

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1161 # 4

DIGEST

Local government matters. Adds public defenders to the list of officials whose home addresses may be restricted from public property data base websites.

1 Page 8, between lines 11 and 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 8. IC 36-1-8.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
3 SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "covered person"
5 means any of the following:
6 (1) A judge.
7 (2) A law enforcement officer.
8 (3) An address confidentiality program participant.
9 (4) A public official.
10 (5) The surviving spouse of a person described in subdivision (2),
11 if the person was killed in the line of duty.
12 (6) An employee of the department of child services.
13 (7) A current or former probation officer.
14 (8) A current or former community corrections officer.
15 (9) A regular, paid firefighter or a volunteer firefighter (as defined
16 in IC 36-8-12-2).
17 (10) A correctional services provider.
18 **(11) A public defender.**
19 **(11) (12) Any person who resides in the same household as a**
20 **person described in this section.**
21 SECTION 9. IC 36-1-8.5-4.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
22 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.4. As used in this chapter,
24 "public defender" means an individual who is any of the following:
25 **(1) An individual employed full time by a county as a public**
26 **defender.**
27 **(2) An individual who maintains a full-time equivalent**

1 **caseload, as certified by the Indiana commission on court**
2 **appointed attorneys under IC 21-13-12-16, as a contractual or**
3 **hourly public defender.**

4 **(3) The state public defender.**

5 **(4) A deputy of the state public defender.**

6 **(5) A chief public defender.".**

7 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1161 as introduced.)