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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1065

DIGEST OF HB 1065 (Updated February 23, 2026 5:24 pm - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 3-14.

Synopsis: Ban on gratuities for public officials. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally violates a specified provision by commingling the funds of a committee with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee commits a Class A misdemeanor. Enhances the penalty to a Level 6 felony if a person commingles at least \$50,000 of committee funds.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

Slager, Olthoff

(SENATE SPONSORS — NIEMEYER, FREEMAN, QADDOURA)

December 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
January 22, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 28, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
January 29, 2026, engrossed.
February 2, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 85, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.
February 12, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 16, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
February 19, 2026, returned to second reading.
February 23, 2026, re-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 criminal law and procedure.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-14-1-14.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. **(a)** A person who
3 recklessly violates IC 3-9-2-9(c) by commingling the funds of a
4 committee with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an
5 associate of the committee commits a Class B misdemeanor.
6 **(b)** A person who knowingly or intentionally violates
7 IC 3-9-2-9(c) by commingling the funds of a committee with the
8 personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the
9 committee commits a Class A misdemeanor.
10 **(c)** The offense described in subsection (b) is a Level 6 felony if
11 a person commingles at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of
12 committee funds with the personal funds of an officer, a member,
13 or an associate of the committee.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1065, 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:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 3-14-1-14.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. **(a)** A person who recklessly violates IC 3-9-2-9(c) by commingling the funds of a committee with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee commits a Class B misdemeanor.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates IC 3-9-2-9(c) by commingling the funds of a committee with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) The offense described in subsection (b) is a Level 6 felony if a person commingles at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of committee funds with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1065 as introduced.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1065 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 18, delete "or".

Page 2, line 23, delete "receive." and insert "**receive; or**

(6) an offer of employment that is not offered as a reward for an official act performed by a public servant."

Page 2, line 28, after "servant" insert "**for the person**".

Page 2, line 39, after "servant" insert "**for the person**".

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(Reference is to HB 1065 as printed January 22, 2026.)

SLAGER

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred House Bill No. 1065, 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 1065 as reprinted January 29, 2026.)

FREEMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1065, which is eligible for third reading, be returned to second reading for purposes of amendment.

NIEMEYER

SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1065 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 14 through 17.

Delete pages 2 through 3.

(Reference is to EHB 1065 as printed February 13, 2026.)

FREEMAN

