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HOUSE BILL No. 1333

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM133301

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Land use and development. Removes language that prohibits the Indiana economic development corporation from issuing, after June 30, 2026, a specific transaction award certificate to exempt from the state gross retail tax equipment purchases made by a qualified data center user or a quantum computing research, advanced computing, and defense infrastructure network operator. Provides that before a qualified data center user may use a specific transaction award certificate issued after June 30, 2026, to purchase qualified data center equipment, the qualified data center user and a local unit that issues after June 30, 2026, a permit authorizing the development, construction, or operation of the qualified data center in the unit shall enter into a written agreement that includes a commitment by the qualified data center user to contribute to the local unit an amount equal to at least 1% of the amount of taxes that are not paid on each purchase of qualified data center equipment that is made: (1) using the specific transaction award certificate; and (2) during the duration of the specific transaction award certificate. Removes language in the bill concerning onsite energy offtake developments in energy production zones. Makes technical changes.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-1.2-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.166-2021,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The authority shall do the following under
4 this chapter:
5 (1) Be responsible for the management of all aspects of the
6 Indiana brownfields program.
7 (2) Prepare and provide program information.
8 (3) Negotiate the negotiable aspects of each financial assistance
9 agreement.

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- (4) Sign each financial assistance agreement.
- (5) Review each proposed project and financial assistance agreement to determine if the project meets the credit, economic, or fiscal criteria established by guidelines of the authority.
- (6) Periodically inspect or cause to be inspected projects to determine compliance with this chapter.
- (7) Conduct or cause to be conducted an evaluation concerning the financial ability of a private individual or entity, nonprofit entity, or political subdivision to:
 - (A) pay a loan or other financial assistance and other obligations evidencing loans or other financial assistance, if required to be paid; and
 - (B) otherwise comply with terms of the financial assistance agreement.
- (8) Evaluate or cause to be evaluated the technical aspects of the private individual or entity, nonprofit entity, or political subdivision's:
 - (A) environmental assessment of potential brownfield properties;
 - (B) proposed remediation; and
 - (C) remediation activities conducted on brownfield properties.
- (9) Inspect or cause to be inspected remediation activities conducted under this chapter.
- (10) Act as a liaison to the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Indiana brownfields program.
- (11) Be a point of contact for private entities, nonprofit entities, and political subdivisions concerning questions about the Indiana brownfields program.
- (12) Enter into memoranda of understanding, as necessary, with the department of environmental management and the budget agency concerning the administration and management of the Indiana brownfields fund and the Indiana brownfields program.

(b) The authority may do the following under this chapter:

- (1) Undertake activities to make private environmental insurance products available to encourage and facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield properties.
- (2) Enter into agreements with private entities, nonprofit entities, and political subdivisions to manage any of the following conducted on brownfield properties:
 - (A) Environmental assessment activities.
 - (B) Environmental remediation activities.

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(C) Demolition and clearance activities.

(c) The authority may:

(1) negotiate with;

(2) select; and

(3) contract with;

one (1) or more insurers to provide insurance products as described in subsection (b)(1).

(d) The authority may:

(1) negotiate with;

(2) select; and

(3) contract with;

one (1) or more environmental consultants to undertake the activities described in subsection (b)(2) for the benefit of private entities, nonprofit entities, and political subdivisions.

(e) Notwithstanding IC 13-23, IC 13-24-1, and IC 13-25-4, the authority is not liable for any contamination addressed by the authority under an agreement under subsection (b)(2) unless existing contamination on the brownfield is exacerbated due to gross negligence or intentional misconduct by the authority.

(f) For purposes of subsection (e), reckless, willful, or wanton misconduct constitutes gross negligence.

(g) The authority **is and a private entity or nonprofit entity that have executed an agreement under subsection (b)(2)** are entitled to the same governmental immunity afforded a political subdivision under IC 34-13-3-3(a)(22) for any act taken to investigate or remediate hazardous substances, petroleum, or other pollutants associated with a brownfield under **an the** agreement under subsection (b)(2).

(h) This chapter does not require the authority to provide a loan or other financial assistance to any private individual or entity, nonprofit entity, or political subdivision to the extent the authority determines that providing the loan or other financial assistance is not in the best interests of the Indiana brownfields program and the authority.

SECTION 2. IC 6-2.5-15-~~6~~[6].~~7~~[7] IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. ~~6~~[6].~~7~~[7]. ~~(a)~~
~~Notwithstanding any other provision~~[As used] in this chapter, ~~the corporation may not issue a new specific transaction award certificate under this chapter after June 30, 2026.~~

~~(b) Subsection (a) may not be construed to affect the terms of a specific transaction award certificate issued under this chapter before July 1, 2026~~ ["local authority" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-7-4-1109].



1 SECTION 3. ~~IC 8-1-8~~[IC 6-2.5-15-8]~~20~~5 IS ADDED TO
 2 THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. ~~8~~[8]5. As used in
 4 this chapter, "~~development owner~~" means a person that proposes
 5 to construct an onsite energy offtake development.

6 ~~SECTION 4~~[permit] has the meaning set forth in
 7 IC 36-7-4-1109.

8 SECTION 4. IC 6-2.5-15-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15.5. (a) This section applies to a
 11 qualified data center user that:

12 (1) uses or will use qualified data center equipment in
 13 connection with a qualified data center for which a permit
 14 that:

15 (A) authorizes the development, construction, or
 16 operation of the qualified data center in a local unit; and
 17 (B) is issued after June 30, 2026, by the local authority
 18 with jurisdiction over the local unit; and

19 (2) is issued a specific transaction award certificate under
 20 this chapter with respect to the qualified data center after
 21 June 30, 2026.

22 (b) Before a qualified data center user described in subsection

23 (a) may use the specific transaction award certificate issued under
 24 this chapter to purchase qualified data center equipment, the
 25 qualified data center user and the local unit described in subsection
 26 (a)(1) shall enter into a written agreement that includes a
 27 commitment by the qualified data center user to contribute to the
 28 local unit, at such times and in the manner agreed to by the local
 29 unit and the qualified data center user, an amount equal to at least
 30 one percent (1%) of the amount of taxes that are not paid on each
 31 purchase of qualified data center equipment that is made:

32 (1) using the specific transaction award certificate; and
 33 (2) during the duration of the specific transaction award
 34 certificate.

35 (c) The local unit and political subdivisions within the local
 36 unit shall determine:

37 (1) how the contributions required under subsection (b) will
 38 be allocated; and
 39 (2) for what purposes the contributions required under
 40 subsection (b) will be used;

41 within the local unit.

42 SECTION 5. IC 8-1-8.2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2025,

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1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "electric generation
3 or storage facility" means:

4 (1) a facility; or
5 (2) infrastructure associated with a facility;
6 for the generation **or storage** of electricity.

13 (b) (c) The term does not include the following:

14 (1) A wind power device (as defined in IC 8-1-41-7).

15 (2) A commercial solar energy system (as defined in
16 IC 8-1-42-2).

17 ← SECTION 5. IC 8-1-8.2-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
18 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: See. 3.5. As used in this chapter,
20 "onsite energy offtake development", or "OEO development",
21 means a commercial or industrial development:

22 (1) that will be located on a premise of land in an energy
23 production zone on which will be also be located an energy
24 generation or storage facility with respect to which the
25 commission has declined jurisdiction under IC 8-1-8.5-5;
26 (2) that will be equipped with, or make use of, water saving
27 technologies that will significantly reduce the development's
28 water consumption; and
29 (3) with respect to which the development owner has
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33 (C) a similar contractual arrangement,
34 to purchase a specified amount of energy or capacity from
35 the energy generation or storage facility;

35 the energy generation or storage facility,
36 under the terms of an economic development agreement executed
37 with a unit.

37 with a unit.
38 ➤ SECTION 6, IC 8.1.8.2.5, AS ADDED BY RL 202-2025

38 > SECTION 6. IC 8-1-8.2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2023,
39 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "premise of land"

40 JULY 1, 2020]. SEC. 3. As used in this chapter, "premise or land"
41 means property comprising a tract of land on which a project owner
42 proposes to construct an electric generation **or storage** facility,

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1 including land within the perimeter of the tract of land that was not
 2 owned by the project owner as of January 1, 2025.

3 SECTION 7. IC 8-1-8.2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2025,
 4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "project owner" means
 6 a person that proposes to construct an electric generation **or storage**
 7 **L**facility.

8 SECTION 8. IC 8-1-8.2-8.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.2. As used in this chapter,**
 11 **"utility scale battery energy storage system" has the meaning set**
 12 **forth in IC 22-14-8-3.**

13 SECTION 9. IC 8-1-8.2-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2025,
 14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A project owner is not required to obtain
 16 a permit, or any other land use or zoning approval, from a local
 17 authority for the construction of an electric generation **or storage**
 18 **L**facility if:

19 (1) the commission:

20 (A) grants the project owner a certificate under IC 8-1-8.5-2
 21 for the construction; or
 22 (B) declines jurisdiction over the construction under
 23 IC 8-1-2.5-5;

24 (2) the electric generating **or storage** facility will be located on
 25 a premise of land that is an energy production zone; and
 26 (3) the project owner complies with subsections (b) and (c).

27 (b) Not later than two hundred seventy (270) days before
 28 beginning construction to which subsection (a) applies, a project owner
 29 shall provide notice of the construction to the local authority with
 30 planning authority under IC 36-7 for the premise of land on which the
 31 construction will occur. The notice must include the following
 32 information with regard to the construction and the electric generation
 33 **or storage** facility to be constructed:

34 (1) A comprehensive description of the electric generation **or**
 35 **storage** facility, including the following:

36 (A) The planned generation **or storage** capacity of the
 37 electric generation **or storage** facility, expressed in
 38 megawatts.

39 (B) The energy source or technology that will be used by
 40 the electric generation **or storage** facility to generate **or**
 41 **store****L**electricity.

42 (C) The expected operational lifespan of the electric



generation or storage facility.

(2) The expected date on which the construction will begin

(3) The expected date on which the electric generation or storage facility will begin operation.

(4) Whether the electric generation **or storage** facility will be **used to** provide retail electric service, wholesale electric service, or both.

(5) The project owner's plan for eventual decommissioning of the **planned** electric generation **or storage** facility.

(6) If construction of the electric generation **or storage** facility will entail decommissioning an existing electric generation facility that is located on the premise of land on which the electric generation **or storage** facility will be located, the project owner's plan for decommissioning the existing electric generation facility, including financial assurances for the decommissioning.

(7) A detailed site plan that includes the location of the following within or adjacent to the premise of land on which the electric generation **or storage** facility will be constructed:

(A) The structures associated with the electric generation **or** storage facility.

(B) The:

(i) existing electric generation facility, and any structures associated with the existing electric generation facility; or

(ii) surface or underground mine, and any structures associated with the surface or underground mine:

located on the premise of land on which

generation or storage facility w

(C) Existing and

(D) Regulated

(E) Flood plain

- (F) Wetlands.
- (G) Historic sites or other areas of cultural or environmental

significance.

← **(H) An OEO development, if applicable.**

(8) An economic development plan detailing the expected economic effect of the electric generation **or storage** facility on the unit within which the electric generation **or storage** facility will be located, including the following:

(A) The anticipated number and types of jobs to be created:

(i) during the construction of the electric generation or



storage facility; and

(ii) in the operation of the electric generation or storage facility.

(B) The estimated property tax revenue the electric generation **or storage** facility will produce for the unit.

(C) An estimate of the overall:

(i) cost to the unit; and

(ii) effect on the unit's revenue;

associated with the electric generation or storage facility.

10 (9) A safety, security, and emergency response plan describing
11 measures to ensure:

(A) site security and safety;

(B) coordination with the unit's services; and

(C) safeguarding of the public;

15 with regard to the construction and operation of the electric
16 generation or storage facility. **If the electric generation or**
17 **storage facility will include a utility scale battery energy**
18 **storage system, the response plan provided under this**
19 **subdivision must include the emergency response plan**
20 **required by IC 22-14-8-4(b)(4).**

21 (10) If the electric generation or storage facility will include
22 a utility scale battery energy storage system, documentation
23 that the project owner has received approval for the
24 installation of the utility scale battery energy storage system
25 from the department of homeland security under
26 IC 22-14-8-4(d).

27 (c) Not later than sixty (60) days after a project owner's provision
28 of the notice under subsection (b), the project owner shall hold a public
29 hearing in the unit in which the electric generation **or storage** facility
30 will be located, during which the project owner shall:

(1) provide information to the public; and

(2) receive public comment;

33 regarding the electric generation or storage facility and the
34 construction of the electric generation or storage facility. ~~If an OEO~~

development will be located on the same premise of land as the electric generation or storage facility, the project owner and the development owner may conduct the hearing required by this subsection as a joint public hearing at which information concerning both the electric generation or storage facility and the O&O development is provided to the public, with opportunity for the public to comment on each proposal. The project owner shall

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1 hearing in accordance with IC 5-3-1-2(b).

2 (d) After providing notice to a local authority under subsection (b),
 3 a project owner shall notify the local authority regarding any
 4 substantive changes in the information provided by the project owner
 5 under subsection (b) that occur before construction begins on the
 6 electric generation **or storage** facility to which the notice pertains.

7 ~~SECTION 10. IC 8-1-8.2-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 8 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: See. 10.5. (a) A development owner is
 10 not required to obtain a permit, or any other land use or zoning
 11 approval, from a local authority for the construction of an OEO
 12 development if the development owner complies with subsections
 13 (b) and (c).~~

14 ~~(b) Not later than two hundred seventy (270) days before
 15 beginning construction of the OEO development, the development
 16 owner shall provide notice of the construction to the local authority
 17 with planning authority under IC 36-7 for the premise of land on
 18 which the construction will occur. The notice must include the
 19 following information with regard to the construction and the OEO
 20 development to be constructed:~~

21 ~~(1) A comprehensive description of the OEO development,
 22 including the following:~~

23 ~~(A) A description of the water saving technologies
 24 described in section 3.5(2) of this chapter that the OEO
 25 development will be equipped with, or make use of,
 26 including an estimate of the amount of water that will be
 27 saved as a result of the technology.~~

28 ~~(B) The anticipated electricity demand of the OEO
 29 development upon its full commercial operation,
 30 including the amount of that demand that will be
 31 supplied by:~~

32 ~~(i) the electric generation or storage facility that
 33 will be located on the same premise of land, in
 34 accordance with the agreement or arrangement
 35 described in section 3.5(3) of this chapter; and~~

36 ~~(ii) the incumbent electricity supplier whose
 37 assigned service area under IC 8-1-2.3 includes the
 38 premise of land on which the OEO development will
 39 be located, as applicable.~~

40 ~~If any amount of the OEO development's anticipated
 41 electricity demand will be supplied by the incumbent
 42 electricity supplier described in item (ii), the~~



1 development owner shall indicate whether the
 2 development owner has entered into a service contract
 3 with the electricity supplier or otherwise received
 4 confirmation from the electricity supplier that the
 5 electricity supplier will be able to supply the amount of
 6 the OEO development's anticipated electricity demand
 7 set forth in item (ii):

8 (2) The expected date on which the construction of the OEO
 9 development will begin;

10 (3) The expected date on which the OEO development will
 11 begin commercial operation;

12 (4) A summary of the economic development agreement
 13 described in section 3.5 of this chapter, including information
 14 as to the expected economic effect of the OEO development
 15 on the unit within which the OEO development will be
 16 located, including the following, as applicable:

17 (A) The anticipated number and types of jobs to be
 18 created:

19 (i) during the construction of the OEO
 20 development; and

21 (ii) in the operation of the OEO development.

22 (B) The estimated property tax revenue the OEO
 23 development will produce for the unit.

24 (C) An estimate of the overall:

25 (i) cost to the unit; and

26 (ii) effect on the unit's revenue;

27 associated with the OEO development.

28 (c) Not later than sixty (60) days after a development owner's
 29 provision of the notice under subsection (b), the development
 30 owner shall hold a public hearing in the unit in which the OEO
 31 development will be located, during which the project owner shall:

32 (1) provide information to the public; and

33 (2) receive public comment;

34 regarding the OEO development and the construction of the OEO
 35 development. The development owner and the project owner for
 36 the electric generation or storage facility that will supply all or
 37 part of the OEO development's anticipated electricity demand may
 38 conduct the hearing required by this subsection as a joint public
 39 hearing at which information concerning both the OEO
 40 development and the electric generation or storage facility is
 41 provided to the public, with opportunity for the public to comment
 42 on both proposals. The development owner, or the project owner



1 **in the case of a joint public hearing, shall publish notice of the date,**
 2 **time, location, and subject of the public hearing in accordance with**
 3 **IC 5-3-1-2(b).**

4 **— (d) After providing notice to a local authority under subsection**
 5 **(b), a development owner shall notify the local authority regarding**
 6 **any substantive changes in the information provided by the**
 7 **development owner under subsection (b) that occur before**
 8 **construction begins on the OEO development to which the notice**
 9 **pertains.**

10 > SECTION 1 ~~↔[0]~~ IC 8-1-8.2-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2025,
 11 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. This chapter may not be construed to increase
 13 or modify the authority of a local authority or a unit to regulate the
 14 siting, construction, or deployment of an electric generation **or storage**
 15 facility that is not located in an energy production zone.

16 SECTION 1 ~~↔[1]~~ IC 34-13-3-3, AS AMENDED BY
 17 P.L.186-2025, SECTION 182, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A governmental
 19 entity or an employee acting within the scope of the employee's
 20 employment is not liable if a loss results from the following:

- 21 (1) The natural condition of unimproved property.
- 22 (2) The condition of a reservoir, dam, canal, conduit, drain, or
 23 similar structure when used by a person for a purpose that is not
 24 foreseeable.
- 25 (3) The temporary condition of a public thoroughfare or extreme
 26 sport area that results from weather.
- 27 (4) The condition of an unpaved road, trail, or footpath, the
 28 purpose of which is to provide access to a recreation or scenic
 29 area.
- 30 (5) The design, construction, control, operation, or normal
 31 condition of an extreme sport area, if all entrances to the extreme
 32 sport area are marked with:

- 33 (A) a set of rules governing the use of the extreme sport
 34 area;
- 35 (B) a warning concerning the hazards and dangers
 36 associated with the use of the extreme sport area; and
- 37 (C) a statement that the extreme sport area may be used
 38 only by persons operating extreme sport equipment.

39 This subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a governmental
 40 entity from liability for the continuing duty to maintain extreme
 41 sports areas in a reasonably safe condition.

42 (6) The initiation of a judicial or an administrative proceeding.



4 (8) The adoption and enforcement of or failure to adopt or
5 enforce:

6 (A) a law (including rules and regulations); or

10 (9) An act or omission performed in good faith and without
11 malice under the apparent authority of a statute which is invalid
12 if the employee would not have been liable had the statute been
13 valid.

14 (10) The act or omission of anyone other than the governmental
15 entity or the governmental entity's employee.

16 (11) The issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of, or failure
17 or refusal to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license,
18 certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization, where the
19 authority is discretionary under the law.

(12) Failure to make an inspection, or making an inadequate or negligent inspection, of any property, other than the property of a governmental entity, to determine whether the property complied with or violates any law or contains a hazard to health or safety.

25 (13) Entry upon any property where the entry is expressly or
26 impliedly authorized by law.

27 (14) Misrepresentation if unintentional.

28 (15) Theft by another person of money in the employee's official
29 custody, unless the loss was sustained because of the employee's
30 own negligent or wrongful act or omission.

(16) Injury to the property of a person under the jurisdiction and control of the department of correction if the person has not exhausted the administrative remedies and procedures provided by section 7 of this chapter.

35 (17) Injury to the person or property of a person under
36 supervision of a governmental entity and who is:

37 (A) on probation;

38 (B) assigned to an alcohol and drug services program under
39 IC 12-23, a minimum security release program under
40 IC 11-10-8, a pretrial conditional release program under
41 IC 35-33-8, or a community corrections program under
42 IC 11-12; or



(C) subject to a court order requiring the person to be escorted by a county police officer while on or in a government building (as defined in IC 36-9-13-3) owned by a county building authority under IC 36-9-13, unless the injury is the result of an act or omission amounting to:

- (i) gross negligence;
- (ii) willful or wanton misconduct; or
- (iii) intentional misconduct.

(18) Design of a highway (as defined in IC 9-13-2-73), toll road project (as defined in IC 8-15-2-4(4)), tollway (as defined in IC 8-15-3-7), or project (as defined in IC 8-15.7-2-14) if the claimed loss occurs at least twenty (20) years after the public highway, toll road project, tollway, or project was designed or substantially redesigned; except that this subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a responsible governmental entity from the continuing duty to provide and maintain public highways in a reasonably safe condition.

18 (19) Development, adoption, implementation, operation,
19 maintenance, or use of an enhanced emergency communication
20 system.

21 (20) Injury to a student or a student's property by an employee of
22 a school corporation if the employee is acting reasonably under
23 a;

- (A) discipline policy adopted under IC 20-33-8-12; or
- (B) restraint and seclusion plan adopted under IC 20-20-40-14.

(21) An act or omission performed in good faith under the apparent authority of a court order described in IC 35-46-1-15.1 or IC 35-46-1-15.3 that is invalid, including an arrest or imprisonment related to the enforcement of the court order, if the governmental entity or employee would not have been liable had the court order been valid.

33 (22) An act taken to investigate or remediate hazardous
34 substances, petroleum, or other pollutants associated with a
35 brownfield (as defined in IC 13-11-2-19.3) unless:

- (A) the loss is a result of reckless conduct; or
- (B) the governmental entity **or the private or nonprofit entity described in IC 5-1.2-12-4(g)** was responsible for the initial placement of the hazardous substances, petroleum, or other pollutants on the brownfield.

41 (23) The operation of an off-road vehicle (as defined in
42 IC 14-8-2-185) by a nongovernmental employee, or by a

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governmental employee not acting within the scope of the employment of the employee, on a public highway in a county road system outside the corporate limits of a city or town, unless the loss is the result of an act or omission amounting to:

- (A) gross negligence;
- (B) willful or wanton misconduct; or
- (C) intentional misconduct.

This subdivision shall not be construed to relieve a governmental entity from liability for the continuing duty to maintain highways in a reasonably safe condition for the operation of motor vehicles licensed by the bureau of motor vehicles for operation on public highways.

13 (24) Any act or omission rendered in connection with a request,
14 investigation, assessment, or opinion provided under
15 IC 36-9-28.7.

16 (b) This subsection applies to a cause of action that accrues during
17 a period of a state disaster emergency declared under IC 10-14-3-12 to
18 respond to COVID-19, if the state of disaster emergency was declared
19 after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022. A governmental
20 entity or an employee acting within the scope of the employee's
21 employment is not liable for an act or omission arising from COVID-19
22 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or
23 wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. If a claim
24 described in this subsection is:

(1) a claim for injury or death resulting from medical malpractice; and

(2) not barred by the immunity provided under this subsection; the claimant is required to comply with all of the provisions of IC 34-18 (medical malpractice act).

30 SECTION 1~~2~~[2]. IC 36-7-4-201.~~5~~[6] IS ADDED TO THE
31 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 201.~~5~~[6]. (a) As used in this
33 section, "permitted use" means a use that is approved in a zoning
34 district without requiring a:

- (1) public hearing;
- (2) variance, special exception, contingent use, or conditional use; or
- (3) discretionary zoning action, other than a determination that a site plan conforms with applicable zoning regulations.

(b) Notwithstanding any ordinance or regulation to the contrary, a project or development is a permitted use if the project or development is sited on land:

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6 SECTION 1~~4~~3. IC 36-7-4-305.5 IS ADDED TO THE
7 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 305.5. (a) As used in this section,**
9 **"petition" has the meaning set forth in section 400.5 of this**
10 **chapter.**

22 (d) A presiding officer may allot persons who are described in
23 subsection (c) more time to speak at the hearing than persons who
24 are not described in subsection (c).

25 SECTION 1~~4~~4. IC 36-7-4-400.5 IS ADDED TO THE
26 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 400.5. (a) As used in this section,**
28 "**petition**" means a petition concerning any of the following:

36 **The term includes an administrative appeal of a decision regarding**
37 **a petition.**

42 (c) The presiding officer of the legislative body may, in

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1 managing the conduct of a public hearing, give consideration to
2 whether a person:

3 (1) is a resident of the county; or
4 (2) has an interest as an owner, lessor, lessee, or life tenant in
5 real property located within the county;

6 in deciding the order in which persons may speak and the amount
7 of time allotted to each speaker.

8 (d) A presiding officer may allot persons who are described in
9 subsection (c) more time to speak at the public hearing than
10 persons who are not described in subsection (c).

11 SECTION 1~~6~~⁵. IC 36-7-4-920.5 IS ADDED TO THE
12 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 920.5. (a) As used in this section,
14 "petition" has the meaning set forth in section 400.5 of this
15 chapter.

16 (b) Any person wishing to speak at a public hearing of the
17 board of zoning appeals regarding a petition may be required, as
18 a condition of speaking, to provide the person's name and address
19 in writing.

20 (c) The presiding officer of the board of zoning appeals may,
21 in managing the conduct of a public hearing, give consideration to
22 whether a person:

23 (1) is a resident of the county; or
24 (2) has an interest as an owner, lessor, lessee, or life tenant in
25 real property located within the county;

26 in deciding the order in which persons may speak and the amount
27 of time allotted to each speaker.

28 (d) A presiding officer may allot persons who are described in
29 subsection (c) more time to speak at the public hearing than
30 persons who are not described in subsection (c).¹

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