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HOUSE BILL No. 1033

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Citations Affected: IC 11-12; IC 31-31; IC 33-33; IC 33-38.

Synopsis: Various judicial matters. Requires that, in a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge must: (1) be appointed to the community corrections advisory board; and (2) appoint the second judge and a mental health representative. Defines "full court" as the total of all Marion County superior court judges who are appointed and serving as judges. Specifies that if a newly appointed judge is filling a vacancy of a judge whose term ends the same year as the appointment, the newly appointed judge shall serve a term that expires on December 31 of the sixth full year following the appointment. Requires the Marion County judicial selection committee (judicial selection committee) to nominate a minimum of three candidates to the governor when a judicial vacancy exists and allows the governor to appoint any of the nominated candidates when filling more than one vacancy. Replaces the term "presiding judge" with "chief judge" within the Marion County superior court. Requires the judicial selection committee to determine that a judge is suitable to retain judicial office before a judge's request for retention may be placed on the ballot. Establishes a procedure with specific deadlines for a judge who wishes to stand for retention in 2026. Repeals and replaces a provision concerning the procedure to select the Marion County judicial executive committee (executive committee) and certain court provisions. Provides that, for an executive committee starting a term on January 1, 2027, and for the selection of each committee thereafter, the

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Effective: Upon passage.

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full court shall meet not later than November 15 in the final year of the executive committee's term to select the next executive committee. Requires a two-thirds vote of the sitting judges who will hold office on January 1 of the next year to select members of the executive committee. Requires the judicial selection committee to appoint the chief judge. Increases the term of an executive committee member of the Marion County judiciary from two years to three years. Specifies which duties are the responsibility of the full court and which are to be determined by a trial judge. Describes the duties and authority of the executive committee. Provides that any action taken by the executive committee may only be overruled by a majority vote of 85% of the full court sitting at the time the vote is taken. Provides that a majority vote of 85% of the full court, serving at the time the vote is taken, is required to remove a member of the executive committee. Removes a requirement that the executive committee requires the approval of two-thirds of the judges to determine the number of judicial officers and personnel required to serve the court. Provides that the judge of the circuit court has exclusive authority to appoint commissioners or magistrates allocated to the circuit court. Provides that the executive committee has exclusive authority to appoint commissioners or magistrates allocated to the superior court, and the commissioners and magistrates appointed serve at the pleasure of the executive committee. Specifies that the executive committee has final authority for all employment decisions regarding commissioners and magistrates. Repeals a provision that allows the presiding judge to appoint a magistrate and allows the executive committee to appoint 28 magistrates. Requires a voting member of the justice reinvestment advisory council to cast a vote in person. Requires that, in a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge or a judge appointed by the chief judge be the chair of the local justice reinvestment advisory council. Provides that a local or regional advisory council may only take action upon the affirmative vote of the members and a member must cast a vote in person. Makes conforming changes.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-12-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2017,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) To qualify for financial aid under this
4 chapter, a county must establish a community corrections advisory
5 board by resolution of the county executive or, in a county having a
6 consolidated city, by the city-county council. A community corrections
7 advisory board consists of:
8 (1) the county sheriff or the sheriff's designee;
9 (2) the prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's
10 designee;
11 (3) the executive of the most populous municipality in the county
12 or the executive's designee;
13 (4) **in a county:**
14 (A) **without a consolidated city**, two (2) judges having
15 criminal jurisdiction, if available, appointed by the circuit

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(F) One (1) mental health administrator, or, if there is none available in the county, one (1) psychiatrist, psychologist, or physician.

(G) Four (4) lay persons, at least one (1) of whom must be a member of a minority race if a racial minority resides in the county and a member of that minority is willing to serve.

(b) Designees of officials designated under subsection (a)(1) through (a)(6), (a)(9), and (a)(12)(A) serve at the pleasure of the designating official.

(c) Members of the advisory board appointed by the county executive or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county council, shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. The criminal defense attorney, the ex-offender, and the victim or victim advocate shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Other members serve only while holding the office or position held at the time of appointment. **The In a county that does not have a consolidated city, the** circuit court judge may fill the position of the judge having juvenile court jurisdiction by self appointment if the circuit court judge is otherwise qualified. A vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term of office shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired term. Members may be reappointed.

(d) Two (2) or more counties, by resolution of their county executives or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county council, may combine to apply for financial aid under this chapter. If counties so combine, the counties may establish one (1) community corrections advisory board to serve these counties. This board must contain the representation prescribed in subsection (a), but the members may come from the participating counties as determined by agreement of the county executives or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county council.

(e) The members of the community corrections advisory board shall, within thirty (30) days after the last initial appointment is made, meet and elect one (1) member as chairman and another as vice chairman and appoint a secretary-treasurer who need not be a member. A majority of the members of a community corrections advisory board may provide for a number of members that is:

(1) less than a majority of the members; and

(2) at least six (6);

to constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. The affirmative votes of at least five (5) members, but not less than a majority of the members present, are required for the board to take action. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a



1 quorum to transact business.

2 (f) The county executive and county fiscal body shall provide
 3 necessary assistance and appropriations to the community corrections
 4 advisory board established for that county. Appropriations required
 5 under this subsection are limited to amounts received from the
 6 following sources:

7 (1) Department grants.

8 (2) User fees.

9 (3) Other funds as contained within an approved plan.

10 Additional funds may be appropriated as determined by the county
 11 executive and county fiscal body.

12 SECTION 2. IC 31-31-9-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.142-2007,
 13 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "executive
 15 committee" means the executive committee elected under
 16 IC 33-33-49-14 (**before its repeal**) or under **IC 33-33-49-14.1**.

17 SECTION 3. IC 33-33-49-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 18 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 5.5. As used in this chapter,
 20 "full court" means the total of all Marion County Superior Court
 21 judges who are appointed and serving as judges.**

22 SECTION 4. IC 33-33-49-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) The court
 24 may adopt rules for conducting the business of the court. **Any local
 25 rule that conflicts with this chapter is invalid.** Except as provided in
 26 subsection (b), in all matters action of the court may only be taken by
 27 a vote of a majority of the judges sitting at the time the vote is taken.

28 (b) Action of the court to remove a **member of the executive
 29 committee, including the presiding chief judge, or either associate
 30 presiding judge** may only be taken by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the
 31 judges sitting at the time the vote is taken. **an affirmative vote of
 32 eighty-five percent (85%) of the full court serving at the time the
 33 vote is taken.**

34 (c) The court has all the powers incident to a court of record in
 35 relation to the attendance of witnesses, punishment of contempts, and
 36 enforcement of the court's orders. The judges may administer oaths,
 37 solemnize marriages, take and certify acknowledgments of deeds and
 38 all legal instruments, and to give all necessary certificates for the
 39 authentication of the records and proceedings in the court.

40 SECTION 5. IC 33-33-49-13.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
 41 SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.1. (a) As used in this



1 chapter:

2 (1) "close relative" has the meaning set forth in IC 33-23-11-2;

3 and

4 (2) "committee" refers to the Marion County judicial selection

5 committee established by subsection (b).

6 (b) The Marion County judicial selection committee is established

7 to:

8 (1) select nominees for the court; and

9 (2) make ~~recommendations to the voters determinations~~

10 concerning the ~~retention suitability~~ of a judge ~~on the court to~~ **to continue to hold judicial office.**

11 (c) The committee consists of the following fourteen (14) members:

12 (1) Four (4) members who reside in Marion County, appointed as

13 follows:

14 (A) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of

15 representatives.

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

17 house of representatives.

18 (C) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore

19 of the senate.

20 (D) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the

21 senate.

22 A person appointed under this subdivision may not be a member

23 of the general assembly.

24 (2) An attorney who resides in Marion County and practices

25 primarily in the area of criminal law, appointed by the president

26 of the Indianapolis bar association.

27 (3) An attorney who resides in Marion County and practices

28 primarily in the area of criminal law, appointed by the president

29 of the Marion County bar association.

30 (4) An attorney who resides in Marion County, appointed by the

31 president of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association.

32 (5) An attorney who resides in Marion County, appointed by the

33 president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

34 (6) Two (2) members appointed by the chairperson of each major

35 political party (as defined by IC 3-5-2.1-62(2)) in Marion County.

36 Each of the four (4) members appointed under this subdivision

37 must reside in Marion County and must reflect the diversity and

38 makeup of Marion County.

39 (7) The chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals or a designee

40 of the chief judge who is a judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals.

41 The chief judge or chief judge's designee serves as the vice

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1 chairperson of the committee ex officio.

2 (8) The chief justice of Indiana or a designee of the chief justice
3 who is a justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. The chief justice
4 or chief justice's designee serves as the chairperson of the
5 committee ex officio.

6 (d) If a member of the committee is employed by a law firm, no
7 other person employed by the same law firm may be appointed to the
8 committee.

9 (e) A member of the committee may not be:

10 (1) a current or former judge of the Marion superior or circuit
11 court;

12 (2) a current or former judicial officer appointed by the Marion
13 superior or circuit court;

14 (3) a current or former employee of the Marion superior or circuit
15 court; or

16 (4) a close relative of anyone described in subdivision (1), (2), or
17 (3).

18 This subsection does not apply to a member appointed under
19 subsection (c)(7) or (c)(8).

20 (f) All attorney members of the committee must be in active and
21 good standing with the Indiana Supreme Court.

22 (g) Each member of the committee who is not an ex officio member
23 serves a four (4) year term, beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on
24 June 30, 2021. A member of the committee may be reappointed for one
25 (1) or more additional four (4) year terms. If a member is appointed to
26 fill a vacancy, the member serves during the unexpired term of the
27 member's predecessor and may be reappointed for one (1) or more
28 additional four (4) year terms.

29 (h) If a vacancy exists on the committee, the appointing authority
30 who appointed the former member whose position has become vacant
31 shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

32 (i) An ex officio member of the committee ceases to be a member
33 of the committee at the time the person no longer holds the office that
34 entitles the person to be a member of the committee.

35 (j) A member of the committee described in subsection (c)(1)
36 through (c)(6) who no longer resides in Marion County is considered
37 to have resigned from the committee. A member of the committee who
38 no longer resides in Marion County shall notify the chairperson in
39 writing of the member's change in residence.

40 (k) A quorum consists of nine (9) members of the committee.

41 (l) The affirmative votes of nine (9) members of the committee are
42 required for the committee to take official action with respect to any



1 candidate for judicial office.

2 (m) The committee shall:

3 (1) nominate judicial candidates for the court in accordance with
4 section 13.4 of this chapter; and
5 (2) make **recommendations determinations** concerning **retention**
6 **the suitability of a judge to continue to hold judicial office** in
7 accordance with **section sections** 13.7 and 13.8 of this chapter.

8 (n) The committee meets upon the call of the chairperson.

9 (o) The committee shall meet in the Indiana statehouse or in any
10 other appropriate location in Marion County, as determined by the
11 chairperson.

12 (p) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (q) or otherwise
13 provided in this chapter, the committee may adopt its own policies and
14 operating procedures. The policies and procedures must comply with
15 IC 5-14-1.5 (the open door law) and this chapter, and must include
16 procedures by which eligible candidates for a vacancy on the court may
17 submit their names to the committee. The policies and procedures are
18 public records, and the meetings of the committee at which the policies
19 and procedures are considered for initial adoption or amendment must
20 be publicly announced and open to the public. Applications of
21 candidates for judicial appointment are public records.

22 (q) Notwithstanding IC 5-14-1.5-2, the committee is a public agency
23 for the purposes of IC 5-14-1.5. The committee may meet in executive
24 session under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 for the consideration of a candidate for
25 appointment to or retention on the court if:

26 (1) notice of the executive session is given in the manner
27 prescribed by IC 5-14-1.5-5; and
28 (2) all interviews of candidates are conducted at meetings open to
29 the public.

30 (r) Notwithstanding IC 5-14-3-4, all public records (as defined in
31 IC 5-14-3-2) of the committee are subject to IC 5-14-3-3, including
32 records described in IC 5-14-3-4(b)(12). However, the following
33 records are excepted from public inspection and copying at the
34 discretion of the committee:

35 (1) Personnel files of committee employees and members and
36 files of applicants for employment with the committee to the
37 extent permitted under IC 5-14-3-4(b)(8).

38 (2) Records specifically prepared for discussion or developed
39 during discussion in an executive session under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1,
40 unless the records are prepared for use in the consideration of a
41 candidate for retention or judicial appointment.

42 (3) Investigatory records prepared for the committee until:



(A) the records are considered in connection with the consideration of a candidate;

(B) the records are publicly discussed by the committee in connection with the consideration of a candidate;

(C) a candidate elects to have the records released by the committee; or

(D) the committee elects to release the records that the committee considers appropriate in response to publicly disseminated statements relating to the activities or actions of the committee;

whichever occurs first.

(4) The work product of an attorney (as defined in IC 5-14-3-2) representing the committee.

(s) When an event described by subsection (r)(3) occurs, the investigatory record becomes available for public inspection and copying under IC 5-14-3-3.

(t) A former member of the committee may not be nominated as a judge of the court if the person has served as a member of the committee within the previous five (5) years.

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

(1) official action taken; and

(2) actionable items considered;

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

SECTION 6. IC 33-33-49-13.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.245-2017, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.2. (a) Each judge of the court shall serve a term of six (6) years. ~~The judge shall hold office for the six (6) year term or until the judge's successor is appointed and qualified.~~ A judge shall be appointed at large for the office of judge of the court and not as the judge of a particular room or division of the court.

(b) The thirty-six (36) judges of the court shall be divided into two (2) retention classes.

(c) Retention class A consists of the twenty (20) judges whose terms expire on December 31, 2018.

(d) Retention class B consists of the sixteen (16) judges whose terms expire on December 31, 2020.

(e) A newly appointed judge is assigned to the retention class of the judge's predecessor.



6 SECTION 7. IC 33-33-49-13.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.245-2017,
7 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.3. (a) The retention in office of a sitting
9 judge of the court shall be approved or rejected by the electorate of
10 Marion County in accordance with this section.

20 (2) A statement of the judge's name as:

21 (A) the judge wants the judge's name to appear on the ballot;
22 and
23 (B) a candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot
24 under JC 3-5-7.

(3) If the judge is affiliated with a political party, the name of that political party. The judge may indicate in the statement that the judge is not affiliated with a political party. For purposes of this subdivision, a judge's affiliation with a political party is determined as provided in IC 3-8-2-7(a)(4).

(4) A statement that the judge requests that the name on the judge's voter registration record be the same as the name the judge uses on the statement. If there is a difference between the name on the judge's statement and the name on the judge's voter registration record, the clerk shall change the name on the judge's voter registration record to be the same as the name on the judge's statement.

If a judge does not file a statement under this subsection with both the clerk and the secretary of state, the clerk shall, not later than March 1, notify the Marion County judicial selection committee in writing that the judge does not wish to continue in office after the end of the judge's term of office.

42 (c) The term of a judge:



(1) who does not file statements under subsection (b); and
(2) whose term expires during the year in which the question of the retention of the judge would have been placed on the general election ballot;

expires December 31 of the year in which the question of the judge's retention would have been placed on the ballot.

(d) **A judge may not appear on the ballot for retention if the committee has determined that the judge is not suitable to retain office.** If the question of a judge's retention is required to be on the ballot at a general election, the question of approval or rejection of the judge's retention shall be placed on the general election ballot in the form prescribed by IC 3-11-2 and must state:

"Shall Judge (insert here the name of the judge as stated under subsection (b)(2)) be retained in office?".

If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on the question is "Yes", the judge whose name appears on the question shall be approved for a six (6) year term beginning January 1 following the general election as provided in section 13.2 of this chapter. If a majority of the ballots cast by the electors voting on the question is not "Yes", the following apply:

(1) Retention of the judge whose name appears on the question is rejected.

(2) The office of the rejected judge becomes vacant on January 1 following the rejection.

(3) The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with this chapter.

SECTION 8. IC 33-33-49-13.4, AS ADDED BY P.L.245-2017, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.4. (a) When the committee learns that a vacancy exists or will exist on the court, the committee shall nominate **a minimum of** three (3) candidates to the governor to fill the vacancy in accordance with this section.

(b) In making a nomination under this section or a recommendation concerning retention under section 13.7 of this chapter, the committee shall consider the following factors with respect to a candidate:

(1) Law school record, including any academic honors and achievements.

(2) Contribution to scholarly journals and publications, legislative drafting, and legal briefs.

(3) Activities in public service, including:

(A) writings and speeches concerning public or civic affairs that are on public record, including but not limited to campaign speeches or writing, letters to newspapers, and





1 SECTION 9. IC 33-33-49-13.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.245-2017,
 2 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.7. (a) This section applies to each sitting
 4 judge who ~~will~~ **wishes to** stand for retention under section 13.3 of this
 5 chapter **in 2027 and each year following**, including a person who
 6 served as a judge of the Marion superior court on December 31, 2016.
 7 However, an incumbent judge must appear only one (1) time before the
 8 committee for purposes of this section.

9 (b) The following definitions apply throughout this section:
 10 (1) "News media" includes:
 11 (A) a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County;
 12 (B) one (1) or more broadcasters serving Marion County;
 13 (C) any person who uses a blog or similar Internet web site to
 14 provide information or commentary concerning the judiciary
 15 or political matters of interest to residents of Marion County;
 16 and
 17 (D) any other appropriate source of news or information for
 18 Marion County residents.
 19 (2) "Voter outreach organization" includes any organization that
 20 has the goal of informing voters in Marion County about issues
 21 and candidates in upcoming elections.
 22 (c) (b) This subsection does not apply to an incumbent judge who
 23 has previously appeared before the committee for purposes of this
 24 section at least one (1) time. Before a judge may stand for retention
 25 under section 13.3 of this chapter, the judge must appear, **in person**,
 26 before the committee to permit the committee to **issue** a
 27 recommendation to the voters concerning **determine** the judge's
 28 qualifications and suitability to continue to hold judicial office.
 29 (d) (c) At the time **Before** a judge files a statement under section
 30 13.3 of this chapter that the judge wishes to be retained in office, the
 31 judge shall:
 32 (1) notify the committee that the judge wishes to be retained in
 33 office; and
 34 (2) provide the committee with a written statement describing the
 35 judge's qualifications **and suitability to continue to hold judicial**
 36 **office**, with particular emphasis on the matters described in
 37 section 13.4(b) of this chapter.
 38 (e) (d) After receiving the materials described in subsection (d), (c),
 39 the committee shall promptly schedule a **an in-person** hearing to
 40 consider the materials submitted by the judge and interview the judge.
 41 Each judge is entitled to a hearing before the committee. The hearings
 42 shall be held in executive session **and shall be scheduled with**



1 sufficient time for the committee to make a determination and
2 allow the judge to meet the filing deadline required by section
3 13.3(b) of this chapter.

4 (f) (e) A judge is presumed qualified: **suitable to continue to hold**
5 **judicial office.** The affirmative votes of at least nine (9) committee
6 members are required to find that a judge is not qualified: **suitable to**
7 **continue to hold judicial office.**

8 (g) (f) If the committee finds that a judge is not qualified, the
9 committee shall do the following:

10 (1) Through the chairperson, place on the appropriate Internet
11 web site of the Indiana supreme court the following statement:
12 "After considering Judge (insert name here)'s qualifications and
13 Judge (insert name here)'s performance in office, the Marion
14 County Judicial Selection Committee finds that Judge (insert
15 name here) IS NOT qualified and SHOULD NOT BE retained in
16 office."

17 (2) Issue the following statement to news media and voter
18 outreach organizations: "After considering Judge (insert name
19 here)'s qualifications and Judge (insert name here)'s performance
20 in office, the Marion County Judicial Selection Committee finds
21 that Judge (insert name here) IS NOT qualified and SHOULD
22 NOT BE retained in office."

23 (3) Take any other steps reasonably calculated to inform the
24 general public in Marion County of the committee's
25 determination: **suitable to continue to hold judicial office,** the
26 judge shall not be retained beyond the conclusion of the
27 judge's current term and the judge shall be replaced as
28 provided under section 13.4 of this chapter.

29 (h) (g) If the committee does not find finds that a judge is
30 unqualified, the committee shall do the following:

31 (1) Through the chairperson, place on the appropriate Internet
32 web site of the Indiana supreme court the following statement:
33 "After considering Judge (insert name here)'s qualifications and
34 Judge (insert name here)'s performance in office, the Marion
35 County Judicial Selection Committee finds that Judge (insert
36 name here) IS qualified and SHOULD BE retained in office."

37 (2) Issue the following statement to news media and voter
38 outreach organizations: "After considering Judge (insert name
39 here)'s qualifications and Judge (insert name here)'s performance
40 in office, the Marion County Judicial Selection Committee finds
41 that Judge (insert name here) IS qualified and SHOULD BE
42 retained in office."



(3) Take any other steps reasonably calculated to inform the general public in Marion County of the committee's determination: suitable to continue to hold judicial office, the judge may be retained subject to the approval of the electorate of Marion County under section 13.3 of this chapter.

(h) The committee shall provide notice to the clerk of each decision made under subsection (f) or (g). If a judge has not been found suitable for retention under this section, the clerk shall not include the question of the judge's retention on the ballot.

(i) Subject to section 13.1 of this chapter, the committee may adopt policies and operating procedures to implement this section.

SECTION 10. IC 33-33-49-13.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 13.8. (a) This section applies to each sitting judge who wishes to stand for retention under section 13.3 of this chapter in 2026.**

(b) Before a judge may stand for retention under section 13.3 of this chapter in 2026, the judge must appear, in person, before the committee to permit the committee to determine the judge's suitability to continue to hold judicial office.

(c) Not later than March 1, 2026, the judge shall:

(1) notify the committee that the judge wishes to be retained in office; and

(2) provide the committee with a written statement describing the judge's qualifications and suitability to continue to hold judicial office, with particular emphasis on the matters described in section 13.4(b) of this chapter.

(d) After receiving the materials described in subsection (c), the committee shall promptly schedule an in-person hearing to consider the materials submitted by the judge and interview the judge. The hearings shall be:

(1) held in executive session; and

(2) scheduled with sufficient time for the committee to make a determination as to the judge's suitability to remain in office and provide notice to the clerk under subsection (h) not later than May 15, 2026.

(e) A judge is presumed suitable to continue to hold judicial office. The affirmative votes of at least nine (9) committee members are required to find that a judge is not suitable to continue to hold judicial office.

(f) If the committee finds that a judge is not suitable to continue



1 **to hold judicial office, the judge shall not be retained beyond the**
 2 **conclusion of the judge's current term and the judge shall be**
 3 **replaced through section 13.4 of this chapter.**

4 **(g) If the committee finds that a judge is suitable to continue to**
 5 **hold judicial office, the judge may be retained subject to the**
 6 **approval of the electorate of Marion County under section 13.3 of**
 7 **this chapter.**

8 **(h) The committee shall provide a notice to the clerk of each**
 9 **decision made under subsection (f) or (g). If a judge has not been**
 10 **found suitable for retention under this section, the clerk shall not**
 11 **include on the ballot the question of the judge's retention.**

12 **(i) Subject to section 13.1 of this chapter, the committee may**
 13 **adopt policies and operating procedures to implement this section.**

14 **(j) This section expires January 1, 2027.**

15 **SECTION 11. IC 33-33-49-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON**
 16 **PASSAGE]. See. 14. (a) Not more than thirty (30) days after taking the**
 17 **oath of office, the judges shall meet and designate four (4) of the**
 18 **judges as the executive committee for administrative purposes. The**
 19 **executive committee shall be selected by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of**
 20 **the judges sitting at the time the vote is taken. If all vacancies cannot**
 21 **be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, vacancies may be filled by such**
 22 **other method as provided by court rule. The executive committee is**
 23 **responsible for the operation and conduct of the court. The executive**
 24 **committee shall operate and maintain the juvenile detention facilities**
 25 **in the county. A member of the executive committee shall serve in the**
 26 **capacity provided by rules adopted by the court under section 11 of this**
 27 **chapter. A member of the executive committee serves for a term of two**
 28 **(2) years beginning on the date of the member's election. Except for the**
 29 **rotation of the presiding judge as provided in subsection (b), any or all**
 30 **of the members elected to the executive committee may be reelected.**

31 **Of the four (4) judges elected to the executive committee, not more**
 32 **than two (2) may be members of the same political party.**

33 **(b) One (1) of the four (4) judges elected to the executive committee**
 34 **shall be elected as presiding judge, and three (3) of the four (4) judges**
 35 **elected to the executive committee shall be elected as associate**
 36 **presiding judges. Beginning with the election of the executive**
 37 **committee in 2007, a presiding judge may not be elected from the same**
 38 **political party as the presiding judge who served the previous term.**

39 **Each judge who is a member of the executive committee has an equal**
 40 **vote in all matters pertaining to the business of the court when an**
 41 **action requires a majority vote. If a tie vote occurs, the presiding judge**
 42 **shall cast the tiebreaking vote. Any action taken by the executive**



1 committee may be overruled by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the
2 judges sitting at the time the vote is taken. The physical reassignment
3 of a judge to a different courtroom requires a unanimous vote of the
4 executive committee. The executive committee shall assign cases,
5 offices, and courtrooms for trial judges or reassignment of newly filed
6 cases in the interests of the speedy, economical, and uniform
7 disposition of cases. All matters of trial dates, continuances, and
8 subpoenas used for trial shall be determined by the trial judge in
9 accordance with rules of the superior court. The executive committee
10 shall perform other duties as determined by rules of the court.

11 (c) The court shall, by rules of the court, divide the work of the court
12 into various divisions, including but not limited to the following:

- 13 (1) Civil.
- 14 (2) Criminal.
- 15 (3) Family.

16 (d) The work of each division shall be allocated by the rules of the
17 court.

18 (e) The judges shall be assigned to various divisions or rooms as
19 provided by rules of the court. Whenever possible, an incumbent judge
20 shall be allowed the option of remaining in a particular room or
21 division. Whenever any action of the court is required, the judges of the
22 court shall act in concert, by a vote under section 11 of this chapter.
23 The court shall keep appropriate records of rules, orders, and
24 assignments of the court.

25 SECTION 12. IC 33-33-49-14.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
26 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14.1. (a) This subsection
28 applies to the selection of the executive committee in 2026 to begin
29 serving a term starting on January 1, 2027, and selection of each
30 executive committee thereafter. An executive committee comprised
31 of four (4) superior court judges is responsible for the
32 administrative operation and conduct of the court.

33 (b) This subsection applies to the selection of the executive
34 committee in 2026 to begin serving a term starting on January 1,
35 2027, and selection of each executive committee thereafter. Not
36 later than November 15 of the final year of an executive
37 committee's term, the full court shall meet to select the executive
38 committee to start serving the next year. The executive committee
39 is selected by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the sitting judges who
40 will hold office on January 1 of the next year. If all members of the
41 executive committee cannot be filled by this two-thirds (2/3) vote,
42 the member vacancy may be filled by such other method as



1 **provided by court rule.**

2 **(c) Once the executive committee is selected under subsection**
 3 **(b), the judicial selection committee established by section 13.1 of**
 4 **this chapter shall appoint one (1) of the judges selected to the**
 5 **executive committee as the chief judge. Not later than December 15**
 6 **in the year in which the executive committee members are selected,**
 7 **the judicial selection committee shall:**

8 **(1) allow each new executive committee member to submit an**
 9 **application for the chief judge position; and**
 10 **(2) interview each new executive committee member.**

11 The judicial selection committee shall consider the feedback of
 12 incumbent executive committee members and superior court
 13 judges in an executive session. A vacancy of the chief judge position
 14 shall be filled by the procedure established under this subsection.

15 **(d) If, at any time, a vacancy occurs on the executive committee,**
 16 **a vote must be taken in the manner described in subsection (b), not**
 17 **later than thirty (30) days after the vacancy exists.**

18 **(e) Starting January 1, 2027, a member of the executive**
 19 **committee serves for a term of three (3) years.**

20 **(f) The full court shall do the following:**

21 **(1) Elect the executive committee under subsection (b).**
 22 **(2) Approve local rules.**
 23 **(3) Approve the court's annual caseload allocation plan.**
 24 **(4) Review reports from the chief judge and executive**
 25 **committee.**

26 **(g) All matters of trial dates, continuances, and subpoenas used**
 27 **for trial shall be determined by the trial judge in accordance with**
 28 **rules of the superior court. The executive committee shall perform**
 29 **duties required under this chapter as well as other duties as**
 30 **determined by rules of the court.**

31 **(h) The court shall, by rules of the court, divide the work of the**
 32 **court into various divisions, including but not limited to the**
 33 **following:**

34 **(1) Civil.**
 35 **(2) Criminal.**
 36 **(3) Family.**

37 **(i) The work of each division shall be allocated by the rules of**
 38 **the court.**

39 **(j) The court shall keep appropriate records of rules, orders,**
 40 **and assignments of the court.**

41 SECTION 13. IC 33-33-49-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 42 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14.5. (a) The executive
2 committee selected under section 14.1 of this chapter shall have the
3 authority to do the following:
4 (1) Develop operational policies and determine the court's
5 positions on public policy.
6 (2) Serve as official representative of the court in interactions
7 with government entities, the legal community, public, and
8 media.
9 (3) Advise and support judges in fulfilling their judicial
10 responsibilities.
11 (4) Assign cases, offices, and courtrooms for trial judges or
12 reassign newly filed cases in the interests of the speedy,
13 economical, and uniform disposition of cases.
14 (5) Assign judges and judicial officers to certain courtrooms
15 and reassign cases between judges to promote efficiency.
16 (6) Establish and oversee administrative policies for
17 personnel.
18 (7) Oversee the court's financial management.
19 (8) Hire and manage key court personnel.
20 (9) Operate and maintain the juvenile detention facilities in
21 the county.
22 (10) Review the bond schedule set forth by the county at least
23 once during each three (3) year term of the executive
24 committee.
25 (11) Create and publish a list of approved senior judges,
26 temporary judges, and judges pro tempore that may be
27 utilized by judges in the superior court. Senior judges,
28 temporary judges, and judges pro tempore who are not
29 approved by the executive committee may not be used.
30 (12) In the absence of the chief judge, carry out the duties of
31 that position.
32 (13) Report actions of the executive committee to the full
33 court.
34 (b) Each judge who is a member of the executive committee has
35 an equal vote in all matters pertaining to the business of the court
36 when an action requires a majority vote. If a tie vote occurs, the
37 chief judge shall cast the tiebreaking vote. Any action taken by the
38 executive committee may only be overruled by a majority vote of
39 eighty-five percent (85%) of the full court sitting at the time the
40 vote is taken. The reassignment of a judge to a different caseload
41 requires a majority vote of the executive committee. The chief
42 judge has authority to execute contracts approved by the executive



committee.

SECTION 14. IC 33-33-49-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2022, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15. (a) The executive committee ~~with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the judges~~, shall determine the number of judicial officers and personnel required to efficiently serve the court. The salaries of the personnel shall be fixed and paid as provided by law.

(b) The administrative officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the executive committee and shall operate under the jurisdiction of the executive committee and serve at the pleasure of the executive committee.

(c) The executive committee shall see that the court at all times is amply provided with adequate resources necessary to effectively run court operations. Each judge shall appoint a judicial assistant who will also serve as the judge's official court reporter. All other staff assignments will be determined by the executive committee. ~~in conjunction with the general term~~: The staffing requirements set forth in IC 33-29-1-5 do not apply to the Marion superior court. In addition to the specified duties ~~of this subsection~~, **required of** the executive committee **under this chapter**, the executive committee shall exercise any other powers and duties that may be assigned to the executive committee. At least once each month, a general term conference of all superior division judges should be held, at which the presiding judge shall preside. During an absence or a vacation of a judge who is a member of the executive committee, the senior superior court judge shall act for the absent member, if necessary. necessary to aid in the operation of the court. The executive committee shall make decisions with consideration to the best interest of the court and the community.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, a commissioner appointed under this chapter has all of the powers and duties prescribed for a magistrate under IC 33-23-5. However, the provisions of IC 33-23-5-11 requiring the state to pay the salary of a magistrate do not require the state to pay the salary of a commissioner appointed under this chapter.

(e) If a commissioner appointed under this chapter is appointed as a magistrate in Marion County, the salary of that magistrate shall be paid by the state under IC 33-23-5-11 in the same amount as other magistrates are paid.

(f) The allocation of appointments of commissioners **or magistrates** under this chapter shall be determined by agreement between the judges of the superior court and the judge of the circuit court with



1 consideration given to the case load of each court. However,
 2 notwithstanding any other law, at least two (2) of the commissioners **or**
 3 **magistrates** appointed under this chapter shall be appointed by the
 4 judge of the circuit court.

5 (g) The:

6 (1) judge of the circuit court has exclusive authority to appoint
 7 commissioners **or** **magistrates** allocated to the circuit court; and
 8 (2) judges of the **superior court executive committee** have
 9 exclusive authority to appoint commissioners **or** **magistrates**
 10 allocated to the superior court. **by a vote of the majority of the**
 11 **judges of the superior court.**

12 (h) Not more than a simple majority of the commissioners **or**
 13 **magistrates** appointed under this chapter may be from the same
 14 political party.

15 (i) A commissioner **or** **magistrate** appointed by the:

16 (1) judge of the circuit court serves at the pleasure of the judge of
 17 the circuit court; and
 18 (2) **judges of the superior court continues in office until removed**
 19 **pursuant to local rule: executive committee of the superior**
 20 **court serves at the pleasure of the executive committee.**

21 SECTION 15. IC 33-33-49-15.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 22 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 23 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15.5. (a) A commissioner or
 24 magistrate of the superior court shall be hired in a manner
 25 prescribed by the executive committee.

26 (b) Commissioners and magistrates:

27 (1) serve the entire superior court and not just the individual
 28 judge or judges to whom a commissioner or magistrate may
 29 be assigned; and
 30 (2) shall be available to serve any division or judge of the
 31 superior court as needed to ensure efficient administration of
 32 justice.

33 (c) The executive committee has final authority for all
 34 employment decisions regarding commissioners or magistrates and
 35 shall establish procedures to carry out duties under this subsection.
 36 Employment decisions include the following:

37 (1) Hiring.
 38 (2) Appointments and assignments.
 39 (3) Performance review.
 40 (4) Disciplinary matters.
 41 (5) Termination.

42 (d) Prior to making an employment decision under subsection



1 (c)(3) through (c)(5), the executive committee shall consult with any
2 judge to whom the commissioner or magistrate has been assigned
3 and shall give consideration to the opinion of the judge. When
4 completing a performance review, the executive committee:

(1) shall obtain information from sitting judges and court staff; and

(2) may obtain information from attorneys who have appeared before the commissioner or magistrate;

9 and may consider the information obtained under subdivisions (1)
10 and (2).

16 SECTION 16. IC 33-33-49-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 24. The judge of
18 the Marion circuit court may, with the consent of the court acting
19 through the superior court ~~presiding~~ **chief** judge under rules adopted by
20 the court, transfer any action, cause, or proceeding filed and docketed
21 in the circuit court to the court by transferring all original papers and
22 instruments filed in that action, cause, or proceeding without further
23 transcript to be redocketed and disposed of as if originally filed with
24 the court.

25 SECTION 17. IC 33-33-49-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 25. The ~~presiding~~
27 ~~chief~~ judge may, with the consent of the judge of the Marion circuit
28 court and under rules adopted by the court, transfer any action, cause,
29 or proceeding without further transcript to be redocketed and disposed
30 of as if originally filed with the Marion circuit court.

31 SECTION 18. IC 33-33-49-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2022,
32 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 30. (a) **Notwithstanding section 13.7 of this**
34 **chapter**, a judge remains qualified to hold office as long as the judge:

35 (1) remains fair and impartial in judicial functions;
36 (2) maintains a high standard of morality in dealings, public and
37 private;
38 (3) (2) remains physically and mentally capable of performing all
39 the functions and duties of the office of judge; and
40 (4) (2) acts in accordance with the Magistrate's Code of Conduct.

(b) Complaints against a judge must be forwarded to the commission on judicial qualifications as provided in JC 33.38.13 by



1 any judge of the superior court.

2 (c) If the judge wishes to retire before the judge's term has ended,
 3 the judge shall provide written notice to the **presiding chief** judge of the
 4 court.

5 (d) When a vacancy occurs in the court by death, removal,
 6 retirement, or for any other reason, a successor judge shall be
 7 appointed as described in section 13.4 of this chapter. The successor
 8 judge must be a member of the same political party as the judge who
 9 is to be succeeded.

10 SECTION 19. IC 33-33-49-31 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
 11 PASSAGE]. Sec. 31. (a) The presiding judge may appoint one (1)
 12 full-time magistrate under IC 33-23-5.

13 (b) A magistrate appointed under this section may only hear
 14 criminal proceedings.

15 (c) The magistrate continues in office until removed by the
 16 presiding judge.

17 SECTION 20. IC 33-33-49-32, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2021,
 18 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 32. (a) In addition to the magistrate appointed
 20 under section 31 of this chapter, the judges of the superior court may,
 21 by a vote of a majority of the judges, appoint:

22 (1) twelve (12) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after
 23 December 31, 2013, and until January 1, 2016, not more than six
 24 (6) of whom may be from the same political party;

25 (2) sixteen (16) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after
 26 December 31, 2015, and until January 1, 2018, not more than
 27 eight (8) of whom may be from the same political party;

28 (3) twenty (20) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after
 29 December 31, 2017, and until January 1, 2020, not more than ten
 30 (10) of whom may be from the same political party;

31 (4) twenty-four (24) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after
 32 December 31, 2019, and until January 1, 2022, not more than
 33 twelve (12) of whom may be from the same political party; and

34 (5) **The executive committee may appoint twenty-seven (27)**
 35 **twenty-eight (28) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after**
 36 **December 31, 2021, 2025, not more than fourteen (14) of whom**
 37 **may be from the same political party.**

38 (b) The magistrates continue in office until removed in accordance
 39 with local rule: **section 15.5 of this chapter.**

40 (c) A party to a superior court proceeding that has been assigned to
 41 a magistrate appointed under this section may request that an elected
 42 judge of the superior court preside over the proceeding instead of the



1 magistrate to whom the proceeding has been assigned. A request under
2 this subsection must be in writing and must be filed with the court:

3 (1) in a civil case, not later than:
4 (A) ten (10) days after the pleadings are closed; or
5 (B) thirty (30) days after the case is entered on the
6 chronological case summary, in a case in which the defendant
7 is not required to answer; or
8 (2) in a criminal case, not later than ten (10) days after the
9 omnibus date.

10 Upon a timely request made under this subsection by either party, the
11 magistrate to whom the proceeding has been assigned shall transfer the
12 proceeding back to the superior court judge.

13 SECTION 21. IC 33-33-49-33, AS AMENDED BY P.L.33-2005,
14 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 33. (a) The executive committee elected under
16 section 14 of this chapter (**before its repeal**) or **section 14.1 of this**
17 **chapter** shall employ a court administrator to administer the business
18 activities of the court. A court administrator is subject to rules of the
19 court and oversight by the executive committee.

20 (b) The salary of the court administrator shall be set by the
21 executive committee.

22 SECTION 22. IC 33-33-49-34 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 34. (a) The clerk
24 of the superior court shall furnish the following:

25 (1) All blanks, forms, and papers required for use in all criminal
26 cases and in all civil actions involving actions by a city or town
27 for violations of municipal penal ordinances.
28 (2) All books, papers, stationery, furniture, and other equipment
29 and supplies necessary for keeping the records of the proceedings
30 in all rooms of the superior court and for the transaction of all
31 business of the court.
32 (3) Necessary computerization of court records.

33 (b) The materials required under this section shall be furnished at
34 the expense of the county.

35 (c) The **presiding chief** judge of the court, by an order entered on the
36 court records signed by the **presiding chief** judge, shall determine and
37 prescribe the forms of the following:

38 (1) All summonses, notices, subpoenas, warrants, affidavits,
39 complaints, writs, and all other papers and anything else required
40 to be used in the cases relating to violations of criminal statutes
41 or municipal ordinances.
42 (2) All other books, records, papers, and documents to be used by



7 SECTION 23. IC 33-38-9.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2024,
8 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The justice reinvestment advisory
10 council is established. The advisory council consists of the following
11 members:

- (1) The executive director of the Indiana public defender council or the executive director's designee.
- (2) The executive director of the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council or the executive director's designee.
- (3) The director of the division of mental health and addiction or the director's designee.
- (4) The president of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association or the president's designee.
- (5) The commissioner of the Indiana department of correction or the commissioner's designee.
- (6) The chief administrative officer of the office of judicial administration or the chief administrative officer's designee.
- (7) The executive director of the Indiana criminal justice institute or the executive director's designee.
- (8) The president of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties or the president's designee.
- (9) The president of the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana or the president's designee.
- (10) The budget director or the budget director's designee.
- (11) The executive director of the Association of Indiana Counties or the executive director's designee.
- (12) The president of the Indiana Judges Association or the president's designee.
- (13) The chair of the Indiana commission on court appointed attorneys or the chair's designee.
- (14) The chair of the senate corrections and criminal law committee or the chair's designee.
- (15) The ranking minority member of the senate corrections and criminal law committee or the ranking minority member's designee.
- (16) The chair of the house courts and criminal code committee



1 or the chair's designee.

2 (17) The ranking minority member of the house courts and

3 criminal code committee or the ranking minority member's

4 designee.

5 (18) The governor or the governor's designee.

6 (19) The president and chief executive officer of the Indiana

7 Council of Community Mental Health Centers or the president

8 and chief executive officer's designee.

9 (20) The president and chief executive officer of Mental Health

10 America of Indiana or the president and chief executive officer's

11 designee.

12 (b) The chief justice or the chief justice's designee shall serve as

13 chairperson of the advisory council.

14 (c) The duties of the advisory council include:

15 (1) reviewing and evaluating state and local criminal justice

16 systems and corrections programs, including pretrial services,

17 behavioral health treatment and recovery services, community

18 corrections, county jails, parole, and probation services;

19 (2) reviewing the processes used by the department of correction

20 and the division of mental health and addiction in awarding

21 grants;

22 (3) reviewing and evaluating jail overcrowding to identify a range

23 of possible solutions;

24 (4) coordinating with other criminal justice funding sources;

25 (5) establishing committees to inform the work of the advisory

26 council; and

27 (6) performing other relevant duties as determined by the advisory

28 council.

29 (d) The advisory council may make recommendations to:

30 (1) the department of correction, community corrections advisory

31 boards, and the division of mental health and addiction

32 concerning the award of grants;

33 (2) criminal justice systems and corrections programs concerning

34 best practices to improve outcomes of persons under supervision;

35 (3) the Indiana general assembly concerning legislation and

36 funding for criminal justice initiatives;

37 (4) the Indiana criminal justice institute concerning criminal

38 justice funding priorities;

39 (5) the office of judicial administration concerning veterans

40 problem solving court grants; and

41 (6) the county sheriffs concerning strategies to address jail

42 overcrowding and implementing evidence based practices for



reducing recidivism for individuals in county jails.

(e) The office of judicial administration shall staff the advisory council.

(f) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the advisory council are required for the advisory council to take action on any measure. **A voting member of the advisory council must cast a vote in person under this subsection.**

(g) The advisory council shall meet as necessary to:

(1) work with the department of correction and the division of mental health and addiction to establish the grant criteria and grant reporting requirements described in subsection (k);

(2) review grant applications;

(3) make recommendations and provide feedback to the department of correction and the division of mental health and addiction concerning grants to be awarded;

(4) review grants awarded by the department

division of mental health and addiction; and
(5) suggest areas and programs in which the award of future grants might be beneficial.

(h) The advisory council, in conjunction with the Indiana criminal

justice institute, shall jointly issue an annual report under IC 5-2-6-24. (i) The advisory council shall review the composition of the

community corrections advisory board described in IC 11-12-2-2 and make a recommendation to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 before November 1, 2022, regarding how to reduce the membership of a community corrections advisory board and the recommended membership for a community corrections advisory board.

(j) Any entity that receives funds:

(1) recommended by the advisory council; and

(2) appropriated by the department of correction;

for the purpose of providing additional treatment or supervision services shall provide the information described in subsection (k) to the department of correction to aid in the compilation of the report described in subsection (h).

(k) The department of correction shall provide the advisory council with the following information:

(1) The total number of participants, categorized by offense level, who were served by the entity through funds described in subsection (j).

(2) The total number of participants, categorized by offense level, who completed a funded treatment program, service, or level of



1 supervision.

2 (3) The total number of participants, categorized by offense level,
3 who were discharged from a funded treatment program, service,
4 or level of supervision.

5 SECTION 24. IC 33-38-9.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.30-2021,
6 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) A local justice reinvestment advisory
8 council is established in each county in Indiana. The local advisory
9 council of two (2) or more counties may vote to consolidate into a
10 regional advisory council. Membership of a regional advisory council
11 must consist of the members listed in this subsection, which can be
12 filled by a representative from any of the participating counties. A local
13 advisory council consists of at least the following members:

14 (1) In counties with a chief public defender, the county chief
15 public defender or the county chief public defender's designee. In
16 counties without a chief public defender, a public defender who
17 practices public defense within the county appointed by the local
18 public defense board. If there is no local public defense board,
19 then a public defender who practices public defense within the
20 county appointed by the circuit court judge.

21 (2) The elected prosecuting attorney or the elected prosecuting
22 attorney's designee.

23 (3) In counties with a local community mental health center, the
24 director of the center or the director's designee.

25 (4) The county sheriff or the county sheriff's designee.

26 (5) In counties with a community corrections program, the
27 director of the county's community corrections program or the
28 director's designee.

29 (6) The chief probation officer or the chief probation officer's
30 designee.

31 (7) The president of the county executive (as defined in
32 IC 36-1-2-5) or the president's designee.

33 (8) The president of the county fiscal body (as defined in
34 IC 36-1-2-6) or the president's designee.

35 (9) A circuit or superior court judge exercising criminal
36 jurisdiction in the county, selected as follows:

37 (A) If only one (1) circuit or superior judge exercises criminal
38 jurisdiction in the county, that judge serves as a member of the
39 council.

40 (B) If more than one (1) circuit or superior court judge
41 exercises criminal jurisdiction in the county, the judge selected
42 by a majority of the circuit and superior court judges



exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county shall select a judge exercising criminal jurisdiction to serve as a member of the council.

(C) If the judges exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county are unable to select a judge to serve as a member under clause (B), the chief justice of Indiana shall appoint a judge exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county as a member of the council.

(D) In a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge elected under IC 33-33-49-14.1(c) if the chief judge exercises criminal jurisdiction. If the chief judge does not exercise criminal jurisdiction, the chief judge shall appoint a judge exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county.

(b) The chair and vice chair of a local or regional advisory council are selected as follows:

(1) In a county that does not have a consolidated city, the members of a local or regional advisory council shall annually elect one (1) member as chair and one (1) member as vice chair.

(2) In a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge or the judge appointed by the chief judge described in subsection (a)(9)(D) shall serve as the chair and the members of the local or regional advisory council shall annually elect one (1) member as vice chair.

(c) A local or regional advisory council shall meet at least quarterly.

(d) The community corrections advisory board may vote to serve as the local or regional advisory council described in this section. Meeting agendas may include business related to both community correction advisory board and local or regional advisory council duties.

(e) The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of a local or regional advisory council is required for the local or regional advisory council to take action on any measure. A voting member of the local or regional advisory council must cast a vote in person under this subsection.

SECTION 25. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1033, 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:

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and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1033 as introduced.)

JETER

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 1.

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