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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1048

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DIGEST OF HB 1048 (Updated February 10, 2026 3:11 pm - DI 116)

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-8.

**Synopsis:** VFD clothing and automobile allowances. Increases, from \$100 to \$250, the clothing and automobile allowance for an active member of a volunteer fire department (department). Provides that a unit served by a volunteer fire department shall pay the clothing and automobile allowance directly to each active and participating member of the department.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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### Novak, Pressel, Bartels, Moseley

(SENATE SPONSORS — CRIDER, POL JR., LEISING, BOHACEK,  
NIEZGODSKI, FORD J.D., BUCK, BYRNE, TOMES, GLICK)

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December 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

January 22, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

January 27, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed.

January 28, 2026, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 89, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 2, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

February 3, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 10, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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 local government.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-12-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) **A unit served by**  
3 **a volunteer fire department shall pay directly to each active and**  
4 **participating member of the department:** ~~Unless otherwise provided~~  
5 ~~by contract,~~ **a unit served by a volunteer fire department shall pay to**  
6 **each active and participating member of the department:**  
7 (1) a clothing allowance of not less than ~~one hundred dollars~~  
8 ~~(\$100)~~ **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)** per year; and  
9 (2) an automobile allowance of not less than ~~one hundred dollars~~  
10 ~~(\$100)~~ **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)** per year for the use of  
11 the member's automobile in the line of duty.  
12 (b) A contract may also provide that fees for membership in a  
13 regularly organized volunteer firefighters' association be paid by the  
14 unit on behalf of the firefighters in the volunteer fire department.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1048, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1048 as introduced.)

BARTELS

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill No. 1048, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to HB 1048 as printed January 22, 2026.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1048 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "(a)" insert "**A unit served by a volunteer fire department shall pay directly to each active and participating member of the department:**".

Page 1, line 2, strike "Unless otherwise".

Page 1, strike lines 3 through 4.

(Reference is to EHB 1048 as printed February 4, 2026.)

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