



Adopted

Rejected

COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 13
NO: 6

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1003, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 7, between lines 33 and 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 3. IC 2-5-53.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 3 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 UPON PASSAGE]:
- 5 **Chapter 53.5. Government Reform Task Force**
- 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "agency" has the meaning set**
- 7 **forth in IC 4-22-2-3.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the legislative**
- 9 **council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.**
- 10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rule" has the meaning set forth**
- 11 **in IC 4-22-2-3.**
- 12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**
- 13 **government reform task force established by section 5 of this**

1 chapter.

2 Sec. 5. The government reform task force is established.

3 Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e),
4 IC 2-5-1.2 applies to the task force.

5 (b) The task force consists of the following ten (10) members of
6 the general assembly:

7 (1) Three (3) members appointed by the president pro
8 tempore of the senate.

9 (2) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the
10 senate.

11 (3) Three (3) members appointed by the speaker of the house
12 of representatives.

13 (4) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the
14 house of representatives.

15 A member of the task force serves at the pleasure of the appointing
16 authority.

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

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

25 (e) The:

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

27 (2) vice chairman of the council shall designate the vice chair;
28 of the task force from the members of the task force. The chair and
29 vice chair of the task force serve as chair and vice chair at the
30 pleasure of the appointing authority.

31 Sec. 7. The task force shall study:

32 (1) the feasibility of transferring the administration of the
33 office of the state chemist from Purdue University to the
34 Indiana state department of agriculture;

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

37 (3) any issue arising from a transfer of any property, records,
38 funds, or accounts of the office of state chemist to the Indiana

1 state department of agriculture.

2 **Sec. 8. The task force may request information or testimony**
 3 **from department or agency heads, or the designee of a department**
 4 **or agency head, as determined necessary by the task force.**

5 **Sec. 9. The task force shall:**

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

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

10 **Sec. 10. The legislative services agency shall provide support**
 11 **staff to the task force.**

12 **Sec. 11. This chapter expires June 30, 2027."**

13 Page 10, delete lines 29 through 42.

14 Page 11, delete lines 1 through 18.

15 Page 64, line 8, after "the" insert "**Indiana**".

16 Page 110, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

17 "SECTION 195. IC 14-21-1-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 18 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 22.5. (a) The review board shall**
 20 **establish the Indiana historical marker program for marking**
 21 **historical sites in Indiana. As a part of this program, the review**
 22 **board shall fix a state format for historical markers. No person**
 23 **may erect a historical marker in the state format without the**
 24 **approval of the review board. All historical markers in the state**
 25 **format shall be provided by the review board using appropriated**
 26 **funds, local matching funds, donations, grants, or any other funds**
 27 **provided for that purpose according to the guidelines and rules of**
 28 **the historical marker program.**

29 (b) **The review board may appoint a historical marker advisory**
 30 **committee to serve without compensation. The committee may**
 31 **advise the review board and the director concerning the following:**

32 (1) **Guidelines and rules for the historical marker program.**

33 (2) **Appropriate sites to be marked.**

34 (3) **Other matters concerning the historical marker program**
 35 **as requested by the review board or the director.**

36 (c) **Historical markers approved under this section, including**
 37 **state format markers installed after 1945 and markers installed by**
 38 **the Indiana Civil War centennial commission, are the property of**

the state. Maintenance of state historical markers is part of the historical marker program. The review board may cooperate with individuals, local and state agencies, and private institutions and organizations for the maintenance of the historical markers. Funds made available to the historical marker program, as approved by the review board, may be used for necessary maintenance.

(d) No historical marker may be erected on a highway of the state highway system without the approval of the review board as to its historical accuracy. This provision is in addition to any other requirement of law."

Page 133, delete lines 36 through 42.

Delete pages 134 through 138.

Page 139, delete lines 1 through 37.

Page 147, delete lines 15 through 42.

Delete page 148.

Page 149, delete lines 1 through 22.

Page 149, delete lines 27 through 42.

Page 150, delete lines 1 through 28.

Page 150, delete lines 32 through 37.

Page 150, delete line 42.

Page 151, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 152, delete lines 19 through 42.

Delete pages 153 through 154.

Page 155, delete lines 1 through 16.

Page 162, delete lines 17 through 42.

Delete page 163.

Page 164, delete lines 1 through 13.

Page 166, line 41, reset in roman "credited to the office of Purdue pesticide programs. The money".

Page 166, line 42, reset in roman "may be used only to provide education about pesticides."

Page 166, line 42, delete "deposited in".

Page 167, delete line 1.

Delete page 168.

Page 169, delete lines 1 through 12.

Page 174, line 37, reset in roman "credited to the office of Purdue pesticide".

Page 174, reset in roman line 38.

- 1 Page 174, line 39, reset in roman "pesticides."
- 2 Page 174, line 39, delete "deposited in the pesticide use and
- 3 application fund".
- 4 Page 174, delete line 40.
- 5 Page 184, delete lines 14 through 42.
- 6 Page 185, delete lines 1 through 5.
- 7 Page 197, delete lines 4 through 42.
- 8 Delete page 198.
- 9 Page 227, line 8, after "The" insert "**Indiana**".
- 10 Page 233, delete lines 9 through 42.
- 11 Delete page 234.
- 12 Page 235, delete lines 1 through 41.
- 13 Page 287, line 10, delete "IC 22-10-3-1" and insert "IC
- 14 22-10-3-1.1".
- 15 Page 287, line 12, delete "Sec.1." and insert "**Sec. 1.1.**".
- 16 Page 362, delete lines 39 through 42.
- 17 Page 363, delete lines 1 through 5.
- 18 Page 363, delete lines 32 through 34.
- 19 Page 364, delete lines 3 through 7.
- 20 Page 364, delete lines 19 through 24.
- 21 Page 365, delete lines 18 through 23.
- 22 Page 366, delete lines 10 through 12.
- 23 Page 366, delete lines 19 through 21.
- 24 Page 366, delete lines 33 through 42.
- 25 Delete page 367.
- 26 Page 368, delete lines 1 through 26.
- 27 Page 371, delete lines 36 through 42.
- 28 Delete page 372.
- 29 Page 373, delete lines 1 through 17.
- 30 Page 377, line 20, delete "FOLLOWS:" and insert "FOLLOWS
- 31 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]:".
- 32 Page 378, delete lines 15 through 17, begin a new paragraph and
- 33 insert:
- 34 "SECTION 656. IC 25-4-1-28 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
- 35 JANUARY 1, 2027]. ~~Sec. 28: This chapter shall be known and cited as~~
- 36 ~~"The Indiana Architectural and Landscape Architectural Act".~~
- 37 Page 392, delete lines 6 through 7.
- 38 Page 402, delete lines 22 through 23.

- 1 Page 406, delete lines 22 through 42.
- 2 Delete pages 407 through 420.
- 3 Page 421, delete lines 1 through 8.
- 4 Page 426, delete lines 2 through 30.
- 5 Page 433, delete lines 40 through 42.
- 6 Page 434, delete lines 1 through 31.
- 7 Page 436, delete lines 5 through 21.
- 8 Page 450, delete lines 15 through 42.
- 9 Delete pages 451 through 452.
- 10 Page 453, delete lines 1 through 12.
- 11 Page 496, delete lines 15 through 32.
- 12 Page 498, delete lines 28 through 40.
- 13 Page 499, delete lines 1 through 9.
- 14 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1003 as printed January 22, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Thompson