

HOUSE BILL No. 1081

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-10-11.3.

Synopsis: Hoosier scam prevention board. Establishes the Hoosier scam prevention board.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Financial Institutions.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-10-11.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 11.3. Hoosier Scam Prevention Board**

5 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the Hoosier
6 scam prevention board established by this chapter.

7 **Sec. 2. (a)** The Hoosier scam prevention board is established
8 under the executive branch of state government as a continuing
9 board.

10 **(b)** The purpose of the board is to:

11 **(1)** collect information on the existence, use, and success of
12 educational materials and programs for consumers, retailers,
13 financial services companies, and wire transfer companies,
14 which:

15 **(A)** may be used as a guide to educate seniors, consumers,
16 employers, and employees on how to identify and prevent
17 scams that affect citizens of Indiana; and



(B) include:

- (i) useful information for seniors, consumers, retailers, financial services companies, and wire transfer companies for the purpose described in clause (A);**
- (ii) training for seniors, consumers, employers, and employees on ways to identify and prevent scams;**
- (iii) best practices for keeping seniors, consumers, employers, and employees up to date on current scams;**
- (iv) the most effective signage and placement in retail locations to warn citizens of Indiana about scammers' use of gift cards, prepaid cards, and wire transfer services to carry out a scam;**
- (v) suggestions on effective collaborative community education campaigns;**
- (vi) available technology to assist in identifying possible scams at the point of sale; and**
- (vii) other information that would be helpful to seniors, consumers, employers, employees, retailers, wire transfer companies, financial services companies, and their employees as they work to prevent fraud;**

(2) identify inadequacies, omissions, or deficiencies in the educational materials and programs described in subdivision

(1) and their execution in reaching seniors, consumers, employers, and employees to protect citizens of Indiana; and

(3) create:

- (A) model materials;**
- (B) best practices guidance; or**
- (C) recommendations;**

to address the inadequacies, omissions, or deficiencies described in subdivision (2) that may be used by industries and others to help protect citizens of Indiana from scams.

(c) Any:

- (1) materials created by the board; or**
- (2) findings made by the board;**

under subsection (b) shall be posted on the attorney general's website.

Sec. 3. (a) The board consists of the following fifteen (15) voting members:

- (1) The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee.**
- (2) One (1) representative from each of the following:**
 - (A) AARP, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons.**



- 1 (B) The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.
- 2 (C) The department of insurance.
- 3 (D) The state Medicaid fraud control unit.
- 4 (E) The state police department.
- 5 (F) The adult protective services unit.
- 6 (G) The Indiana Minority Health Coalition.
- 7 (H) CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions.
- 8 (I) The department of financial institutions.
- 9 (J) The long term care ombudsman.
- 10 (K) The consumer protection division of the office of the
- 11 attorney general.
- 12 (L) The division.
- 13 (3) Two (2) representatives from consumer advocacy groups
- 14 or charitable organizations.
- 15 (b) The members of the board designated under subsection
- 16 (a)(2) and (a)(3) shall be appointed by the governor for terms of
- 17 two (2) years ending on June 30 of an even-numbered year.
- 18 Sec. 4. (a) The governor shall appoint a chairperson of the board
- 19 from among its membership.
- 20 (b) The chairperson's term shall last two (2) years.
- 21 (c) The chairperson serves at the will of the governor and may
- 22 be reappointed to additional terms.
- 23 Sec. 5. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by the appointing
- 24 authority to meet the same qualifications as the vacating member
- 25 and to fill the remainder of the vacating member's term.
- 26 Sec. 6. The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson at
- 27 least one (1) time annually.
- 28 Sec. 7. Eight (8) members of the board constitute a quorum.
- 29 Sec. 8. The division shall provide staff services for the board.
- 30 Sec. 9. The expenses of the board shall be paid from the state
- 31 general fund.
- 32 Sec. 10. Each member of the board who is not a state employee
- 33 is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
- 34 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to
- 35 reimbursement for mileage and traveling expenses as provided
- 36 under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in
- 37 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
- 38 policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of
- 39 administration and approved by the budget agency.
- 40 Sec. 11. Each member of the board who is a state employee is
- 41 entitled to reimbursement for mileage and traveling expenses as
- 42 provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred



1 in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
2 policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of
3 administration and approved by the budget agency.

4 Sec. 12. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting
5 members appointed to the board are required for the board to take
6 action on any measure, including reports prepared at the request
7 of the attorney general or the division.

