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HOUSE BILL No. 1302

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Employer data base. Repeals various provisions concerning the Indiana department of labor employer data base for youth employment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

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

1 SECTION 1. ~~IC 22-2-18.1-26~~ [IC 3-6-6-39], AS AMENDED
 2 BY P.L. ~~75-2024, SECTION 3~~ [108-2021, SECTION 2, IS
 3 AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:
 4 Sec. 39. (a) The county election board by unanimous vote of the entire
 5 membership of the board may permit an individual who is not a voter
 6 to serve in any capacity described in subsection (b), if the individual
 7 satisfies all the following:
 8 (1) The individual is at least sixteen (16) years of age but not
 9 eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 10 (2) The individual is a citizen of the United States.
 11 (3) The individual is a resident of the county.
 12 (4) The individual has a cumulative grade point average
 13 equivalent to not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 14 (5) The individual:
 15 (A) either:
 16 (i) has the written approval of the principal of the
 17 school the individual attends at the time of the
 18 appointment; or
 19 (ii) attends a school that will not be in session on
 20 election day; or

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- 1 (B) if the student is educated in the home, has the approval
- 2 of the individual responsible for the education of the
- 3 student.
- 4 (6) The individual has the approval of the individual's parent or
- 5 legal guardian.
- 6 (7) The individual has satisfactorily completed any training
- 7 required by the county election board.
- 8 (8) The individual otherwise is eligible to serve as a precinct
- 9 election officer under this chapter but is not required to be a
- 10 registered voter of the county.
- 11 (b) An individual described in subsection (a) may serve in any of
- 12 the following capacities, as determined by the county election board:
- 13 (1) As any election officer, other than as an inspector, either
- 14 before election day, on election day, or both.
- 15 (2) Providing assistance to an election officer, either before
- 16 election day, on election day, or both.
- 17 (3) Providing assistance to the preparation of absentee ballots.
- 18 (c) An individual appointed as an election officer or assistant
- 19 under this section, while serving as an election officer or assistant:
- 20 (1) is not required to obtain an employment certificate under
- 21 IC 22-2-18 (before its expiration on June 30, 2021); and
- 22 (2) is not subject to the limitations on time and duration of
- 23 employment under IC 22-2-18 (before its expiration on June 30,
- 24 2021) or IC 22-2-18.1.
- 25 (d) The county election board is not required to register as an
- 26 employer under IC 22-2-18.1:
- 27 SECTION 2. IC 3-11.5-4-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2024,
- 28 SECTION 21], IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26. (a) Each employer that hires,
- 30 employs, or permits at least five (5) minors who are:
- 31 — (1) at least fourteen (14) years of age; and
- 32 — (2) less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- 33 to work in a gainful occupation must register with the department:
- 34 — (b) An employer that must register under this chapter must
- 35 provide, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, the
- 36 following information:
- 37 — (1) The name of the employer.
- 38 — (2) The electronic mail address of the employer.
- 39 — (3) The number of minors whom the employer has hired;
- 40 employed, or permitted to work in a gainful occupation. For
- 41 purposes of this subdivision, the minor's date of hire is the first
- 42 date on which the minor performs work for the employer.

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- 1 ~~(4) Any other information required by the department.~~
 2 ~~(e)~~ [23. (a) Not later than noon fifty (50) days before election day,
 3 each county election board shall notify the county chairmen of the two
 4 (2) political parties that have appointed members on the county
 5 election board of the number of:
 6 (1) absentee voter boards;
 7 (2) teams of absentee ballot counters; and
 8 (3) teams of couriers;
 9 to be appointed under section 22 of this chapter.
 10 (b) The county chairmen shall make written recommendations for
 11 the appointments to the county election board not later than forty-six
 12 (46) days before election day. The county election board shall make the
 13 appointments as recommended.
 14 (c) If a county chairman fails to make any recommendations, then
 15 the county election board may appoint any voters of the county who
 16 comply with section 22 of this chapter.
 17 (d) The county election board may permit an individual who is not
 18 a voter to serve as an absentee board member, other than a member of
 19 a board under IC 3-11-10-25, an absentee ballot counter, or a courier
 20 if the individual:
 21 (1) satisfies the requirements under IC 3-6-6-39; and
 22 (2) is approved by the unanimous vote of the entire membership
 23 of the county election board.
 24 (e) An individual appointed to serve as an absentee board member,
 25 other than the member of a board under IC 3-11-10-25, an absentee
 26 ballot counter or a courier under subsection (d), while serving as an
 27 absentee ballot counter or courier:
 28 (1) is not required to obtain an employment certificate under
 29 IC 22-2-18 (before its expiration on June 30, 2021); and
 30 (2) is not subject to the limitations on time and duration of
 31 employment under IC 22-2-18 (before its expiration on June 30,
 32 2021) or IC 22-2-18.1.
 33 (f) The county election board is not required to register as an
 34 employer under IC 22-2-18.1.
 35 (g) (f) When the county election board makes an appointment
 36 under this section and the individual accepts the appointment by
 37 swearing the oath of office required under this title, a contract is
 38 created between the county election board and the individual in which
 39 the county election board retains the services of the appointed
 40 individual as an independent contractor.
 41 (h) (g) For purposes of Article 2, Section 9 of the Constitution of
 42 the State of Indiana, the position of:

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- (1) member of an absentee voter board;
 - (2) member of an absentee ballot counter team; or
 - (3) member of a courier team;
- is not a lucrative office.

SECTION 3. IC 22-2-18.1-25 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 25: (a) The department shall create and maintain a data base that is accessible by the public and that displays each employer that is required to register under this chapter:

(b) The data base must include the name and electronic mail address of each employer registered under this chapter:

SECTION 4. IC 22-2-18.1-26 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 26: (a) Each employer that hires, employs, or permits at least five (5) minors who are:

- (1) at least fourteen (14) years of age; and
 - (2) less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- to work in a gainful occupation must register with the department:

(b) An employer that must register under this chapter must provide, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, the following information:

- (1) The name of the employer;
- (2) The electronic mail address of the employer;
- (3) The number of minors whom the employer has hired, employed, or permitted to work in a gainful occupation. For purposes of this subdivision, the minor's date of hire is the first date on which the minor performs work for the employer;
- (4) Any other information required by the department;

(c) On or before the fifteenth and last business day of each month, ~~an~~ [an] [] employer [] that [] must [] register [] under [] this [] chapter [] shall enter any new or changed ~~must add, modify, or remove information in the data base~~ regarding:

- ~~— (1) a qualifying location; and~~
 - ~~— (2) the legal names~~ [] information regarding:
 - (1) a qualifying location; and
 - (2) the names [] and numbers [] of ~~minors currently working at each qualifying location;~~
- ~~not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the event that caused the need for the addition, modification, or removal. However, an employer shall have~~ [] minors at each qualifying location:

SECTION 5. IC 22-2-18.1-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024, SECTION 155, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 27. (a) The department shall adopt



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1 rules under IC 4-22-2 to

2 (1) develop a schedule for the submission of the registration
3 under section 26 of this chapter; and

4 (2) implement this chapter.

5 (b) The department may establish recommendations for rest
6 breaks.

7 SECTION 6. IC 22-2-18.1-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2024,
8 SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 30. (a) An employer that violates this chapter may
10 be assessed the civil penalties described in this section by the
11 department.

12 (b) For an hour violation of] not more than thirty (30) ~~calendar~~
13 ~~days from the last date worked by a minor to terminate the minor from~~
14 ~~the data base, even if the minor is not terminated from the employer's~~
15 ~~payroll:~~

16 ~~SECTION 2~~ [minutes under section 17 of this chapter or a posting
17 violation under section 22 of this chapter the civil penalties are as
18 follows:

19 (1) A warning letter for any violations identified during an initial
20 inspection.

21 (2) Fifty dollars (\$50) per instance for a second violation
22 identified in a subsequent inspection.

23 (3) Seventy-five dollars (\$75) per instance for a third violation
24 that is identified in a subsequent inspection.

25 (4) One hundred dollars (\$100) per instance for a fourth or
26 subsequent violation that is identified in an inspection
27 subsequent to the inspection under subdivision (3) and that
28 occurs not more than two (2) years after a prior violation.

29 A civil penalty may not be assessed under this subsection for a
30 violation of ten (10) minutes or less.

31 (c) For a failure to register or failure to register the correct number
32 of minors employed under section 26 of this chapter, an hour violation
33 of more than thirty (30) minutes under section 17 of this chapter, an
34 age violation under section 12 of this chapter, each minor employed in
35 violation of section 12(b) of this chapter, or a hazardous occupation
36 violation under section 23 of this chapter the civil penalties are as
37 follows:

38 (1) A warning letter for any violations identified during an initial
39 inspection.

40 (2) One hundred dollars (\$100) per instance for each violation
41 identified in a subsequent inspection.

42 (3) Two hundred dollars (\$200) per instance for a third violation

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1 that is identified in a subsequent inspection.
2 (4) Four hundred dollars (\$400) per instance for a fourth or
3 subsequent violation that is identified in an inspection
4 subsequent to the inspection under subdivision (3) and that
5 occurs not more than two (2) years after a prior violation.
6 SECTION 7. IC 22-2-18.1-32, AS ADDED BY P.L.147-2020,
7 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 32. (a) There is established a labor education and
9 youth employment fund to educate affected parties on the purposes and
10 contents of this chapter and the responsibilities of all parties under this
11 chapter.
12 (b) The labor education and youth employment fund shall be used
13 each year for the expenses of hiring and salaries of additional
14 inspectors to enforce this chapter under section 30 of this chapter. ~~and~~
15 to develop and maintain the data base under this chapter. Any
16 remaining funds may be used for the purpose of the education
17 provision of this subsection and may be used to award grants to provide
18 educational programs.
19 (c) The labor education and youth employment fund shall be
20 administered by the department. The expenses of administering the
21 labor education and youth employment fund shall be paid from money
22 in the fund. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the labor
23 education and youth employment fund not currently needed to meet the
24 obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may
25 be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be
26 deposited in the labor education and youth employment fund. Money
27 in the labor education and youth employment fund at the end of a state
28 fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.
29 (d) Revenue received from civil penalties under section 30 of this
30 chapter shall be deposited in the labor education and youth
31 employment fund.
32 (e) All inspectors hired to enforce this chapter shall also be
33 available to educate affected parties on the purposes and contents of
34 this chapter and the responsibilities of all parties under this chapter.
35 SECTION 8]. IC 22-10-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2012,
36 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this article:
38 "Active workings" means all places in a mine that are ventilated
39 and inspected regularly.
40 "Belt examiner" means an individual designated by the mine
41 foreman to perform the functions as required by 30 CFR Part 75 in
42 connection with examinations to ensure that the belt, belt drives, dump

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- 1 points, air movement, roof, and ribs of a mine are in safe condition.
 2 "Board" refers to the mining board established under
 3 IC 22-10-1.5-2.
 4 "Commercial mine" means any underground mine from which coal
 5 is produced for sale, exchange, or commercial use.
 6 "Director" means the director of the bureau of mines and mine
 7 safety established under IC 22-1-1-4.
 8 "Hoisting engineer" means an individual who is capable of
 9 transporting people and material in and out of a mine by means of a
 10 hoist.
 11 "Interested persons" means the director, safety personnel
 12 designated by the operator, state and federal coal mine inspectors, and,
 13 to the extent required by law, any other person.
 14 "Mine" means an underground commercial coal mine.
 15 "Mine electrician" means a properly certified individual who can
 16 perform electrical work in:
 17 (1) a surface coal mine;
 18 (2) surface areas of underground coal mines; and
 19 (3) underground coal mines.
 20 "Mine examiner" means a properly certified person designated by
 21 the mine foreman to examine the mine for gas and other dangers. A
 22 mine examiner may temporarily act as a section foreman if designated
 23 to act as such by the mine foreman.
 24 "Mine foreman" means the person charged with the responsibility
 25 of the general supervision of the underground working of a mine and
 26 the persons employed in the mine and for the health and safety of those
 27 employees.
 28 "Mine inspector" means the person appointed to assist in
 29 administering this article.
 30 "Mine Safety Administration" refers to the Mine Safety and Health
 31 Administration, United States Department of Labor.
 32 "Mining laws" means:
 33 (1) this article;
 34 (2) IC 22-1-1-5(a);
 35 (3) 30 CFR part 75; and
 36 (4) 30 CFR part 77.
 37 "Operator" means an individual, firm, association, partnership,
 38 limited liability company, or corporation operating an underground
 39 coal mine or any part of a mine.
 40 "Shot-firer" means a properly certified person designated by the
 41 mine foreman to perform the functions as required in this article in
 42 connection with breaking down coal or rock.

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1 SECTION ~~9~~[9]. IC 22-10-3-9, AS AMENDED BY THE
 2 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 3 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The director shall keep a record of the
 5 board's official actions concerning certificates issued under this chapter
 6 and file the record together with questions and answers pertaining to
 7 examinations established by the board, including the grade given for
 8 the answer to each question. The record shall be open for inspection by
 9 interested persons. If applications for certification are received, the
 10 board shall meet at least quarterly at such time and place as it shall
 11 consider advisable for the purpose of examining applicants for
 12 certificates. These quarterly meetings shall be held in January, April,
 13 July, and October. The date, time, and place of examination shall be
 14 published at all coal mines in this state and posted on the ~~web site~~
 15 ~~website~~ [] maintained by the bureau of mines and mine safety at least
 16 thirty (30) days before the examination. By a majority vote, the board
 17 shall establish its rules of procedure and provide suitable certificates.
 18 The board shall adopt rules establishing standards for the competent
 19 practice of mine foreman, ~~belt examiner~~, mine examiner, shot-firer,
 20 mine electrician, and hoisting engineer.

21 (b) A person desiring certification for mine foreman, ~~belt~~
 22 ~~examiner~~, mine examiner, shot-firer, mine electrician, or hoisting
 23 engineer must make written application to the board on forms supplied
 24 by the board not later than ten (10) days prior to the examination date.

25 SECTION ~~10~~[10]. IC 22-10-3-10, AS AMENDED BY
 26 P.L.10-2012, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) It is the duty of the board to
 28 examine any person applying for a certificate for mine foreman,
 29 shot-firer, mine examiner, hoisting engineer, ~~or~~ mine electrician ~~or belt~~
 30 ~~examiner~~ and to issue certificates of competency to the applicants who,
 31 upon examination, prove themselves competent and qualified. A
 32 certificate is valid only when the examination for certification has been
 33 held in the presence of a member of the board and signed by the
 34 chairman of the board. A certificate of competency may not be issued
 35 to any person whose grade is less than seventy-five percent (75%) for
 36 any certification other than that of a certificate for mine electrician,
 37 which requires a passing grade of not less than eighty percent (80%).
 38 The board shall observe the requirements set forth in this section in
 39 conducting the examinations.

40 (b) An applicant for a mine foreman certificate must have at least
 41 four (4) years of experience underground in coal mines. However, a
 42 person who has graduated and holds a degree in engineering or an

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1 approved four (4) year program in coal mining technology from an
 2 accredited school, college, or university is required to have only two (2)
 3 years of practical underground mining experience to qualify for the
 4 examination. A person who has graduated and holds a two (2) year
 5 associate in applied science degree in coal mining technology from an
 6 accredited school, college, or university is required to have only three
 7 (3) years of practical underground mining experience to qualify for the
 8 examination. An applicant must prove to the board by written and oral
 9 examination and by demonstration, where applicable, that the applicant
 10 has a thorough knowledge of:

- 11 (1) the theory and practice of coal mining;
- 12 (2) the nature and properties of poisonous, noxious, and
 13 explosive gases and methods for their detection and control;
- 14 (3) the requirements of the coal mining laws of this state; and
- 15 (4) the responsibilities and duties of a mine foreman under such
 16 laws;

17 and that the applicant is otherwise qualified by law.

18 (c) An applicant for a mine examiner certificate must have at least
 19 three (3) years of experience underground in coal mines. However, a
 20 person who has graduated and holds a degree in engineering or an
 21 associate in applied science degree in coal mining technology from an
 22 accredited school, college, or university is required to have only two (2)
 23 years of practical underground mining experience to qualify for the
 24 examination. An applicant must prove to the board by written and oral
 25 examination and by demonstration, where applicable, that the applicant
 26 has a thorough knowledge of:

- 27 (1) the nature and properties of poisonous, noxious, and
 28 explosive gases and methods for their detection and control;
- 29 (2) the practical aspects of coal mining pertaining especially to
 30 ventilation and roof control; and
- 31 (3) the responsibilities of a mine examiner under coal mining
 32 laws of this state;

33 and that the applicant is otherwise qualified by law.

34 (d) An applicant for a shot-firer certificate must have at least one
 35 (1) year of underground experience and must have been properly
 36 trained in a course approved by the director in the safe use and
 37 handling of explosives. An applicant must prove to the board by written
 38 and oral examination and by demonstration, where applicable, that the
 39 applicant has a working knowledge of:

- 40 (1) the proper handling and use of explosives and blasting
 41 devices and the danger connected therewith;
- 42 (2) the nature and properties of poisonous, noxious, and

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1 explosive gases and methods for their detection;
 2 (3) the coal mining laws of the state pertaining to ventilation,
 3 roof control, and blasting; and
 4 (4) the responsibilities of a shot-firer under applicable mining
 5 laws;
 6 and that the applicant is otherwise qualified by law.
 7 (e) An applicant for a hoisting engineer certificate must prove to
 8 the board by written and oral examination and by demonstration, where
 9 applicable, that the applicant:
 10 (1) is capable of operating a hoist;
 11 (2) has a thorough knowledge of the coal mining laws of this
 12 state pertaining to hoisting operations;
 13 (3) has at least one (1) year mining experience;
 14 (4) has at least twenty (20) hours practical experience under the
 15 supervision of a certified hoisting engineer; and
 16 (5) is otherwise qualified by law.
 17 ~~(f) An applicant for a belt examiner certificate must have at least~~
 18 ~~one (1) year of experience in belt maintenance or installation work. The~~
 19 ~~applicant must prove to the board by written and oral examination and~~
 20 ~~by demonstration, where applicable, that the applicant has a thorough~~
 21 ~~knowledge of:~~
 22 ~~(1) the requirements of the coal mining laws of this state with~~
 23 ~~particular emphasis upon those laws pertaining to the use of~~
 24 ~~electrical or belt equipment and the transmission of electrical~~
 25 ~~energy into coal mines; and~~
 26 ~~(2) the responsibilities of a belt examiner under those laws;~~
 27 ~~and that the applicant is otherwise qualified by law.~~
 28 (g) (f) An applicant for a mine electrician certificate must have
 29 sufficient (but not less than one (1) year of) experience in performing
 30 electrical work. The applicant must prove to the board by written and
 31 oral examination and by demonstration, where applicable, that the
 32 applicant has a thorough knowledge of:
 33 (1) the requirements of the coal mining laws of this state, with
 34 particular emphasis upon laws pertaining to electrical energy in
 35 coal mines;
 36 (2) direct and alternating current theory and application;
 37 (3) electric equipment and electrical circuits in coal mines;
 38 (4) permissibility of electric equipment;
 39 (5) 30 CFR 75 subparts F-K; and
 40 (6) 30 CFR 77 subparts F-J and S.
 41 ~~(h)~~ (g) An applicant for an examination under this section must
 42 pay the bureau of mines and mine safety an examination fee of

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1 twenty-five dollars (\$25). All fees collected under this subsection shall
 2 be deposited in the mine safety fund established by IC 22-10-12-16.
 3 The board may set a different fee by rule under IC 22-10-1.5-4.

4 (†) (h) A mine foreman, mine examiner, shot-firer, hoisting
 5 engineer, **or** mine electrician ~~or belt examiner~~ certificate issued before
 6 September 1, 1979, is valid under the mining laws of Indiana.

7 (†) (i) A person who was issued a fire-boss certificate before July
 8 1, 2007, shall be issued a replacement mine examiner certificate upon
 9 request to the director.

10 (†) (j) A person designated as mine superintendent or assistant
 11 mine superintendent, or acting in either capacity, must hold a mine
 12 foreman certificate.

13 (†) (k) A certificate may be granted to an applicant who presents
 14 to the board satisfactory evidence that the applicant has not been
 15 convicted of:

16 (1) an act which would constitute a ground for disciplinary
 17 sanction under section 11.1(b) of this chapter; or

18 (2) a felony that has a direct bearing on the applicant's ability to
 19 act competently as a mine foreman, shot-firer, mine examiner,
 20 hoisting engineer, **or** mine electrician. ~~or belt examiner.~~

21 (†) (l) For the purpose of safety, the board may refuse to examine
 22 an applicant who cannot:

23 (1) readily understand the written English language; or

24 (2) express himself or herself in the English language.

25 SECTION ~~↔~~ [11]. IC 22-10-3-11, AS AMENDED BY
 26 P.L.10-2012, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) In event of loss or
 28 destruction of any certificate issued under the mining laws of this state,
 29 the board, upon satisfactory proof of such loss or destruction, shall
 30 issue a duplicate certificate upon receipt of five dollars (\$5). The fee
 31 shall be deposited into the mine safety fund established by
 32 IC 22-10-12-16. The board may set a different fee by rule under
 33 IC 22-10-1.5-4.

34 (b) The holder of a mine foreman, mine examiner, shot-firer,
 35 hoisting engineer, **or** mine electrician ~~or belt examiner~~ certificate must
 36 present the same or a photostatic copy to the official of the mine where
 37 the holder is employed, who shall file it in the office at such mine, and
 38 such file shall be available for inspection by interested persons.

39 SECTION ~~↔~~ [12]. IC 22-10-3-12, AS AMENDED BY
 40 P.L.10-2012, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) It is unlawful for any person
 42 to serve in the capacity of mine foreman, mine examiner, shot-firer,

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1 hoisting engineer, **or** mine electrician **or** ~~belt examiner~~ at any time
 2 unless the person is properly certified. However, any person who meets
 3 the appropriate experience requirements of this chapter and who is
 4 properly certified in one (1) of these capacities or its equivalent in
 5 another state which recognizes the certification of Indiana may serve
 6 in such a capacity until the next examination by the board, when the
 7 person must apply to the board for certification in the person's
 8 particular classification. A mine electrician who is properly certified:

- 9 (1) by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration; or
 10 (2) in another state that recognizes the mine electrician
 11 certification in Indiana;

12 may serve in the individual's certified capacity and be issued a mine
 13 electrician certificate by the director in Indiana without the requirement
 14 of applying to the board for examination. However, the individual must
 15 obtain an Indiana miner's certificate of competency from the director.

16 (b) It is unlawful for an operator in this state to employ any person
 17 in the capacity of mine superintendent, assistant mine superintendent,
 18 mine foreman, mine examiner, shot-firer, hoisting engineer, **or** mine
 19 electrician **or** ~~belt examiner~~ at any time unless the person is properly
 20 certified.

21 (c) Before any person certified in another state may perform in the
 22 capacity of mine superintendent, assistant mine superintendent, mine
 23 foreman, mine examiner, shot-firer, hoisting engineer, **or** mine
 24 electrician **or** ~~belt examiner~~ in Indiana, the person must present
 25 personally to the director evidence of the out-of-state certificate or
 26 certificates.

27 (d) Every inexperienced miner is required to wear an orange hard
 28 hat until the miner receives a certificate of competency.

29 SECTION ~~13~~ [13]. IC 22-10-12-16, AS AMENDED BY
 30 P.L.10-2012, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) The mine safety fund is
 32 established to provide funding for the purchase and maintenance of
 33 underground mine rescue equipment.

34 (b) The department of labor shall administer the fund.

35 (c) The fund consists of:

36 (1) assessments collected by the mining board under
 37 IC 22-10-1.5-5(a)(4) and deposited into the fund;

38 (2) fees:

39 (A) from examinations under ~~IC 22-10-3-10(h)~~;
 40 IC 22-10-3-10(g);

41 (B) for duplicate certificates under IC 22-10-3-11(a); and

42 (C) from applicants for a certificate under IC 22-10-3-13(d);

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1 and
 2 (3) interest from investments as accrued and deposited under
 3 subsection (d).
 4 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 5 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 6 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
 7 accumulates from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.
 8 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 9 revert to the state general fund.
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