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# HOUSE BILL No. 1065

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**Synopsis:** Ban on gratuities for public officials.

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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**  
11 **if 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.**

14 SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-146.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
15 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 146.5. "Gratuity", for purposes  
 2 of IC 35-44.1-1-2.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-44.1-1-2.5.

3 SECTION 3. IC 35-44.1-1-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section,  
 6 "gratuity" means a payment made to a public servant after an  
 7 official act as a reward or token of appreciation. However, the  
 8 term does not include:

9 (1) a good or service that is:

10 (A) subject to a reporting requirement; or  
 11 (B) otherwise authorized;

12 under a rule or code of ethics that applies to the donor or  
 13 public servant;

14 (2) a good or service having a de minimis value of less than  
 15 one hundred dollars (\$100);

16 (3) an item that is primarily ceremonial or commemorative,  
 17 such as a plaque, trophy, certificate, framed photo, or similar  
 18 item;

19 (4) a political contribution subject to IC 3-9-2 that is  
 20 reported in accordance with applicable law; or

21 (5) salary, wages, a bonus, or any other form of work related  
 22 compensation:

23 (A) from the governmental entity that employs the  
 24 public servant; and

25 (B) that the public servant is legally authorized to  
 26 receive.

27 (b) As used in this section, "public servant" includes a former  
 28 public servant.

29 (c) A person who provides a gratuity to a public servant, with  
 30 the intent to reward the public servant for an official act  
 31 performed by the public servant in the public servant's official  
 32 capacity, commits providing an unlawful gratuity to a public  
 33 servant, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Level 6  
 34 felony if the fair market value of the gratuity is at least seven  
 35 hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

36 (d) A public servant who:

37 (1) solicits or accepts a gratuity from another person; and

38 (2) either:

39 (A) solicits the gratuity as a reward for; or

40 (B) knows or reasonably should know that the gratuity  
 41 is offered as a reward for;

42 an official act performed by the public servant in the public



1           **servant's official capacity;**  
2   **commits soliciting or accepting an unlawful gratuity, a Class A**  
3   **misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Level 6 felony if the fair**  
4   **market value of the gratuity is at least seven hundred fifty dollars**  
5   **(\$750).**

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