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HOUSE BILL No. 1268

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Indiana defense task force funding. Provides that, on or before May 1, 2026, and each May 1 thereafter, the Indiana defense task force (task force), shall submit a report to the corporation's office of defense development and the budget committee. Provides that the report shall identify the task force's identified priorities for expenditures for the previous state fiscal year. Provides that on or before August 1, 2027, and each August 1 thereafter, the corporation's office of defense development shall submit a report to the task force and the budget committee that details expenditures from amounts appropriated to the corporation's office of defense development for priorities identified by the task force for the previous state fiscal year. Provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 state fiscal year, and each state fiscal year thereafter, the corporation's office of defense development shall consider and incorporate, to the extent practicable, the task force's identified priorities for expenditures when the corporation's office of defense development formulates its annual budget.

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 (4) The following members chosen by the military assets in

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their geographic areas:

(A) One (1) member representing the Southern Indiana Defense Network.

(B) One (1) member representing Radius Indiana.

(C) One (1) member representing greater Fort Wayne, Indiana.

(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. ~~<[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]~~
~~(a) The following amounts appropriated in P.L.213-2025 to the Indiana economic development corporation for the Indiana office of defense development must be used exclusively to support priorities identified by~~ [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~~<~~:

~~— (1) Seven hundred eighty-two thousand four hundred forty-six dollars (\$782,446) for~~ [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 ~~<2025-26.~~

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~~(2) Seven hundred eighty-two thousand four hundred forty-six dollars (\$782,446) for~~ [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 ~~<2026-27.~~

~~The Indiana economic development corporation shall consult with, and receive approval from~~ [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 state fiscal year thereafter, the corporation's office of defense development shall consider and incorporate, to the extent practicable, the Indiana defense task ~~<force prior to obligating or expending the funds. The Indiana defense task force shall make a report detailing the use of the funds and their correspondence to Indiana defense task force priorities to the budget committee and the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.~~

~~(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2027~~ [force's priorities for expenditures when formulating its annual budget].

SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.

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