



January 22, 2026

HOUSE BILL No. 1269

DIGEST OF HB 1269 (Updated January 21, 2026 12:05 pm - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 35-50.

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.

**Bauer M, Bartlett, Zimmerman,
McNamara**

January 6, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
January 22, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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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.**

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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.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1269, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1269 as introduced.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0

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