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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1250

DIGEST OF HB 1250 (Updated February 10, 2026 1:09 pm - DI 106)

Citations Affected: IC 11-10; IC 35-38; IC 35-40; IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Public safety procedures. Requires the department of correction to electronically notify, at least seven days in advance, the: (1) county sheriff; (2) prosecuting attorney; and (3) chief of police; of the county or municipality into which the department will release a serious violent felon, including a juvenile adjudicated for an act that would be a serious violent felony, and of the county or municipality where the serious violent felon or juvenile committed the offense. Requires the department of correction to notify a registered victim
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Effective: July 1, 2026.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — CARRASCO, BALDWIN, BECKER, TOMES,
SCHMITT, CLARK)

January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
January 22, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 27, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed.
January 28, 2026, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 94, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 2, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.
February 12, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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through the department's automated victim notification system. Requires: (1) a court; and (2) the prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's victim assistance program; to notify a victim of the automated victim assistance notification program, and provides that a victim has the right to be informed, upon request, about the progress of the criminal case involving the victim. Requires that, before hiring a person as a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement hiring department or agency shall request from prior law enforcement employers all documents relating to disciplinary action or internal investigations that involve the person. (Under current law, a hiring agency must request all findings and orders).



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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.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1250

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 11-10-12-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) The following definitions**
4 **apply throughout this section:**
5 (1) "Receiving county" means the county to which the
6 department will transport, or arrange for the transportation
7 of, a serious violent felon upon the serious violent felon's:
8 (A) release on probation or parole; or
9 (B) discharge.
10 (2) "Receiving municipality" means the municipality to which
11 the department will transport, or arrange for the
12 transportation of, a serious violent felon upon the serious
13 violent felon's:
14 (A) release on probation or parole; or
15 (B) discharge.
16 (3) "Serious violent felon" has the meaning set forth in
17 IC 35-47-4-5.

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1 (b) At least seven (7) days before the department:

2 (1) releases:

3 (A) a serious violent felon; or

4 (B) a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that
5 would be a serious violent felony (as defined in
6 IC 35-47-4-5(b);

7 on probation or parole; or

8 (2) discharges:

9 (A) a serious violent felon; or

10 (B) a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that
11 would be a serious violent felony (as defined in
12 IC 35-47-4-5(b);

13 the department shall electronically notify the persons described in
14 subsection (c) of the serious violent felon's impending release or
15 discharge. In addition, the department shall notify any registered
16 crime victim of the serious violent felon's release or discharge
17 through the automated victim notification system under
18 IC 11-8-7-2.

19 (c) In accordance with subsection (b), the department shall
20 electronically notify the following officials of a serious violent
21 felon's impending release or discharge or the impending release or
22 discharge of a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that
23 would be a serious violent felony (as defined in IC 35-47-4-5(b):

24 (1) The sheriff of the:

25 (A) receiving county; and

26 (B) county where the offense was committed.

27 (2) The prosecuting attorney exercising jurisdiction in the:

28 (A) receiving county; and

29 (B) county where the offense was committed.

30 (3) The chief of police of the:

31 (A) receiving municipality; and

32 (B) municipality where the offense was committed.

33 SECTION 2. IC 35-38-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2014,
34 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "victim
36 representative" means a person designated by a sentencing court who
37 is:

38 (1) a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or other relative of; or

39 (2) a person who has had a close personal relationship with;

40 the victim of a felony who is deceased, incapacitated, or less than
41 eighteen (18) years of age.

42 (b) Upon entering a conviction, the court shall set a date for



1 sentencing within thirty (30) days, unless for good cause shown an
 2 extension is granted. If a presentence report is not required, the court
 3 may sentence the defendant at the time the judgment of conviction is
 4 entered. However, the court may not pronounce sentence at that time
 5 without:

6 (1) inquiring as to whether an adjournment is desired by the
 7 defendant; ~~and~~

8 (2) informing the victim, if present, of a victim's right to make a
 9 statement concerning the crime and the sentence; **and**

10 **(3) informing the victim, if present, of the automated victim**
 11 **notification system established under IC 11-8-7-2, as required**
 12 **by section 4.5 of this chapter.**

13 When an adjournment is requested, the defendant shall state its purpose
 14 and the court may allow a reasonable time for adjournment.

15 (c) If:

16 (1) the state in the manner prescribed by IC 35-34-1-2.5 sought an
 17 increased penalty by alleging that the person was previously
 18 convicted of the offense; and

19 (2) the person was convicted of the subsequent offense in a jury
 20 trial;

21 the jury shall reconvene for the sentencing hearing. The person shall be
 22 sentenced to receive the increased penalty if the jury (or the court, if
 23 the trial is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a
 24 reasonable doubt that the person had a previous conviction for the
 25 offense.

26 (d) If the felony is nonsuspendible under IC 35-50-2-2 (before its
 27 repeal) or IC 35-50-2-2.2, the judge shall order the defendant, if the
 28 defendant has previously been released on bail or recognizance, to be
 29 imprisoned in the county or local penal facility pending sentencing.

30 (e) Upon entering a conviction for a felony, the court shall designate
 31 a victim representative if the victim is deceased, incapacitated, or less
 32 than eighteen (18) years of age.

33 SECTION 3. IC 35-38-1-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 34 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 35 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. The court shall inform the victim at sentencing,**
 36 **if the victim is present, of the automated victim notification system**
 37 **established under IC 11-8-7-2.**

38 SECTION 4. IC 35-40-5-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 39 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 40 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. A victim has the right to be informed, upon**
 41 **request, about the progress of the criminal case involving the**
 42 **victim.**



1 SECTION 5. IC 35-40-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.244-2019,
2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A prosecuting attorney or a victim assistance
4 program shall do the following:

5 (1) Inform a victim that the victim may be present at all public
6 stages of the criminal justice process to the extent that:

7 (A) the victim's presence and statements do not interfere with
8 a defendant's constitutional rights; and

9 (B) there has not been a court order restricting, limiting, or
10 prohibiting attendance at the criminal proceedings.

11 (2) Timely notify a victim of all criminal justice hearings and
12 proceedings that are scheduled for a criminal matter in which the
13 victim was involved.

14 (3) Promptly notify a victim when a criminal court proceeding has
15 been rescheduled or canceled.

16 (4) Obtain an interpreter or translator, if necessary, to advise a
17 victim of the rights granted to a victim under the law.

18 (5) Coordinate efforts of local law enforcement agencies that are
19 designed to promptly inform a victim after an offense occurs of
20 the availability of, and the application process for, community
21 services for victims and the families of victims, including
22 information concerning services such as the following:

23 (A) Victim compensation funds.

24 (B) Victim assistance resources.

25 (C) Legal resources.

26 (D) Mental health services.

27 (E) Social services.

28 (F) Health resources.

29 (G) Rehabilitative services.

30 (H) Financial assistance services.

31 (I) Crisis intervention services.

32 (J) Transportation and child care services to promote the
33 participation of a victim or a member of the victim's
34 immediate family in the criminal proceedings.

35 (6) Inform the victim that the court may order a defendant
36 convicted of the offense involving the victim to pay restitution to
37 the victim under IC 35-50-5-3.

38 (7) Upon request of the victim, inform the victim of the terms and
39 conditions of release of the person accused of committing a crime
40 against the victim.

41 (8) Upon request of the victim, give the victim notice of the
42 criminal offense for which:



- 1 (A) the defendant accused of committing the offense against
- 2 the victim was convicted or acquitted; or
- 3 (B) the charges were dismissed against the defendant accused
- 4 of committing the offense against the victim.
- 5 (9) In a county having a victim-offender reconciliation program
- 6 (VORP), provide an opportunity for a victim, if the accused
- 7 person or the offender agrees, to:
- 8 (A) meet with the accused person or the offender in a safe,
- 9 controlled environment;
- 10 (B) give to the accused person or the offender, either orally or
- 11 in writing, a summary of the financial, emotional, and physical
- 12 effects of the offense on the victim and the victim's family; and
- 13 (C) negotiate a restitution agreement to be submitted to the
- 14 sentencing court for damages incurred by the victim as a result
- 15 of the offense.
- 16 (10) Assist a victim in preparing verified documentation
- 17 necessary to obtain a restitution order under IC 35-50-5-3.
- 18 (11) Inform a victim (or the spouse or an immediate family
- 19 member of a deceased victim) of the victim's right to a copy of the
- 20 trial transcript, and assist the victim, spouse, or immediate family
- 21 member in obtaining a transcript as described in IC 35-40-5-8.5.
- 22 (12) Advise a victim of other rights granted to a victim under the
- 23 law.
- 24 (13) Assist a local law enforcement authority in notifying a victim
- 25 (or the spouse or an immediate family member of a deceased
- 26 victim) under IC 11-8-8-23 of an offender's name change.
- 27 **(14) Inform a victim in writing of the automated victim**
- 28 **notification system established under IC 11-8-7-2.**
- 29 SECTION 6. IC 36-8-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2023,
- 30 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A unit may establish, maintain, and operate
- 32 a police and law enforcement system to preserve public peace and
- 33 order and may provide facilities, equipment, and supplies for that
- 34 system.
- 35 (b) Before hiring a person as a law enforcement officer, including
- 36 a police reserve officer described in IC 36-8-3-20, the hiring
- 37 department or agency shall contact every law enforcement department
- 38 or agency that has employed (or that currently employs) the applicant
- 39 and request that the employing department or agency provide:
- 40 (1) a complete and unredacted copy of all ~~findings and orders~~
- 41 **documents** related to disciplinary action or internal investigations
- 42 (whether performed by an internal investigator or an outside



1 agency) involving the officer; and
2 (2) the hiring department or agency with a copy of the applicant's
3 entire employment file, except for any medical records or
4 information.
5 (c) An agency or department that receives a request under
6 subsection (b) or under IC 5-2-24-2 shall:
7 (1) comply with the request not later than ten (10) business days
8 from receipt of the request; and
9 (2) upon request of the applicant, provide the applicant with a
10 copy of the information provided to the hiring department or
11 agency.
12 No covenant, promise, or agreement to refrain from disclosure of the
13 information described in subsection (b) prevents compliance with the
14 requirements imposed by this section. An agency or department acting
15 in good faith is immune from civil and criminal liability for complying
16 with this subsection.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1250, 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 2, delete lines 2 through 3, begin a new line block indented, and insert:

"(1) releases:

(A) a serious violent felon; or

(B) a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a serious violent felony (as defined in IC 35-47-4-5(b);

on probation or parole; or

(2) discharges:

(A) a serious violent felon; or

(B) a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a serious violent felony (as defined in IC 35-47-4-5(b);"

Page 2, line 9, after "discharge" delete ":" and insert "**or the impending release or discharge of a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a serious violent felony (as defined in IC 35-47-4-5(b):"**

Page 3, between lines 23 and 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 35-40-5-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. A victim has the right to be informed, upon request, about the progress of the criminal case involving the victim.**"

Page 5, after line 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 5. IC 36-8-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2023, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A unit may establish, maintain, and operate a police and law enforcement system to preserve public peace and order and may provide facilities, equipment, and supplies for that system.

(b) Before hiring a person as a law enforcement officer, including a police reserve officer described in IC 36-8-3-20, the hiring department or agency shall contact every law enforcement department or agency that has employed (or that currently employs) the applicant and request that the employing department or agency provide:

(1) a complete and unredacted copy of all ~~findings and orders~~ **documents** related to disciplinary action or internal investigations

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(whether performed by an internal investigator or an outside agency) involving the officer; and

(2) the hiring department or agency with a copy of the applicant's entire employment file, except for any medical records or information.

(c) An agency or department that receives a request under subsection (b) or under IC 5-2-24-2 shall:

(1) comply with the request not later than ten (10) business days from receipt of the request; and

(2) upon request of the applicant, provide the applicant with a copy of the information provided to the hiring department or agency.

No covenant, promise, or agreement to refrain from disclosure of the information described in subsection (b) prevents compliance with the requirements imposed by this section. An agency or department acting in good faith is immune from civil and criminal liability for complying with this subsection."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1250 as introduced.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred House Bill No. 1250, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 15, after "discharge." insert "**In addition, the department shall notify any registered crime victim of the serious violent felon's release or discharge through the automated victim notification system under IC 11-8-7-2.**"

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

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(Reference is to HB 1250 as printed January 22, 2026.)

FREEMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

