

HOUSE BILL No. 1269

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-50-9.5.

Synopsis: Unlawful proposition penalties. Provides that at the time of sentencing for a person convicted of making an unlawful proposition the court may require the person to complete a prostitution offender program approved by the court. Requires a person ordered to complete a prostitution offender program to pay a \$500 fee.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-50-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 9.5. Additional Sentence Requirements**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "prostitution offender program"**
6 **means an instructional program that provides information**
7 **concerning the following:**

8 (1) **The causes of prostitution and its relationship to human**
9 **trafficking.**

10 (2) **Health risks associated with prostitution.**

11 (3) **The penalties for convictions related to making an**
12 **unlawful proposition.**

13 (4) **The effect of human trafficking on victims.**

14 **Sec. 2. At the time of sentencing for a person convicted of**
15 **making an unlawful proposition under IC 35-45-4-3, the court may**
16 **require the person to complete a prostitution offender program**
17 **approved by the court.**



1 **Sec. 3. (a) A person required to complete a prostitution offender**
2 **program under section 2 of this chapter shall pay a fee of five**
3 **hundred dollars (\$500).**

4 **(b) The clerk of the court shall distribute the fee as follows:**

5 **(1) Two hundred dollars (\$200) to the state comptroller for**
6 **deposit in the human trafficking prevention and victim**
7 **assistance fund established by IC 5-2-6-25.**

8 **(2) One hundred dollars (\$100) to the law enforcement agency**
9 **that arrested the person described in subsection (a).**

10 **(3) Two hundred dollars (\$200) to the county auditor for**
11 **deposit in the county general fund. Money deposited in the**
12 **county general fund under this subdivision shall be allocated**
13 **to defray the expenses of participation in the prostitution**
14 **offender program.**

