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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1268

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2026

BILL AMENDED: Jan 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Indiana Defense Task Force Funding.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartels

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill adds the Adjutant General (TAG) of the Indiana National Guard or the TAG's designee as a member of the Indiana Defense Task Force (task force). It provides that the chairperson of the task force may only vote to decide a tie vote.

The bill provides that certain amounts appropriated for state fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 must be used exclusively to support priorities identified by the task force. It provides that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation shall consult with, and receive approval from, the task force prior to obligating or expending the funds. It requires the task force to make a report detailing the use of the funds and their correspondence to task force priorities to the Budget Committee and the Legislative Council.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (retroactive).

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Task Force Membership:* This bill adds one member to the task force. Task force members are entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses, and expenditures related to those expenses may increase as a result of this provision. Any increase is expected to be small and should be met within existing task force resources.

The bill also creates additional workload for the TAG or the TAG's appointee, but the increased workload should be met within existing resources.

Task Force Funds: This bill specifies that certain appropriated funds under IEDC's control cannot be obligated or expended without approval by the Indiana Defense Task Force. This requirement will modify rate of expenditure of these funds, but will not affect the net appropriation or expenditure of these funds.

Task Force Workload: This bill requires the task force to consult with IEDC and to prepare a report on the use of appropriated funds for the Budget Committee and the Legislative Council, which constitutes an increase in workload for both entities. These requirements are within the routine administrative functions of the task force and the IEDC and should be met within existing resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IEDC, Indiana Defense Task Force, Adjutant General.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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