A waiver application must be signed and accompanied by an  
38 affidavit signed by the physician of the applicant attesting to the  
39 applicant's temporary disability.

40 (h) After the cessation of the temporary disability, the applicant

1 must submit to the department a certification from the same physician,  
 2 if the physician is still the treating physician of the applicant, or from  
 3 a subsequent treating physician attesting to the termination of the  
 4 temporary disability.

5 (i) Upon the submission of the certification under subsection (h), the  
 6 department shall issue a temporary waiver of the continuing education  
 7 requirement. A temporary waiver is valid for ninety (90) days after the  
 8 date of issue and allows the individual to work as an elevator  
 9 contractor, elevator inspector, or elevator mechanic without the  
 10 completion of the continuing education requirement for ninety (90)  
 11 days.

12 (j) A temporary waiver of the continuing education requirement may  
 13 not be renewed.

14 SECTION 268. IC 22-15-5-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,  
 15 SECTION 123, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) A practitioner shall comply  
 17 with the standards established under this licensing program. A  
 18 practitioner is subject to the exercise of the disciplinary sanctions under  
 19 IC 22-12-7-7 if the department finds that a practitioner has:

- 20 (1) engaged in or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material  
 21 deception in order to obtain a license to practice, including  
 22 cheating on a licensing examination;
- 23 (2) engaged in fraud or material deception in the course of  
 24 professional services or activities;
- 25 (3) advertised services or goods in a false or misleading manner;
- 26 (4) falsified or knowingly allowed another person to falsify  
 27 attendance records or certificates of completion of continuing  
 28 education courses provided under this chapter;
- 29 (5) been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the  
 30 practitioner's ability to continue to practice competently;
- 31 (6) knowingly violated a state statute or rule or federal statute or  
 32 regulation regulating the profession for which the practitioner is  
 33 licensed;
- 34 (7) continued to practice although the practitioner has become  
 35 unfit to practice due to:
  - 36 (A) professional incompetence;
  - 37 (B) failure to keep abreast of current professional theory or  
 38 practice;
  - 39 (C) physical or mental disability; or
  - 40 (D) addiction to, abuse of, or severe dependency on alcohol or

- 1           other drugs that endanger the public by impairing a  
2           practitioner's ability to practice safely;
- 3           (8) engaged in a course of lewd or immoral conduct in connection  
4           with the delivery of services to the public;
- 5           (9) allowed the practitioner's name or a license issued under this  
6           chapter to be used in connection with an individual or business  
7           who renders services beyond the scope of that individual's or  
8           business's training, experience, or competence;
- 9           (10) had disciplinary action taken against the practitioner or the  
10          practitioner's license to practice in another state or jurisdiction on  
11          grounds similar to those under this chapter;
- 12          (11) assisted another person in committing an act that would  
13          constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under this chapter;  
14          or
- 15          (12) allowed a license issued by the department to be:
- 16                (A) used by another person; or
- 17                (B) displayed to the public when the license has expired, is  
18                inactive, is invalid, or has been revoked or suspended.

19          For purposes of subdivision (10), a certified copy of a record of  
20          disciplinary action constitutes prima facie evidence of a disciplinary  
21          action in another jurisdiction.

22          (b) If an applicant or a practitioner has engaged in or knowingly  
23          cooperated in fraud or material deception to obtain a license to  
24          practice, including cheating on the licensing examination, the  
25          department may rescind the license if it has been granted, void the  
26          examination or other fraudulent or deceptive material, and prohibit the  
27          applicant from reapplying for the license for a length of time  
28          established by the department.

29          (c) The department may deny licensure to an applicant who has had  
30          disciplinary action taken against the applicant or the applicant's license  
31          to practice in another state or jurisdiction or who has practiced without  
32          a license in violation of the law. A certified copy of the record of  
33          disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the other jurisdiction's  
34          disciplinary action.

35          (d) The department may order a practitioner to submit to a  
36          reasonable physical or mental examination if the practitioner's physical  
37          or mental capacity to practice safely and competently is at issue in a  
38          disciplinary proceeding. Failure to comply with a department order to  
39          submit to a physical or mental examination makes a practitioner liable  
40          to temporary suspension under subsection (h).

1 (e) Except as provided under subsection (f) or (g), a license may not  
2 be denied, revoked, or suspended because the applicant or holder has  
3 been convicted of an offense. The acts from which the applicant's or  
4 holder's conviction resulted may, however, be considered as to whether  
5 the applicant or holder should be entrusted to serve the public in a  
6 specific capacity.

7 (f) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke a license issued  
8 under this chapter if the individual who holds the license is convicted  
9 of any of the following:

10 (1) Possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug under IC 35-48-4-6.

11 (2) Possession of methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-6.1.

12 (3) Possession of a controlled substance under IC 35-48-4-7(a).

13 (4) Fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance under  
14 IC 35-48-4-7(b) (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or  
15 IC 35-48-4-7(c) (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).

16 (5) Manufacture of paraphernalia as a Class D felony (for a crime  
17 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
18 committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-48-4-8.1(c).

19 (6) Dealing in paraphernalia as a Class D felony (for a crime  
20 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
21 committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-48-4-8.5(b).

22 (7) Possession of paraphernalia as a Class D felony (for a crime  
23 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
24 committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-48-4-8.3(b) (before  
25 its amendment on July 1, 2015).

26 (8) Possession of marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a Class  
27 D felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level  
28 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014) under  
29 IC 35-48-4-11.

30 (9) A felony offense under IC 35-48-4 involving possession of a  
31 synthetic drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321), possession of a  
32 controlled substance analog (as defined in IC 35-48-1.1-8), or  
33 possession of a synthetic drug lookalike substance (as defined in  
34 IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019)) as a:

35 (A) Class D felony for a crime committed before July 1, 2014;

36 or

37 (B) Level 6 felony for a crime committed after June 30, 2014;  
38 under IC 35-48-4-11.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019).

39 (10) Maintaining a common nuisance under IC 35-48-4-13  
40 (repealed) or IC 35-45-1-5, if the common nuisance involves a

1 controlled substance.

2 (11) An offense relating to registration, labeling, and prescription  
3 forms under IC 35-48-4-14.

4 (g) The department shall deny, revoke, or suspend a license issued  
5 under this chapter if the individual who holds the license is convicted  
6 of any of the following:

7 (1) Dealing in a controlled substance resulting in death under  
8 IC 35-42-1-1.5.

9 (2) Dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug under IC 35-48-4-1.

10 (3) Dealing in methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-1.1.

11 (4) Manufacturing methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-1.2.

12 (5) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance under  
13 IC 35-48-4-2.

14 (6) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance under  
15 IC 35-48-4-3.

16 (7) Dealing in a schedule V controlled substance under  
17 IC 35-48-4-4.

18 (8) Dealing in a substance represented to be a controlled  
19 substance under IC 35-48-4-4.5 (repealed).

20 (9) Knowingly or intentionally manufacturing, advertising,  
21 distributing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, advertise,  
22 or distribute a substance represented to be a controlled substance  
23 under IC 35-48-4-4.6.

24 (10) Dealing in a counterfeit substance under IC 35-48-4-5.

25 (11) Dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia as a felony  
26 under IC 35-48-4-10.

27 (12) An offense under IC 35-48-4 involving the manufacture or  
28 sale of a synthetic drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321), a  
29 synthetic drug lookalike substance (as defined in  
30 IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019)) under  
31 IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019), a controlled  
32 substance analog (as defined in IC 35-48-1.1-8), or a substance  
33 represented to be a controlled substance (as described in  
34 IC 35-48-4-4.6).

35 (13) A violation of any federal or state drug law or rule related to  
36 wholesale legend drug distributors licensed under IC 25-26-14.

37 (h) The department may temporarily suspend a practitioner's license  
38 under IC 4-21.5-4 before a final adjudication or during the appeals  
39 process if the department finds that a practitioner represents a clear and  
40 immediate danger to the public's health, safety, or property if the

1 practitioner is allowed to continue to practice.

2 (i) On receipt of a complaint or an information alleging that a person  
3 licensed under this chapter has engaged in or is engaging in a practice  
4 that jeopardizes the public health, safety, or welfare, the department  
5 shall initiate an investigation against the person.

6 (j) Any complaint filed with the office of the attorney general  
7 alleging a violation of this licensing program shall be referred to the  
8 department for summary review and for its general information and any  
9 authorized action at the time of the filing.

10 (k) The department shall conduct a fact finding investigation as the  
11 department considers proper in relation to the complaint.

12 (l) A practitioner may petition the department to accept the  
13 surrender of the practitioner's license. The practitioner may not  
14 surrender the practitioner's license without the written approval of the  
15 department, and the department may impose any conditions appropriate  
16 to the surrender or reinstatement of a surrendered license.

17 (m) A practitioner who has been subjected to disciplinary sanctions  
18 may be required by the ~~commission~~ **department** to pay the costs of the  
19 proceeding. The practitioner's ability to pay shall be considered when  
20 costs are assessed. If the practitioner fails to pay the costs, a suspension  
21 may not be imposed solely upon the practitioner's inability to pay the  
22 amount assessed. The costs are limited to costs for the following:

- 23 (1) Court reporters.
- 24 (2) Transcripts.
- 25 (3) Certification of documents.
- 26 (4) Photo duplication.
- 27 (5) Witness attendance and mileage fees.
- 28 (6) Postage.
- 29 (7) Expert witnesses.
- 30 (8) Depositions.
- 31 (9) Notarizations.

32 SECTION 269. IC 22-15-6-0.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
33 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.5. This chapter applies to a regulated boiler and  
35 pressure vessel as set forth in rules adopted by the ~~commission~~  
36 **department** under IC 4-22-2.

37 SECTION 270. IC 22-15-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
38 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. Sections 2 through 3 of this chapter do not  
40 apply to any regulated boiler or pressure vessel exempted by a rule

- 1 adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under IC 4-22-2.
- 2 SECTION 271. IC 22-15-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,  
3 SECTION 167, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The department may conduct  
5 a program of inspections of regulated boilers and pressure vessels.
- 6 (b) The department shall do the following:
- 7 (1) Issue a regulated boiler and pressure vessel operating permit  
8 to an applicant who qualifies under this section.
- 9 (2) Perform an operating permit inspection of a boiler or pressure  
10 vessel owned by the state.
- 11 (3) Conduct a program to audit boiler and pressure vessel  
12 inspectors licensed under section 5 of this chapter.
- 13 (4) Conduct a program to audit inspections completed by a boiler  
14 and pressure vessel inspector licensed under section 5 of this  
15 chapter.
- 16 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e), an operating permit issued  
17 under this section expires one (1) year after it is issued.
- 18 (d) To qualify for an operating permit or to renew an operating  
19 permit under this section, an applicant must do the following:
- 20 (1) Apply for an operating permit on a form approved by the  
21 department.
- 22 (2) Demonstrate through an inspection, performed by an inspector  
23 licensed under section 5 of this chapter, that the regulated boiler  
24 or pressure vessel covered by the application complies with the  
25 rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department**.
- 26 (3) Submit a report of the inspection conducted under subdivision  
27 (2) to the department.
- 28 (4) Pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(8).
- 29 (e) The ~~commission~~ **department** may, by rule adopted under  
30 IC 4-22-2, specify:
- 31 (1) a period between inspections of more than one (1) year; and  
32 (2) an expiration date for an operating permit longer than one (1)  
33 year from the date of issuance.
- 34 However, the ~~commission~~ **department** may not set an inspection  
35 period of greater than five (5) years or issue an operating permit valid  
36 for a period of more than five (5) years for regulated pressure vessels  
37 or steam generating equipment that is an integral part of a continuous  
38 processing unit.
- 39 (f) For any inspection conducted by the department under this  
40 section, the department may designate an inspector licensed under

1 section 5 of this chapter to act as the department's agent for purposes  
2 of the inspection.

3 (g) The ~~commission~~ **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2  
4 to implement this chapter.

5 SECTION 272. IC 22-15-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
6 SECTION 120, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The department shall issue a  
8 boiler and pressure vessel inspector license to an applicant who  
9 qualifies under this section.

10 (b) To qualify for a license under this section an applicant must:

11 (1) meet the qualifications set by the ~~commission~~ **department** in  
12 its rules;

13 (2) pass an examination approved by the ~~commission~~ **department**  
14 and conducted, supervised, and graded as prescribed by the  
15 ~~commission;~~ **department;** and

16 (3) pay the fee set under IC 22-12-6-6(a)(9).

17 (c) The ~~commission~~ **department** may exempt an applicant from any  
18 part of the examination required by subsection (b) if the applicant has:

19 (1) a boiler and pressure vessel inspector's license issued by  
20 another state with qualifications substantially equal to the  
21 qualifications for a license under this section; or

22 (2) a commission as a boiler and pressure vessel inspector issued  
23 by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

24 (d) The ~~commission~~ **department** may sanction a boiler and pressure  
25 vessel inspector under IC 22-12-7 if the boiler and pressure vessel  
26 inspector violates this chapter or rules adopted by the ~~commission~~  
27 **department.**

28 SECTION 273. IC 22-15-7-0.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2024,  
29 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), the  
31 department shall not inspect, and operating permits are not required  
32 for, the following regulated amusement devices:

33 (1) A barrel train pulled by a garden tractor or a rubber tired farm  
34 tractor propelled by a motor of not more than forty (40)  
35 horsepower.

36 (2) A regulated amusement device exempt from the operating  
37 permit and inspection requirements by a rule of the ~~commission~~  
38 **department.**

39 (b) A regulated amusement device covered by this section shall  
40 comply with all other requirements applicable to regulated amusement

1 devices under this chapter.

2 (c) The department may perform an inspection of a regulated  
3 amusement device covered by this section only if a valid complaint or  
4 incident is reported to the department concerning the regulated  
5 amusement device.

6 SECTION 274. IC 22-15-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
7 SECTION 122, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The department shall issue a  
9 regulated amusement device operating permit to an applicant who  
10 qualifies under this section. If an applicant qualifies for a permit under  
11 this section, an inspector shall place an inspection seal on the device  
12 that is covered by the permit.

13 (b) A permit issued under this section:

- 14 (1) expires one (1) year from the date the permit was issued; and  
15 (2) may be renewed if the applicant continues to qualify for a  
16 permit under this section.

17 (c) To qualify for a permit under this section, an applicant or an  
18 authorized officer of the applicant shall pay the inspection fee set under  
19 IC 22-12-6-6 and execute an application form affirming under penalties  
20 for perjury the following:

21 (1) That all information provided in the application is true to the  
22 best of the applicant's or officer's knowledge and belief after  
23 reasonable investigation.

24 (2) That all personnel employed by the applicant having  
25 maintenance responsibility for the amusement devices have or  
26 will have sufficient background, knowledge, skills, and training  
27 to adequately maintain the amusement devices under the rules of  
28 the ~~commission~~ **department**.

29 (3) That all persons employed by the applicant having operational  
30 responsibility for the amusement devices have or will have  
31 sufficient background, knowledge, skills, and training to  
32 adequately operate the amusement devices under the rules of the  
33 ~~commission~~ **department**.

34 (4) That adequate training will be provided or otherwise made  
35 available on an ongoing basis to maintenance and operational  
36 personnel to ensure the continuous compliance of the personnel  
37 with the standards set forth in subdivisions (2) and (3).

38 (5) That all maintenance and operational personnel will be trained  
39 to recognize and report any condition that would prohibit the safe  
40 operation of the amusement device.

1 (6) That, upon discovering a condition that would prohibit the  
 2 safe operation of an amusement device, both operational and  
 3 maintenance personnel must possess the requisite authority to  
 4 immediately shut down the amusement device and report the  
 5 condition of the amusement device to supervisory personnel. An  
 6 amusement device that is shut down under this subdivision may  
 7 not be returned to operation until the amusement device complies  
 8 with ASTM standards for operation.

9 (7) That the applicant assumes full financial responsibility for:

10 (A) any condition or circumstance occasioned by, caused by,  
 11 or resulting from noncompliance with the maintenance and  
 12 operational standards set forth in subdivisions (2) through (6);  
 13 and

14 (B) any death, injury, or other loss occasioned by, caused by,  
 15 or resulting from noncompliance with the maintenance and  
 16 operational standards set forth in subdivisions (2) through (6).

17 (d) The execution of an application under subsection (c) by an  
 18 officer of an applicant corporation does not create individual financial  
 19 liability for the officer.

20 (e) The applicant must satisfy an inspector for the department that  
 21 the regulated amusement device meets the safety requirements set by  
 22 the ~~commission~~ **department**.

23 SECTION 275. IC 22-15-7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
 24 SECTION 124, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The ~~commission~~ **department**  
 26 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define appropriate training for a  
 27 person who inspects regulated amusement devices.

28 (b) The rules required under this section must, at a minimum,  
 29 provide the following:

30 (1) The adoption by reference of:

31 (A) ASTM F 698 (1994 edition) ("Specification for Physical  
 32 Information to be Provided to Amusement Rides and  
 33 Devices");

34 (B) ASTM F 770 (1993 edition) ("Practice for Operation  
 35 Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices");

36 (C) ASTM F 846 (1992 edition) ("Guide for Testing  
 37 Performance of Amusement Rides and Devices");

38 (D) ASTM F 853 (1993 edition) ("Practice for Maintenance  
 39 Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices");

40 (E) ASTM F 893 (1987 edition) ("Guide for Inspection of

- 1 Amusement Rides and Devices");
- 2 (F) ASTM F 1305 (1994 edition) ("Standard Guides for the
- 3 Classification of Amusement Ride and Device Related Injuries
- 4 and Illnesses"); or
- 5 (G) any subsequent published editions of the ASTM standards
- 6 described in clauses (A) through (F).
- 7 (2) A requirement that inspectors employed or contracted by the
- 8 department:
- 9 (A) have and maintain at least:
- 10 (i) a Level 1 certification from the National Association of
- 11 Amusement Ride Safety Officials or an equivalent
- 12 organization approved by the ~~commission~~; **department**; or
- 13 (ii) an equivalent certification under a process or system
- 14 approved by the ~~commission~~; **department**; and
- 15 (B) conduct inspections that conform to the rules of the
- 16 ~~commission~~; **department**.
- 17 (3) A requirement that regulated amusement devices be operated
- 18 and maintained in accordance with the rules of the ~~commission~~;
- 19 **department**.
- 20 (4) The ~~commission's~~ **department's** chief inspector or supervisor
- 21 of regulated amusement device inspectors must have and
- 22 maintain a Level I certification.

23 SECTION 276. IC 22-15-7-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. In addition to a

25 regularly scheduled inspection of a regulated amusement device, the

26 ~~commission~~ **department** may, upon demand by the ~~commission~~;

27 **department**, inspect a regulated amusement device at any time

28 following:

- 29 (1) the report of an accident involving the regulated amusement
- 30 device; or
- 31 (2) a complaint concerning the regulated amusement device.
- 32 SECTION 277. IC 25-1-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2023,
- 33 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The agency shall employ necessary staff,
- 35 including specialists and professionals, to carry out the administrative
- 36 duties and functions of the boards, including but not limited to:
- 37 (1) notice of board meetings and other communication services;
- 38 (2) recordkeeping of board meetings, proceedings, and actions;
- 39 (3) recordkeeping of all persons licensed, regulated, or certified
- 40 by a board;

- 1 (4) administration of examinations; and  
 2 (5) administration of license or certificate issuance or renewal.  
 3 (b) In addition, the agency:  
 4 (1) shall prepare a consolidated statement of the budget requests  
 5 of all the boards described in IC 25-0.5-5;  
 6 (2) may coordinate licensing or certification renewal cycles,  
 7 examination schedules, or other routine activities to efficiently  
 8 utilize agency staff, facilities, and transportation resources, and to  
 9 improve accessibility of board functions to the public;  
 10 (3) may consolidate, where feasible, office space, recordkeeping,  
 11 and data processing services;  
 12 (4) shall operate and maintain the electronic registry of  
 13 professions established under IC 25-1-5.5;  
 14 (5) shall post each board's public meeting agenda on the  
 15 applicable board's website not less than seventy-two (72) hours  
 16 before a board's public meeting;  
 17 (6) shall post each board's public meeting minutes on the  
 18 applicable board's website not more than fourteen (14) calendar  
 19 days after adoption of the minutes by the board;  
 20 (7) shall post any vacancy on a board on the applicable board's  
 21 website within fourteen (14) calendar days of the vacancy;  
 22 (8) notwithstanding any other law:  
 23 (A) shall prescribe the application form and manner for each  
 24 board; and  
 25 (B) shall make any new application form publicly available on  
 26 the applicable board's website for sixty (60) calendar days  
 27 before being adopted by the agency; ~~and~~  
 28 (9) shall send notification of incomplete items in an application  
 29 to the applicant every fourteen (14) calendar days after the  
 30 applicant initiates the application until the earlier of the  
 31 following:  
 32 (A) The date the application is completed.  
 33 (B) One (1) calendar year after the applicant initiates the  
 34 application; **and**  
 35 **(10) may adopt and enforce procedural rules under**  
 36 **IC 25-1-6-3.**  
 37 (c) In administering the renewal of licenses or certificates under this  
 38 chapter, the agency shall send a notice of the upcoming expiration of  
 39 a license or certificate to each holder of a license or certificate at least  
 40 ninety (90) days before the expiration of the license or certificate. The

1 notice must inform the holder of the license or certificate of the need  
2 to renew and the requirement of payment of the renewal fee. If this  
3 notice of expiration is not sent by the agency, the holder of the license  
4 or certificate is not subject to a sanction for failure to renew if, once  
5 notice is received from the agency, the license or certificate is renewed  
6 within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the notice.

7 (d) In administering an examination for licensure or certification,  
8 the agency shall make the appropriate application forms available at  
9 least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting an application  
10 to all persons wishing to take the examination.

11 (e) The agency may require an applicant for license renewal to  
12 submit evidence proving that:

13 (1) the applicant continues to meet the minimum requirements for  
14 licensure; and

15 (2) the applicant is not in violation of:

16 (A) the statute regulating the applicant's profession; or

17 (B) rules adopted by the board regulating the applicant's  
18 profession.

19 (f) The agency shall process an application for renewal of a license  
20 or certificate:

21 (1) not later than ten (10) days after the agency receives all  
22 required forms and evidence; or

23 (2) within twenty-four (24) hours after the time that an applicant  
24 for renewal appears in person at the agency with all required  
25 forms and evidence.

26 This subsection does not require the agency to issue a renewal license  
27 or certificate to an applicant if subsection (g) applies.

28 (g) The agency may delay issuing a license renewal for up to one  
29 hundred twenty (120) days after the renewal date for the purpose of  
30 permitting the board to investigate information received by the agency  
31 that the applicant for renewal may have committed an act for which the  
32 applicant may be disciplined. If the agency delays issuing a license  
33 renewal, the agency shall notify the applicant that the applicant is being  
34 investigated. Except as provided in subsection (h), before the end of the  
35 one hundred twenty (120) day period, the board shall do one (1) of the  
36 following:

37 (1) Deny the license renewal following a personal appearance by  
38 the applicant before the board.

39 (2) Issue the license renewal upon satisfaction of all other  
40 conditions for renewal.

1 (3) Issue the license renewal and file a complaint under IC 25-1-7.

2 (4) Upon agreement of the applicant and the board and following  
3 a personal appearance by the applicant before the board, renew  
4 the license and place the applicant on probation status under  
5 IC 25-1-9-9.

6 (h) If an individual fails to appear before the board under subsection  
7 (g), the board may take action on the applicant's license allowed under  
8 subsection (g)(1), (g)(2), or (g)(3).

9 (i) The applicant's license remains valid until the final determination  
10 of the board is rendered unless the renewal is denied or the license is  
11 summarily suspended under IC 25-1-9-10.

12 (j) The license of the applicant for a license renewal remains valid  
13 during the one hundred twenty (120) day period unless the license  
14 renewal is denied following a personal appearance by the applicant  
15 before the board before the end of the one hundred twenty (120) day  
16 period. If the one hundred twenty (120) day period expires without  
17 action by the board, the license shall be automatically renewed at the  
18 end of the one hundred twenty (120) day period.

19 (k) The board's renewal of a license does not preclude the board  
20 from imposing sanctions on the licensee as a result of a complaint filed  
21 by the attorney general after renewal of the license.

22 (l) Notwithstanding any other statute, the agency may stagger  
23 license or certificate renewal cycles. However, if a renewal cycle for a  
24 specific board or committee is changed, the agency must obtain the  
25 approval of the affected board or committee.

26 (m) An application for a license, certificate, registration, or permit  
27 is abandoned without an action of the board, if the applicant does not  
28 complete the requirements to complete the application within one (1)  
29 year after the date on which the application was filed. However, the  
30 board may, for good cause shown, extend the validity of the application  
31 for additional thirty (30) day periods. An application submitted after  
32 the abandonment of an application is considered a new application.

33 SECTION 278. IC 25-1-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2014,  
34 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The licensing agency shall perform all  
36 administrative functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned by law  
37 or rule to the executive director, secretary, or other statutory  
38 administrator of the entities described in IC 25-0.5-7.

39 (b) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to give the licensing  
40 agency policy making authority **for any professional standard of**

1 **practice, which remains with each board. The licensing agency may**  
 2 **adopt and enforce procedural rules in accordance with IC 4-22-2**  
 3 **for the administration of a board if the rule:**

4 **(1) will affect multiple boards; and**

5 **(2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected**  
 6 **board.**

7 SECTION 279. IC 25-4-1-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. Nothing contained  
 9 in this chapter shall prevent the draftsmen, students, clerks of works,  
 10 superintendents, and other employees of those lawfully practicing as  
 11 registered architects, under the provisions of this chapter, from acting  
 12 under the instruction, control, or supervision of their employers, or to  
 13 prevent the employment of superintendents of the construction,  
 14 enlargement, or alteration of buildings, or any parts thereof, or prevent  
 15 such superintendents from acting under the immediate personal  
 16 supervision of the registered architect by whom the plans and  
 17 specifications of any building, enlargement, or alteration were  
 18 prepared. Nor shall anything contained in this chapter apply to the  
 19 making of plans or specifications or the supervision of construction,  
 20 enlargement or alteration of buildings or any parts thereof specifically  
 21 exempted from the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 22 ~~commission department of homeland security~~ or specifically  
 23 exempted from the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 24 ~~department of homeland security~~ requirements for preparation of  
 25 such plans and specifications by registered architects or registered  
 26 engineers.

27 SECTION 280. IC 25-4-1-29 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 29. (a) Except as  
 29 hereinafter otherwise provided, the state of Indiana, nor any board,  
 30 department or agency thereof, nor any county, city, town, township,  
 31 school corporations, or other political subdivision of this state shall  
 32 engage in the construction, alteration, or maintenance of any public  
 33 building or public work involving the practice of architecture for which  
 34 plans, specifications and estimates have not been prepared, certified,  
 35 and sealed by, and the construction, alteration, or maintenance  
 36 executed under the direct supervision of an architect, which architect  
 37 shall be the holder in good standing of a certificate of registration from  
 38 the board of registration for architects and landscape architects  
 39 entitling him to practice architecture in this state.

40 (b) No official of this state, nor of any city, town, county, township,

1 or school corporation thereof, charged with the enforcement of any law,  
 2 ordinance, or rule relating to the construction or alteration of buildings  
 3 or structures, shall use or accept or approve any plans or specifications  
 4 that have not been prepared by, or under the supervision of, and  
 5 certified by a registered architect. This subsection shall not apply if  
 6 such plans or specifications have been prepared by, or under the  
 7 supervision of and certified by a professional engineer who is  
 8 registered under the laws of the state of Indiana. This subsection shall  
 9 not apply to the construction or alteration of any building or structures  
 10 specifically exempted from the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building~~  
 11 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** or specifically  
 12 exempted from the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 13 **department of homeland security** requirements for preparation of  
 14 such plans and specifications by registered architects or registered  
 15 engineers. This section shall not be construed as to abridge, or  
 16 otherwise affect, the powers of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
 17 ~~commission~~, **department of homeland security**, or any other state  
 18 board or department, to issue rules governing the safety of buildings or  
 19 structures.

20 SECTION 281. IC 25-5.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 21 AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 22 1, 2026]:

23 **ARTICLE 5.3. ATHLETIC TRAINER INTERSTATE**  
 24 **COMPACT**

25 **Chapter 1. Purpose**

26 **Sec. 1. This statute is to be known and cited as the athletic**  
 27 **trainer compact. The purposes of this compact are to expand**  
 28 **mobility of athletic training practice and improve public access to**  
 29 **services by providing qualified licensed athletic trainers the ability**  
 30 **to practice in other member states. This compact preserves the**  
 31 **regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety**  
 32 **through the current system of state licensure.**

33 **Sec. 2. This compact is designed to achieve the following**  
 34 **objectives:**

35 **(1) Increase public access to athletic training and enhance**  
 36 **continuity of care by providing for the mutual recognition of**  
 37 **other licenses issued by a member state.**

38 **(2) Provide an additional streamlined opportunity for**  
 39 **interstate practice by licensed athletic trainers who meet**  
 40 **compact uniform requirements.**

- 1           **(3) Promote mobility and workforce development by**  
2           **eliminating the necessity for licenses in multiple states by**  
3           **providing for the mutual recognition of other licenses issued**  
4           **by member states.**
- 5           **(4) Reduce administrative burdens on licensed athletic**  
6           **trainers and member states.**
- 7           **(5) Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health**  
8           **and safety.**
- 9           **(6) Encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating**  
10           **interstate practice of licensed athletic trainers.**
- 11           **(7) Support relocating active military members and their**  
12           **spouses.**
- 13           **(8) Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and**  
14           **disciplinary information among member states.**
- 15           **(9) Allow for the use of telehealth to facilitate increased access**  
16           **to athletic training services.**
- 17           **(10) Support the uniformity of licensed athletic trainer**  
18           **licensure requirements throughout the states.**
- 19           **(11) Affirm the authority of all member states to hold a**  
20           **licensed athletic trainer accountable for abiding by the scope**  
21           **of practice in the state in which the patient is located at the**  
22           **time of care.**
- 23           **(12) Require adherence to the model compact language to**  
24           **promote uniformity and ensure that all member states have**  
25           **accepted and are mutually obligated to the same terms.**

26           **Chapter 2. Definitions**

27           **Sec. 0.5. Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions in**  
28           **this chapter apply throughout this entire article.**

29           **Sec. 1. "Active military member" means any individual with**  
30           **full-time duty status in the active armed forces of the United States,**  
31           **including members of the National Guard and Reserve.**

32           **Sec. 2. "Adverse action" means any administrative, civil,**  
33           **equitable, or criminal action permitted by a state's laws which is**  
34           **imposed by a licensing authority or other authority against a**  
35           **licensee, including actions against an individual's license or**  
36           **compact privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation,**  
37           **monitoring of the licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice, or**  
38           **any other encumbrance on licensure affecting a licensee's**  
39           **authorization to practice.**

40           **Sec. 3. "Alternative program" means a nondisciplinary**

1 monitoring or practice remediation process applicable to an  
2 athletic trainer approved by a state licensing authority of a  
3 member state in which the athletic trainer is licensed. This includes  
4 programs to which licensees with substance use, addiction, or  
5 mental health conditions are referred in lieu of adverse action.

6 Sec. 4. "Athletic training" means the prevention, examination,  
7 assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of emergent, acute, or  
8 chronic injuries and medical conditions as defined by applicable  
9 member state laws.

10 Sec. 5. "Athletic trainer compact commission" or "compact  
11 commission" means the government agency whose membership  
12 consists of all states that have enacted this compact and which  
13 operates as an instrumentality of the member states to administer  
14 and implement the compact according to its terms.

15 Sec. 6. "BOC" means the Board of Certification, Inc. or any  
16 successor organization.

17 Sec. 7. "CAATE" means the Commission on Accreditation of  
18 Athletic Training Education or any successor organization.

19 Sec. 8. "Charter member state" means any member state which  
20 enacted and made effective this compact by law before the compact  
21 effective date specified in IC 25-5.3-12-1.

22 Sec. 9. "Commissioner" means the individual appointed by a  
23 member state to serve as the member of the commission for that  
24 member state.

25 Sec. 10. "Compact privilege" means the legal authorization  
26 granted by a remote state, equivalent to a license, allowing a  
27 licensee from another member state to provide athletic training  
28 services in a remote state.

29 Sec. 11. "Compact qualifying license" means a license that is not  
30 an encumbered license issued by a member state to practice  
31 athletic training which qualifies the licensee to exercise a compact  
32 privilege under IC 25-5.3-4.

33 Sec. 12. "Continuing competence" means a requirement, as a  
34 condition of license renewal, to provide evidence of successful  
35 participation, and completion of, educational and professional  
36 activities relevant to practice or area of work. For purposes of this  
37 compact, evidence of active BOC certification may satisfy the  
38 meaning of continuing competence under this section.

39 Sec. 13. "Current significant investigative information" means  
40 the existence of:

1 (1) investigative information that a licensing authority, after  
2 a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an  
3 opportunity for the subject licensee to respond, if required by  
4 state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if  
5 proven true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or  
6 (2) investigative information that indicates that the subject  
7 licensee represents an immediate threat to public health and  
8 safety regardless of whether the subject licensee has been  
9 notified and had an opportunity to respond.

10 Sec. 14. "Criminal background check" means the submission of  
11 fingerprints or other biometric-based information for a license  
12 applicant for the purpose of obtaining that applicant's criminal  
13 history record information, as defined in 28 CFR 20.3(d) from the  
14 Federal Bureau of Investigation and the state's criminal history  
15 record repository as defined in 28 CFR 20.3(f).

16 Sec. 15. "Data system" means the commission's repository of  
17 information about licensees, including examination, licensure,  
18 investigative, compact privilege, adverse action, and alternative  
19 program.

20 Sec. 16. "Encumbrance" or "encumbered" means a revocation  
21 or suspension of, or any limitation or condition on, the full and  
22 unrestricted practice of athletic training.

23 Sec. 17. "Executive committee" means a group of  
24 commissioners elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within  
25 the powers granted to them by, the compact and commission.

26 Sec. 18. "Investigative information" means information,  
27 records, and documents received or generated by a licensing  
28 authority under an investigation.

29 Sec. 19. "Jurisprudence requirement" means the assessment of  
30 an individual's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
31 practice of athletic training, as applicable, in a state.

32 Sec. 20. "License" means current authorization by a member  
33 state to engage in the practice of athletic training.

34 Sec. 21. "Licensee" or "licensed athletic trainer" means an  
35 individual who currently holds an active, unrestricted license and  
36 who meets all of the requirements outlined in IC 25-5.3-4.

37 Sec. 22. "Licensing authority" means the board or agency of a  
38 state, or equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and  
39 regulation of athletic trainers.

40 Sec. 23. "Model compact language" the model language for the

1 athletic trainer compact on file with the Council of State  
2 Governments or other entity as designated by the commission to  
3 which all member states must substantively adhere and adopt.

4 Sec. 24. "Member state" means a state that has enacted the  
5 compact.

6 Sec. 25. "Remote state" means a member state other than the  
7 state of qualifying licensure.

8 Sec. 26. "Rule" means a regulation promulgated by an  
9 authorized entity that has the force of law.

10 Sec. 27. "Scope of practice" means the procedures, actions, and  
11 processes an athletic trainer licensed in a state is permitted to  
12 undertake in that state and the circumstances under which the  
13 licensee is permitted to undertake those procedures, actions, and  
14 processes. The procedures, actions, and processes and the  
15 circumstances under which they may be undertaken may be  
16 established through means, including statute, regulations, case law,  
17 and other processes available to the state licensing authority or  
18 other government agency. The term includes any state  
19 requirements regarding supervision or direction, if required by the  
20 state and as further defined by the state's law.

21 Sec. 28. "Single state license" means a license issued by any  
22 state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state.

23 Sec. 29. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or  
24 territory of the United States of America.

25 Sec. 30. "State of qualifying licensure" means the member state  
26 who has issued a compact qualifying license to a licensee under this  
27 compact.

28 Sec. 31. "Unencumbered license" means a license that  
29 authorizes a licensee to engage in the full and unrestricted practice  
30 of athletic training.

### 31 Chapter 3. State Participation

32 Sec. 1. To be eligible to join this compact and to maintain  
33 eligibility as a member state, the state must do the following:

- 34 (1) Enact and maintain a statute that is not materially  
35 different from the model compact language.
- 36 (2) License and regulate the practice of athletic training.
- 37 (3) Require that licensees in that state maintain continuing  
38 competence standards as part of their state practice act or  
39 rules.
- 40 (4) Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating

- 1           complaints about licensees.
- 2           **(5) Grant the compact privilege to a licensee who meets all the**  
3           **requirements outlined in IC 25-5.3-4 and complies with the**  
4           **terms of the compact and any rules.**
- 5           **(6) Participate fully in the compact commission's data system,**  
6           **including using the unique identifier as defined in rules.**
- 7           **(7) Notify the compact commission, in compliance with the**  
8           **terms of the compact and rules, of any adverse action or the**  
9           **availability of current significant investigative information**  
10          **regarding a licensee.**
- 11          **(8) Within a time frame established by rule, implement or use**  
12          **procedures for considering the criminal history records of**  
13          **applicants for a compact qualifying license which includes**  
14          **receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
15          **record search and using those results in making licensure**  
16          **decisions. The procedures must include the submission of**  
17          **fingerprints or other biometric-based information by**  
18          **applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's**  
19          **criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau**  
20          **of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that**  
21          **state's criminal records, and:**
- 22                **(A) a member state must fully implement a criminal**  
23                **background check requirement to participate in the**  
24                **issuance and acceptance of compact privileges; and**
- 25                **(B) any communication between a member state and the**  
26                **compact commission or among member states regarding**  
27                **the verification of eligibility for licensure through the**  
28                **compact must not include any information received from**  
29                **the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal**  
30                **criminal records check performed by a member state.**
- 31          **(9) Comply with and enforce the rules of the compact**  
32          **commission.**
- 33          **Sec. 2. Member states may set and collect a fee for issuance and**  
34          **renewal of a compact privilege to applicants.**
- 35          **Sec. 3. Individuals without a compact qualifying license may**  
36          **apply for a member state's single state license as provided under**  
37          **the laws of each member state.**
- 38          **Sec. 4. This compact does not affect the requirements**  
39          **established by a member state for the issuance of a single state**  
40          **license.**

1           **Sec. 5. A compact qualifying license must be recognized by each**  
2 **remote state as authorizing that licensee to engage in the practice**  
3 **of athletic training, under a compact privilege, in another member**  
4 **state in accordance with this compact.**

5           **Chapter 4. Compact Privileges**

6           **Sec. 1. (a) To be eligible for a compact privilege under this**  
7 **compact, the licensee shall complete a criminal background check**  
8 **performed by the licensing authority in the state of qualifying**  
9 **licensure before entry in the compact.**

10           **(b) In addition to the background check required by subsection**  
11 **(a), the licensee shall meet the following:**

12           **(1) Either:**

13           **(A) hold a valid current active certification through the**  
14 **BOC, or its successor organization; or**

15           **(B) have completed an education program which is either:**

16           **(i) at least a bachelor's degree with a major course of**  
17 **study in athletic training, or an equivalent course of**  
18 **study from a college or university accredited at the time**  
19 **of graduation by CAATE, or its successor organization;**

20           **(ii) an academic degree from a college or university in a**  
21 **foreign country equivalent to the degree described in**  
22 **item (i) with a major course of study as described in item**  
23 **(i) that is accredited by CAATE, or its successor**  
24 **organization; or**

25           **(iii) the substantial equivalent of the either item (i) or (ii)**  
26 **which the commission may determine by rule.**

27           **(2) Complete the exam administered by the BOC, or its**  
28 **successor organization, successfully at a date preceding the**  
29 **date of the licensee's application for licensure in their state of**  
30 **qualifying licensure or the substantial equivalent of this**  
31 **subdivision which the commission may determine by rule.**

32           **(3) Hold a compact qualifying license.**

33           **(4) Have not had any encumbrance against any license or**  
34 **compact privilege to practice athletic training within the**  
35 **previous two (2) years.**

36           **(5) Be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state**  
37 **under IC 25-5.3-4.**

38           **(6) Notify the compact commission that the licensee is seeking**  
39 **the compact privilege within a remote state.**

40           **(7) Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the**

- 1 compact privilege.
- 2 (8) Meet only the continuing competence requirements
- 3 established by the state of qualifying licensure.
- 4 (9) Comply with any requirements of the state of qualifying
- 5 licensure as set forth in IC 25-5.3-3.
- 6 (10) Meet any jurisprudence requirements established by a
- 7 remote state in which the licensee is seeking a compact
- 8 privilege.
- 9 (11) Report to the compact commission any adverse action,
- 10 encumbrance, or restriction on a license taken by any non
- 11 member state within thirty (30) days from the date the action
- 12 is taken.

13 Sec. 2. The compact privilege is valid until the expiration date

14 of the compact qualifying license. To maintain a compact privilege,

15 renewal of the compact privilege must be congruent with the

16 renewal of the compact qualifying license as the compact

17 commission may define by rule. The licensee must comply with the

18 requirements of this section to maintain the compact privilege in

19 the remote state. A licensee may apply for and hold compact

20 privileges in multiple member states.

21 Sec. 3. A licensed athletic trainer must follow the scope of

22 practice of the member state where the patient is located. A

23 licensee engaging in the practice of athletic training in a remote

24 state under the compact privilege shall adhere to the scope of

25 practice laws of the remote state. Licensees are responsible for

26 educating themselves on, and complying with, any and all scope of

27 practice laws and state laws relating to the remote practice of

28 athletic training, as applicable.

29 Sec. 4. A licensee engaging in the practice of athletic training in

30 a remote state is subject to the remote state's regulatory authority.

31 A remote state may, in accordance with due process and the

32 remote state's laws, remove a licensee's compact privilege in the

33 remote state for a specific period of time, impose fines, or take any

34 other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of the

35 remote state's citizens. Any member state which undertakes an

36 action under this section shall promptly notify the other member

37 states and the commission as specified in the rules. The licensee

38 may be deemed to be ineligible to exercise the compact privilege by

39 any member state until the specific time for removal has passed

40 and all fines are paid.

1           **Sec. 5. All member state disciplinary orders that impose adverse**  
 2 **action against a compact qualifying license must result in**  
 3 **deactivation of the licensee's compact privilege in all member**  
 4 **states during the pendency of the order. If a compact qualifying**  
 5 **license is encumbered, the licensee loses the compact privilege in**  
 6 **any remote state until the following occur:**

7           **(1) The compact qualifying license is no longer encumbered.**

8           **(2) The licensee has not had any encumbrance or restriction**  
 9 **against any license, compact qualifying license, or compact**  
 10 **privilege within the previous two (2) years.**

11           **Sec. 6. Once an encumbered license is restored to good standing**  
 12 **as a compact qualifying license (as certified by the licensing**  
 13 **authority), the licensee must meet the requirements of this chapter**  
 14 **to obtain a compact privilege in any remote state.**

15           **Sec. 7. If a licensee's compact privilege in any remote state is**  
 16 **removed, that licensee may also lose the compact privilege in other**  
 17 **remote states, as each member state shall determine in its sole**  
 18 **authority, until the following occur:**

19           **(1) The specific period of time for which the compact privilege**  
 20 **was removed has ended.**

21           **(2) All fines have been paid.**

22           **(3) The licensee has not had any encumbrance or restriction**  
 23 **against any license or compact privilege within the previous**  
 24 **two (2) years.**

25           **Sec. 8. Once the requirements of section 7 of this chapter have**  
 26 **been met, the licensee must meet the requirements in section 1 of**  
 27 **this chapter to obtain a compact privilege in a remote state.**

#### 28           **Chapter 5. Qualifying License**

29           **Sec. 1. A licensee may only designate one (1) license as their**  
 30 **compact qualifying license at a time. The procedures for the**  
 31 **designation may be further defined by compact commission rule.**

32           **Sec. 2. This chapter does not require that the state of qualifying**  
 33 **licensure be the state of primary residence or state of primary**  
 34 **practice for the licensee.**

35           **Sec. 3. This compact does not interfere with a licensee's ability**  
 36 **to hold a single state license in multiple states.**

37           **Sec. 4. This compact does not affect the requirements**  
 38 **established by a member state for the issuance of a single state**  
 39 **license.**

#### 40           **Chapter 6. Active Military Members**

1       **Sec. 1. An active military member or their spouse is not**  
2 **required to pay a fee to the commission for a compact privilege. If**  
3 **a member state chooses to charge a member state fee, it may**  
4 **choose to charge a reduced fee or no fee to an active military**  
5 **member or their spouse for a compact privilege.**

6       **Chapter 7. Adverse Actions**

7       **Sec. 1. A member state in which a licensee is issued a compact**  
8 **qualifying license has the exclusive authority to impose adverse**  
9 **action against the compact qualifying license issued by that**  
10 **member state.**

11       **Sec. 2. A member state may take adverse action based on**  
12 **current significant investigative information of a remote state, so**  
13 **long as the member state follows its own procedures for imposing**  
14 **adverse action.**

15       **Sec. 3. This compact does not override a member state's decision**  
16 **that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of**  
17 **adverse action and that the participation remains non public if**  
18 **required by the member state's laws or rules.**

19       **Sec. 4. (a) A remote state may:**

20           **(1) take adverse actions against a licensee's compact privilege**  
21 **in that state; and**

22           **(2) issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that**  
23 **require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as**  
24 **the production of evidence.**

25       **(b) Subpoenas may be issued by a member state athletic training**  
26 **licensing authority for the attendance and testimony of witnesses**  
27 **and the production of evidence.**

28       **(c) A member state which issues a subpoena may request service**  
29 **of that subpoena by another member state. The member state**  
30 **receiving the request to serve a subpoena shall serve the subpoena**  
31 **if it is deemed enforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction**  
32 **according to the practice and procedure in the receiving member**  
33 **state.**

34       **(d) The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel**  
35 **expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes**  
36 **of the state where the witnesses or evidence are located.**

37       **Sec. 5. For purposes of taking adverse action, a member state**  
38 **shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received**  
39 **from another member state as it would if the conduct had occurred**  
40 **within that state. In so doing, the investigating member state shall**

1 apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action.

2 **Sec. 6. A member state, if otherwise permitted by state law, may**  
3 **recover from the affected licensee the costs of investigations and**  
4 **dispositions of cases resulting from any adverse action taken**  
5 **against that licensee.**

6 **Sec. 7. (a) In addition to the authority granted to a member state**  
7 **by its respective state law, any member state may participate with**  
8 **other member states in joint investigations of licensees.**

9 **(b) Member states shall share any current significant**  
10 **investigative information, litigation, or compliance materials in**  
11 **furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under**  
12 **the compact. In sharing the information under this section between**  
13 **member state athletic trainer licensing authorities, all information**  
14 **obtained must be kept confidential, except as otherwise mutually**  
15 **agreed upon by the sharing and receiving member state.**

16 **(c) A remote state may issue subpoenas on behalf of a member**  
17 **state for both hearings and investigations that require the**  
18 **attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of**  
19 **evidence.**

20 **Sec. 8. If a member state takes adverse action, the member state**  
21 **shall promptly notify the administrator of the data system. The**  
22 **administrator of the data system shall promptly notify all member**  
23 **states of any adverse actions by remote states.**

24 **Sec. 9. This compact does not permit a member state to take any**  
25 **adverse action against a licensee or holder of a compact privilege**  
26 **for conduct or practice occurring in another member state that**  
27 **was legal in the member state at the time the conduct or practice**  
28 **was undertaken.**

#### 29 **Chapter 8. Commission**

30 **Sec. 1. The compact member states establish a joint government**  
31 **agency whose membership consists of all member states that have**  
32 **enacted the compact known as the athletic trainer licensure**  
33 **compact commission. The compact commission is an**  
34 **instrumentality of the member states acting jointly and not an**  
35 **instrumentality of any one (1) state. The compact commission**  
36 **comes into existence on or after the effective date of the compact**  
37 **as set forth in IC 25-5.3-12.**

38 **Sec. 2. (a) Each member state has and is limited to one (1)**  
39 **commissioner selected by that member state's licensing authority**  
40 **within sixty (60) days of the member state's effective date.**

1           **(b) The commissioner selected under subsection (a) must be an**  
2 **administrator or their designated staff or current board member**  
3 **of the licensing authority.**

4           **(c) The compact commission may recommend removal or**  
5 **suspension of any commissioner from office.**

6           **(d) A member state's licensing authority shall fill any vacancy**  
7 **of its commissioner occurring on the compact commission within**  
8 **sixty (60) days of the vacancy.**

9           **(e) Each commissioner is entitled to one (1) vote on all matters**  
10 **before the compact commission requiring a vote by the**  
11 **commissioners.**

12           **(f) The compact commission shall meet at least once during each**  
13 **calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the**  
14 **commission bylaws. A commissioner shall vote in person or by any**  
15 **other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide**  
16 **for commissioners to meet by telecommunication, videoconference,**  
17 **or other means of communication.**

18           **Sec. 3. The compact commission has the following powers:**

19           **(1) Promulgate, adopt, and amend rules and bylaws.**

20           **(2) Establish code of conduct, confidentiality, and conflict of**  
21 **interest policies for commissioners.**

22           **(3) Establish the fiscal year of the compact commission.**

23           **(4) Maintain its financial records in accordance with the**  
24 **bylaws.**

25           **(5) Purchase and maintain insurance and insurance bonds.**

26           **(6) Accept, or contract for services of personnel, including**  
27 **employees of a member state.**

28           **(7) Conduct a financial review or audit.**

29           **(8) Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix**  
30 **compensation, define duties, grant the individuals appropriate**  
31 **authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and**  
32 **establish the compact commission's personnel policies and**  
33 **programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of**  
34 **personnel, and other related personnel matters.**

35           **(9) Enter into contracts or arrangements for the management**  
36 **of the affairs of the commission.**

37           **(10) Assess and collect fees.**

38           **(11) Accept any and all appropriate gifts, donations, grants of**  
39 **money, other sources of revenue, equipment, supplies,**  
40 **materials, and services, and receive, utilize, and dispose of the**

- 1 same if at all times the compact commission avoids any  
2 appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest.
- 3 (12) Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, invest, or use  
4 any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any undivided  
5 interest in the property.
- 6 (13) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon,  
7 or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed.
- 8 (14) Establish a budget and make expenditures.
- 9 (15) Borrow and invest money.
- 10 (16) Meet and take any action consistent with the provisions  
11 of this compact, the compact commission's rules, and the  
12 bylaw.
- 13 (17) Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the  
14 name of the compact commission if the standing of any  
15 licensing authority to sue or be sued under applicable law is  
16 not affected.
- 17 (18) Maintain and certify records and information provided  
18 to a member state as the authenticated business records of the  
19 compact commission, and designate an agent to do so on the  
20 compact commission's behalf.
- 21 (19) Provide and receive information from, and cooperate  
22 with, law enforcement agencies.
- 23 (20) Determine whether a state's adopted language is  
24 materially different from the model compact language such  
25 that the state would not qualify for participation in the  
26 compact.
- 27 (21) Establish and elect an executive committee, including a  
28 chair and a vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and any other  
29 offices as the commission establishes by rule or bylaw.
- 30 (22) Appoint committees, including standing committees,  
31 composed of member state commissioners, state regulators,  
32 state legislators or their representatives, and consumer  
33 representatives, and any other interested persons as may be  
34 designated in this compact and the bylaws.
- 35 (23) Perform any other function as may be necessary or  
36 appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact.
- 37 **Sec. 4. (a) The executive committee has the power to act on**  
38 **behalf of the compact commission according to the terms of this**  
39 **compact. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the executive**  
40 **committee are as follows:**

- 1           **(1) Exercise the powers and duties of the compact commission**
- 2           **during the interim between compact commission meetings,**
- 3           **except for adopting or amending rules, adopting or amending**
- 4           **bylaws, and exercising any other powers and duties expressly**
- 5           **reserved to the compact commission by rule or bylaw.**
- 6           **(2) Oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of**
- 7           **the compact including enforcement and compliance with the**
- 8           **provisions of the compact, its rules and bylaws, and other**
- 9           **duties as deemed necessary.**
- 10          **(3) Recommend to the compact commission changes to the**
- 11          **rules or bylaws, changes to this compact legislation, fees**
- 12          **charged to compact member states, fees charged to licensees,**
- 13          **and other fees.**
- 14          **(4) Ensure compact administration services are appropriately**
- 15          **provided, including by contract.**
- 16          **(5) Prepare and recommend the budget.**
- 17          **(6) Maintain financial records on behalf of the compact**
- 18          **commission.**
- 19          **(7) Monitor compact compliance of member states and**
- 20          **provide compliance reports to the compact commission.**
- 21          **(8) Establish additional committees as necessary.**
- 22          **(9) Other duties as provided in the rules or bylaws of the**
- 23          **compact commission.**
- 24          **(b) The executive committee is composed of not more than nine**
- 25          **(9) members, elected by the compact commission as follows:**
- 26               **(1) The chair and vice chair of the compact commission, as**
- 27               **voting members of the executive committee.**
- 28               **(2) Not more than three (3) additional voting members from**
- 29               **the current membership of the compact commission to include**
- 30               **the offices of treasurer, secretary, and one member-at-large.**
- 31               **(3) Not more than four (4) ex officio, nonvoting members from**
- 32               **recognized national athletic trainer organizations.**
- 33          **(c) The compact commission may remove any member of the**
- 34          **executive committee as provided in the compact commission's**
- 35          **bylaws.**
- 36          **(d) The executive committee shall meet at least one (1) time each**
- 37          **calendar year.**
- 38          **(e) Executive committee meetings are open to the public, except**
- 39          **that the executive committee may meet in a closed, nonpublic**
- 40          **meeting as provided in section 6 of this chapter.**

1           **(f) The executive committee shall give advance notice of its**  
2 **meetings, posted on its website and as determined by rule or bylaw**  
3 **to provide notice to persons with an interest in the business of the**  
4 **compact commission.**

5           **(g) The executive committee may hold a special meeting in**  
6 **accordance with this section.**

7           **Sec. 5. The compact commission shall adopt and provide to the**  
8 **member states an annual report.**

9           **Sec. 6. (a) All meetings are open to the public, except that the**  
10 **compact commission may meet in a closed, nonpublic meeting as**  
11 **provided in this section.**

12           **(b) Public notice for all meetings of the full compact commission**  
13 **of meetings must be given in the same manner as required under**  
14 **the rulemaking provisions in this compact, except that the compact**  
15 **commission may hold a special meeting as provided in this section.**

16           **(c) The compact commission may hold a special meeting when**  
17 **it must meet to conduct emergency business by giving twenty-four**  
18 **(24) hours' notice to all commissioners, on the compact**  
19 **commission's website, and other means as provided in the compact**  
20 **commission's rules. The compact commission's legal counsel shall**  
21 **certify that the compact commission's need to meet qualifies as an**  
22 **emergency.**

23           **(d) The compact commission or the executive committee or**  
24 **other committees of the compact commission may convene in a**  
25 **closed, nonpublic meeting for the compact commission or executive**  
26 **committee or other committees of the compact commission to**  
27 **receive legal advice or to discuss any of the following:**

28           **(1) Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations**  
29 **under the compact.**

30           **(2) The employment, compensation, discipline or other**  
31 **matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees.**

32           **(3) Current or threatened discipline of a licensee by a member**  
33 **state's licensing authority.**

34           **(4) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation.**

35           **(5) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of**  
36 **goods, services, or real estate.**

37           **(6) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any**  
38 **person.**

39           **(7) Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that**  
40 **is privileged or confidential.**

- 1           **(8) Information of a personal nature where disclosure would**  
2           **constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.**  
3           **(9) Investigative records compiled for law enforcement**  
4           **purposes.**  
5           **(10) Information related to any investigative reports prepared**  
6           **by or on behalf of or for use of the compact commission or**  
7           **other committee charged with responsibility of investigation**  
8           **or determination of compliance issues under the compact.**  
9           **(11) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal**  
10           **or member state law.**  
11           **(12) Other matters as specified in rules of the compact**  
12           **commission.**

13           **If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the compact**  
14           **commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the**  
15           **meeting will be closed and reference each relevant exempting**  
16           **provision, and the reference must be recorded in the minutes. All**  
17           **minutes and documents of a closed meeting must remain under**  
18           **seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the compact**  
19           **commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.**

20           **Sec. 7. (a) The compact commission shall pay, or provide for the**  
21           **payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,**  
22           **organization, and ongoing activities.**

23           **(b) The compact commission may accept any and all**  
24           **appropriate revenue sources as provided in this section.**

25           **(c) The compact commission may levy on and collect an annual**  
26           **assessment from each member state and impose fees on licensees**  
27           **of member states to whom it grants a compact privilege to cover**  
28           **the cost of the operations and activities of the compact commission**  
29           **and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its**  
30           **annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not**  
31           **provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment**  
32           **amount for member states must be allocated based upon a formula**  
33           **that the compact commission promulgates by rule.**

34           **(d) The compact commission shall not incur obligations of any**  
35           **kind before securing the funds or a loan adequate to meet the**  
36           **obligation. The compact commission shall not pledge the credit of**  
37           **any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the**  
38           **member state.**

39           **(e) The compact commission shall keep accurate accounts of all**  
40           **receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the**

1 compact commission is subject to the financial review or audit and  
2 accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all  
3 receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the compact  
4 commission is subject to an annual financial review or audit by a  
5 certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the  
6 financial review or audit must be included in and become part of  
7 the annual report of the compact commission.

8 Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the members,  
9 officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of the  
10 compact commission are immune from suit and liability, both  
11 personally and in their official capacity, for any claim for damage  
12 to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability  
13 caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or  
14 omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim  
15 is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
16 scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities.

17 (b) Subsection (a) does not protect any person from suit or  
18 liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the  
19 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

20 (c) The procurement of insurance of any type by the commission  
21 does not in any way compromise or limit the immunity granted in  
22 subsection (a).

23 (d) If the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result  
24 from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct, the  
25 compact commission shall defend any member, officer, executive  
26 director, employee, and representative of the commission in any  
27 civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or  
28 alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of  
29 commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or as  
30 determined by the commission that the person against whom the  
31 claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within  
32 the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities.

33 (e) Subsection (d) does not prohibit a person from retaining the  
34 person's own counsel at the person's own expense.

35 (f) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any  
36 member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative  
37 of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment  
38 obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged  
39 act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of  
40 commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that the

1 person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
 2 scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, unless  
 3 the actual or alleged act, error, or omission results from the  
 4 person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

5 (g) This section does not limit the liability of any licensee for  
 6 professional malpractice or misconduct, which is governed solely  
 7 by any other applicable state laws.

8 (h) This compact does not waive or otherwise abrogate a  
 9 member state's state action immunity or state action affirmative  
 10 defense with respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act,  
 11 Clayton Act, or any other state or federal antitrust or  
 12 anticompetitive law or regulation.

13 (i) This compact is not a waiver of sovereign immunity by the  
 14 member states or by the compact commission.

#### 15 Chapter 9. Data System

16 Sec. 1. The commission shall provide for the development,  
 17 maintenance, operation, and use of a coordinated data system and  
 18 reporting system containing licensure, compact privileges, adverse  
 19 action, and the presence of current significant investigative  
 20 information on all licensees and applicants for a license in member  
 21 states.

22 Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary, a  
 23 member state shall submit a uniform data set to the data system on  
 24 all licensees, applicants, and others to whom this compact is  
 25 applicable as required by the rules of the compact commission,  
 26 including the following:

27 (1) Personally identifying information.

28 (2) Licensure data.

29 (3) Adverse actions against a licensee, license applicant, or  
 30 compact privilege and related information.

31 (4) Nonconfidential information related to alternative  
 32 program participation, the beginning and ending dates of the  
 33 participation, and other information related to the  
 34 participation.

35 (5) Any denial of an application for licensure, and the reason  
 36 for the denial, (excluding the reporting of any criminal history  
 37 record information where prohibited by law).

38 (6) A binary determination regarding the presence of current  
 39 significant investigative information.

40 (7) Other information that may facilitate the administration

1           of this compact or the protection of the public, as determined  
2           by the rules of the commission.

3           **Sec. 3.** The records and information provided to a member state  
4           under this compact or through the data system, when certified by  
5           the commission or an agent of the commission, constitute the  
6           authenticated business records of the commission, and are entitled  
7           to any associated hearsay exception in any relevant judicial,  
8           quasi-judicial, or administrative proceedings in a member state.

9           **Sec. 4.** Current significant investigative information pertaining  
10          to a licensee in any member state will only be available to other  
11          member states.

12          **Sec. 5.** It is the responsibility of the member states to monitor  
13          the data system to determine whether adverse action has been  
14          taken against a licensee or license applicant. Adverse action  
15          information pertaining to a licensee or license applicant in any  
16          member state will be available to any other member state.

17          **Sec. 6.** Member states contributing information to the data  
18          system may designate information that may not be shared with the  
19          public without the express permission of the contributing state.

20          **Sec. 7.** Any information submitted to the data system that is  
21          subsequently expunged under federal law or the laws of the  
22          member state contributing the information must be removed from  
23          the data system.

#### 24          **Chapter 10. Rulemaking**

25          **Sec. 1.** The compact commission shall promulgate reasonable  
26          rules to effectively and efficiently implement and administer this  
27          compact. A rule may be invalidated and have no force or effect  
28          only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that the rule is  
29          invalid because the compact commission exercised its rulemaking  
30          authority in a manner that is beyond the scope and purposes of the  
31          compact, or the powers granted hereunder, or based upon another  
32          applicable standard of review.

33          **Sec. 2.** The rules of the compact commission have the force of  
34          law in each member state. However, where the rules conflict with  
35          the laws of a member state that relate to the scope of practice a  
36          licensed athletic trainer is permitted to undertake in that state and  
37          the circumstances under which they may do so, as held by a court  
38          of competent jurisdiction, the rules of the compact commission are  
39          ineffective in that state to the extent of the conflict.

40          **Sec. 3.** The compact commission shall exercise its rulemaking

1 powers under the criteria set forth in this chapter and the rules.  
2 rules of this compact become binding on the day following adoption  
3 or as of the date specified in the rule or amendment, whichever is  
4 later.

5 **Sec. 4. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states**  
6 **rejects a rule or portion of a rule, by enacting a statute or**  
7 **resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact within**  
8 **four (4) years of the date of adoption of the rule, then the rule has**  
9 **no further force and effect in any member state.**

10 **Sec. 5. Rules must be adopted at a regular or special meeting of**  
11 **the compact commission.**

12 **Sec. 6. Before adoption of a proposed rule, the compact**  
13 **commission shall hold a public hearing and allow persons to**  
14 **provide oral and written comments, data, facts, opinions, and**  
15 **arguments. At least thirty (30) days in advance of the public**  
16 **hearing on the proposed rule, the compact commission shall**  
17 **provide a notice of proposed rulemaking:**

18 (1) on the website of the compact commission or other  
19 publicly accessible platform;

20 (2) to persons who have requested notice of the compact  
21 commission's notices of proposed rulemaking; and

22 (3) in any other way as the compact commission may by rule  
23 specify.

24 **Sec. 7. The notice of proposed rulemaking under section 6 of this**  
25 **chapter must include the following:**

26 (1) The time, date, and location of the public hearing at which  
27 the compact commission will hear public comments on the  
28 proposed rule and, if different, the time, date, and location of  
29 the meeting where the compact commission will consider and  
30 vote on the proposed rule.

31 (2) If the hearing is held via telecommunication, video  
32 conference, or other electronic means, the compact  
33 commission shall include the mechanism for access to the  
34 hearing in the notice of proposed rulemaking.

35 (3) The text of the proposed rule and the reason for the  
36 proposed rule.

37 (4) A request for comments on the proposed rule from any  
38 interested person.

39 (5) The manner in which interested persons may submit  
40 written comments.

1           **Sec. 8. All hearings must be recorded. A copy of the recording**  
2 **and all written comments and documents received by the compact**  
3 **commission in response to the proposed rule must be available to**  
4 **the public.**

5           **Sec. 9. This chapter does not require a separate hearing on each**  
6 **rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the compact**  
7 **commission at hearings required by this chapter.**

8           **Sec. 10. (a) The compact commission shall, by majority vote of**  
9 **all members, take final action on the proposed rule based on the**  
10 **rulemaking record and the full text of the rule.**

11           **(b) The compact commission may adopt changes to the proposed**  
12 **rule if the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the**  
13 **proposed rule.**

14           **(c) The compact commission shall provide an explanation of the**  
15 **reasons for substantive changes made to the proposed rule as well**  
16 **as reasons for substantive changes not made that were**  
17 **recommended by commenters.**

18           **(d) The compact commission shall determine a reasonable**  
19 **effective date for the rule. Except for an emergency as provided in**  
20 **this section, the effective date of the rule must be no sooner than**  
21 **thirty (30) days after issuing the notice that it adopted or amended**  
22 **the rule.**

23           **(e) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the compact**  
24 **commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule with**  
25 **twenty-four (24) hours' notice, with opportunity to comment if the**  
26 **usual rulemaking procedures provided in the compact and in this**  
27 **section is retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably**  
28 **possible but in no event later than ninety (90) days after the**  
29 **effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this subsection, an**  
30 **emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order**  
31 **to:**

32           **(1) meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or**  
33 **welfare;**

34           **(2) prevent a loss of compact commission or member state**  
35 **funds;**

36           **(3) meet a deadline for the promulgation of a rule that is**  
37 **established by federal law or rule; or**

38           **(4) protect public health and safety.**

39           **(f) The compact commission or an authorized committee of the**  
40 **compact commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted**

1 rule for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in  
2 format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice  
3 of any revisions must be posted on the website of the compact  
4 commission. The revision must be subject to challenge by any  
5 person for a period of at least thirty (30) days after posting. The  
6 revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision  
7 results in a material change to a rule. A challenge must be made in  
8 writing and delivered to the compact commission before the end of  
9 the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision takes effect  
10 without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision  
11 may not take effect without the approval of the compact  
12 commission.

13 (g) A member state's rulemaking requirements do not apply  
14 under this compact.

#### 15 Chapter 11. Oversight, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcement

16 Sec. 1. (a) The executive and judicial branches of state  
17 government in each member state shall enforce this compact and  
18 take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement the  
19 compact.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this compact, venue is  
21 proper and judicial proceedings by or against the compact  
22 commission must be brought solely and exclusively in a court of  
23 competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the compact  
24 commission is located. The compact commission may waive venue  
25 and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to  
26 participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. This  
27 section does not affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue  
28 in any action against a licensee for professional malpractice,  
29 misconduct or any such similar matter.

30 (c) The compact commission may receive service of process in  
31 any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the  
32 compact and shall have standing to intervene in a proceeding  
33 regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the compact for all  
34 purposes. Failure to provide the compact commission service of  
35 process renders a judgment or order void as to the compact  
36 commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.

37 Sec. 2. (a) If the compact commission determines that a member  
38 state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or  
39 responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the  
40 commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting state. The

1 notice of default must describe the default, the proposed means of  
2 curing the default, and any other action that the compact  
3 commission may take, and must offer training and specific  
4 technical assistance regarding the default.

5 (b) The compact commission shall provide a copy of the notice  
6 of default to the other member states.

7 Sec. 3. If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting  
8 state may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative  
9 vote of a majority of the commissioners of the member states, and  
10 all rights, privileges and benefits conferred on the defaulting state  
11 by this compact may be terminated on the effective date of  
12 termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending  
13 state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of  
14 default.

15 Sec. 4. Termination of membership in the compact must be  
16 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have  
17 been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate must be  
18 given by the compact commission to the governor, the majority and  
19 minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, the defaulting  
20 state's licensing authority and each of the member states' licensing  
21 authority.

22 Sec. 5. A state that has been terminated is responsible for all  
23 assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the  
24 effective date of termination, including obligations that extend  
25 beyond the effective date of termination.

26 Sec. 6. Upon the termination of a state's membership from this  
27 compact, that state shall immediately provide notice to all licensees  
28 within that state of the termination. The terminated state shall  
29 continue to recognize all licenses and compact privileges granted  
30 under this compact for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180)  
31 days after the date of the notice of termination under this section.

32 Sec. 7. The compact commission shall not bear any costs related  
33 to a state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated  
34 from the compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the  
35 compact commission and the defaulting state.

36 Sec. 8. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the  
37 compact commission by petitioning the United States District  
38 Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the  
39 compact commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party  
40 must be awarded all costs of the litigation, including reasonable

1 attorney's fees.

2 **Sec. 9. (a) Upon request by a member state, the compact**  
3 **commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact**  
4 **that arise among member states and between member and non**  
5 **member states.**

6 **(b) The compact commission shall promulgate a rule providing**  
7 **for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as**  
8 **appropriate.**

9 **Sec. 10. (a) By two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, the compact**  
10 **commission may initiate legal action against a member state in**  
11 **default in the United States District Court for the District of**  
12 **Columbia or the federal district where the compact commission**  
13 **has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions**  
14 **of the compact and its promulgated rules. The relief sought may**  
15 **include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial**  
16 **enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party must be awarded all**  
17 **costs of the litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees. The**  
18 **remedies under this section are not the exclusive remedies of the**  
19 **compact commission. The compact commission may pursue any**  
20 **other remedies available under federal or the defaulting member**  
21 **state's law.**

22 **(b) A member state may initiate legal action against the compact**  
23 **commission in the United States District Court for the District of**  
24 **Columbia or the federal district where the compact commission**  
25 **has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions**  
26 **of the compact and its promulgated rules. The relief sought may**  
27 **include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial**  
28 **enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party must be awarded all**  
29 **costs of the litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.**

30 **(c) No person other than a member state may enforce this**  
31 **compact against the compact commission.**

## 32 **Chapter 12. Effective Date, Withdrawal, and Amendment**

33 **Sec. 1. (a) The compact comes into effect on the date on which**  
34 **the compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh member**  
35 **state.**

36 **(b) On or after the effective date of the compact, the compact**  
37 **commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the**  
38 **first seven (7) member states ("charter member states") to**  
39 **determine if the statute enacted and made effective by each charter**  
40 **member state is materially different than the model compact**

1 statute.

2 **Sec. 2. (a) A charter member state whose enactment is found to**  
3 **be materially different from the model compact language is**  
4 **entitled to the default process set forth in IC 25-5.3-11.**

5 **(b) If any member state is later found to be in default, or is**  
6 **terminated or withdraws from the compact, the compact**  
7 **commission remains in existence and the compact remains in effect**  
8 **even if the number of member states is less than seven (7).**

9 **Sec. 3. Member states enacting the compact after the seven (7)**  
10 **initial charter member states are subject to the process set forth in**  
11 **this chapter to determine if their enactments are materially**  
12 **different from the model compact statute and whether they qualify**  
13 **for participation in the compact.**

14 **Sec. 4. All actions taken for the benefit of the compact**  
15 **commission or in furtherance of the purposes of the administration**  
16 **of the compact before the effective date of the compact or the**  
17 **compact commission coming into existence must be considered to**  
18 **be actions of the compact commission unless specifically**  
19 **repudiated by the compact commission.**

20 **Sec. 5. Any state that joins the compact after the compact**  
21 **commission's initial adoption of the rules and bylaws is subject to**  
22 **the rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which the compact**  
23 **becomes law in that state. Any rule that has been previously**  
24 **adopted by the compact commission has the full force and effect of**  
25 **law on the day the compact becomes law in that state.**

26 **Sec. 6. (a) Any member state may withdraw from this compact**  
27 **by enacting a statute repealing this article.**

28 **(b) A member state's withdrawal does not take effect until one**  
29 **hundred eighty (180) days after enactment of the repealing statute.**

30 **(c) Withdrawal does not affect the continuing requirement of**  
31 **the withdrawing state's licensing authority to comply with the**  
32 **investigative and adverse action reporting requirements of this**  
33 **compact before the effective date of withdrawal.**

34 **(d) Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this**  
35 **compact, a state shall immediately provide notice of the**  
36 **withdrawal to all licensees and privilege holders within that state.**  
37 **Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to the**  
38 **contrary, a withdrawing state shall continue to recognize all**  
39 **compact privileges granted under this compact for a minimum of**  
40 **one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the notice of**

1 withdrawal.

2 (e) This compact does not invalidate or prevent any licensure  
3 agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a member  
4 state and a non member state that does not conflict with the  
5 provisions of this compact.

6 (f) This compact may be amended by the member states.  
7 However, any amendment to this compact does not become  
8 effective and binding upon any member state until it is enacted into  
9 the laws of all member states.

#### 10 Chapter 13. Construction and Severability

11 Sec. 1. This compact and the compact commission's rulemaking  
12 authority must be liberally construed so as to effectuate the  
13 purposes, and the implementation and administration of the  
14 compact. Provisions of the compact expressly authorizing or  
15 requiring the promulgation of rules do not limit the compact  
16 commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.

17 Sec. 2. The provisions of this compact are severable and if any  
18 phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is held by a  
19 court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the constitution  
20 of any member state, a state seeking participation in the compact,  
21 or of the United States, or the applicability of any phrase, clause  
22 sentence or provision of this compact to any government, agency,  
23 person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional by a court of  
24 competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this  
25 compact and the applicability of the remainder of this compact to  
26 any other government, agency, person or circumstance remains  
27 valid.

28 Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the compact commission  
29 may deny a state's participation in the compact or terminate a  
30 member state's participation in the compact if it determines that  
31 a constitutional requirement of a member state is a material  
32 departure from the compact. Otherwise, if this compact is held to  
33 be contrary to the constitution of any member state, the compact  
34 remains in full force and effect as to the remaining member states  
35 and in full force and effect as to the member state affected as to all  
36 severable matters.

#### 37 Chapter 14. Consistent Effect and Conflicts

38 Sec. 1. This compact does not prevent or inhibit the enforcement  
39 of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the  
40 compact.

1        **Sec. 2. Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal**  
 2 **requirements in a member state in conflict with the compact are**  
 3 **superseded to the extent of the conflict.**

4        **Sec. 3. All permissible agreements between the compact**  
 5 **commission and the member states are binding in accordance with**  
 6 **their terms.**

7        SECTION 282. IC 25-20-1-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 8 SECTION 87, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, there is  
 10 established the committee of hearing aid dealer examiners which  
 11 consists of ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** members all appointed by the governor to  
 12 a term under IC 25-1-6.5. Three (3) members must be hearing aid  
 13 dealers licensed under this chapter, who are residents of this state and  
 14 who have been practicing as hearing aid dealers for at least one (1) year  
 15 prior to their appointment. One (1) member must be an  
 16 otolaryngologist in this state, who is a resident of this state and who has  
 17 been engaged in the practice of otolaryngology for at least one (1) year  
 18 prior to appointment to the committee. ~~One (1) member must be a~~  
 19 ~~resident of this state who is in no way associated with the business of~~  
 20 ~~hearing aid dealers, audiology, or speech-language pathology other~~  
 21 ~~than as a consumer.~~ Whenever a vacancy occurs on the committee, the  
 22 governor shall appoint a successor under IC 25-1-6.5.

23        (b) Three (3) members present constitute a quorum. **The**  
 24 **chairperson of the committee is not allowed to cast a vote on any**  
 25 **matter before the committee unless the chairperson's vote is**  
 26 **necessary to break a tie.**

27        (c) The members serve without compensation, except that each  
 28 member is entitled to the salary per diem as provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1  
 29 and to reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, and other expenses as  
 30 provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the  
 31 department of administration and approved by the state budget agency.

32        (d) A member may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.

33        SECTION 283. IC 25-31.5-1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2008,  
 34 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. "State chemist" refers to the state chemist  
 36 appointed under ~~IC 15-16-2-24.~~ **IC 15-11-4.5-2.**

37        SECTION 284. IC 25-31.5-3-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The soil scientist  
 39 registration fund is established as a separate fund in the ~~Purdue~~  
 40 ~~University treasury~~ **Indiana state department of agriculture**

1 **established by IC 15-11-2-1** to carry out the purposes of this article.  
 2 The fund is administered by the board.

3 (b) The sources of money for the fund are the:

4 (1) registration fees paid under IC 25-31.5-4-10; and

5 (2) renewal fees paid under IC 25-31.5-6-3.

6 (c) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in  
 7 the fund.

8 (d) The state chemist shall collect all money paid under this article  
 9 and deposit the money in the fund.

10 (e) If required by the board, the state chemist shall obtain a surety  
 11 bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the state chemist's  
 12 duties for the board in an amount determined by the board. The bond  
 13 must be issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in  
 14 Indiana. All costs of the surety bond shall be paid from money in the  
 15 fund.

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

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

22 SECTION 285. IC 25-35.6-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019,  
 23 SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) There is established the  
 25 speech-language pathology and audiology board.

26 (b) The board shall be comprised of ~~five (5)~~ **four (4)** members, who  
 27 shall be appointed by the governor. Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, four (4)  
 28 board members shall have been residents of this state for at least one  
 29 (1) year immediately preceding their appointment and shall have been  
 30 engaged in rendering services to the public, teaching, or research in  
 31 speech-language pathology or audiology for at least five (5) years  
 32 immediately preceding their appointment. At least two (2) board  
 33 members shall be speech-language pathologists and at least two (2)  
 34 shall be audiologists. ~~Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, the fifth member of the~~  
 35 ~~board, to represent the general public, shall be a resident of this state~~  
 36 ~~who has never been associated with speech-language pathology or~~  
 37 ~~audiology in any way other than as a consumer. Except for the member~~  
 38 ~~representing the general public,~~ All board members shall at all times be  
 39 holders of active and valid licenses for the practice of speech-language  
 40 pathology or audiology in this state.

- 1 (c) A member may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.
- 2 (d) Appointments shall be:
- 3 (1) for members appointed before July 1, 2019, for a three year
- 4 term; and
- 5 (2) for members appointed after June 30, 2019, for a term under
- 6 IC 25-1-6.5.
- 7 (e) The governor may consider, but shall not be bound to accept,
- 8 recommendations for board membership made by a statewide
- 9 association for speech-language and hearing. A statewide association
- 10 for speech-language and hearing may submit to the governor its
- 11 recommendations for board membership not less than sixty (60) days
- 12 after a vacancy. In the event of a mid-term vacancy, such association
- 13 may make recommendations for filling such vacancy.
- 14 (f) At the first meeting of the board each year, members shall elect
- 15 a chairperson for the subsequent twelve (12) month period. Further
- 16 meetings may be convened at the call of the chairperson or the written
- 17 request of any two (2) board members. All meetings of the board shall
- 18 be open to the public, except that the board may hold closed sessions
- 19 to prepare, approve, grade, or administer examinations or, upon request
- 20 of an applicant who fails an examination, to prepare a response
- 21 indicating any reason for the applicant's failure. All meetings of the
- 22 board must be held in Indiana.
- 23 (g) A quorum of the board consists of a majority of the appointed
- 24 members. A majority of the quorum may transact business. **The**
- 25 **chairperson of the board is not allowed to cast a vote on any matter**
- 26 **before the board unless the chairperson's vote is necessary to break**
- 27 **a tie.**
- 28 SECTION 286. IC 27-1-15.7-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2024,
- 29 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 30 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 4. (a) The commissioner shall approve and
- 31 disapprove continuing education courses. ~~after considering~~
- 32 ~~recommendations made by the insurance producer education and~~
- 33 ~~continuing education commission established under section 6.5 of this~~
- 34 ~~chapter.~~
- 35 (b) The commissioner may not approve a course under this section
- 36 if the course:
- 37 (1) is designed to prepare an individual to receive an initial
- 38 license under this chapter;
- 39 (2) concerns only routine, basic office skills, including filing,
- 40 keyboarding, and basic computer skills; or

1 (3) may be completed by a licensee without supervision by an  
2 instructor, unless the course involves an examination process that  
3 is:

4 (A) completed and passed by the licensee as determined by the  
5 provider of the course; and

6 (B) approved by the commissioner.

7 (c) The commissioner shall approve a course under this section that  
8 is submitted for approval by an insurance trade association or  
9 professional insurance association if:

10 (1) the objective of the course is to educate a manager or an  
11 owner of a business entity that is required to obtain an insurance  
12 producer license under IC 27-1-15.6-6(d);

13 (2) the course teaches insurance producer management and is  
14 designed to result in improved efficiency in insurance producer  
15 operations, systems use, or key functions;

16 (3) the course is designed to benefit consumers; and

17 (4) the course is not described in subsection (b).

18 (d) Approval of a continuing education course under this section  
19 shall be for a period of not more than two (2) years.

20 (e) A prospective provider of a continuing education course shall  
21 pay:

22 (1) a fee of forty dollars (\$40) for each course submitted for  
23 approval of the commissioner under this section; or

24 (2) an annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) not later than  
25 January 1 of a calendar year, which entitles the prospective  
26 provider to submit an unlimited number of courses for approval  
27 of the commissioner under this section during the calendar year.

28 The commissioner may waive all or a portion of the fee for a course  
29 submitted under a reciprocity agreement with another state for the  
30 approval or disapproval of continuing education courses. Fees collected  
31 under this subsection shall be deposited in the department of insurance  
32 fund established under IC 27-1-3-28.

33 (f) A prospective provider of a continuing education course may  
34 electronically deliver to the commissioner any supporting materials for  
35 the course.

36 (g) The commissioner shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish  
37 procedures for approving continuing education courses.

38 SECTION 287. IC 27-1-15.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2024,  
39 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify as a certified prelicensing

1 course of study for purposes of IC 27-1-15.6-6, an insurance producer  
 2 program of study must meet all of the following criteria:

3 (1) Be conducted or developed by an:

4 (A) insurance trade association;

5 (B) accredited college or university;

6 (C) educational organization certified by the ~~insurance~~  
 7 ~~producer education and continuing education commissioner;~~  
 8 ~~commissioner;~~ or

9 (D) insurance company licensed to do business in Indiana.

10 (2) Provide for self-study or instruction provided by an approved  
 11 instructor in a structured setting, as follows:

12 (A) For life insurance producers, not less than twenty (20)  
 13 hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
 14 self-study on:

15 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
 16 insurance;

17 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
 18 rules of Indiana; and

19 (iii) principles of life insurance.

20 (B) For health insurance producers, not less than twenty (20)  
 21 hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
 22 self-study on:

23 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
 24 insurance;

25 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
 26 rules of Indiana; and

27 (iii) principles of health insurance.

28 (C) For life and health insurance producers, not less than forty  
 29 (40) hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable  
 30 self-study on:

31 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of  
 32 insurance;

33 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative  
 34 rules of Indiana;

35 (iii) principles of life insurance; and

36 (iv) principles of health insurance.

37 (D) For property and casualty insurance producers, not less  
 38 than forty (40) hours of instruction in a structured setting or  
 39 comparable self-study on:

40 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of

- 1 insurance;
- 2 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative
- 3 rules of Indiana;
- 4 (iii) principles of property insurance; and
- 5 (iv) principles of liability insurance.
- 6 (E) For personal lines producers, a minimum of twenty (20)
- 7 hours of instruction in a structured setting or comparable
- 8 self-study on:
- 9 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of
- 10 insurance;
- 11 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative
- 12 rules of Indiana; and
- 13 (iii) principles of property and liability insurance applicable
- 14 to coverages sold to individuals and families for primarily
- 15 noncommercial purposes.
- 16 (F) For title insurance producers, not less than ten (10) hours
- 17 of instruction in a structured setting or comparable self-study
- 18 on:
- 19 (i) ethical practices in the marketing and selling of title
- 20 insurance;
- 21 (ii) requirements of the insurance laws and administrative
- 22 rules of Indiana;
- 23 (iii) principles of title insurance, including underwriting and
- 24 escrow issues; and
- 25 (iv) principles of the federal Real Estate Settlement
- 26 Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. 2608).
- 27 (G) For annuity product producers, not less than four (4) hours
- 28 of instruction in a structured setting or comparable self-study
- 29 on:
- 30 (i) types and classifications of annuities;
- 31 (ii) identification of the parties to an annuity;
- 32 (iii) the manner in which fixed, variable, and indexed
- 33 annuity contract provisions affect consumers;
- 34 (iv) income taxation of qualified and non-qualified
- 35 annuities;
- 36 (v) primary uses of annuities; and
- 37 (vi) appropriate sales practices, replacement, and disclosure
- 38 requirements.
- 39 (3) Instruction provided in a structured setting must be provided
- 40 only by individuals who meet the qualifications established by the

1 commissioner under subsection (b).

2 (b) The commissioner ~~after consulting with the insurance producer~~  
3 ~~education and continuing education commission~~, shall adopt rules  
4 under IC 4-22-2 prescribing the criteria that a person must meet to  
5 render instruction in a certified prelicensing course of study.

6 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing  
7 the subject matter that an insurance producer program of study must  
8 cover to qualify for certification as a certified prelicensing course of  
9 study under this section.

10 (d) The commissioner may make recommendations that the  
11 commissioner considers necessary for improvements in course  
12 materials.

13 (e) The commissioner shall designate a program of study that meets  
14 the requirements of this section as a certified prelicensing course of  
15 study for purposes of IC 27-1-15.6-6.

16 (f) For each person that provides one (1) or more certified  
17 prelicensing courses of study, the commissioner shall annually  
18 determine, of all individuals who received classroom instruction in the  
19 certified prelicensing courses of study provided by the person, the  
20 percentage who passed the examination required by IC 27-1-15.6-5.  
21 The commissioner shall determine only one (1) passing percentage  
22 under this subsection for all lines of insurance described in  
23 IC 27-1-15.6-7(a) for which the person provides classroom instruction  
24 in certified prelicensing courses of study.

25 (g) The commissioner may, after notice and opportunity for a  
26 hearing, do the following:

27 (1) Withdraw the certification of a course of study that does not  
28 maintain reasonable standards, as determined by the  
29 commissioner for the protection of the public.

30 (2) Disqualify a person that is currently qualified under  
31 subsection (b) to render instruction in a certified prelicensing  
32 course of study from rendering the instruction if the passing  
33 percentage calculated under subsection (f) is less than forty-five  
34 percent (45%).

35 (h) Current course materials for a prelicensing course of study that  
36 is certified under this section must be submitted to the commissioner  
37 upon request, but not less frequently than once every three (3) years.

38 SECTION 288. IC 27-1-15.7-6.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.158-2024,  
39 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.5. (a) As used in this section, "commission"

1 refers to the insurance producer education and continuing education  
2 commission established by subsection (b).

3 (b) The insurance producer education and continuing education  
4 commission is established within the department. The commissioner  
5 shall appoint the following seven (7) individuals:

6 (1) One (1) individual nominated by the Professional Insurance  
7 Agents of Indiana or its successor organization.

8 (2) One (1) individual nominated by the Independent Insurance  
9 Agents of Indiana or its successor organization.

10 (3) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana Association of  
11 Insurance and Financial Advisors or its successor organization.

12 (4) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana State Association  
13 of Health Underwriters or its successor organization.

14 (5) One (1) individual nominated by the Association of Life  
15 Insurance Companies or its successor organization.

16 (6) One (1) individual nominated by the Insurance Institute of  
17 Indiana or its successor organization.

18 (7) One (1) individual nominated by the Indiana Land Title  
19 Association or its successor organization.

20 The commissioner shall solicit nominations from the entities set forth  
21 in this subsection. The commissioner may deny to make the  
22 appointment of an individual nominated under this subsection only if  
23 the commissioner determines that the individual is not in good standing  
24 with the department or is not qualified. If the commissioner denies the  
25 appointment of an individual nominated under this subsection, the  
26 commissioner shall provide the nominating entity with the reason for  
27 the denial and allow the nominating entity to submit an alternative  
28 nomination.

29 (c) A member of the commission serves for a term of three (3) years  
30 that expires June 30, 2027, and every third year thereafter. A member  
31 may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

32 (d) The commissioner shall appoint a member of the commission to  
33 serve as chairperson, who serves at the will of the commissioner. The  
34 commission shall meet:

35 (1) at the call of the chairperson; and

36 (2) at least semiannually.

37 The department shall staff the commission. Four (4) members  
38 constitute a quorum of the commission.

39 (e) The commissioner shall fill a vacancy on the commission with  
40 a nomination from the entity that nominated the predecessor or the

1 entity's successor. The individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall  
2 serve for the remainder of the predecessor's term.

3 (f) A member of the commission is entitled to the minimum salary  
4 per diem provided under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). A member is also entitled  
5 to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually  
6 incurred in connection with the member's duties, in accordance with  
7 state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana  
8 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.  
9 Money paid under this subsection shall be paid from amounts  
10 appropriated to the department.

11 (g) The commission shall review and make recommendations to the  
12 commissioner concerning the following:

13 (1) Course materials and curriculum and instructor credentials for  
14 prelicensing courses of study for which certification by the  
15 commissioner is sought under section 5 of this chapter.

16 (2) Continuing education requirements for insurance producers.

17 (3) Continuing education courses for which the approval of the  
18 commissioner is sought under section 4 of this chapter.

19 (4) Rules proposed for adoption by the commissioner concerning  
20 continuing education under this chapter.

21 (h) A member of the commission or a designee of the commissioner  
22 is permitted access to any classroom while instruction is in progress to  
23 monitor the classroom instruction.

24 **(i) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

25 SECTION 289. IC 27-1-29-29, AS ADDED BY P.L.46-2023,  
26 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 29. (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b);~~ This  
28 chapter expires ~~when the insurance commissioner certifies to the~~  
29 ~~executive director of the legislative services agency that:~~

30 (1) ~~the fund has no remaining members;~~

31 (2) ~~all payments of liabilities of former members of the fund have~~  
32 ~~been determined and finalized; and~~

33 (3) ~~the balance in the fund has been distributed to former~~  
34 ~~members of the fund in accordance with section 28(c)(4) of this~~  
35 ~~chapter.~~

36 (b) ~~This chapter does not expire under subsection (a) unless~~  
37 ~~IC 27-1-29.1:~~

38 (1) ~~has previously expired under IC 27-1-29.1-24; or~~

39 (2) ~~expires under IC 27-1-29.1-24 at the same time as this chapter~~  
40 ~~expires under subsection (a)(1) through (a)(3). December 31,~~

1           **2026.**

2           SECTION 290. IC 27-1-44.5-0.4, AS ADDED BY P.L.195-2021,  
3           SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4           JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.4. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "advisory board"  
5           means the all payer claims data base advisory board established under  
6           IC 27-1-44.6-5.

7           **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

8           SECTION 291. IC 27-1-44.6-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
9           CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
10          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 13. This chapter expires**  
11          **December 31, 2026.**

12          SECTION 292. IC 31-9-2-10.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
13          SECTION 175, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
14          [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 10.6. **(a)** "Board", for  
15          purposes of 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 293. 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, 2026]: **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 294. IC 31-26-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
23          SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
24          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. **(a)** As used in this chapter,  
25          "board" refers to the Indiana kids first trust fund board established by  
26          section 5 of this chapter.

27          **(b) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

28          SECTION 295. IC 31-26-4-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
29          CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
30          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2.1. As used in this chapter,**  
31          **"commission" refers to the commission on improving the status of**  
32          **children in Indiana established by IC 2-5-36-3.**

33          SECTION 296. IC 31-26-4-2.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.220-2011,  
34          SECTION 506, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
35          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.3. (a) After June 30, 2003, **and**  
36          **before January 1, 2027**, any reference in a statute or rule referring to  
37          the Indiana children's trust fund board is considered a reference to the  
38          board.

39          **(b) This subsection does not apply after December 31, 2026.** On  
40          July 1, 2003, the board becomes the owner of all the personal property

1 and assets and assumes the obligations and liabilities of the Indiana  
2 children's trust fund board, as it existed before July 1, 2003.

3 **(c) After December 31, 2026, any reference in a statute or rule**  
4 **referring to the Indiana children's trust fund board is considered**  
5 **a reference to the commission.**

6 **(d) On January 1, 2027, the commission becomes the owner of**  
7 **all the personal property and assets and assumes the obligations**  
8 **and liabilities of the Indiana children's trust fund board, as it**  
9 **existed before January 1, 2027.**

10 SECTION 297. IC 31-26-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2021,  
11 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The Indiana kids first trust fund board is  
13 established.

14 (b) The purpose of the board is to determine whether proposed  
15 projects under this chapter should be approved and to perform other  
16 duties given to the board by this chapter. The board shall approve  
17 projects and recommend to the department that the projects receive  
18 funds under sections 12 and 14 of this chapter.

19 (c) The board shall, before January 1 of each year, prepare a budget  
20 for expenditures from the fund for the following state fiscal year. The  
21 budget must contain priorities for expenditures from the fund to  
22 accomplish the projects that have been approved under this chapter.  
23 The budget shall be submitted to the department and the budget  
24 committee. **The board shall submit its final budget under this**  
25 **subsection before January 1, 2027.**

26 (d) The board may employ staff necessary to carry out the duties of  
27 the board.

28 (e) The board may establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation  
29 under section 17 of this chapter.

30 **(f) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

31 SECTION 298. IC 31-26-4-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
32 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) The commission shall**  
34 **determine whether proposed projects under this chapter should be**  
35 **approved and to perform other duties as directed by this chapter.**  
36 **The commission shall approve projects and recommend to the**  
37 **department that the projects receive funds under sections 12 and**  
38 **14 of this chapter.**

39 (b) **The commission shall annually prepare a budget for**  
40 **expenditures from the fund for the following state fiscal year. The**

1 budget must contain priorities for expenditures from the fund to  
 2 accomplish the projects that have been approved under this  
 3 chapter. The commission shall submit a budget to the department  
 4 and the budget committee before January 1, 2028, and each year  
 5 thereafter.

6 (c) The commission may employ staff necessary to carry out the  
 7 duties of the board.

8 (d) The commission may establish a nonprofit subsidiary  
 9 corporation under section 17 of this chapter.

10 SECTION 299. IC 31-26-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 11 SECTION 298, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The board consists of the  
 13 following ten (10) members:

14 (1) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general  
 15 assembly, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate  
 16 with advice from the minority leader of the senate.

17 (2) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general  
 18 assembly, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
 19 representatives with advice from the minority leader of the house  
 20 of representatives.

21 (3) The director of the department or the director's designee.

22 (4) Four (4) individuals appointed by the governor as follows:

23 (A) One (1) individual who represents the general public.

24 (B) Two (2) individuals who represent child advocacy  
 25 organizations.

26 (C) One (1) individual who represents the medical community.

27 (5) The commissioner of the Indiana department of health or the  
 28 commissioner's designee. An individual designated by the  
 29 commissioner under this subdivision must have knowledge of or  
 30 experience in issues relating to:

31 (A) the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

32 (B) the reduction of infant mortality.

33 (b) This section expires December 31, 2026.

34 SECTION 300. IC 31-26-4-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 35 SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The members shall annually  
 37 choose a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the members  
 38 of the board under this section.

39 (b) The director of the department or the director's designee may not  
 40 serve as chairperson or vice chairperson.

1 (c) If the member chosen as chairperson was appointed as a member  
 2 by the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house  
 3 of representatives, the vice chairperson must be chosen from among the  
 4 members appointed by the governor. If the member chosen as  
 5 chairperson was appointed as a member by the governor, the vice  
 6 chairperson must be chosen from among the members appointed by the  
 7 president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house of  
 8 representatives.

9 **(d) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

10 SECTION 301. IC 31-26-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2021,  
 11 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly and  
 13 at the call of the chair.

14 (b) A majority of the appointed members of the board constitutes a  
 15 quorum. The board may take action only in the presence of a quorum.

16 (c) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board  
 17 participating in a board meeting is necessary for the board to take any  
 18 action at the meeting.

19 (d) The board shall post the minutes of a meeting on the board's  
 20 Internet web site not later than ten (10) days after the minutes are  
 21 approved by the board.

22 **(e) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

23 SECTION 302. IC 31-26-4-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2021,  
 24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The term of a board member begins on the  
 26 later of the following:

27 (1) The day the term of the member whom the individual is  
 28 appointed to succeed expires.

29 (2) The day the individual is appointed.

30 (b) The term of a member expires July 1 of the fourth year after the  
 31 member is appointed. However, a member serves at the pleasure of the  
 32 appointing authority.

33 (c) The appointing authority may reappoint a member for a new  
 34 term.

35 (d) The appointing authority shall appoint an individual to fill a  
 36 vacancy among the members.

37 **(e) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

38 SECTION 303. IC 31-26-4-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 39 SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Each member of the board

1 who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem  
 2 provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to  
 3 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
 4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 5 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 6 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 7 agency.

8 (b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to  
 9 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4  
 10 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's  
 11 duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by  
 12 the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 13 agency.

14 **(c) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

15 SECTION 304. IC 31-26-4-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 16 SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. The ~~board~~ **commission** shall  
 18 adopt and make available to the public:

- 19 (1) a strategic plan to implement the purposes of this chapter; and  
 20 (2) a method for proposing projects and requesting funds from the  
 21 Indiana kids first trust fund.

22 SECTION 305. IC 31-26-4-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2021,  
 23 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) The Indiana kids first trust fund is  
 25 established to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

26 (b) The fund consists of the following:

- 27 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.  
 28 (2) Interest as provided in subsection (e).  
 29 (3) Fees from kids first trust license plates issued under  
 30 IC 9-18-30 (before its expiration) or IC 9-18.5-14.  
 31 (4) Money donated to the fund, including donations from a  
 32 nonprofit subsidiary corporation established under section 17 of  
 33 this chapter.  
 34 (5) Money transferred to the fund from other funds.

35 (c) The treasurer of state shall administer the fund.

36 (d) The expenses of administering the fund and this chapter shall be  
 37 paid from the fund.

38 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
 39 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
 40 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues

1 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

2 (f) An appropriation made by the general assembly to the fund shall  
3 be allotted and allocated at the beginning of the fiscal period for which  
4 the appropriation was made.

5 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert  
6 to the state general fund or any other fund.

7 (h) Subject to this chapter, there is annually appropriated to the  
8 department all money in the fund for the purposes of this chapter.  
9 However, the department may not request the allotment of money from  
10 the appropriation for a project that has not been approved and  
11 recommended by the ~~board~~ **commission**.

12 SECTION 306. IC 31-26-4-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2011,  
13 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) The infant mortality account is established  
15 within the fund for the purpose of providing money for education and  
16 programs approved by the ~~board~~ **commission** under section ~~5(b)~~ **5.5(a)**  
17 of this chapter to reduce infant mortality in Indiana. The account shall  
18 be administered by the treasurer of state.

19 (b) Expenses of administering the account shall be paid from money  
20 in the account. The account consists of the following:

- 21 (1) Appropriations to the account.  
22 (2) Money donated to the account.

23 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not  
24 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same  
25 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues  
26 from these investments shall be deposited in the account.

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

29 SECTION 307. IC 31-26-4-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
30 SECTION 272, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. **(a) This subsection applies to**  
32 **a calendar year ending before January 1, 2027.** Before October 1 of  
33 each year, the board shall prepare a report concerning the program  
34 established by this chapter for the public and the general assembly. A  
35 report prepared under this section for the general assembly must be in  
36 an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

37 **(b) This subsection applies to a calendar year beginning after**  
38 **December 31, 2026. Before October 1 of each year, the commission**  
39 **shall prepare a report concerning the program established by this**  
40 **chapter for the public and the general assembly. The commission**

1       **shall submit the report to the general assembly in an electronic**  
2       **format under IC 5-14-6.**

3       SECTION 308. IC 31-26-4-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.93-2021,  
4       SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) The board may establish a nonprofit  
6       subsidiary corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation  
7       under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to solicit and  
8       accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises, and  
9       contributions.

10       (b) The board shall study the topic of establishing a nonprofit  
11       subsidiary corporation described in subsection (a). Not later than  
12       December 31, 2021, the board shall submit a report to the general  
13       assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 addressing the  
14       board's findings and determinations under this subsection. If the board  
15       determines to establish a nonprofit subsidiary corporation as described  
16       in subsection (a), the report must also include an implementation plan  
17       and estimated budget for the establishment of the nonprofit subsidiary  
18       corporation.

19       (c) A subsidiary corporation established under this section is  
20       governed by a board of directors comprised of members appointed by  
21       the Indiana kids first trust fund board. Employees of the Indiana kids  
22       first trust fund board may serve on the board of directors of the  
23       subsidiary corporation. A subsidiary corporation established under this  
24       section:

25               (1) shall use money received under subsection (a) to carry out, in  
26               any manner, the purposes and programs of the board;

27               (2) shall report to the budget committee each year concerning:

28                       (A) the use of money received; and

29                       (B) the balances in any accounts or funds established by the  
30               subsidiary corporation;

31               (3) may donate money received to the Indiana kids first trust fund;  
32               and

33               (4) may deposit money received in an account or fund that is:

34                       (A) administered by the subsidiary corporation; and

35                       (B) not part of the state treasury.

36       (d) The board of directors of a subsidiary corporation established  
37       under this section shall post the minutes of a meeting on the subsidiary  
38       corporation's Internet web site not later than ten (10) days after the  
39       minutes are approved by the board of directors.

40       (e) Employees of the Indiana kids first trust fund board shall provide

1 administrative support for a subsidiary corporation established under  
 2 this section. Employees of the board directly involved in the subsidiary  
 3 corporation may engage in fundraising activities on behalf of the  
 4 subsidiary corporation.

5 (f) The state board of accounts shall annually audit a subsidiary  
 6 corporation established under this section.

7 **(g) This section expires December 31, 2026.**

8 SECTION 309. IC 31-27-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,  
 9 SECTION 300, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The department may do the  
 11 following:

12 (1) Prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices, and other  
 13 documents required by this article or by the rules adopted under  
 14 this article.

15 (2) Increase public awareness of this article and the rules adopted  
 16 under this article by preparing and publishing manuals and guides  
 17 explaining this article and the rules adopted under this article.

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

20 (4) Prepare reports and studies to advance the purpose of this  
 21 article.

22 (5) Seek the advice and recommendations of state agencies whose  
 23 information and knowledge would be of assistance in writing,  
 24 revising, or monitoring rules developed under this article. These  
 25 agencies, including the office of the attorney general, Indiana  
 26 department of health, division of mental health and addiction,  
 27 division of family resources, the state police department, and ~~fire~~  
 28 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~, **department of**  
 29 **homeland security**, shall upon request supply necessary  
 30 information to the department.

31 (6) Make the directory of licensees available to the public for a  
 32 charge not to exceed the cost of reproducing the directory.

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

35 (A) For a child caring institution or group home license, a fee  
 36 not to exceed three dollars (\$3) for each licensed bed based on  
 37 total licensed bed capacity not to exceed a maximum fee of  
 38 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

39 (B) For a child placing agency license, a fee not to exceed fifty  
 40 dollars (\$50).

1 (8) Exercise any other regulatory and administrative powers  
2 necessary to carry out the functions of the department.

3 SECTION 310. IC 31-27-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025,  
4 SECTION 223, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall adopt  
6 rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the licensing and inspection of:

7 (1) child caring institutions, foster family homes, group homes,  
8 and child placing agencies after consultation with the:

9 (A) Indiana department of health; and

10 (B) ~~fire prevention and building safety commission;~~  
11 **department of homeland security;** and

12 (2) child caring institutions and group homes that are licensed for  
13 infants and toddlers after consultation with the division of family  
14 resources.

15 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall be applied by the  
16 department and state fire marshal in the licensing and inspection of  
17 applicants for a license and licensees under this article.

18 (c) The rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 must establish minimum  
19 standards for the care and treatment of children in a secure private  
20 facility.

21 (d) The rules described in subsection (c) must include standards  
22 governing the following:

23 (1) Admission criteria.

24 (2) General physical and environmental conditions.

25 (3) Services and programs to be provided to confined children.

26 (4) Procedures for ongoing monitoring and discharge planning.

27 (5) Procedures for the care and control of confined persons that  
28 are necessary to ensure the health, safety, and treatment of  
29 confined children.

30 (e) The department shall license a facility as a secure private facility  
31 if the facility:

32 (1) meets the minimum standards required under subsection (c);

33 (2) provides a continuum of care and services; and

34 (3) is licensed under IC 31-27-3.

35 (f) A waiver of the rules may not be granted for treatment and  
36 reporting requirements.

37 SECTION 311. IC 31-27-2-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
38 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in  
40 subsections (b) and (c), the department shall exempt from licensure a

1 child caring institution and a group home operated by a church or  
 2 religious ministry that is a religious organization exempt from federal  
 3 income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 4 (as defined in IC 6-3-1-11) and that does not:

5 (1) accept for care:

6 (A) a child who is a delinquent child under IC 31-37-1-1 or  
 7 IC 31-37-2-1; or

8 (B) a child who is a child in need of services under  
 9 IC 31-34-1-1 through IC 31-34-1-9; or

10 (2) operate a residential facility that provides child care on a  
 11 twenty-four (24) hour basis for profit.

12 (b) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to govern the  
 13 inspection of a child caring institution and a group home operated by  
 14 a church or religious ministry with regard to sanitation.

15 (c) ~~The fire prevention and building safety commission department~~  
 16 **of homeland security** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to govern the  
 17 inspection of a child caring institution and a group home operated by  
 18 a church or religious ministry under this section. The rules must  
 19 provide standards for fire alarms and fire drills.

20 (d) A child caring institution and a group home operated by a  
 21 church or religious ministry under this section shall comply with the  
 22 rules established by the department and the ~~fire prevention and~~  
 23 ~~building safety commission department of homeland security~~  
 24 under this section.

25 SECTION 312. IC 31-27-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2017,  
 26 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (f), the  
 28 department may grant a variance or waiver of a rule governing child  
 29 caring institutions, foster family homes, group homes, or child placing  
 30 agencies. A variance or waiver granted under this section must promote  
 31 statewide practices and must protect the rights of persons affected by  
 32 this article.

33 (b) The department may grant a variance to a rule if an applicant for  
 34 a license or a licensee under this article does the following:

35 (1) Submits to the department a written request for the variance  
 36 in the form and manner specified by the department.

37 (2) Documents that compliance with an alternative method of  
 38 compliance approved by the department will not be adverse to the  
 39 health, safety, or welfare of a child receiving services from the  
 40 applicant for the variance, as determined by the department.

1 (c) A variance granted under subsection (b) must be conditioned  
 2 upon compliance with the alternative method approved by the  
 3 department. Noncompliance constitutes the violation of a rule of the  
 4 department and may be the basis for revoking the variance.

5 (d) The department may grant a waiver of a rule if an applicant for  
 6 a license or a licensee under this article does the following:

7 (1) Submits to the department a written request for the waiver in  
 8 the form and manner specified by the department.

9 (2) Documents that compliance with the rule specified in the  
 10 application for the waiver will create an undue hardship on the  
 11 applicant for the waiver, as determined by the department.

12 (3) Documents that the applicant for the waiver will be in  
 13 substantial compliance with the rules adopted by the department  
 14 after the waiver is granted, as determined by the department.

15 (4) Documents that noncompliance with the rule specified in the  
 16 application for a waiver will not be adverse to the health, safety,  
 17 or welfare of a child receiving services from the applicant for the  
 18 waiver, as determined by the department.

19 (e) Except for a variance or waiver of a rule governing foster family  
 20 homes, a variance or waiver of a rule under this section that conflicts  
 21 with a building rule or fire safety rule adopted by the ~~fire prevention~~  
 22 ~~and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** is  
 23 not effective until the variance or waiver is approved by the ~~fire~~  
 24 ~~prevention and building safety commission~~ **department of homeland**  
 25 **security**.

26 (f) A waiver may not be granted for an applicant who has been  
 27 convicted of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in IC 31-9-2-84.8.

28 SECTION 313. IC 31-27-2-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
 29 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) If the department determines  
 31 that a waiver or variance expiring under section 9 of this chapter will  
 32 continue to serve the public interest, the department may do the  
 33 following:

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

35 (2) Renew and modify the waiver or variance as needed to  
 36 promote statewide practices and to protect the rights of persons  
 37 affected by this chapter.

38 (b) Before taking an action under subsection (a), the department  
 39 may require a licensee under this article to do the following:

40 (1) Apply for the renewal of a waiver or variance on the form

- 1 specified by the department.
- 2 (2) Provide the information required by the department.
- 3 (c) Except for a variance or waiver of a rule governing foster family  
4 homes, before taking an action under subsection (a), the department  
5 must obtain the approval of the ~~fire prevention and building safety~~  
6 ~~commission department of homeland security, or if applicable, the~~  
7 ~~state building commissioner~~, for the action if either of the following  
8 occurs:
- 9 (1) The ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
10 ~~substantially department of homeland security or state~~  
11 ~~building commissioner~~ changes a building ~~rule requirement~~ or  
12 fire safety rule ~~adopted by the department of homeland~~  
13 ~~security~~ affected by the waiver or variance after the date the  
14 ~~commission department of homeland security or state building~~  
15 ~~commissioner~~ last approved the waiver or variance.
- 16 (2) The department substantially modifies any part of a waiver or  
17 variance that conflicts with a building rule or fire safety rule  
18 adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
19 ~~department of homeland security~~.
- 20 SECTION 314. IC 31-27-3-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
21 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. The ~~fire prevention and~~  
23 ~~building safety commission department of homeland security~~ may  
24 not adopt rules requiring the installation of a sprinkler system in a  
25 living unit of a licensed child caring institution in which fewer than  
26 sixteen (16) children reside, each of whom is:
- 27 (1) ambulatory; and
- 28 (2) at least six (6) years of age.
- 29 SECTION 315. IC 31-27-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
30 SECTION 273, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. The ~~fire prevention and building~~  
32 ~~safety commission department of homeland security~~ shall provide  
33 consultation regarding the licensure of foster family homes to the  
34 department upon request.
- 35 SECTION 316. IC 32-21-2.5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.26-2022,  
36 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "paper document"  
38 or "paper documents" means a tangible record that is received by a  
39 county recorder in a form that is not electronic.
- 40 (b) On or before July 1, 2022, a county recorder shall receive for

1 recording, indexing, storage, archiving, access to, searching of,  
 2 retrieval, and transmittal all electronic documents proper for recording.  
 3 A county recorder shall also accept electronically any fee or tax that the  
 4 county recorder is authorized to collect under applicable laws. A  
 5 county recorder shall implement the processing of electronic  
 6 documents proper for recording in compliance with:

- 7 (1) this article;
- 8 (2) IC 33-42;
- 9 (3) IC 36-2-7.5;
- 10 (4) IC 36-2-11; and
- 11 (5) IC 36-2-13; and

12 the standards adopted by the electronic recording commission created  
 13 under section 9 of this chapter **(before its repeal)**.

14 (c) This section does not apply to the following documents:

- 15 (1) A military discharge under IC 10-17-2.
- 16 (2) A survey of real property.
- 17 (3) A plat of real property.

18 (d) A recorder who accepts electronic documents for recording  
 19 shall:

- 20 (1) continue to accept paper documents as authorized by state  
 21 law; and
- 22 (2) place entries for paper documents and electronic documents  
 23 in the same index.

24 (e) A recorder who accepts electronic documents for recording may:

- 25 (1) convert paper documents accepted for recording into  
 26 electronic form;
- 27 (2) convert into electronic form information recorded before the  
 28 county recorder began to accept and index electronic documents;
- 29 or
- 30 (3) agree with other officials of a state or a political subdivision  
 31 of a state, or of the United States, on procedures or processes to  
 32 facilitate the electronic satisfaction of prior approvals and  
 33 conditions precedent to recording and the electronic payment of  
 34 fees and taxes.

35 SECTION 317. IC 32-21-2.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 36 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 9: (a) The electronic recording commission is established  
 37 to adopt standards to implement this chapter before January 1, 2018.  
 38 The commission consists of the following five (5) members appointed  
 39 by the governor:~~

- 40 ~~(1) Three (3) members must be county recorders.~~

1           (2) One (1) member must be employed in Indiana in the banking  
2           or mortgage lending industry.

3           (3) One (1) member must be employed in Indiana in the land title  
4           industry.

5           (b) To keep the standards and practices of county recorders in  
6           Indiana in harmony with the standards and practices of recording  
7           offices in other jurisdictions that enact substantially this chapter and to  
8           keep the technology used by county recorders in Indiana compatible  
9           with technology used by recording offices in other jurisdictions that  
10          enact substantially this chapter, the electronic recording commission;  
11          so far as is consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of this  
12          chapter, in adopting, amending, and repealing standards shall consider:

- 13           (1) standards and practices of other jurisdictions;  
14           (2) the most recent standards promulgated by national standard  
15           setting bodies, such as the Property Records Industry Association  
16           (PRIA);  
17           (3) the views of interested persons and governmental officials and  
18           entities;  
19           (4) the needs of counties of varying size, population, and  
20           resources; and  
21           (5) standards requiring adequate information security protection  
22           to ensure that electronic documents are accurate, authentic,  
23           adequately preserved, and resistant to tampering.

24          SECTION 318. IC 32-21-5.2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2024,  
25          SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
26          JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "local building  
27          department" means, in any county, city, or town, the department,  
28          division, agency, section, or office that enforces the Indiana building  
29          code adopted by the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission;~~  
30          **department of homeland security**, as required by IC 36-7-2-9(1).

31          SECTION 319. IC 34-13-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2021,  
32          SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
33          [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. This chapter applies to a claim  
34          or suit in tort against any of the following:

- 35           (1) The bureau of motor vehicles commission established by  
36           IC 9-14-9-1.  
37           (2) A member of the bureau of motor vehicles commission board  
38           established under IC 9-14-9-2.  
39           (3) An employee of the bureau of motor vehicles commission.  
40           (4) A member of the driver education advisory board established

- 1 by IC 9-27-6-5 (**before its expiration on December 31, 2026**).
- 2 (5) An approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined
- 3 in IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)), or an association acting on behalf of an
- 4 approved postsecondary educational institution, that:
- 5 (A) shares data with the commission for higher education
- 6 under IC 21-12-12-1; and
- 7 (B) is named as a defendant in a claim or suit in tort based on
- 8 any breach of the confidentiality of the data that occurs after
- 9 the institution has transmitted the data in compliance with
- 10 IC 21-12-12-1.
- 11 (6) The state fair commission established by IC 15-13-2-1.
- 12 (7) A member of the state fair commission established by
- 13 IC 15-13-2-1 or an employee of the state fair commission.
- 14 (8) The state fair board established by IC 15-13-5-1.
- 15 (9) A member of the state fair board established by IC 15-13-5-1.

16 SECTION 320. IC 34-13-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.46-2023,  
 17 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in section 9 of this  
 19 chapter and subsection (b), a claim against a political subdivision is  
 20 barred unless notice is filed with:

- 21 (1) the governing body of that political subdivision; and
- 22 (2) ~~unless IC 27-1-29 has expired under IC 27-1-29-29~~, the  
 23 Indiana political subdivision risk management commission  
 24 created under IC 27-1-29 (**before its expiration December 31,**  
 25 **2026**);

26 within one hundred eighty (180) days after the loss occurs.

27 (b) A claim against a political subdivision is not barred for failure  
 28 to file notice with the Indiana political subdivision risk management  
 29 commission under subsection (a)(2) if the political subdivision was not  
 30 a member of the political subdivision risk management fund  
 31 established under IC 27-1-29-10 at the time the act or omission took  
 32 place.

33 SECTION 321. IC 34-30-2.1-30 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 34 JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 30: IC 5-2-2-14(b) (Concerning the state for~~  
 35 ~~violations of the law enforcement academy building commission law).~~

36 SECTION 322. IC 34-30-2.1-107 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
 37 JANUARY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 107: IC 9-27-7-6(c) (Concerning members~~  
 38 ~~of the advisory board to the motorcycle operator safety education~~  
 39 ~~program).~~

40 SECTION 323. IC 34-30-2.1-129.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.131-2024,

1 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 129.5. IC 12-9-4-8, **before its expiration on**  
3 **December 31, 2026**, (Concerning providing information to the special  
4 service review team).

5 SECTION 324. IC 34-30-2.1-367.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 367.5. IC 25-5.3-8-8 (Concerning**  
8 **the members, officers, executive director, employees, and**  
9 **representatives of the athletic trainer compact commission under**  
10 **the athletic trainer interstate compact).**

11 SECTION 325. IC 35-44.2-3-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
12 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: A member or person employed by the law~~  
13 ~~enforcement academy building commission who has a conflict of~~  
14 ~~interest with respect to an action by the commission is subject to~~  
15 ~~criminal prosecution under IC 5-2-2-11.~~

16 SECTION 326. IC 35-47.5-2-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
17 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: "Commission" refers to the fire prevention and~~  
18 ~~building safety commission established by IC 22-12-2-1.~~

19 SECTION 327. IC 35-47.5-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,  
20 SECTION 134, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The department shall issue a  
22 regulated explosives magazine permit to maintain an explosives  
23 magazine to an applicant who qualifies under section 5 of this chapter.

24 (b) A permit issued under subsection (a) expires one (1) year after  
25 it is issued. The permit is limited to storage of the types and maximum  
26 quantities of explosives specified in the permit in the place covered by  
27 the permit and under the construction and location requirements  
28 specified in the rules of the ~~commission.~~ **department.**

29 SECTION 328. IC 35-47.5-4-4.5, AS AMENDED BY  
30 P.L.187-2021, SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) This section  
32 does not apply to:

- 33 (1) a person who is regulated under IC 14-34; or  
34 (2) near surface or subsurface use of regulated explosives  
35 associated with oil and natural gas:  
36 (A) exploration;  
37 (B) development;  
38 (C) production; or  
39 (D) abandonment activities or procedures.

40 (b) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2

1 to:

- 2 (1) govern the use of a regulated explosive; and  
 3 (2) establish requirements for the issuance of a license for the use  
 4 of a regulated explosive.

5 (c) The ~~commission~~ **department** shall include the following  
 6 requirements in the rules adopted under subsection (b):

- 7 (1) Relicensure every three (3) years after the initial issuance of  
 8 a license.  
 9 (2) Continuing education as a condition of relicensure.  
 10 (3) An application for licensure or relicensure must be submitted  
 11 to the department on forms approved by the ~~commission~~  
 12 **department**.  
 13 (4) A fee for licensure and relicensure.  
 14 (5) Reciprocal recognition of a license for the use of a regulated  
 15 explosive issued by another state if the licensure requirements of  
 16 the other state are substantially similar to the licensure  
 17 requirements established by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

18 (d) A person may not use a regulated explosive unless the person  
 19 has a license issued under this section for the use of a regulated  
 20 explosive.

21 (e) The department shall carry out the licensing and relicensing  
 22 program under the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department**.

23 (f) As used in this section, "regulated explosive" does not include  
 24 either of the following:

- 25 (1) Consumer fireworks (as defined in 27 CFR 555.11).  
 26 (2) Commercially manufactured black powder in quantities not to  
 27 exceed fifty (50) pounds, if the black powder is intended to be  
 28 used solely for sporting, recreational, or cultural purposes in  
 29 antique firearms or antique devices.

30 SECTION 329. IC 35-47.5-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify for a  
 32 regulated explosives permit, an applicant must:

- 33 (1) submit information on the form provided by the state fire  
 34 marshal describing:  
 35 (A) the location of the affected magazine;  
 36 (B) the types and maximum quantities of explosives that will  
 37 be kept in the place covered by the application; and  
 38 (C) the distance that the affected magazine will be located  
 39 from the nearest highway, railway, and structure that is also  
 40 used as a place of habitation or assembly other than for the

- 1 manufacture of explosives;
- 2 (2) except as provided in subdivision (3), demonstrate through an
- 3 inspection that the magazine is constructed and located in
- 4 accordance with the rules adopted by the ~~commission;~~
- 5 **department;**
- 6 (3) demonstrate through an inspection that smoking, matches,
- 7 open flames, and spark producing devices are not allowed within
- 8 a room containing an indoor magazine; and
- 9 (4) pay the fee under IC 22-12-6-6.

10 (b) To qualify for the renewal of a regulated explosives permit, the

11 applicant must pay the fee under IC 22-12-6-6.

12 SECTION 330. IC 35-47.5-4-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) This section does

14 not apply to storage that is exempted from the requirements of this

15 section in the rules adopted by the ~~commission~~ **department** under

16 IC 22-13-3.

17 (b) A person who:

- 18 (1) stores a regulated explosive;
- 19 (2) has control over a regulated explosive that is stored; or
- 20 (3) has control over a place where a regulated explosive is stored;
- 21 without a regulated explosives magazine permit issued under this
- 22 chapter that covers the storage commits a Class C infraction.

23 SECTION 331. IC 35-52-5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY

24 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 3: IC 5-2-2-11 defines a crime concerning the law~~

25 ~~enforcement academy building commission.~~

26 SECTION 332. IC 36-1-12-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2021,

27 SECTION 138, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The board must, within sixty

29 (60) days after the completion of the public work project, file in the

30 department of homeland security a complete set of final record

31 drawings for the public work project. However, this requirement does

32 not apply to a public work project constructed at a cost less than one

33 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). In addition, the filing of the

34 drawings is required only if the project involves a public building.

35 (b) The department of homeland security shall provide a depository

36 for all final record drawings filed, and retain them for inspection and

37 loan under regulated conditions. The ~~fire prevention and building~~

38 ~~safety commission~~ **department of homeland security** may designate

39 the librarian of Indiana as the custodian of the final record drawings.

40 The librarian shall preserve the final record drawings in the state

1 archives as public documents.

2 SECTION 333. IC 36-7-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
3 SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. Each unit shall require compliance with:

5 (1) the code of building laws and fire safety laws that is adopted  
6 in the rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
7 **department of homeland security** under IC 22-13;

8 (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the  
9 code of building laws and fire safety laws described in  
10 subdivision (1);

11 (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the code of building  
12 laws described in subdivision (1);

13 (4) IC 22-15-3-7; and

14 (5) a written interpretation of a building law and fire safety law  
15 binding on the unit under IC 22-13-5-3 or IC 22-13-5-4.

16 SECTION 334. IC 36-7-4-1108, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2024,  
17 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1108. (a) This section applies only to a child care  
19 home that is used as the primary residence of the person who operates  
20 the child care home regardless of whether the child care home meets  
21 the definition set forth in IC 12-7-2-28.6.

22 (b) A zoning ordinance may not do any of the following:

23 (1) Exclude a child care home from a residential area solely  
24 because the child care home is a business.

25 (2) Impose limits on the number of children that may be served by  
26 a child care home at any one (1) time that vary from the limits set  
27 forth in IC 12-7-2-33.7 and IC 12-7-2-33.8.

28 (3) Impose requirements or restrictions upon child care homes  
29 that vary from the requirements and restrictions imposed upon  
30 child care homes by rules adopted by the division of family  
31 resources or the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~.  
32 **department of homeland security.**

33 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a child care home may be  
34 required to meet the same:

35 (1) zoning requirements;

36 (2) developmental standards; and

37 (3) building codes;

38 that apply to other residential structures in the same residential district  
39 or classification as the child care home.

40 SECTION 335. IC 36-7-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2015,

1 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The legislative body of a county having a  
 3 county department of buildings or joint city-county building  
 4 department may, by ordinance, adopt building, heating, ventilating, air  
 5 conditioning, electrical, plumbing, and sanitation standards for  
 6 unincorporated areas of the county. These standards take effect only on  
 7 the legislative body's receipt of written approval from the ~~fire  
 8 prevention and building safety commission~~: **department of homeland  
 9 security**.

10 (b) An ordinance adopted under this section must be based on  
 11 occupancy, and it applies to:

12 (1) the construction, alteration, equipment, use, occupancy,  
 13 location, and maintenance of buildings, structures, and  
 14 appurtenances that are on land or over water and are:

15 (A) erected after the ordinance takes effect; and

16 (B) if expressly provided by the ordinance, existing when the  
 17 ordinance takes effect;

18 (2) conversions of buildings and structures, or parts of them, from  
 19 one occupancy classification to another; and

20 (3) the movement or demolition of buildings, structures, and  
 21 equipment for the operation of buildings and structures.

22 (c) The rules of the ~~fire prevention and building safety commission~~  
 23 **department of homeland security** are the minimum standards upon  
 24 which ordinances adopted under this section must be based.

25 (d) An ordinance adopted under this section does not apply to  
 26 private homes that are built by individuals and used for their own  
 27 occupancy. However, onsite sewage systems of a private home  
 28 described in this subsection must comply with state laws and rules.

29 SECTION 336. IC 36-7-8-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The legislative  
 31 body of a county having a county department of buildings or a joint  
 32 city-county building department may, by ordinance, adopt minimum  
 33 housing standards for unincorporated areas of the county. These  
 34 standards must be consistent with the rules of the ~~fire prevention and  
 35 building safety commission~~: **department of homeland security**.

36 (b) An ordinance adopted under this section applies to:

37 (1) residential buildings;

38 (2) residential parts of mixed occupancy buildings; and

39 (3) conversions of buildings from nonresidential to residential or  
 40 partly residential.

1 (c) A municipality may elect, by ordinance, to make itself subject to  
2 an ordinance adopted under this section.

3 (d) This section does not affect IC 16-41-26.

4 SECTION 337. IC 36-8-17-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
5 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the fire  
6 prevention and building safety commission.~~

7 SECTION 338. IC 36-8-17-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this  
9 chapter, "fire safety law" means any law, including rules and orders of  
10 the ~~commission, department~~, safeguarding life or property from the  
11 hazards of fire or explosion.

12 SECTION 339. IC 36-8-17-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2023,  
13 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) A fire department serving an area that does  
15 not include a city may engage in an inspection program to promote  
16 compliance with fire safety laws. Upon the request of an owner or a  
17 primary lessee who resides in a private dwelling, the fire department  
18 may inspect the interior of the private dwelling to determine  
19 compliance with IC 22-11-18-3.5. The fire department shall maintain  
20 a written report for each inspection. These reports shall be made  
21 available to the department upon request.

22 (b) The fire department serving an area that includes a city shall  
23 inspect every place and public way within the jurisdiction of the city,  
24 except the interiors of private dwellings, for compliance with the fire  
25 safety laws. Upon the request of an owner or a primary lessee who  
26 resides in a private dwelling, the fire department may inspect the  
27 interior of the private dwelling to determine compliance with  
28 IC 22-11-18-3.5. Except as otherwise provided in the rules adopted by  
29 the ~~commission, department~~, the fire chief of the fire department shall  
30 specify the schedule under which places and public ways are inspected  
31 and may exclude a class of places or public ways from inspection under  
32 this section, if the fire chief determines that the public interest will be  
33 served without inspection. The fire department shall maintain a written  
34 report for each inspection. The fire department shall submit monthly  
35 reports to the department, on forms prescribed by the department,  
36 containing the following information:

37 (1) The total number of inspections made.

38 (2) The total number of defects found, classified as required by  
39 the office.

40 (3) The total number of orders issued for correction of each class

- 1 of defect.
- 2 (4) The total number of orders complied with.
- 3 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), an inspection may only be  
4 carried out by an individual who:
- 5 (1) is a firefighter who meets, at a minimum, the training  
6 requirements described in IC 36-8-10.5; or  
7 (2) has:
- 8 (A) obtained certification as a:
- 9 (i) fire inspector I as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-12;  
10 (ii) fire inspector II as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-13; or  
11 (iii) fire inspector I/II as described in 655 IAC 1-2.1-13.1;  
12 and
- 13 (B) in the case of an individual who is not an employee of a  
14 fire department, completed at least two (2) years of experience  
15 as a fire inspector described in clause (A)(i) through (A)(iii).
- 16 (d) A volunteer fire department may carry out inspections under this  
17 section only through an individual who is certified under  
18 IC 22-14-2-6(c).
- 19 SECTION 340. IC 36-8-17-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) An order issued  
21 under section 9 or 10 of this chapter may be appealed to the  
22 **commission department** under IC 4-21.5-3-7. A decision to deny a  
23 request to modify or reverse an order issued under section 10 of this  
24 chapter is not appealable.
- 25 (b) If an order issued under section 9 or 10 of this chapter is  
26 appealed, the **commission department** or its designee shall conduct all  
27 administrative proceedings under IC 4-21.5. In its proceedings, the  
28 **commission department** may modify or reverse the order.
- 29 SECTION 341. IC 36-8-17-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. The **commission**  
31 **department** may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this  
32 chapter.
- 33 SECTION 342. IC 36-10-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2025,  
34 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) This subsection applies only in a third class  
36 city. A city board consists of four (4) members to be appointed by the  
37 city executive. The members shall be appointed on the basis of their  
38 interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation. In addition, the  
39 creating ordinance may provide for one (1) or two (2) additional  
40 members, those being:

- 1 (1) a member selected by the governing body of the school  
 2 corporation who is:
- 3 (A) a member of the governing body of the school corporation,  
 4 serving ex officio; or
- 5 (B) an individual who resides in the school corporation;
- 6 (2) a member selected by the governing body of the library district  
 7 who is:
- 8 (A) a member of the governing body of the library district,  
 9 serving ex officio; or
- 10 (B) an individual who resides in the library district, **selected**  
 11 **by the governing body of the library district;** or
- 12 (3) individuals under both subdivisions (1) and (2).
- 13 (b) This subsection applies in a county containing a consolidated  
 14 city and in a second class city. A city board consists of four (4)  
 15 members to be appointed by the city executive. The members shall be  
 16 appointed on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and  
 17 recreation, but no more than two (2) members may be affiliated with  
 18 the same political party. In addition, the creating ordinance may  
 19 provide for one (1) or two (2) additional members, those being:
- 20 (1) either:
- 21 (A) a member of the governing body of the school corporation,  
 22 serving ex officio, selected by the governing body of the  
 23 school corporation; or
- 24 (B) an individual who resides in the school corporation,  
 25 selected by the governing body of the school corporation;
- 26 (2) a member of the governing body of the library district, serving  
 27 ex officio, selected by that body; or
- 28 (3) individuals described in both subdivisions (1) and (2).
- 29 (c) A town board consists of four (4) members to be appointed by  
 30 the town legislative body. The members shall be appointed on the basis  
 31 of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation. Except as  
 32 provided in section 4.1 of this chapter, not more than two (2) members  
 33 may be affiliated with the same political party. Members of the board  
 34 must be residents of the district. In addition, the creating ordinance  
 35 may provide for one (1) or two (2) additional members, those being:
- 36 (1) a member:
- 37 (A) of the governing body of the school corporation, serving  
 38 ex officio, selected by that body; or
- 39 (B) designated by the governing body of the school  
 40 corporation;

- 1 (2) a member selected by the governing body of the library district  
 2 who is:
- 3 (A) a member of the governing body of the library district  
 4 serving ex officio; or  
 5 (B) an individual who resides in the library district; or  
 6 (3) individuals under both subdivisions (1) and (2).
- 7 (d) A county board shall be appointed as follows:
- 8 (1) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the judge of the  
 9 circuit court.  
 10 (2) One (1) member shall be appointed by the county executive.  
 11 (3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county fiscal  
 12 body.
- 13 The members appointed under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) shall be  
 14 appointed on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and  
 15 recreation, but no more than one (1) member appointed under  
 16 subdivisions (1) and (3) may be affiliated with the same political party.  
 17 In a county having at least one (1) first or second class city, the creating  
 18 ordinance must provide for one (1) ex officio board member to be  
 19 appointed by the executive of that city. The member appointed by the  
 20 city executive must be affiliated with a different political party than the  
 21 member appointed by the county executive. However, if a county has  
 22 more than one (1) such city, the executives of those cities shall agree  
 23 on the member. The member serves for a term coterminous with the  
 24 term of the appointing executive or executives.
- 25 (e) Ex officio members have all the rights of regular members,  
 26 including the right to vote. A vacancy in an ex officio position shall be  
 27 filled by the appointing authority. All members serving on a county,  
 28 city, or town board have the same rights, including the right to vote. A  
 29 vacancy in the seat of a member shall be filled by the appointing  
 30 authority.
- 31 (f) A municipal executive, a member of a county fiscal body, a  
 32 member of the county executive, or a member of the municipal fiscal  
 33 body may not serve on a board.
- 34 (g) The creating ordinance in any county may provide for:
- 35 (1) the county cooperative extension coordinator;  
 36 (2) the county extension educator; or  
 37 (3) a member of the county extension committee selected by the  
 38 committee;  
 39 to serve as an ex officio member of the county board, in addition to the  
 40 members provided for under subsection (d).

1 (h) The creating ordinance in a county having no first or second  
2 class cities may provide for a member of the county board to be  
3 selected by the board of supervisors of a soil and water conservation  
4 district in which a facility of the county board is located. The member  
5 selected under this subsection is in addition to the members provided  
6 for under subsections (d) and (g).

7 SECTION 343. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The terms of**  
8 **all of the members serving on the advisory committee established**  
9 **by IC 4-23-7.2-21 (before its repeal by this act) expire June 30,**  
10 **2026.**

11 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

12 SECTION 344. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) As used in**  
13 **this SECTION, "commission" means the Indiana commission for**  
14 **arts and humanities in education created by IC 4-23-12-1 (before**  
15 **its repeal by this act).**

16 **(b) As used in this SECTION, "department" means the**  
17 **department of education.**

18 **(c) On July 1, 2026, all agreements and liabilities of the**  
19 **commission are transferred to the department, as the successor**  
20 **agency.**

21 **(d) On July 1, 2026, all records and property of the commission,**  
22 **including appropriations and other funds under the control or**  
23 **supervision of the commission, are transferred to the department,**  
24 **as the successor agency.**

25 **(e) After July 1, 2026, any amounts owed to the commission**  
26 **before July 1, 2026, are considered to be owed to the department,**  
27 **as the successor agency.**

28 **(f) After July 1, 2026, a reference to the commission in a statute,**  
29 **rule, contract, lease, or other document is considered a reference**  
30 **to the department, as the successor agency.**

31 **(g) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the**  
32 **commission with respect to bonds issued by the commission in**  
33 **connection with any trust agreement or indenture securing those**  
34 **bonds are transferred to the department, as the successor agency.**  
35 **The rights of the trustee under any trust agreement or indenture**  
36 **and the rights of the bondholders of the commission remain**  
37 **unchanged, although the powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities**  
38 **of the commission have been transferred to the department, as the**  
39 **successor agency.**

1           **(h) The terms of all members serving on the commission expire**  
2 **June 30, 2026.**

3           **(i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

4           SECTION 345. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) As used in**  
5 **this SECTION, "commission" means the law enforcement**  
6 **academy building commission created by IC 5-2-2-1 (before its**  
7 **repeal by this act).**

8           **(b) As used in this SECTION, "department" means the state**  
9 **police department.**

10          **(c) On July 1, 2026, all agreements and liabilities of the**  
11 **commission are transferred to the department, as the successor**  
12 **agency.**

13          **(d) On July 1, 2026, 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 July 1, 2026, any amounts owed to the commission**  
18 **before July 1, 2026, are considered to be owed to the department,**  
19 **as the successor agency.**

20          **(f) After July 1, 2026, a reference to the commission in a statute,**  
21 **rule, contract, lease, or other document is considered a reference**  
22 **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 **June 30, 2026.**

34          **(i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

35          SECTION 346. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) As used in**  
36 **this SECTION, "council" means the advisory council established**  
37 **by IC 14-9-6-1 (before its repeal by this act).**

38          **(b) As used in this SECTION, "department" means the**  
39 **department of natural resources.**

1 (c) On July 1, 2026, all agreements and liabilities of the council  
2 are transferred to the department, as the successor agency.

3 (d) On July 1, 2026, all records and property of the council,  
4 including appropriations and other funds under the control or  
5 supervision of the council, are transferred to the department, as  
6 the successor agency.

7 (e) After July 1, 2026, any amounts owed to the council before  
8 July 1, 2026, are considered to be owed to the department, as the  
9 successor agency. The department shall transfer any amounts  
10 received under this subsection to the state comptroller for deposit  
11 in the state general fund.

12 (f) After July 1, 2026, a reference to the council in a statute,  
13 rule, or other document is considered a reference to the  
14 department, as the successor agency.

15 (g) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the council  
16 with respect to bonds issued by the council in connection with any  
17 trust agreement or indenture securing those bonds are transferred  
18 to the department, as the successor agency. The rights of the  
19 trustee under any trust agreement or indenture and the rights of  
20 the bondholders of the council remain unchanged, although the  
21 powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the council have been  
22 transferred to the department, as the successor agency.

23 (h) The terms of all members serving on the council expire June  
24 30, 2026.

25 (i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.

26 SECTION 347. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) As used in this  
27 SECTION, "CHLA" refers to the commission on Hispanic/Latino  
28 affairs established by IC 4-23-28-2 (before its repeal by this act).

29 (b) As used in this SECTION, "CSSBM" refers to the  
30 commission on the social status of black males established by  
31 IC 4-23-31-2 (before its repeal by this act).

32 (c) As used in this SECTION, "ICW" refers to the Indiana  
33 commission for women created by IC 4-23-25-3 (before its repeal  
34 by this act).

35 (d) As used in this SECTION, "NAIAC" refers to the Native  
36 American Indian affairs commission established by IC 4-23-32-3  
37 (before its repeal by this act).

38 (e) As used in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the  
39 Indiana cultural commission established by IC 4-23-36-3 (as added  
40 by this act).

- 1           **(f) On July 1, 2026, all agreements and liabilities of the:**  
2           **(1) CHLA;**  
3           **(2) CSSBM;**  
4           **(3) ICW; or**  
5           **(4) NAIAC;**  
6           **are transferred to the commission as the successor entity.**  
7           **(g) On July 1, 2026, all records and property, including**  
8           **appropriations and other funds under an entity's control or**  
9           **supervision, of the:**  
10           **(1) CHLA;**  
11           **(2) CSSBM;**  
12           **(3) ICW; or**  
13           **(4) NAIAC;**  
14           **are transferred to the commission as the successor entity.**  
15           **(h) After June 30, 2026, any amount owed to the:**  
16           **(1) CHLA;**  
17           **(2) CSSBM;**  
18           **(3) ICW; or**  
19           **(4) NAIAC;**  
20           **is considered to be owed to the commission as the successor entity.**  
21           **The commission shall transfer any amounts received under this**  
22           **subsection to the state comptroller for deposit in the state general**  
23           **fund.**  
24           **(i) After June 30, 2026, any reference to the:**  
25           **(1) CHLA;**  
26           **(2) CSSBM;**  
27           **(3) ICW; or**  
28           **(4) NAIAC;**  
29           **in a statute, rule, or other document is considered a reference to**  
30           **the commission as the successor entity.**  
31           **(j) All powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the:**  
32           **(1) CHLA;**  
33           **(2) CSSBM;**  
34           **(3) ICW; or**  
35           **(4) NAIAC;**  
36           **relating to bonds issued by the board in connection with any trust**  
37           **agreement or indenture securing those bonds are transferred to the**  
38           **commission as the successor entity. The rights of the trustee under**  
39           **any trust agreement or indenture and the rights of bondholders**  
40           **described in this subsection remain unchanged although the**

1 powers, duties, agreements, and liabilities of the ICW, CHLA,  
2 CSSBM, and NAIAC, as applicable, have been transferred to the  
3 commission as the successor entity.

4 (k) The term of any member serving as of June 30, 2026, on the:

- 5 (1) CHLA;
- 6 (2) CSSBM;
- 7 (3) ICW; or
- 8 (4) NAIAC;

9 expires July 1, 2026.

10 (l) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.

11 SECTION 348. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) The legislative  
12 services agency shall prepare for introduction in 2027 any  
13 legislation necessary to conform the Indiana code to:

- 14 (1) the expiration of IC 14-10 (natural resources commission)  
15 on July 1, 2027; or
- 16 (2) the expiration or repeal of any other board, commission,  
17 committee, council, or similar entity enacted in this act.

18 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.

19 SECTION 349. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) Not later than  
20 January 1, 2028, the treasurer of Purdue University shall transfer  
21 to the state comptroller the balance of any funds that remain on  
22 December 31, 2027, and are being held to administer the following:

- 23 (1) IC 15-15-1.
- 24 (2) IC 15-15-2.
- 25 (3) IC 15-15-5.
- 26 (4) IC 15-15-7.
- 27 (5) IC 15-15-13.
- 28 (6) IC 15-16-2-35.
- 29 (7) IC 15-16-2-36.
- 30 (8) IC 15-16-4.
- 31 (9) IC 15-16-5.
- 32 (10) IC 15-19-7.
- 33 (11) IC 25-31.5-3-9.
- 34 (12) Any other law administered by the state chemist or state  
35 seed commissioner.

36 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.

37 SECTION 350. An emergency is declared for this act.

(Reference is to HB 1003 as introduced.)