

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1003

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2026

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Boards and Commissions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartels

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Maxwell

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill contains the following provisions:

Agricultural Promotion and Regulation Task Force - This bill creates the Agricultural Promotion and Regulation Task Force to study various agriculture related topics.

Governor's Workforce Cabinet - The bill reestablishes the Governor's Workforce Cabinet.

Administrative Rule Promulgation - The bill makes changes to requirements for the readoption of administrative rules.

Commissions, Committees, Boards, and Councils - The bill repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. It modifies or establishes various funds. It also makes changes to the membership, duties, and operations of various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies.

Hospital Governance - The bill expands the applicability of a statute concerning county hospital governance to Perry County, Spencer County, and Orange County.

Professional Licensing Agency - The bill provides that the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) may adopt and enforce procedural rules for the administration of a board if the rule: (1) will affect multiple boards; and (2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected board.

State Building Code - The bill repeals the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (Commission) and transfers the Commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to the Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). The bill also makes certain changes to the administration of building and safety statutes and building and safety codes.

The bill also makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2026; January 1, 2027; July 1, 2027.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Professional Board Changes*– Overall, the elimination/merging (with administrative duties assumed by other existing or newly created boards) would have a likely neutral to slight increase in annual professional board member per diem and mileage expenditures assuming a similar number of board meetings. However, with fewer boards, PLA staff may see a reduction in administrative staff time to staff the remaining professional boards assuming they meet for the same amount of time compared to current practice.

(Revised) *Governor's Workforce Cabinet*- The bill re-establishes the cabinet to serve as the state advisory body required under federal labor, workforce, and education law. The cabinet shall include at least thirty-one members. It may also include personnel with costs between \$740,000 and \$975,000. Staffing costs are estimated based on previous staffing levels (6 FTE) at the cabinet during 2025. Additionally, the bill allows for the cabinet to contract for services and provides that cabinet members who are not state employees may be entitled to salary per diem, and state employees may be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses incurred. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

(Revised) *Indiana Civil Rights Commission*- Effective FY 2028, the bill replaces five cultural commissions comprised of 62 members with the 15-member Indiana Cultural Commission established in the bill. The bill also establishes the Indiana Cultural Commission Special Fund. Money in the special fund is continually appropriated.

(Revised) *State Building Code*- The bill repeals the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, and the bill moves those duties to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Beginning in FY 2028, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security must make recommendations to Legislative Council. The bill also allows the Department of Homeland Security authorize more recent versions of model building code to be compliant. These provisions can be implemented with current resources.

(Revised) *Administrative Rule Promulgation*- The bill would require all state agencies to compare rules adopted in neighboring states or other states identified by the State Budget Agency as part of the rule promulgation process beginning in FY 2028. For new rules adopted by each state agency, a written report is required to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget as well as Legislative Council.

(Revised) *Commissions, Committees, Boards, and Councils*- The bill (1) repeals a number of, (2) changes membership of several, and (3) repeals and transfers the responsibilities of certain, state Commissions, Committees, Boards, and Councils. The bill also removes compensation for members of certain advisory councils. These changes are expected to have a minimal net decrease on state expenditures and workload. For a full listing of the entities that are repealed by this bill, please refer to the listing in the Appendix at the end of this fiscal note.

State Agency Workload- The bill also has several provisions affecting state workload, which are expected to be accomplished within existing resource and funding levels.

(Revised) *Agriculture Promotion and Regulation Task Force*- The bill establishes the 18-member *Agriculture Promotion and Regulation Task Force* through FY 2027 tasked with studying the topics enumerated in the bill. The Task Force is to be staffed by the Legislative Services Agency and provide Legislative Council with

its findings by November 1, 2026. Task Force expenses will be provided from General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Services Agency.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Commissions, Committees, Boards, and Councils* - The bill also makes changes to local commissions, districts, authorities, and boards. The local boards that repealed by the bill are included in the Appendix.

The bill changes the membership of the Waterway Management Districts from seven members to five. It also removes the requirement that a member be appointed by the Governor.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All

Local Agencies Affected: Waterway Management Districts.

Information Sources: Available upon request

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Appendix**State Commissions, Committees, Boards, Task Forces, and Councils Set for Repeal**

211 Advisory Committee	Affirmative Action Advisory Committee	Commission on Forensic Sciences
Student Member Nominating Committee	Faculty Member Nominating Committee	Indiana Commission for Arts and Humanities in Education
Indiana Commission for Women	Advisory Committee for Children with Special Needs	Children's Health Policy Board
Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	Main Street Council	Commission on the Social Status of Black Males
Native American Affairs Commission	Law Enforcement Academy Building Commission	Board for Proprietary Education
Indiana War Memorials Commission	Interagency State Council on Black and Minority Health	Utility Consumer Counselor Advisory Council
Local Bridge Grant Board	Driver Education Advisory Board	Motorcycle Operator Advisory Board
Criminal Justice Advisory Committee	Security and Privacy Council	Memorial Art Commission
Paths to Quality Steering Council	Electronic Recording Commission	Electronic Benefits Transfer Commission
Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Board	Mental Health and Addiction Services Development Programs Board	Commission on Health Care Interpreters
Children Health Policy Board	Indiana Kids First Trust Board	Board of Trustees of Regional Districts
Ohio River Greenway Development Commission	Indiana Seed Arbitration Council	Indiana Excellence in Teaching Council
Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission	Insurance Producer Education and Continuing Education Commission	Occupational Safety Standards Commission
Board of Registration for Professional Engineers	Board of Registration of Architects and Landscape Architects	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission