

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

LS 6378
BILL NUMBER: HB 1048

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 3, 2026
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: VFD Clothing and Automobile Allowances.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Novak
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Crider

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd 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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