

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

**LS 6378**  
**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1048

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 27, 2026  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** VFD Clothing and Automobile Allowances.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Novak  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases, from \$100 to \$250, the clothing and automobile allowance for an active member of a volunteer fire department.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill could potentially increase expenditures for local units to increase the clothing and automobile allowance from \$100 to \$250. However, expenditures will depend on the contract terms a local unit has for fire protection services. Contract may cover more than the current minimum clothing and automobile allowance. The increase in expenditures is likely to be small.

[There are approximately 831 volunteer fire departments in Indiana.]

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, Department Directory,  
<https://ivfa.org/directory/>.  
Fire Protection, State Board of Accounts,  
<https://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Fire-Protection-State-Called-Meetings-2023.pdf>.

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