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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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if such an agency exists in the county.

(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.

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

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

39 (2) at least six (6);

40 to constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. The
41 affirmative votes of at least five (5) members, but not less than a
42 majority of the members present, are required for the board to take



1 action. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a
 2 quorum to transact business.

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

8 (1) Department grants.

9 (2) User fees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 SECTION 5. IC 33-33-49-13.1, AS AMENDED BY
 42 P.L.186-2025, SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.1. (a) As used
2 in this chapter:

3 (1) "close relative" has the meaning set forth in IC 33-23-11-2;
4 and
5 (2) "committee" refers to the Marion County judicial selection
6 committee established by subsection (b).

7 (b) The Marion County judicial selection committee is established
8 to:

9 (1) select nominees for the court; and
10 (2) make ~~recommendations to the voters determinations~~
11 concerning the ~~retention suitability~~ of a judge ~~on the court. to~~ **continue to hold judicial office.**

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

14 (1) Four (4) members who reside in Marion County, appointed
15 as follows:

16 (A) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house
17 of representatives.

18 (B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the
19 house of representatives.

20 (C) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore
21 of the senate.

22 (D) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the
23 senate.

24 A person appointed under this subdivision may not be a member
25 of the general assembly.

26 (2) An attorney who resides in Marion County and practices
27 primarily in the area of criminal law, appointed by the president
28 of the Indianapolis bar association.

29 (3) An attorney who resides in Marion County and practices
30 primarily in the area of criminal law, appointed by the president
31 of the Marion County bar association.

32 (4) An attorney who resides in Marion County, appointed by the
33 president of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association.

34 (5) An attorney who resides in Marion County, appointed by the
35 president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

36 (6) Two (2) members appointed by the chairperson of each major
37 political party (as defined by IC 3-5-2.1-62(2)) in Marion
38 County. Each of the four (4) members appointed under this
39 subdivision must reside in Marion County and must reflect the
40 diversity and makeup of Marion County.

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

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1 of the chief judge who is a judge of the Indiana Court of
 2 Appeals. The chief judge or chief judge's designee serves as the
 3 vice chairperson of the committee ex officio.

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

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

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

- 12 (1) a current or former judge of the Marion superior or circuit
 13 court;
- 14 (2) a current or former judicial officer appointed by the Marion
 15 superior or circuit court;
- 16 (3) a current or former employee of the Marion superior or
 17 circuit court; or
- 18 (4) a close relative of anyone described in subdivision (1), (2),
 19 or (3).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



4 (m) The committee shall:

5 (1) nominate judicial candidates for the court in accordance with
6 section 13.4 of this chapter; and

7 (2) make recommendations concerning
8 retention the suitability of a judge to continue to hold judicial
9 office in accordance with section sections 13.7 and 13.8 of this
10 chapter.

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

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

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

29 (1) notice of the executive session is given in the manner
30 prescribed by IC 5-14-1.5-5; and

31 (2) all interviews of candidates are conducted at meetings open
32 to the public.

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

41 (2) Records specifically prepared for discussion or developed
42 during discussion in an executive session under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1,



1 unless the records are prepared for use in the consideration of a
 2 candidate for retention or judicial appointment.

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

4 (A) the records are considered in connection with the
 5 consideration of a candidate;
 6 (B) the records are publicly discussed by the committee in
 7 connection with the consideration of a candidate;
 8 (C) a candidate elects to have the records released by the
 9 committee; or
 10 (D) the committee elects to release the records that the
 11 committee considers appropriate in response to publicly
 12 disseminated statements relating to the activities or actions
 13 of the committee;

14 whichever occurs first.

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

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

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

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

28 (1) official action taken; and
 29 (2) actionable items considered;

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

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

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

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

42 (d) Retention class B consists of the sixteen (16) judges whose



1 terms expire on December 31, 2020.

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

4 **(f) If a newly appointed judge is appointed to fill a vacancy
5 during the same year the vacating judge's term would otherwise
6 expire, the term of the newly appointed judge shall expire on
7 December 31 of the sixth full year following the newly appointed
8 judge's appointment.**

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

14 (b) A judge who **has been found eligible for retention by the
15 committee under section 13.7 or 13.8 of this chapter and** wishes to
16 be retained in office shall file a statement with the clerk and secretary
17 of state during the period described in IC 3-8-2-4 during which a
18 declaration of candidacy must be filed in the year in which the judge's
19 term expires. The judge's statement must include the following
20 information:

21 (1) A statement indicating that the judge wishes to have the
22 question of the judge's retention placed on the ballot.

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

24 (A) the judge wants the judge's name to appear on the
25 ballot; and

26 (B) a candidate's name is permitted to appear on the ballot
27 under IC 3-5-7.

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

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

40 If a judge does not file a statement under this subsection with both the
41 clerk and the secretary of state, the clerk shall, not later than March 1,
42 notify the Marion County judicial selection committee in writing that



1 the judge does not wish to continue in office after the end of the judge's
 2 term of office.

3 (c) The term of a judge:

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (2) The office of the rejected judge becomes vacant on January
 27 1 following the rejection.

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

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

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

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

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



1 (3) Activities in public service, including:
2 (A) writings and speeches concerning public or civic affairs
3 that are on public record, including but not limited to
4 campaign speeches or writing, letters to newspapers, and
5 testimony before public agencies;
6 (B) efforts and achievements in improving the
7 administration of justice; and
8 (C) other conduct relating to the individual's profession.
9 (4) Whether the candidate reflects the diversity and makeup of
10 Marion County.
11 (5) Legal experience, including the number of years of practicing
12 law, the kind of practice involved, and reputation as a trial
13 lawyer or judge.
14 (6) Probable judicial temperament.
15 (7) Personality traits, including the exercise of sound judgment,
16 ability to compromise and conciliate, patience, decisiveness, and
17 dedication.
18 (8) Membership on boards of directors, financial interest, and
19 any other consideration that might create conflict of interest with
20 a judicial office.
21 (9) Any other pertinent information that the committee feels is
22 important in selecting the best qualified individuals for judicial
23 office.
24 (c) As soon as practicable after the committee learns of a vacancy,
25 the committee shall publicly announce that it is accepting applications
26 from persons wishing to fill the vacancy. The committee shall
27 determine the form and content of the application, establish a timetable
28 for nominations, and schedule one (1) or more hearings to interview
29 qualified applicants and select nominees to fill the vacancy. To the
30 extent practicable, the committee shall endeavor to interview as many
31 qualified applicants as possible. However, if a large number of
32 applicants have applied to fill a vacancy, the committee may limit itself
33 to interviewing only the most qualified applicants. The committee may
34 conduct multiple interviews. At the conclusion of the interview
35 process, the committee shall nominate **at least the three (3) of the** most
36 qualified candidates and forward their names to the governor, who
37 shall, not later than sixty (60) days after the names of the candidates
38 have been forwarded, appoint one (1) of the nominees as judge. **If the**
39 **committee is nominating candidates for more than one (1) vacancy,**
40 **the governor may appoint any of the nominated candidates to the**
41 **vacancies.** If the governor does not make an appointment within the
42 sixty (60) day period described in this subsection, the chairperson of

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1 the committee shall appoint one (1) of the nominees as judge.

2 (d) In no event may more than fifty-two percent (52%) of the
 3 judges serving on the Marion superior court be members of the same
 4 political party.

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

13 (b) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

14 (1) "News media" includes:

15 (A) a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County;
 16 (B) one (1) or more broadcasters serving Marion County;
 17 (C) any person who uses a blog or similar Internet web site
 18 to provide information or commentary concerning the
 19 judiciary or political matters of interest to residents of
 20 Marion County; and
 21 (D) any other appropriate source of news or information for
 22 Marion County residents.

23 (2) "Voter outreach organization" includes any organization that
 24 has the goal of informing voters in Marion County about issues
 25 and candidates in upcoming elections.

26 (c) (b) This subsection does not apply to an incumbent judge who
 27 has previously appeared before the committee for purposes of this
 28 section at least one (1) time. Before a judge may stand for retention
 29 under section 13.3 of this chapter, the judge must appear, **in person**,
 30 before the committee to permit the committee to issue a
 31 recommendation to the voters concerning **determine** the judge's
 32 qualifications and suitability to continue to hold judicial office.

33 (d) (c) At the time **Before** a judge files a statement under section
 34 13.3 of this chapter that the judge wishes to be retained in office, the
 35 judge shall:

36 (1) notify the committee that the judge wishes to be retained in
 37 office; and
 38 (2) provide the committee with a written statement describing
 39 the judge's qualifications and **suitability to continue to hold**
 40 **judicial office**, with particular emphasis on the matters
 41 described in section 13.4(b) of this chapter.

42 (e) (d) After receiving the materials described in subsection (d),



1 (c), the committee shall promptly schedule a **an in-person** hearing to
 2 consider the materials submitted by the judge and interview the judge.
 3 **Each judge is entitled to a hearing before the committee.** The hearings
 4 shall be held in executive session **and shall be scheduled with**
 5 **sufficient time for the committee to make a determination and**
 6 **allow the judge to meet the filing deadline required by section**
 7 **13.3(b) of this chapter.**

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

12 (g) (f) If the committee finds that a judge is not **qualified, the**
 13 **committee shall do the following:**

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

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

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

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

35 (1) Through the chairperson, place on the appropriate Internet
 36 web site of the Indiana supreme court the following statement:
 37 "After considering Judge (insert name here)'s qualifications and
 38 Judge (insert name here)'s performance in office, the Marion
 39 County Judicial Selection Committee finds that Judge (insert
 40 name here) IS qualified and SHOULD BE retained in office.".
 41 (2) Issue the following statement to news media and voter
 42 outreach organizations: "After considering Judge (insert name



1 here)'s qualifications and Judge (insert name here)'s performance
 2 in office, the Marion County Judicial Selection Committee finds
 3 that Judge (insert name here) IS qualified and SHOULD BE
 4 retained in office."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (1) held in executive session; and

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

42 (e) A judge is presumed suitable to continue to hold judicial



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

4 (f) If the committee finds that a judge is not suitable to
 5 continue to hold judicial office, the judge shall not be retained
 6 beyond the conclusion of the judge's current term and the judge
 7 shall be replaced through section 13.4 of this chapter.

8 (g) If the committee finds that a judge is suitable to continue
 9 to hold judicial office, the judge may be retained subject to the
 10 approval of the electorate of Marion County under section 13.3 of
 11 this chapter.

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

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

18 (j) This section expires January 1, 2027.

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

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



1 Each judge who is a member of the executive committee has an equal
 2 vote in all matters pertaining to the business of the court when an
 3 action requires a majority vote. If a tie vote occurs, the presiding judge
 4 shall cast the tiebreaking vote. Any action taken by the executive
 5 committee may be overruled by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the
 6 judges sitting at the time the vote is taken. The physical reassignment
 7 of a judge to a different courtroom requires a unanimous vote of the
 8 executive committee. The executive committee shall assign cases,
 9 offices, and courtrooms for trial judges or reassignment of newly filed
 10 cases in the interests of the speedy, economical, and uniform
 11 disposition of cases. All matters of trial dates, continuances, and
 12 subpoenas used for trial shall be determined by the trial judge in
 13 accordance with rules of the superior court. The executive committee
 14 shall perform other duties as determined by rules of the court.

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

- 17 (1) Civil.
- 18 (2) Criminal.
- 19 (3) Family.

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

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

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

37 (b) This subsection applies to the selection of the executive
 38 committee in 2026 to begin serving a term starting on January 1,
 39 2027, and selection of each executive committee thereafter. Not
 40 later than November 15 of the final year of an executive
 41 committee's term, the full court shall meet to select the executive
 42 committee to start serving the next year. The executive committee



1 **is selected by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the sitting judges who**
 2 **will hold office on January 1 of the next year. If all members of the**
 3 **executive committee cannot be filled by this two-thirds (2/3) vote,**
 4 **the member vacancy may be filled by such other method as**
 5 **provided by court rule.**

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

- 12 **(1) allow each new executive committee member to submit an**
 13 **application for the chief judge position; and**
- 14 **(2) interview each new executive committee member.**

15 **The judicial selection committee shall consider the feedback of**
 16 **incumbent executive committee members and superior court**
 17 **judges in an executive session. A vacancy of the chief judge position**
 18 **shall be filled by the procedure established under this subsection.**

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

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

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

- 26 **(1) Elect the executive committee under subsection (b).**
- 27 **(2) Approve local rules.**
- 28 **(3) Approve the court's annual caseload allocation plan.**
- 29 **(4) Review reports from the chief judge and executive**
 30 **committee.**

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

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

- 39 **(1) Civil.**
- 40 **(2) Criminal.**
- 41 **(3) Family.**

42 **(i) The work of each division shall be allocated by the rules of**



1 **the court.**

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

4 SECTION 13. IC 33-33-49-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 6 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14.5. **(a) The executive**
 7 **committee selected under section 14.1 of this chapter shall have the**
 8 **authority to do the following:**

9 **(1) Develop operational policies and determine the court's**
 10 **positions on public policy.**

11 **(2) Serve as official representative of the court in interactions**
 12 **with government entities, the legal community, public, and**
 13 **media.**

14 **(3) Advise and support judges in fulfilling their judicial**
 15 **responsibilities.**

16 **(4) Assign cases, offices, and courtrooms for trial judges or**
 17 **reassign newly filed cases in the interests of the speedy,**
 18 **economical, and uniform disposition of cases.**

19 **(5) Assign judges and judicial officers to certain courtrooms**
 20 **and reassign cases between judges to promote efficiency.**

21 **(6) Establish and oversee administrative policies for**
 22 **personnel.**

23 **(7) Oversee the court's financial management.**

24 **(8) Hire and manage key court personnel.**

25 **(9) Operate and maintain the juvenile detention facilities in**
 26 **the county.**

27 **(10) Review the bond schedule set forth by the county at least**
 28 **once during each three (3) year term of the executive**
 29 **committee.**

30 **(11) Create and publish a list of approved senior judges,**
 31 **temporary judges, and judges pro tempore that may be**
 32 **utilized by judges in the superior court. Senior judges,**
 33 **temporary judges, and judges pro tempore who are not**
 34 **approved by the executive committee may not be used.**

35 **(12) In the absence of the chief judge, carry out the duties of**
 36 **that position.**

37 **(13) Report actions of the executive committee to the full**
 38 **court.**

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



1 **the executive committee may only be overruled by a majority vote**
 2 **of eighty-five percent (85%) of the full court sitting at the time the**
 3 **vote is taken. The reassignment of a judge to a different caseload**
 4 **requires a majority vote of the executive committee. The chief**
 5 **judge has authority to execute contracts approved by the executive**
 6 **committee.**

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

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

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

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

41 (e) If a commissioner appointed under this chapter is appointed as
 42 a magistrate in Marion County, the salary of that magistrate shall be



1 paid by the state under IC 33-23-5-11 in the same amount as other
 2 magistrates are paid.

3 (f) The allocation of appointments of commissioners **or**
 4 **magistrates** under this chapter shall be determined by agreement
 5 between the judges of the superior court and the judge of the circuit
 6 court with consideration given to the case load of each court. However,
 7 notwithstanding any other law, at least two (2) of the commissioners **or**
 8 **magistrates** appointed under this chapter shall be appointed by the
 9 judge of the circuit court.

10 (g) The:

11 (1) judge of the circuit court has exclusive authority to appoint
 12 commissioners **or** **magistrates** allocated to the circuit court; and
 13 (2) judges of the **superior court executive committee** have
 14 exclusive authority to appoint commissioners **or** **magistrates**
 15 allocated to the superior court. **by a vote of the majority of the**
 16 **judges of the superior court.**

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

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

21 (1) judge of the circuit court serves at the pleasure of the judge
 22 of the circuit court; and
 23 (2) **judges of the superior court continues in office until removed**
 24 **pursuant to local rule: executive committee of the superior**
 25 **court serves at the pleasure of the executive committee.**

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

31 (b) Commissioners and magistrates:

32 (1) **serve the entire superior court and not just the individual**
 33 **judge or judges to whom a commissioner or magistrate may**
 34 **be assigned; and**
 35 (2) **shall be available to serve any division or judge of the**
 36 **superior court as needed to ensure efficient administration**
 37 **of justice.**

38 (c) The executive committee has final authority for all
 39 employment decisions regarding commissioners or magistrates and
 40 shall establish procedures to carry out duties under this subsection.
 41 **Employment decisions include the following:**

42 (1) Hiring.



(2) Appointments and assignments.
(3) Performance review.
(4) Disciplinary matters.
(5) Termination.

(d) Prior to making an employment decision under subsection (c)(3) through (c)(5), the executive committee shall consult with any judge to whom the commissioner or magistrate has been assigned and shall give consideration to the opinion of the judge. When 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;

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

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or modify the powers and duties of magistrates as prescribed under IC 33-23-5. The hiring and employment procedures established by this section shall apply to all commissioners or magistrates appointed under this chapter.

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

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

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

(1) remains fair and impartial in judicial functions;
(2) maintains a high standard of morality in dealings, public and private;

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3 (4) (3) continues to reside in Marion County.

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

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

18 (b) A magistrate appointed under this section may only hear
19 criminal proceedings.

20 (e) The magistrate continues in office until removed by the
21 presiding judge.

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

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

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

(3) twenty (20) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after Dec. 1, 2015, and 111 after Dec. 1, 2020.

December 31, 2017, and until January 1, 2020, not more than ten (10) of whom may be from the same political party;

(4) twenty-four (24) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after December 31, 2018, and until January 1, 2020;

December 31, 2019, and until January 1, 2022, not more than twelve (12) of whom may be from the same political party; and

(5) The executive committee may appoint twenty-seven (27) twenty-eight (28) full-time magistrates under IC 33-23-5 after December 31, 2021, 2025, not more than fourteen (14) of whom

may be from the same political party.



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

(c) A party to a superior court proceeding that has been assigned to a magistrate appointed under this section may request that an elected judge of the superior court preside over the proceeding instead of the magistrate to whom the proceeding has been assigned. A request under this subsection must be in writing and must be filed with the court:

(1) in a civil case, not later than:

(A) ten (10) days after the pleadings are closed; or

(B) thirty (30) days after the case is entered on the chronological case summary, in a case in which the defendant is not required to answer; or

(2) in a criminal case, not later than ten (10) days after the omnibus date.

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

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

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

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

(1) All blanks, forms, and papers required for use in all criminal cases and in all civil actions involving actions by a city or town for violations of municipal penal ordinances.

(2) All books, papers, stationery, furniture, and other equipment and supplies necessary for keeping the records of the proceedings in all rooms of the superior court and for the transaction of all business of the court.

(3) Necessary computerization of court records.

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

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

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5 (2) All other books, records, papers, and documents to be used
6 by the court and by the officers of the court and the prosecutors.

In the absence of an order under this subsection, those charged with the duty of prosecuting cases involving either criminal offenses or the violation of municipal ordinances may adopt, change, order, and use all necessary forms and instruments as conform substantially to the practice and procedure applicable.

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

19 (2) The executive director of the Indiana prosecuting attorneys
20 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.

24 preceding sentence.
25 (5) The commissioner of the Indiana department of correction or
26 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.

30 Institute or the executive director's designee.
31 (8) The president of the Indiana Association of Community
32 Corrections Act Counties or the president's designee.

32 Corrections Act Counties or the president's designee.
33 (9) The president of the Probation Officers Professional
34 Association of Indiana or the president's designee.

36 (11) The executive director of the Association of Ind
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37 Counties or the executive director's designee.
38 (12) The president of the Indiana Judges Association or the

39 president's designee.
40 (13) The chair of the Indiana commission on court appointed

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1 committee or the chair's designee.
2 (15) The ranking minority member of the senate corrections and
3 criminal law committee or the ranking minority member's
4 designee.
5 (16) The chair of the house courts and criminal code committee
6 or the chair's designee.
7 (17) The ranking minority member of the house courts and
8 criminal code committee or the ranking minority member's
9 designee.
10 (18) The governor or the governor's designee.
11 (19) The president and chief executive officer of the Indiana
12 Council of Community Mental Health Centers or the president
13 and chief executive officer's designee.
14 (20) The president and chief executive officer of Mental Health
15 America of Indiana or the president and chief executive officer's
16 designee.
17 (b) The chief justice or the chief justice's designee shall serve as
18 chairperson of the advisory council.
19 (c) The duties of the advisory council include:
20 (1) reviewing and evaluating state and local criminal justice
21 systems and corrections programs, including pretrial services,
22 behavioral health treatment and recovery services, community
23 corrections, county jails, parole, and probation services;
24 (2) reviewing the processes used by the department of correction
25 and the division of mental health and addiction in awarding
26 grants;
27 (3) reviewing and evaluating jail overcrowding to identify a
28 range of possible solutions;
29 (4) coordinating with other criminal justice funding sources;
30 (5) establishing committees to inform the work of the advisory
31 council; and
32 (6) performing other relevant duties as determined by the
33 advisory council.
34 (d) The advisory council may make recommendations to:
35 (1) the department of correction, community corrections
36 advisory boards, and the division of mental health and addiction
37 concerning the award of grants;
38 (2) criminal justice systems and corrections programs
39 concerning best practices to improve outcomes of persons under
40 supervision;
41 (3) the Indiana general assembly concerning legislation and
42 funding for criminal justice initiatives;

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

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

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

18 (2) review grant applications;

22 (4) review grants awarded by the department of correction and
23 the division of mental health and addiction; and

24 (5) suggest areas and programs in which the award of future
25 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.

35 (j) Any entity that receives funds:

36 (1) recommended by the advisory council; and

37 (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).

42 (k) The department of correction shall provide the advisory

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1 council with the following information:

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

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

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

11 SECTION 24. IC 33-38-9.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.30-2021,

12 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

13 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) A local justice reinvestment advisory
 14 council is established in each county in Indiana. The local advisory
 15 council of two (2) or more counties may vote to consolidate into a
 16 regional advisory council. Membership of a regional advisory council
 17 must consist of the members listed in this subsection, which can be
 18 filled by a representative from any of the participating counties. A local
 19 advisory council consists of at least the following members:

20 (1) In counties with a chief public defender, the county chief
 21 public defender or the county chief public defender's designee.
 22 In counties without a chief public defender, a public defender
 23 who practices public defense within the county appointed by the
 24 local public defense board. If there is no local public defense
 25 board, then a public defender who practices public defense
 26 within the county appointed by the circuit court judge.

27 (2) The elected prosecuting attorney or the elected prosecuting
 28 attorney's designee.

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

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

32 (5) In counties with a community corrections program, the
 33 director of the county's community corrections program or the
 34 director's designee.

35 (6) The chief probation officer or the chief probation officer's
 36 designee.

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

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

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



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

(B) If more than one (1) circuit or superior court judge exercises criminal jurisdiction in the county, the judge selected 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.



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