

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7004
BILL NUMBER: HB 1268

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 24, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Indiana Defense Task Force Funding.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartels
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Goode

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds the Adjutant General (TAG) of the Indiana National Guard or the TAG's designee as a nonvoting 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, on or before May 1, 2026, and each May 1 thereafter, the task force shall submit a report to the IEDC's Office of Defense Development (office) and the Budget Committee. It also provides that the report shall identify the task force's identified priorities for expenditures for the previous state fiscal year.

The bill provides that on or before August 1, 2027, and each August 1 thereafter, the office shall submit a report to the task force and the Budget Committee that details expenditures from amounts appropriated to the office for priorities identified by the task force for the previous state fiscal year. It also provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 state fiscal year, and each state fiscal year thereafter, the office shall consider and incorporate, to the extent practicable, the task force's identified priorities for expenditures when the office formulates its annual budget.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (retroactive).

Explanation of State Expenditures: *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 Consultation and Reporting: This bill requires the task force to submit an annual report to IEDC's Office of Defense Development and to the Budget Committee. The bill requires the office to incorporate the task force's priorities during budget formulation. These requirements constitute additional workload for the task force and the office but are within their routine administrative functions and should

be met within existing resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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