

---

## HOUSE BILL No. 1268

AM126803 has been incorporated into January 12, 2026 printing.

---

**Synopsis:** Indiana defense task force funding.

---

M  
e  
r  
g  
e  
d

HB 1268—LS 7004/DI 134



DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED FOR ACCURACY

January 12, 2026

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.

## HOUSE BILL No. 1268

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-3-21.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.74-2020,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. The task force consists of the following  
4 members:  
5 (1) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's  
6 designee.  
7 (2) The secretary of commerce or the secretary of commerce's  
8 designee.  
9 **(3) The adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard or**  
10 **the adjutant general's designee.**  
11 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** The following members chosen by the military assets in  
12 their geographic areas:  
13 (A) One (1) member representing the Southern Indiana  
14 Defense Network.  
15 (B) One (1) member representing Radius Indiana.  
16 (C) One (1) member representing greater Fort Wayne,  
17 Indiana.

HB 1268—LS 7004/DI 134



DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED FOR ACCURACY

M  
e  
r  
g  
e  
d

(D) One (1) member representing the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Lawrence, Indiana.

(E) One (1) member representing the Grissom Regional Defense Alliance.

(F) One (1) member representing the West Central Indiana Defense Network.

(G) One (1) member representing the Michigan City Coast Guard Station.

SECTION 2. IC 4-3-21.5-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.228-2019, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The governor shall designate a member of the task force to serve as chairperson of the task force. **The chairperson shall preside at all meetings but may vote only in order to decide a tie vote.**

SECTION 3. IC 4-3-21.5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.228-2019, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the task force are required for the task force to take action on any measure, including reports required under section 12 of this chapter. **The chairperson is only considered a voting member for purposes of deciding a tie vote.**

SECTION 4. IC 5-28-6-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) On or before May 1, 2026, and each May 1 thereafter, the Indiana defense task force established by IC 4-3-21.5 shall submit a report to the corporation's office of defense development and the budget committee. The report shall identify the Indiana defense task force's identified priorities for expenditures for the state fiscal year beginning July 1 immediately following the report and shall separately account for any supplemental funding or appropriations received by the state that is allocated for those priorities.

(b) On or before August 1, 2027, and each August 1 thereafter, the corporation's office of defense development, shall submit a report to the Indiana defense task force and the budget committee. The report shall detail expenditures from amounts appropriated to the corporation's office of defense development for priorities identified by the Indiana defense task force for the state fiscal year ending June 30 immediately preceding the report and shall separately account for any supplemental funding or appropriations received by the corporation that is allocated for those priorities.

(c) Beginning with the 2026-2027 state fiscal year and each

HB 1268—LS 7004/DI 134



DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED FOR ACCURACY

M  
e  
r  
g  
e  
d

1 state fiscal year thereafter, the corporation's office of defense  
2 development shall consider and incorporate, to the extent  
3 practicable, the Indiana defense task force's priorities for  
4 expenditures when formulating its annual budget.

5 SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.

M  
e  
r  
g  
e  
d

HB 1268—LS 7004/DI 134



DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED FOR ACCURACY