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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 1-1-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The following definitions apply to the
4 construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is plainly
5 repugnant to the intent of the general assembly or of the context of the
6 statute:
7 (1) "Adult", "of full age", and "person in his majority" mean a
8 person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
9 (2) "Attorney" includes a counselor or other person authorized
10 to appear and represent a party in an action or special
11 proceeding.
12 (3) "Autism" means a neurological condition as described in the
13 most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
14 Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.
15 (4) "Bond" does not necessarily imply a seal.

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(5) "Clerk" means the clerk of the court or a person authorized to perform the clerk's duties.

(6) "Health record", "hospital record", or "medical record" means written or printed information possessed by a provider (as defined in IC 16-18-2-295) concerning any diagnosis, treatment, or prognosis of the patient, unless otherwise defined. Except as otherwise provided, the terms include mental health records and drug and alcohol abuse records.

(7) "Highway" includes county bridges and state and county roads, unless otherwise expressly provided.

(8) "Infant" or "minor" means a person less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(9) "Inhabitant" may be construed to mean a resident in any place.

(10) "Judgment" means all final orders, decrees, and determinations in an action and all orders upon which executions may issue.

(11) "Land", "real estate", and "real property" include lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

(12) "Mentally incompetent" means of unsound mind.

(13) "Money demands on contract", when used in reference to an action, means an action arising out of contract when the relief demanded is a recovery of money.

(14) "Month" means a calendar month, unless otherwise expressed.

(15) "Noncode statute" means a statute that is not codified as part of the Indiana Code.

(16) "Oath" includes "affirmation", and "to swear" includes to "affirm".

(17) "Person" extends to bodies politic and corporate.

(18) "Personal property" includes goods, chattels, evidences of debt, and things in action.

(19) "Population" has the meaning set forth in IC 1-1-3.5-3.

(20) "Preceding" and "following", referring to sections in statutes, mean the sections next preceding or next following that in which the words occur, unless some other section is designated.

(21) "Property" includes personal and real property.

(22) "Sheriff" means the sheriff of the county or another person authorized to perform sheriff's duties.

(23) "State", applied to any one (1) of the United States, includes the District of Columbia and the commonwealths, possessions,

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1 states in free association with the United States, and the
2 territories. "United States" includes the District of Columbia and
3 the commonwealths, possessions, states in free association with
4 the United States, and the territories.

5 (24) "Under legal disabilities" includes persons less than
6 eighteen (18) years of age, mentally incompetent, or out of the
7 United States.

8 (25) "Verified", when applied to pleadings, means supported by
9 oath or affirmation in writing.

10 (26) "Will" includes a testament and codicil.

11 (27) "Without relief" in any judgment, contract, execution, or
12 other instrument of writing or record, means without the benefit
13 of valuation laws.

14 (28) "Written" and "in writing" include printing, lithographing,
15 or other mode of representing words and letters. If the written
16 signature of a person is required, the terms mean the proper
17 handwriting of the person or the person's mark.

18 (29) "Year" means a calendar year, unless otherwise expressed.

19 (30) The definitions in IC 35-31.5 apply to all statutes relating to
20 penal offenses.

21 (b) This subsection applies to the definitions of "Hoosier veteran"
22 and "veteran" when used in reference to state programs for veterans.
23 The term "veteran" includes "Hoosier veteran", and applies to the
24 construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is expressly
25 excluded by the terms of the statute, is plainly repugnant to the intent
26 of the general assembly or of the context of the statute, or is
27 inconsistent with federal law. "Hoosier veteran" means an individual
28 who meets the following criteria:

29 (1) The individual is a resident of Indiana.

30 (2) The individual served in an active or reserve component of
31 the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National
32 Guard.

33 (3) The individual completed any required military occupational
34 specialty training and was not discharged or separated from the
35 armed forces or the Indiana National Guard under conditions
36 other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~
37 **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**.

38 The definitions set forth in this subsection may not be construed to
39 affect a Hoosier veteran's eligibility for any state program that is based
40 upon a particular aspect of the Hoosier veteran's service such as a
41 disability or a wartime service requirement.

42 SECTION 2. IC 4-13-16.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,

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1 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply
 3 throughout this chapter.

4 (b) "Commission" refers to the governor's commission on supplier
 5 diversity established under section 2 of this chapter.

6 (c) "Commissioner" refers to the commissioner of the department.

7 (d) "Contract" means any contract awarded by a state agency or,
 8 as set forth in section 2(g)(11) of this chapter, awarded by a recipient
 9 of state grant funds, for construction projects or the procurement of
 10 goods or services, including professional services. For purposes of this
 11 subsection, "goods or services" may not include the following when
 12 determining the total value of contracts for state agencies:

13 (1) Utilities.

14 (2) Health care services (as defined in IC 27-8-11-1(c)).

15 (3) Rent paid for real property or payments constituting the price
 16 of an interest in real property as a result of a real estate
 17 transaction.

18 (e) "Contractor" means a person or entity that:

19 (1) contracts with a state agency; or

20 (2) as set forth in section 2(g)(11) of this chapter:

21 (A) is a recipient of state grant funds; and

22 (B) enters into a contract:

23 (i) with a person or entity other than a state agency;
 24 and

25 (ii) that is paid for in whole or in part with the state
 26 grant funds.

27 (f) "Department" refers to the Indiana department of
 28 administration established by IC 4-13-1-2.

29 (g) "Deputy commissioner" refers to the deputy commissioner for
 30 supplier diversity of the department.

31 (h) "Minority business enterprise" or "minority business" means
 32 an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or
 33 joint venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by one (1) or
 34 more persons who are:

35 (1) United States citizens; and

36 (2) members of a minority group or a qualified minority
 37 nonprofit corporation.

38 (i) "NGB-22" means the National Guard Report of Separation
 39 form or its predecessor or successor form.

40 (j) "Qualified minority or women's nonprofit corporation" means
 41 a corporation that:

42 (1) is exempt from federal income taxation under Section

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1 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

2 (2) is headquartered in Indiana;

3 (3) has been in continuous existence for at least five (5) years;

4 (4) has a board of directors that has been in compliance with all

5 other requirements of this chapter for at least five (5) years;

6 (5) is chartered for the benefit of the minority community or

7 women; and

8 (6) provides a service that will not impede competition among

9 minority business enterprises or women's business enterprises at

10 the time a nonprofit applies for certification as a minority

11 business enterprise or a women's business enterprise.

12 (k) "Owned and controlled" means:

13 (1) if the business is a qualified minority nonprofit corporation,
14 a majority of the board of directors are minority;

15 (2) if the business is a qualified women's nonprofit corporation,
16 a majority of the members of the board of directors are women;
17 or

18 (3) if the business is a business other than a qualified minority or
19 women's nonprofit corporation, having:

20 (A) ownership of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the
21 enterprise, including corporate stock of a corporation;

22 (B) control over the management and active in the
23 day-to-day operations of the business; and

24 (C) an interest in the capital, assets, and profits and losses
25 of the business proportionate to the percentage of
26 ownership.

27 (1) "Minority group" means:
28 (1) African Americans;
29 (2) Native Americans;
30 (3) Hispanic Americans; and
31 (4) Asian Americans.

(m) "Separate body corporate and politic" refers to an entity established by the general assembly as a body corporate and politic.

34 (n) "State agency" refers to any authority, board, branch,
35 commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality
36 of the executive, including the administrative, department of state
37 government.

38 (o) "Veteran" means an individual who:

39 (1) has previously:

40 (A) served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces
41 of the United States or their reserves, in the national guard,
42 or in the Indiana National Guard; and

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(B) received a discharge from service under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~;
~~IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)~~

IC 10-17-12-8.1(z), (b)

- (A) any branch of the armed forces of the United States or their reserves;
- (B) the national guard; or
- (C) the Indiana National Guard.

(p) "Veteran owned small business" refers to a small business that:

(1) is independently owned and operated;

(2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and

(3) satisfies the criteria to be a veteran owned small business concern as specified in section 1.5 of this chapter.

(q) "Women's business enterprise" means a business that is one (1) of the following:

(1) A sole proprietorship owned and controlled by a woman.

(2) A partnership or joint venture owned and controlled by women in which:

(A) at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the ownership is held by women; and

(B) the management and daily business operations are controlled by at least one (1) of the women who owns the business.

(3) A corporation or other entity:

(A) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by at least one (1) of the women who owns the business; and

(B) that is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by women, or if stock is issued, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is owned by at least one (1) of the women.

(4) A qualified women's nonprofit corporation.

SECTION 3. IC 4-15-2.2-32, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 32. (a) Former members of the armed forces of the United States who meet both of the following requirements shall receive a preference for appointment or reemployment in the state classified service:

(1) The veteran served ~~on~~ active duty in any branch of the armed forces.

(2) The veteran was not discharged or separated from the armed forces under conditions set forth in IE 10-17-12-7.5(2).

IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).

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10 SECTION 4. IC 5-2-1-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2023,
11 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) The facilities of the law enforcement
13 academy shall be available to any law enforcement agency of the state,
14 or any of its political subdivisions, subject to the rules of the board.

15 (b) Any law enforcement agency of the state, any of its political
16 subdivisions, or any board certified training center may conduct
17 training:

18 (1) for the law enforcement agency of any political subdivision
19 in Indiana; and

(2) in facilities other than those of the law enforcement academy; if the minimum standards established by the board are met or exceeded.

(c) A law enforcement agency or a board certified training center conducting approved local training under subsection (b) may be entitled to a per capita allowance from the law enforcement training fund to defray such portions of the cost of basic training as shall be approved by the board. Such per capita allowance shall be earmarked and expended only for law enforcement training.

28 (d) The facilities of the law enforcement academy shall be
29 available for the training of railroad police, prison and industrial plant
30 guards, tribal police, postsecondary educational institution safety and
31 security personnel, whether public or private, for the training of any
32 law enforcement agency from outside Indiana, and for the training of
33 **members in the military police force of the Indiana National Guard**
34 **under IC 10-16-23 and** such other enforcement related groups as shall
35 be approved by the board, upon terms and conditions established by the
36 board. Railroad police, tribal police, **Indiana National Guard**, and any
37 law enforcement agency from outside Indiana, and nongovernmental
38 enforcement related groups qualifying to use the facilities of the
39 academy under the rules of the board shall be required to reimburse the
40 law enforcement training fund for the cost of such training.

41 (e) The facilities of the law enforcement academy may be used for
42 the training of firefighting personnel where the subject matter of the

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1 training relates to duties which involve law enforcement related
 2 conduct. Such training shall be conducted upon terms and conditions
 3 established by the board. However, no volunteer firefighter is required
 4 to attend training at the academy.

5 (f) The facilities of the law enforcement academy shall be used to
 6 provide the basic training under section 9(d) of this chapter of a special
 7 officer of a consolidated city who is employed full time by the
 8 consolidated city after June 30, 2023, to perform park ranger duties.

9 (g) The cost of the mandatory basic training conducted by the
 10 board at the facilities of the law enforcement academy and all other
 11 training programs authorized by this chapter and conducted at the law
 12 enforcement training academy, including the mandatory basic training
 13 course when attended by trainees who have been investigated and
 14 approved but not yet hired by a law enforcement agency, are subject to
 15 fee schedules and charges for tuition, lodging, meals, instructors,
 16 training materials, and any other items or services established by the
 17 board, including amounts needed to recoup corresponding marginal
 18 and fixed costs. The costs and the fee schedule must be an annual
 19 schedule for the state fiscal year and must be approved by the budget
 20 director.

21 SECTION 5. IC 5-2-18.2-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2011,
 22 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "law enforcement
 24 officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-2-1-2.

25 **(b) The term includes a member in the military police force of
 26 the Indiana National Guard while exercising police powers in
 27 accordance with IC 10-16-23-3.**

28 SECTION 6. IC 5-2-20-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2011,
 29 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "law enforcement
 31 officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-2-1-2.

32 **(b) The term includes a member in the military police force of
 33 the Indiana National Guard while exercising police powers in
 34 accordance with IC 10-16-23-3.**

35 SECTION 7. IC 5-9-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 36 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. Persons discharged from the armed forces of
 38 the United States under conditions other than conditions set forth in
 39 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~, **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**, by reason of disability
 40 resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, shall be
 41 preferred for appointment to civil offices, provided they are found to
 42 possess the capacity necessary for the proper discharge of such offices.

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1 SECTION 8. IC 5-9-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Political subdivisions of the state of Indiana
 4 shall allow preference points to eligible armed forces veterans who are
 5 being examined for full time employment. Preference points awarded
 6 to such veterans on each such examination shall be ten percent (10%)
 7 of the total number of points which may be obtained thereon.

8 (b) To be eligible to receive preference points, under this chapter,
 9 a person must have:

10 (1) served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States
 11 for at least one hundred eighty-one (181) days; and
 12 (2) received a discharge from service under conditions other than
 13 conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**

14 (c) The provisions of this chapter are in lieu of any policy of a
 15 political subdivision allowing employment preference for veterans in
 16 effect before July 1, 1975.

17 SECTION 9. IC 5-10.3-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 18 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A member who:

20 (1) enters the United States armed services;
 21 (2) leaves the member's contributions in the fund;
 22 (3) except as provided in subsection (c), resumes service with
 23 the member's employer within one hundred twenty (120) days
 24 after the member's unconditional discharge; and
 25 (4) would be entitled to service credit for military service under
 26 the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights
 27 Act (38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.) if the member had resumed service
 28 with the member's employer within ninety (90) days after
 29 discharge;

30 is entitled to service credit for the armed service.

31 (b) A state employee who left employment before January 1, 1946,
 32 or an employee of a political subdivision who left employment before
 33 the participation date, to enter the United States armed services is
 34 entitled to service credit for the armed service if the member:

35 (1) except as provided in subsection (c), resumes service with
 36 the employer within one hundred twenty (120) days after the
 37 member's unconditional discharge; and
 38 (2) would be entitled to service credit for military service under
 39 the applicable requirements of federal law in effect at the time of
 40 reemployment if the employee had resumed service with the
 41 employee's employer within ninety (90) days after discharge.

42 (c) The board shall extend the one hundred twenty (120) day

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1 reemployment requirement contained in subsection (a)(3) or (b)(1) if
 2 the board determines that an illness, an injury, or a disability related to
 3 the member's military service prevented the member from resuming
 4 employment within one hundred twenty (120) days after the member's
 5 discharge from military service. However, the board may not extend the
 6 deadline beyond thirty (30) months after the member's discharge.

7 (d) If a member retires and the board subsequently determines that
 8 the member is entitled to additional service credit due to the extension
 9 of a deadline under subsection (c), the board shall recompute the
 10 member's benefit. However, the additional service credit may be used
 11 only in the computation of benefits to be paid after the date of the
 12 board's determination, and the member is not entitled to a
 13 recomputation of benefits received before the date of the board's
 14 determination.

15 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a member is
 16 entitled to service credit and benefits in the amount and to the extent
 17 required by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment
 18 Rights Act (38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.).

19 (f) Subject to the provisions of this section, an active member may
 20 purchase and claim not more than two (2) years of service credit for the
 21 member's service on active duty in the armed services if the member
 22 meets the following conditions:

23 (1) The member has at least one (1) year of credited service in
 24 the fund.

25 (2) The member serves on active duty in the armed services of
 26 the United States for at least six (6) months.

27 (3) The member receives a discharge from the armed services
 28 under conditions other than conditions set forth in
 29 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2). IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).~~

30 (4) Before the member retires, the member makes contributions
 31 to the fund as follows:

32 (A) Contributions that are equal to the product of the
 33 following:

34 (i) The member's salary at the time the member
 35 actually makes a contribution for the service credit.

36 (ii) A rate, determined by the actuary of the fund, that
 37 is based on the age of the member at the time the
 38 member actually makes a contribution for service
 39 credit and computed to result in a contribution amount
 40 that approximates the actuarial present value of the
 41 benefit attributable to the service credit purchased.

42 (iii) The number of years of service credit the member



intends to purchase.

(B) Contributions for any accrued interest, at a rate determined by the actuary of the fund, for the period from the member's initial membership in the fund to the date payment is made by the member.

However, a member is entitled to purchase service credit under this subsection only to the extent that service credit is not granted for that time under another provision of this section. At least ten (10) years of service in Indiana is required before a member may receive a benefit based on service credits purchased under this section. A member who terminates employment before satisfying the eligibility requirements necessary to receive a monthly allowance or receives a monthly allowance for the same service from another tax supported public employee retirement plan other than under the federal Social Security Act may withdraw the purchase amount plus accumulated interest after submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the fund.

(g) The following apply to the purchase of service credit under subsection (f):

(1) The board may allow a member to make periodic payments of the contributions required for the purchase of the service credit. The board shall determine the length of the period during which the payments must be made.

(2) The board may deny an application for the purchase of service credit if the purchase would exceed the limitations under Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) A member may not claim the service credit for purposes of determining eligibility or computing benefits unless the member has made all payments required for the purchase of the service credit.

SECTION 10. IC 5-10.4-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) This subsection applies to a member who retires before July 1, 1980. A member who had completed four (4) years of approved college teacher education before voluntary or involuntary induction into the military services is entitled to credit for that service as if the member had begun teaching before the induction. A member who serves in military service is considered a teacher and is entitled to the benefits of the fund if before or during the leave of absence the member pays into the fund the member's contributions. Time served by a member in military service for the duration of the hostilities or for the length of active service in the hostilities and the necessary demobilization time after the hostilities is not subject to the

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1 one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter.

2 (b) This subsection applies to a member who retires after June 30,
3 1980. A member who completed four (4) years of approved college
4 teacher education before voluntary or involuntary induction into
5 military service is entitled to credit for the member's active military
6 service as if the member had begun teaching before the induction. A
7 member who serves in military service is considered a teacher and is
8 entitled to the benefits of the fund if the following conditions are met:

9 (1) The member has received a discharge from military service
10 under conditions other than conditions set forth in
11 **IC 10-17-12-7.5(2). IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**

12 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g), the member returns to
13 active teaching service not later than twenty-four (24) months
14 after the completion of active military service.

15 (3) The member has at least ten (10) years of in-state service
16 credit.

17 The time served by a member in military service for the duration of the
18 hostilities or for the length of active service in the hostilities and the
19 necessary demobilization time after the hostilities is not subject to the
20 one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter. However, not
21 more than six (6) years of military service credit may be granted under
22 this subsection.

23 (c) This subsection applies to a member who retires after May 1,
24 1989. A member who had begun but had not completed four (4) years
25 of approved college teacher education before voluntary or involuntary
26 induction into the military services is entitled to service credit in an
27 amount equal to the duration of the member's active military service if
28 the following conditions are met:

29 (1) The member has received a discharge from military service
30 under conditions other than conditions set forth in
31 **IC 10-17-12-7.5(2). IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**

32 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g), the member returns to
33 a four (4) year approved college teacher training program not
34 later than twenty-four (24) months after the completion of active
35 military service and subsequently completes that program.

36 (3) The member has at least ten (10) years of in-state service
37 credit.

38 The time served by a member in active military service for the length
39 of active service in the hostilities and the necessary demobilization is
40 not subject to the one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter.
41 However, not more than six (6) years of military service credit may be
42 granted under this subsection.

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9 (1) The member received a discharge from military service under
10 conditions other than conditions set forth in IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).
11 **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**

12 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g), the member returns to
13 baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate education not later than
14 twenty-four (24) months after completion of active military
15 service and subsequently completes that education.

16 (3) The member has at least ten (10) years of in-state service
17 credit.

18 The time served by a member in active military service for the length
19 of active service in the hostilities and the necessary demobilization is
20 not subject to the one-seventh rule set forth in section 7 of this chapter.
21 However, not more than six (6) years of military service credit may be
22 granted under this subsection.

23 (e) For purposes of this section, a member returns to active
24 teaching service on the earlier of:

25 (1) the date on which the member signs a teacher's contract; or
26 (2) the date on which the member is first employed in a position
27 covered by this article.

28 (f) For purposes of this section, a member returns to:

29 (1) a teacher training program; or
30 (2) baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate education;

31 on the date the member registers for or enrolls in classes that the
32 member attends.

33 (g) The board shall extend the twenty-four (24) month deadline
34 contained in subsection (b)(2), (c)(2), or (d)(2) if the board determines
35 that an illness, an injury, or a disability related to the member's military
36 service prevented the member from returning to active teaching service
37 or to a teacher education program not later than twenty-four (24)
38 months after the member's discharge from military service. However,
39 the board may not extend the deadline beyond forty-eight (48) months
40 after the member's discharge.

41 (h) If a member retires and the board subsequently determines that
42 the member is entitled to additional service credit due to the extension

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1 of a deadline under subsection (g), the board shall recompute the
 2 member's benefit. However, the additional service credit may be used
 3 only in the computation of benefits to be paid after the date of the
 4 board's determination, and the member is not entitled to a
 5 recomputation of benefits received before the date of the board's
 6 determination.

7 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a member is
 8 entitled to military service credit and benefits in the amount and to the
 9 extent required by the federal Uniformed Services Employment and
 10 Reemployment Rights Act (38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), including all later
 11 amendments.

12 (j) Subject to this section, an active member may purchase and
 13 claim not more than two (2) years of service credit for the member's
 14 service on active duty in the armed services if the member meets the
 15 following conditions:

16 (1) The member has at least one (1) year of credited service in
 17 the fund.

18 (2) The member serves on active duty in the armed services of
 19 the United States for at least six (6) months.

20 (3) The member receives a discharge from the armed services
 21 under conditions other than conditions set forth in
 22 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2). IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).~~

23 (4) Before the member retires, the member makes contributions
 24 to the fund as follows:

25 (A) Contributions that are equal to the product of:

26 (i) the member's salary at the time the member actually
 27 makes a contribution for the service credit;

28 (ii) a rate, determined by the actuary of the fund, that
 29 is based on the age of the member at the time the
 30 member actually makes a contribution for service
 31 credit and computed to result in a contribution amount
 32 that approximates the actuarial present value of the
 33 benefit attributable to the service credit purchased; and
 34 (iii) the number of years of service credit the member
 35 intends to purchase.

36 (B) Contributions for any accrued interest, at a rate
 37 determined by the actuary of the fund, for the period from
 38 the member's initial membership in the fund to the date
 39 payment is made by the member.

40 However, a member is entitled to purchase service credit under this
 41 subsection only to the extent that service credit is not granted for that
 42 time under another provision of this section. At least ten (10) years of

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1 service in Indiana is required before a member may receive a benefit
2 based on service credits purchased under this section. A member who
3 terminates employment before satisfying the eligibility requirements
4 necessary to receive a monthly allowance or receives a monthly
5 allowance for the same service from another tax supported public
6 employee retirement plan other than under the federal Social Security
7 Act may withdraw the purchase amount plus accumulated interest after
8 submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the fund.

9 (k) The following apply to the purchase of service credit under
10 subsection (j):

11 (1) The board may allow a member to make periodic payments
12 of the contributions required for the purchase of the service
13 credit. The board shall determine the length of the period during
14 which the payments must be made.

15 (2) The board may deny an application for the purchase of
16 service credit if the purchase would exceed the limitations under
17 Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

18 (3) A member may not claim the service credit for purposes of
19 determining eligibility or computing benefits unless the member
20 has made all payments required for the purchase of the service
21 credit.

22 (l) This subsection applies to a member who retires after June 30,
23 2006. A member may not receive credit under this section for service
24 for which the member receives service credit under the terms of a
25 military or another governmental retirement plan.

26 SECTION 11. IC 6-8.1-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2021,
27 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Every individual (other than a nonresident)
29 who files an individual income tax return and who is entitled to a
30 refund from the department of state revenue because of the
31 overpayment of income tax for a taxable year may designate on the
32 individual's annual state income tax return that either a specific amount
33 or all of the refund to which the individual is entitled shall be paid over
34 to one (1) or more of the funds described in subsection (c). If the refund
35 to which the individual is entitled is less than the total amount
36 designated to be paid over to one (1) or more of the funds described in
37 subsection (c), all of the refund to which the individual is entitled shall
38 be paid over to the designated funds, but in an amount or amounts
39 reduced proportionately for each designated fund. If an individual
40 designates all of the refund to which the individual is entitled to be paid
41 over to one (1) or more of the funds described in subsection (c) without
42 designating specific amounts, the refund to which the individual is

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1 entitled shall be paid over to each fund described in subsection (c) in
 2 an amount equal to the refund divided by the number of funds
 3 described in subsection (c), rounded to the lowest cent, with any part
 4 of the refund remaining due to the effects of rounding to be deposited
 5 in the nongame fund.

6 (b) Every husband and wife (other than nonresidents) who file a
 7 joint income tax return and who are entitled to a refund from the
 8 department of state revenue because of the overpayment of income tax
 9 for a taxable year may designate on their annual state income tax return
 10 that either a specific amount or all of the refund to which they are
 11 entitled shall be paid over to one (1) or more of the funds described in
 12 subsection (c). If the refund to which a husband and wife are entitled
 13 is less than the total amount designated to be paid over to one (1) or
 14 more of the funds described in subsection (c), all of the refund to which
 15 the husband and wife are entitled shall be paid over to the designated
 16 funds, but in an amount or amounts reduced proportionately for each
 17 designated fund. If a husband and wife designate all of the refund to
 18 which the husband and wife are entitled to be paid over to one (1) or
 19 more of the funds described in subsection (c) without designating
 20 specific amounts, the refund to which the husband and wife are entitled
 21 shall be paid over to each fund described in subsection (c) in an
 22 amount equal to the refund divided by the number of funds described
 23 in subsection (c), rounded to the lowest cent, with any part of the
 24 refund remaining due to the effects of rounding to be deposited in the
 25 nongame fund.

26 (c) Designations under subsection (a) or (b) may be directed only
 27 to the following funds:

- 28 (1) The nongame fund.
- 29 (2) The state general fund for exclusive use in funding public
 30 education for kindergarten through grade 12.
- 31 (3) The military family relief fund.

32 (d) The instructions for the preparation of individual income tax
 33 returns shall contain a description of the purposes of the following:

- 34 (1) The nongame and endangered species program. The
 35 description of this program shall be written in cooperation with
 36 the department of natural resources.
- 37 (2) The funding of public education for kindergarten through
 38 grade 12. The description of this purpose shall be written in
 39 cooperation with the secretary of education.
- 40 (3) The funding for financial assistance to ~~qualified~~ service
 41 members ~~(as defined in IC 10-17-12-7.5)~~ described in
 42 IC 10-17-12-8.1(1) and IC 10-17-12-8.1(2), who are Indiana



1 **residents**, and their families. The description of this purpose
 2 shall be written in cooperation with the Indiana department of
 3 veterans' affairs.

4 (e) The department shall interpret a designation on a return under
 5 subsection (a) or (b) that is illegible or otherwise not reasonably
 6 discernible to the department as if the designation had not been made.

7 SECTION 12. IC 9-18.5-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 8 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) An Indiana resident who is a current or
 10 former member of the Army or Air National Guard may apply for and
 11 receive one (1) or more license plates under this chapter.

12 (b) An individual applying for a National Guard license plate
 13 under this chapter as a current member of the National Guard must
 14 demonstrate the individual's status as a current member of the Army or
 15 Air National Guard by presenting the following with the individual's
 16 application:

17 (1) A current United States armed forces identification card.
 18 (2) A letter signed by the individual's commanding officer
 19 identifying the individual as a current active member.

20 (c) An individual applying for a National Guard license plate
 21 under this chapter as a former member of the National Guard must
 22 present with the individual's application a copy of the individual's:

23 (1) National Guard Bureau Form 22 or 22A showing the
 24 individual received a discharge under conditions other than
 25 conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2); IC 10-17-12-8.1(2);~~
 26 or

27 (2) National Guard Bureau Form 23D or 23E showing the
 28 individual as retired;

29 as proof of the individual's status as a former member of the Army or
 30 Air National Guard.

31 SECTION 13. IC 10-13-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.122-2023,
 32 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement
 34 officer" means any of the following:

35 (1) A state police officer.
 36 (2) A county sheriff.
 37 (3) A county police officer.
 38 (4) A correctional officer.
 39 (5) An excise police officer.
 40 (6) A county police reserve officer.
 41 (7) A city police officer.
 42 (8) A city police reserve officer.

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- (9) A conservation enforcement officer.
- (10) A town marshal.
- (11) A deputy town marshal.
- (12) A probation officer.
- (13) A state educational institution police officer appointed under IC 21-39-4.
- (14) A gaming agent of the Indiana gaming commission.
- (15) A person employed by a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13) and appointed as a special deputy under IC 36-8-10-10.6.
- (16) A school corporation police officer appointed under IC 20-26-16.
- (17) A police officer of a public or private postsecondary educational institution whose board of trustees has established a police department under IC 21-17-5-2 or IC 21-39-4-2.
- (18) A tribal police officer.
- (19) A hospital police officer employed by a hospital police department established under IC 16-18-4.
- (20) A conservancy district marshal.
- (21) A deputy conservancy district marshal.
- (22) A member in the military police force of the Indiana National Guard while exercising police powers in accordance with IC 10-16-23-3.**

SECTION 14. IC 10-16-1-5.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5.6. "Civilian cyber corps" means the Indiana civilian cyber corps program established by IC 10-16-22.**

SECTION 15. IC 10-16-1-5.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.7. **"Civilian cyber corps adviser"** means an individual who serves as a nondeployable member in the Indiana civilian cyber corps program for the purpose of providing support and technical expertise for civilian cyber corps volunteers.

SECTION 16. IC 10-16-1-5.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.8. "Civilian cyber corps volunteer" means an individual who has entered into an agreement with the adjutant general to serve as a deployable member in the Indiana civilian cyber corps program.

SECTION 17. IC 10-16-1-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

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1 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.5.** "Cybersecurity client" means
 3 **a:**

4 **(1) state agency (as defined in IC 4-1-10-2);**
 5 **(2) political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);**
 6 **(3) state educational institution (as defined in IC 21-7-13-32);**
 7 **(4) critical infrastructure facility (as defined in**
 8 **IC 35-46-10-1); or**
 9 **(5) critical infrastructure utility (as defined in**
 10 **IC 35-46-10-1);**

11 **that has requested and is using the rapid response assistance of the**
 12 **Indiana civilian cyber corps program under the direction of the**
 13 **adjutant general.**

14 SECTION 18. IC 10-16-1-8.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 15 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.6.** "Cybersecurity incident"
 17 means an incident as defined by 44 U.S.C. 3552(b)(2).

18 SECTION 19. IC 10-16-1-19.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 19 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 19.3.** "State police department"
 21 refers to the state police department established by IC 10-11-2-4.

22 SECTION 20. IC 10-16-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.15-2010,
 23 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The adjutant general shall appoint **four (4)**
 25 assistant adjutants general **additional general officers** to serve at the
 26 will and pleasure of the adjutant general as follows:

27 **(1) Excluding the adjutant general, there are six (6) general**
 28 **officer authorizations for the Indiana Army National Guard**
 29 **and two (2) general authorizations for the Indiana Air**
 30 **National Guard under this section.**

31 **(2) Included in the general officer authorizations described**
 32 **in subdivision (1), one (1) general officer position shall be**
 33 **established as the Director, Joint Staff, Indiana Joint Forces**
 34 **Headquarters. The position may be filled by either an Army**
 35 **or Air National Guard member.**

36 **(3) To be eligible for appointment to a general officer under**
 37 **subdivision (1), an individual must meet the following**
 38 **requirements:**

39 **(A) The individual must be a federally recognized officer**
 40 **who has attained the rank of colonel or higher.**
 41 **(B) The individual must be eligible for appointment in**
 42 **the Indiana National Guard.**



(1) One (1) assistant adjutant general from the Indiana Army National Guard to be commander of the Indiana Army National Guard forces, except the forces described in subdivision (3). A person is not eligible for appointment as assistant adjutant general unless the person is a member of the Indiana Army National Guard and has attained the rank of major or above. The person must be a federally recognized officer and may hold the rank of major general or other rank authorized by the table of organization for the Army National Guard.

10 (2) One (1) assistant adjutant general from the Indiana Army
11 National Guard to be chief of staff to the adjutant general for all
12 the Indiana Army National Guard forces, except those forces
13 described in subdivision (4). This assistant adjutant general shall
14 perform duties assigned by the adjutant general and is
15 responsible for all administrative and operational functions of
16 the Indiana Army National Guard, except those related to forces
17 described in subdivision (4). A person is not eligible for
18 appointment as assistant adjutant general unless the person is a
19 member of the Indiana Army National Guard with at least six (6)
20 years service in the Indiana Army National Guard and has
21 attained the rank of major or above. The person must be a
22 federally recognized officer and may hold the rank of brigadier
23 general or other rank authorized by the table of organization for
24 the Army National Guard.

25 (3) One (1) assistant adjutant general from the Indiana Air
26 National Guard to be chief of staff to the adjutant general for all
27 the Indiana Air National Guard forces. This assistant adjutant
28 general shall perform duties assigned by the adjutant general and
29 is responsible for administrative and operational functions of the
30 Indiana Air National Guard. A person is not eligible for
31 appointment as air forces chief of staff unless the person is a
32 member of the Indiana Air National Guard with at least six (6)
33 years service as a commissioned officer and has attained the rank
34 of major or above. The person must be a federally recognized
35 officer and may hold the rank of brigadier general or other rank
36 authorized by the tables of organization for the Air National
37 Guard.

38 (4) One (1) assistant adjutant general from the Indiana Army
39 National Guard to be chief of staff to the adjutant general for all
40 Indiana Army National Guard forces assigned to the Camp
41 Atterbury Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. This assistant
42 adjutant general shall perform duties assigned by the adjutant

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1 general and is responsible for all administrative and operational
 2 functions of Indiana Army National Guard forces assigned to the
 3 Camp Atterbury Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. A person
 4 is not eligible for appointment as assistant adjutant general
 5 unless the person is a member of the Indiana Army National
 6 Guard with at least six (6) years service in the Indiana Army
 7 National Guard and has attained the rank of major or above. The
 8 person must be a federally recognized officer and may hold the
 9 rank of brigadier general or other rank authorized by the table of
 10 organization for the Army National Guard.

11 SECTION 21. IC 10-16-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,

12 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The state armory board established by section
 14 1 of this chapter may contribute funds in support of the following
 15 authorized duties and responsibilities of the adjutant general:

- 16 (1) The ~~military department of the~~ Indiana ceremonial unit.
- 17 (2) The Indiana guard reserve.
- 18 (3) The annual report of the adjutant general's department.
- 19 (4) The medical treatment, pensions, and funeral expenses of
 20 officers and soldiers wounded, disabled, or killed while in the
 21 active service of the state.
- 22 (5) Expenditures for public relations and the promotion of
 23 morale within the adjutant general's department. ~~that are not paid~~
 24 ~~by the United States Department of Defense.~~
- 25 (6) Recruitment and retention expenditures of the adjutant
 26 general's department. ~~that are not paid by the United States~~
 27 ~~Department of Defense.~~
- 28 (7) The publication of the armed forces law of Indiana in
 29 accordance with IC 10-16-2-9(d).

30 **(8) Armory modernization and care for armories.**

31 SECTION 22. IC 10-16-3-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,

32 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The state armory board may **utilize any and**
 34 **all appropriate methods to:**

- 35 (1) lease real estate from:
 - 36 (A) the federal, the state, or a local government; **or**
 - 37 (B) a federal, state, or local agency; or
 - 38 **(C) a private entity or individual; or**
- 39 (2) purchase real estate throughout the state;
 40 where necessary to provide armories or other military purposes.
- 41 (b) The state armory board shall lease or purchase real estate in the
 42 name and for the use of the state. The state armory board may erect on

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1 the real estate an armory or another appropriate structure to be used for
 2 meetings, rendezvous, and drill purposes by the following
 3 organizations:

- 4 (1) A company.
- 5 (2) A battery.
- 6 (3) A troop.
- 7 (4) A battalion.
- 8 (5) A regiment.
- 9 (6) A division organization.
- 10 (7) An air ~~squadron~~ wing.
- 11 (8) A related group.
- 12 (9) An organization authorized by the state board.

13 The ordnance stores, quartermaster stores, and other property issued to
 14 an organization described in this subsection and occupying the armory
 15 shall be stored in the armory or other appropriate structure.

16 (c) The state armory board shall arrange for the occupancy and use
 17 of the armories under the direction and responsibility of the senior
 18 officer in command of an organization described in subsection (b).

19 (d) An armory may not be erected on land that is leased for less
 20 than ~~fifty~~ (50) twenty-five (25) years.

21 (e) The Indiana wing of the civil air patrol and its subordinate
 22 units may use armory facilities without charge when the officer
 23 responsible for the armory determines the use would not interfere with
 24 operational training requirements of the military forces concerned.

25 SECTION 23. IC 10-16-3-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,
 26 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. The state armory board shall constitute a board
 28 for the general management, care, and custody of the armories. The
 29 state armory board may adopt **rules policies or procedures** for:

- 30 (1) the management and government of the armories;
- 31 (2) the guidance of the organizations occupying the armories;
 32 and
- 33 (3) any other purpose consistent with this chapter.

34 SECTION 24. IC 10-16-3-8 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 35 1, 2026]. See: 8. (a) This section applies if a contract for the
 36 procurement of property by the state armory board or a local armory
 37 board is awarded under this chapter by acceptance of bids, proposals,
 38 or quotations.

39 (b) A bid, proposal, or quotation submitted by a trust (as defined
 40 in IC 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each:

- 41 (1) beneficiary of the trust; and
- 42 (2) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

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1 SECTION 25. IC 10-16-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,
 2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The state armory board may receive from
 4 any source donations of real or personal property or contributions of
 5 money to aid in the support and assistance of:

- 6 (1) the armed forces of Indiana; and
- 7 (2) the armed forces of Indiana called or inducted into federal
- 8 service.

9 Property received under this subsection shall be held as other property
 10 for the use of the state.

11 (b) Counties, cities, and municipalities may make donations and
 12 contributions under subsection (a).

- 13 (c) This subsection applies to ~~real or personal~~ **any** property:
- 14 (1) donated under subsection (a); ~~and~~
- 15 (2) upon which the state of Indiana has not erected structures;
 16 ~~and~~
- 17 (3) **if a donation agreement has not been executed between**
 18 **the state armory and the donor of the property.**

19 The state armory board may determine that ~~real~~ **any** property donated
 20 under subsection (a) is no longer usable or cannot be used by the
 21 military department. The state armory board may certify its
 22 determination to the adjutant general. The adjutant general may
 23 reconvey ~~the~~ **real** **any** property to the donor or to another entity or
 24 individual that the adjutant general considers appropriate.

25 SECTION 26. IC 10-16-3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. All expenses
 27 incurred in the operation of state armories shall be paid out of:

- 28 (1) the rentals;
- 29 (2) the income;
- 30 (3) the earnings;
- 31 (4) any other receipts; and
- 32 (5) any other appropriation provided by law;

33 to pay the expenses incurred in the operation of the armories **or other**
 34 **matters consistent with this chapter.**

35 SECTION 27. IC 10-16-3-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 36 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) If the state
 37 armory board receives from the ~~governor~~ **adjutant general** information
 38 of the disbandment of the organization of the armed forces of Indiana
 39 occupying and using an armory, the state armory board shall take
 40 charge of the armory.

41 (b) The state armory board shall sell the armory for the highest
 42 price at public or private sale after publication of the sale for a period



1 of ten (10) days and return the proceeds into the state treasury.

2 SECTION 28. IC 10-16-3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,

3 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The state armory board may:

5 (1) sell, lease, convey, or otherwise dispose of any ~~real~~ property

6 belonging to the state and being under the charge and in the

7 custody and possession of the state armory board if, in the

8 judgment of the state armory board:

9 (1) (A) the ~~real~~ property can no longer be used for the

10 purpose for which it was acquired; and

11 (2) (B) the conveyance provides a substantial public or

12 military benefit; or

13 (2) **elect to transfer the property to the Indiana department**

14 **of administration under IC 4-20.5-7 or IC 5-22-21.**

15 (b) The sale shall be made at public or private sale, after

16 appropriate publication, for the highest price to be obtained for the

17 same. If the state armory board takes bids in the sale of ~~real~~ property,

18 the board shall require a bid submitted by a trust (as defined in

19 IC 30-4-1-1(a)) to identify all of the following:

20 (1) Each beneficiary of the trust.

21 (2) Each settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

22 (c) All money derived from the sale, conveyance, or other

23 disposition of any ~~real~~ property shall be paid into the state treasury, but

24 may be used for the purchase of other ~~real~~ property for armory

25 purposes.

26 SECTION 29. IC 10-16-3-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,

27 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (c),** if

29 the state armory board sells any real property, the value of the property

30 shall be determined by **an appraiser three (3) disinterested appraisers**

31 appointed by the state armory board with the approval of the **adjutant**

32 **general, governor.**

33 (b) Real property may not be sold for less than the appraised value

34 of the real property **unless the sale is approved by the adjutant**

35 **general.** If the real property cannot be sold at its appraised value, it

36 may be reappraised.

37 (c) **If the adjutant general determines that the value of the real**

38 **property is likely to be less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000),**

39 **the appraisal described in subsection (a) is not required to sell the**

40 **real property.**

41 (d) **The state armory board may transfer state real property**

42 **to a person in exchange for property of like value that is**

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1 **transferred by the person to the state. The state armory board**
 2 **must establish that properties exchanged are of like value through**
 3 **appraisals or other means approved by the adjutant general.**

4 (e) (e) Real property may not be sold **or transferred** unless:
 5 (1) the **governor adjutant general** approves the sale **or**
 6 **transfer**; and
 7 (2) the **attorney general state armory board's legal counsel**
 8 states in writing that all the conditions necessary to the legal and
 9 valid sale **or transfer** of the property have been fully complied
 10 with.

11 SECTION 30. IC 10-16-3-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
 12 SECTION 316, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) The purchaser of real
 14 property sold under this chapter or to whom real property is conveyed
 15 or otherwise disposed of under this chapter shall pay the purchase
 16 money as agreed upon **and certified by to** the state armory board **to the**
 17 **treasurer of state** for the use and benefit of the state armory board. **The**
 18 **purchaser shall take the receipt of the treasurer of state.**

19 (b) The state **comptroller armory board** shall execute a deed of
 20 conveyance to the purchaser **or the exchanging party** after the
 21 purchaser **or the exchanging party presents a form that is legally**
 22 **sufficient to memorialize and consummate the transaction and that**
 23 **is suitable for recording in the county upon which the property is**
 24 **located.** presents the following documents to the state **comptroller**:

25 (1) The receipt of the treasurer of state.
 26 (2) A certified resolution approved by the state armory board
 27 setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale, conveyance, or
 28 other disposition.

29 The deed of conveyance shall be signed by the **governor president of**
 30 **the state armory board** and officially attested by the **adjutant**
 31 **general, state comptroller with the seal of the state.**

32 SECTION 31. IC 10-16-3-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
 33 SECTION 317, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) The state armory board shall
 35 report annually of the proceedings incident to the location and
 36 management of the armories and a detailed account of disbursements.

37 (b) The report shall be filed **in the office of the state comptroller**
 38 **with the state board of accounts** and a copy furnished to the adjutant
 39 general for publication in the annual report of the adjutant general's
 40 department.

41 SECTION 32. IC 10-16-3-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. The **adjutant**

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1 general's office state examiner, personally or through the deputy
 2 examiners, field examiners, or private examiners, shall make a full and
 3 complete examination and report of all transactions of all individuals,
 4 persons, trustees, boards, banks, firms, corporations, and others
 5 engaged in the acquisition of sites for and the construction of state
 6 armories, including examination of the following:

- 7 (1) The plans and specifications of armories.
- 8 (2) Construction work performed or being performed.
- 9 (3) The records of bonds issued and redeemed or proposed to be
 10 issued.
- 11 (4) The records of all lease contracts for building or maintaining
 12 armories.
- 13 (5) The records of receipts and earnings of all armories, except
 14 those earnings and receipts arising from shows, benefits, and
 15 other similar activities engaged in by members of the armories
 16 and other volunteers for the use and benefit of the members.
- 17 (6) All money handled by the board or boards, by trustees of
 18 state armories, by the state armory board or local armory boards,
 19 or by the adjutant general, including all appropriations made for
 20 armories by the general assembly.

21 All powers conferred upon the state examiner, deputy examiner, field
 22 examiner, private examiner, and the attorney general under IC 5-11-6
 23 by petition are conferred upon these officers, examiners, and the
 24 department without any petition. All the powers given these officers,
 25 examiners, and the department under any other statute may be used for
 26 the purpose of carrying out this chapter.

27 SECTION 33. IC 10-16-3-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. (a) The state
 29 **armory board** examiner, with the approval of the governor, may
 30 employ expert engineering and architectural services when necessary
 31 to assist the state **armory board** examiner, deputy examiner, field
 32 examiners, or private examiners in making inspections and
 33 examinations under this chapter.

34 (b) The state examiner, with the approval of the governor, shall fix
 35 and determine the amount to be paid for the expert service. Field
 36 examiners of the state board of accounts, when employed in performing
 37 the services provided for in this chapter, are entitled to receive the per
 38 diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2 and IC 4-10-11-2.1 for field examiners
 39 and all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as
 40 provided for in this chapter.

41 SECTION 34. IC 10-16-6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A person may not

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1 be commissioned as an officer of the Indiana national guard unless the
 2 person:

3 (1) is temperate and of good moral character; and
 4 (2) has successfully passed tests as to physical, mental, and
 5 professional fitness as may be prescribed by the laws and
 6 regulations applicable to the federally recognized national guard.

7 (b) In the selection and appointment of commissioned officers,
 8 preference shall be given to:

9 (1) a person with prior active military service;
 10 (2) an enlisted person;
 11 (3) a member of the **army or air** national guard; and
 12 (4) a graduate of a school teaching military science.

13 SECTION 35. IC 10-16-6-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 14 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) A commissioned officer:

16 (1) who serves in the Indiana national guard for at least five (5)
 17 years; or
 18 (2) who becomes permanently disabled from performing the
 19 officer's duties, irrespective of length of service;

20 may, upon retirement from the military service under conditions other
 21 than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~, **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**,
 22 whether by resignation or otherwise, and upon application to the
 23 adjutant general, be carried upon a roll to be established and
 24 maintained in the office of the adjutant general. The roll shall be
 25 designated the Indiana national guard retired list.

26 (b) The commissioned officer may wear, on occasion of ceremony,
 27 the uniform of the highest rank held by the officer.

28 (c) An officer carried on the Indiana national guard retired list, if
 29 qualified, is eligible for detail or appointment on the general staff or the
 30 staff of any commander when not physically disqualified for military
 31 duty. However, if an officer carried on the Indiana national guard
 32 retired list is appointed to a staff position as described in this section,
 33 the officer shall be recommissioned in the rank to which the officer has
 34 been appointed. The officer shall hold this rank during the time of the
 35 staff appointment unless the officer is promoted to a higher rank.

36 (d) If the officer retires for a second time from active service, the
 37 officer shall be entered on the Indiana national guard retired list with
 38 the officer's highest rank.

39 (e) An officer whose name appears on the national guard retired
 40 list is not entitled to receive any military pay or emolument from the
 41 state during the time the officer remains on the national guard retired
 42 list unless the officer is specifically assigned to duty on orders from the

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1 governor. If the officer is assigned to duty on orders from the governor,
 2 the officer is entitled only to the military pay and allowance provided
 3 by law for officers of the rank to which appointed.

4 SECTION 36. IC 10-16-18-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 5 1, 2026]. See: ~~†. A contract may not be entered into by the adjutant
 6 general or the armory board that provides for the use of Stout Field,
 7 Indianapolis, for purposes of commercial flying by transportation
 8 companies.~~

9 SECTION 37. IC 10-16-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 10 1, 2026]. (Indiana Cyber Civilian Corps Program Advisory Board).

11 SECTION 38. IC 10-16-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 12 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2026]:

14 **Chapter 22. Indiana Civilian Cyber Corps Program**

15 Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana civilian cyber corps program is
 16 established as a subdivision of the Indiana guard reserve organized
 17 and maintained under IC 10-16-8 with the primary mission of
 18 increasing cybersecurity awareness, capability, and capacity
 19 throughout Indiana. The secondary mission of the civilian cyber
 20 corps is to provide rapid response capabilities for cybersecurity
 21 clients that would otherwise be unable to appropriately:

- 22 (1) respond to;
- 23 (2) mitigate; or
- 24 (3) recover from;

25 a cybersecurity incident.

26 (b) The adjutant general shall administer the civilian cyber
 27 corps program.

28 (c) The following state agencies shall designate a liaison to the
 29 civilian cyber corps:

- 30 (1) The office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1.
- 31 (2) The department of homeland security established by
 32 IC 10-19-2-1.
- 33 (3) The state police department.

34 Sec. 2. (a) The adjutant general may invite and appoint an
 35 individual who has expertise in addressing cybersecurity incidents
 36 to serve as a civilian cyber corps volunteer or civilian cyber corps
 37 adviser in a manner prescribed by the adjutant general.

38 (b) The adjutant general shall require an individual who
 39 accepts an invitation to serve as a civilian cyber corps volunteer or
 40 civilian cyber corps adviser under subsection (a) to submit to a
 41 criminal history check.

42 Sec. 3. (a) A civilian cyber corps volunteer or civilian cyber

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1 **corps adviser is not an agent, employee, or independent contractor**
 2 **of the state of Indiana for any purpose and has no authority to bind**
 3 **the state of Indiana with regard to third parties.**

4 **(b) The state of Indiana is not liable to a civilian cyber corps**
 5 **volunteer or civilian cyber corps adviser for personal injury or**
 6 **property damage suffered by the civilian cyber corps volunteer or**
 7 **civilian cyber corps adviser through participation in the civilian**
 8 **cyber corps.**

9 **Sec. 4. (a) The adjutant general, the military department, and**
 10 **the state of Indiana are immune from tort liability for acts or**
 11 **omissions by a civilian cyber corps volunteer or civilian cyber**
 12 **corps adviser as provided in this chapter.**

13 **(b) A civilian cyber corps volunteer or civilian cyber corps**
 14 **adviser is subject to the same civil and criminal immunity**
 15 **protections as a member of the Indiana National Guard under**
 16 **IC 10-16-7-7(b) and IC 10-16-7-7(d) for any act done by the civilian**
 17 **cyber corps volunteer or civilian cyber corps adviser in the**
 18 **discharge of the civilian cyber corps volunteer's or civilian cyber**
 19 **corps adviser's official duty under this chapter.**

20 **Sec. 5. The civilian cyber corps shall conduct:**

- 21 **(1) an annual meeting that meets at the call of the adjutant**
 22 **general; and**
- 23 **(2) critical incident training or exercises at the call of the**
 24 **adjutant general.**

25 **Sec. 6. (a) A cybersecurity client may request cybersecurity**
 26 **training by the civilian cyber corps by submitting a request to the**
 27 **civilian cyber corps in a manner prescribed by the adjutant**
 28 **general.**

29 **(b) To initiate the deployment of a civilian cyber corps**
 30 **volunteer to provide training to a cybersecurity client, the adjutant**
 31 **general shall indicate in writing that the civilian cyber corps**
 32 **volunteer is authorized to provide training to the cybersecurity**
 33 **client.**

34 **(c) The adjutant general may enter into a contract with a**
 35 **cybersecurity client as a condition of providing training to the**
 36 **cybersecurity client through the civilian cyber corps.**

37 **(d) Acceptance by a cybersecurity client of training from a**
 38 **civilian cyber corps volunteer under this chapter must be made by**
 39 **the cybersecurity client in writing.**

40 **(e) The adjutant general shall maintain a written document**
 41 **initiating the deployment of a civilian cyber corps volunteer to**
 42 **provide training to a cybersecurity client for:**



(1) six (6) years after the end of the deployment; or
(2) the length of time required under the adjutant general's record retention policies;
whichever is longer.

Sec. 7. (a) A cybersecurity client:

- (1) shall notify the state police department upon the occurrence of a cybersecurity incident before requesting response capabilities of the civilian cyber corps; and
- (2) may, upon recognition of a potential security vulnerability that could lead to a cybersecurity incident, request the adjutant general to deploy one (1) or more civilian cyber corps volunteers to provide rapid response assistance to the cybersecurity client.

(b) The adjutant general may, at the adjutant general's discretion, initiate:

(1) the deployment of a civilian cyber corps volunteer; or
(2) the nondeployment of a civilian cyber corps adviser; in recognition of a potential security vulnerability that could lead to a cybersecurity incident and at the request of the cybersecurity client.

(c) To initiate the deployment of a civilian cyber corps volunteer to provide assistance to a cybersecurity client, the adjutant general shall indicate in writing that the civilian cyber corps volunteer is authorized to provide assistance to the cybersecurity client. A single written document may initiate the deployment of more than one (1) civilian cyber corps volunteer.

(d) The adjutant general may enter into a contract with a cybersecurity client as a condition of providing assistance to the cybersecurity client through the civilian cyber corps.

(e) Acceptance by a cybersecurity client of assistance from a civilian cyber corps volunteer under this chapter shall be made by the cybersecurity client in writing.

(f) The adjutant general shall maintain a written document initiating the deployment of a civilian cyber corps volunteer to provide assistance to a cybersecurity client for:

(1) six (6) years after the end of the deployment; or

(2) the length of time required under the adjutant general's record retention policies;

whichever is longer.

(g) At the discretion of the adjutant general, the deployment of a civilian cyber corps volunteer may be extended in writing in the same manner as the initial deployment.



1 **Sec. 8. (a) The adjutant general shall publish guidelines for the**
 2 **operation of the civilian cyber corps program. At a minimum, the**
 3 **published guidelines must include the following:**

4 (1) An explanation of the standards the adjutant general will
 5 use to determine whether an individual may serve as a
 6 civilian cyber corps volunteer or civilian cyber corps adviser
 7 and an explanation of the process by which an individual
 8 may become a civilian cyber corps volunteer or civilian
 9 cyber corps adviser.

10 (2) An explanation of the requirements the adjutant general
 11 will impose when a cybersecurity client requests and receives
 12 the assistance of the civilian cyber corps.

13 (3) An explanation of the process by which the civilian cyber
 14 corps will select and prioritize cybersecurity clients
 15 requesting assistance.

16 (b) The adjutant general may provide, or contract for the
 17 provision of, appropriate training to members of the civilian cyber
 18 corps.

19 (c) The military department may provide compensation for
 20 actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses incurred by
 21 a civilian cyber corps volunteer on a deployment.

22 (d) The adjutant general may establish a fee schedule for
 23 assistance provided by the civilian cyber corps.

24 **Sec. 9. (a) Information that is voluntarily given to the civilian**
 25 **cyber corps or obtained under this chapter that would identify or**
 26 **provide as a means of identifying a person or cybersecurity client,**
 27 **and the disclosure of which may:**

28 (1) cause the person or cybersecurity client to become a
 29 victim of a cybersecurity incident; or

30 (2) disclose a person's or cybersecurity client's cybersecurity
 31 plans or cybersecurity related practices, procedures,
 32 methods, results, organizational information system
 33 infrastructure, hardware, or software;

34 is confidential and exempt from disclosure under IC 5-14-3-4.

35 (b) The work product of a civilian cyber corps volunteer or
 36 civilian cyber corps adviser under this chapter is confidential and
 37 exempt from disclosure under IC 5-14-3-4.

38 SECTION 39. IC 10-16-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 39 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]:

41 **Chapter 23. Military Police Force of the Indiana National**
 42 **Guard**



1 **Sec. 1. The adjutant general may establish a military police**
 2 **force of the Indiana National Guard.**

3 **Sec. 2. (a) Before granting police powers to an individual**
 4 **appointed as a member of the military police force of the Indiana**
 5 **National Guard, the adjutant general shall validate that the**
 6 **individual has a current security clearance and has not been**
 7 **convicted of a felony.**

8 **(b) An individual appointed to serve in the military police**
 9 **force of the Indiana National Guard may not exercise police**
 10 **powers until the individual successfully completes either army or**
 11 **air military police occupational training and receives qualifying**
 12 **instruction on Indiana law enforcement prescribed by the adjutant**
 13 **general.**

14 **(c) An individual appointed to the military police force of the**
 15 **Indiana National Guard shall take an appropriate oath of office in**
 16 **the form and manner prescribed by the governor.**

17 **Sec. 3. The governor may authorize the military police force**
 18 **of the Indiana National Guard to exercise police powers**
 19 **throughout Indiana, or in any part of Indiana prescribed by the**
 20 **governor, if the governor orders the military police force of the**
 21 **Indiana National Guard to state active duty under IC 10-16-7-7,**
 22 **provided that the military police force of the Indiana National**
 23 **Guard's armaments are limited to weapon types customarily used**
 24 **by local law enforcement agencies.**

25 **Sec. 4. An individual serving in the military police force of the**
 26 **Indiana National Guard who is authorized to exercise police**
 27 **powers under section 3 of this chapter may:**

- 28 **(1) make an arrest;**
- 29 **(2) conduct a search or seizure of a person or property;**
- 30 **(3) carry a firearm; and**
- 31 **(4) exercise other police powers with respect to the**
 32 **enforcement of Indiana laws.**

33 **SECTION 40. IC 10-17-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,**
 34 **SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 35 **JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (h), a county executive**
 36 **shall employ a service officer and may employ service officer assistants**
 37 **to serve the veterans of the county. However, with the approval of the**
 38 **commission, two (2) or more counties may enter into an agreement to**
 39 **employ a service officer if each county demonstrates to the commission**
 40 **that the workload does not justify each county employing a separate**
 41 **county service officer.**

42 **(b) Subject to subsection (h), the mayor of a city may employ a**



1 service officer and may employ service officer assistants to serve the
 2 veterans of the city.

3 (c) The service officer shall:

4 (1) be:

5 (A) a veteran who received a discharge from military
 6 service under conditions other than conditions set forth in
 7 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)** and who has at least
 8 six (6) months of active service in the armed forces of the
 9 United States; or

10 (B) a service officer assistant with not less than two (2)
 11 years of experience; and

12 (2) be a resident of Indiana or become a resident of Indiana not
 13 more than six (6) months after the service officer's start date.

14 (d) A service officer assistant must be a resident of Indiana or
 15 become a resident of Indiana not later than six (6) months after the
 16 service officer assistant's start date and:

17 (1) satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1); or
 18 (2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person
 19 who satisfies the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1).

20 (e) A rule contrary to subsection (c) or (d) is void.

21 (f) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary
 22 for the purposes described in this section.

23 (g) Every county or city official and department of the county or
 24 city shall cooperate with the service officer and shall provide the
 25 service officer with information necessary in connection with the
 26 performance of the service officer's duties. Nothing in this subsection
 27 shall be construed to require a county or city to share information that
 28 is otherwise considered confidential in accordance with law.

29 (h) After June 30, 2026, a service officer must be accredited by the
 30 department in order to provide service to veterans on behalf of the
 31 county or city.

32 SECTION 41. IC 10-17-1-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.61-2023,
 33 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The following employees of the Indiana
 35 department of veterans' affairs must satisfy the requirements set forth
 36 in section 5(a) of this chapter:

37 (1) State service officers.

38 (2) Director of the state approving agency.

39 (3) Director of the Indiana state veterans' cemetery established
 40 by IC 10-17-11-4.

41 (b) An employee of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs not
 42 described in subsection (a) must be an Indiana resident who:

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(1) satisfy, received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States or the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); or

(2) **be** is the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person who satisfies the requirements set forth in section 5(a) of this chapter. **subdivision (1).**

SECTION 42. IC 10-17-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025.

SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The superintendent may not appoint or employ a person in an office or a place in the Indiana Veterans' Home because of the political views or affiliation of the appointee or employee or for a reason other than capacity and fitness for the duties to be performed by the appointee or employee. However, among applicants for appointment found capable and fit, preference shall be given to a military veteran who received a discharge from military service under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**, and the spouse, widow, widower, mother, and child of a military veteran who received a discharge from military service under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**.

SECTION 43. IC 10-17-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "eligible person" refers to either of the following:

(1) A member of the uniformed services who was discharged from the uniformed services under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~. IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).

(2) The spouse or surviving spouse of a member of the uniformed services who was discharged from the uniformed services under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~. IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).

(b) An eligible person who has a disability is eligible for admission to the home if:

(1) the eligible person is a resident of Indiana or establishes residency in Indiana not later than six (6) months after admission to the home; or

(2) in the case of an eligible person referred to in subsection (a)(1), the eligible person was a resident of Indiana when the eligible person enlisted in the uniformed services.

(c) The Indiana department of veterans' affairs shall adopt rules concerning admission to the home.

(d) In adopting rules governing the admission, maintenance, and

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1 discharge of members of the home, the Indiana department of veterans'
 2 affairs may establish a fund called the veterans' home comfort and
 3 welfare fund. The director shall deposit all money collected from the
 4 members for the cost of their care and maintenance in the fund. The
 5 director shall expend this money in any manner that adds to the comfort
 6 and welfare of the members of the institutions.

7 (e) A part of the veterans' home comfort and welfare fund may be
 8 withdrawn and deposited in a special fund called the veterans' home
 9 building fund. The veterans' home building fund shall be used for the
 10 construction, maintenance, remodeling, or repair of buildings of the
 11 home.

12 (f) Preference under this section may be given to a person who
 13 served in an Indiana military organization. Except in cases where the
 14 surviving spouse of a veteran marries another veteran, the benefits of
 15 this chapter extend only to a surviving spouse and the spouse of a
 16 veteran if the contract of marriage was entered into more than five (5)
 17 years before the date of death of the veteran. Except as otherwise
 18 provided by law, upon the death of a person in the home, money paid
 19 to the person or due to the person from a bank, a trust company, a
 20 corporation, or an individual becomes an asset of the person's estate
 21 and shall be distributed in the manner prescribed by the probate law of
 22 the state.

23 SECTION 44. IC 10-17-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 24 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) In order for an interested person to qualify
 26 for an allowance under this chapter:

27 (1) the decedent must have been an Indiana resident at the time
 28 of death and must have:

29 (A) received a discharge from the armed forces of the
 30 United States under conditions other than conditions set
 31 forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2); IC 10-17-12-8.1(2);~~ or

32 (B) died while serving in the armed forces of the United
 33 States; or

34 (2) the decedent must have been the spouse or surviving spouse
 35 of a person described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B) and must
 36 have been an Indiana resident at the time of death.

37 (b) An interested person must file a claim for an allowance under
 38 this chapter with the board of commissioners in the county of residence
 39 of the decedent described in subsection (a). The claim must include:

40 (1) the fact of the service, death, and discharge if discharged
 41 from service before death; and

42 (2) that the body has been buried in a decent and respectable



1 manner in a cemetery or burial ground or that the body has been
 2 cremated and the cremains have not been interred.

3 (c) The board of commissioners shall hear and determine the claim
 4 like other claims and, if the facts averred are found to be true, shall
 5 allow the claim in an amount set by ordinance. However, the amount
 6 of the allowance may not be more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

7 SECTION 45. IC 10-17-12-0.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.61-2023,
 8 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.7. The purpose of the fund established in section
 10 8 of this chapter is to provide short term financial assistance to families
 11 of qualified service members: qualifying applicants for housing,
 12 utilities, medical services, basic transportation, child care,
 13 education, employment, food, and other essential family support
 14 expenses that qualifying applicants are not otherwise able to
 15 afford.

16 SECTION 46. IC 10-17-12-7.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter, "qualified service
 18 member" means an individual who is an Indiana resident and who:

19 (1) is serving on active duty in:

20 (A) the armed forces of the United States; or

21 (B) the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4); or

22 (2) has served in or been discharged from the armed forces of the
 23 United States or the national guard under conditions other than
 24 the following:

25 (A) Discharge by court martial.

26 (B) Acceptance of a discharge to avoid a court martial.

27 (C) Discharge for having committed any of the following:

28 (i) An offense against the security of the United States,
 29 including spying, mutiny, or treason;

30 (ii) An act of willful or persistent misconduct,
 31 including desertion;

32 (iii) A sexual or violent offense against another person,
 33 including molestation, rape, or assault;

34 (iv) An act described on the list of disallowable
 35 separation codes adopted under section 10.5 of this
 36 chapter.

37 SECTION 47. IC 10-17-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
 38 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) The military family relief fund is
 40 established. to provide short term assistance with food, housing,
 41 utilities, medical services, basic transportation, child care, education,
 42 employment or workforce, and other essential family support expenses



1 that have become difficult to afford for qualified service members or
 2 dependents of qualified service members.

3 (b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the department
 4 shall expend the money in the fund exclusively to provide grants for
 5 assistance as described in subsection (a). **section 0.7 of this chapter.**

6 (c) The department shall give priority to applications for grants for
 7 assistance from the fund to ~~qualified service members or dependents~~
 8 **of qualified service members applicants** who have never received a
 9 grant under this chapter.

10 (d) Subject to the approval of the budget agency, the commission
 11 shall establish the maximum total dollar amount of grants that may be
 12 expended in a state fiscal year. Once the maximum total dollar amount
 13 of grants that may be expended in a state fiscal year is reached, no
 14 additional grants may be authorized until the start of the following state
 15 fiscal year.

16 (e) The director shall each year provide a report to the budget
 17 committee concerning the grant program under this chapter.

18 (f) ~~A qualified service member or the qualified service member's~~
 19 dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund.

20 (g) (f) The commission shall administer the fund.

21 (g) **The department shall report to the commission, at least**
 22 **quarterly, on the status of all applications filed during the previous**
 23 **quarter.**

24 SECTION 48. IC 10-17-12-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.1. To be eligible for a grant**
 27 **from the fund, an applicant must be an Indiana resident who meets**
 28 **at least one (1) of the following conditions:**

29 (1) **Is serving in:**

30 (A) the armed forces of the United States; or
 31 (B) the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4).

32 (2) **Has served in or been discharged from the armed forces**
 33 **of the United States or the national guard under conditions**
 34 **other than the following:**

35 (A) Discharge by court martial.

36 (B) Acceptance of a discharge to avoid a court martial.

37 (C) Discharge for having committed any of the
 38 following:

39 (i) An offense against the security of the United
 40 States, including spying, mutiny, or treason.

41 (ii) An act of willful or persistent misconduct,
 42 including desertion.



- (iii) A sexual or violent offense against another person, including molestation, rape, or assault.
- (iv) An act described on the list of disallowable separation codes adopted under section 10.5 of this chapter.

(3) Is the dependent of an individual described in subdivision (1) or (2).

SECTION 49. IC 10-17-12-8.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.3. (a) The department shall make a comprehensive assessment of an applicant's financial condition and needs when making a determination regarding an award from the fund.**

(b) The department shall use the most recently available poverty guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the evaluation of an applicant's financial eligibility.

(c) The applicant's federal gross income or combined federal gross income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse shall be calculated at the time of the application and be based on the two (2) most recent consecutive pay stubs. The department shall use this calculation to annualize the applicant's and the applicant's spouse's federal gross income.

(d) An applicant may not be eligible for assistance from the fund if the applicant's federal gross income, or the combined federal gross income of the applicant and the applicant's spouse, exceeds two (2) times the poverty guideline unless the commission approves an income waiver under subsection (e).

(e) The commission may waive the income threshold if the applicant requests a waiver in writing to the commission. The applicant must provide a statement letter and supporting documentation setting forth the reasons why a waiver should be granted.

(f) The department shall consider other income or assets available to the applicant and the applicant's spouse and determine a threshold concerning the allowable amount of available assets. The asset limits shall be posted on the department's website.

SECTION 50. IC 10-17-12-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) An applicant must establish that the applicant has incurred a genuine hardship to be eligible to receive assistance from the fund. The hardship incurred**

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1 **by the applicant must:**

2 **(1) directly impact the applicant's most central and basic**
 3 **living needs; and**
 4 **(2) not be a consequence of the applicant's own actions or**
 5 **choices, including discretionary expenditures on nonessential**
 6 **goods or services.**

7 **(b) The department shall not make an award from the fund to**
 8 **cover luxury, entertainment, recreational, or other nonessential**
 9 **expenses.**

10 SECTION 51. IC 10-17-12-8.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8.8. (a) **The department or**
 13 **commission may impose stipulations or conditions concerning an**
 14 **applicant seeking an award from the fund.**

15 (b) **If an applicant fails to satisfy any of the stipulations or**
 16 **conditions set forth by the department or commission, all**
 17 **applications submitted by the applicant shall be denied until the**
 18 **stipulation or condition is satisfactorily completed.**

19 (c) **The stipulations or conditions may include:**

20 **(1) meaningful engagement with the department of**
 21 **workforce development established by IC 22-4.1-2-1;**
 22 **(2) completion of a financial education course provided by**
 23 **the department; or**
 24 **(3) providing receipts from previous awards from the fund**
 25 **that evidence the award was used in accordance with the**
 26 **conditions or stipulations of the previous awards.**

27 (d) **If the department determines that the applicant made a**
 28 **material misrepresentation during the application process, the**
 29 **application shall be denied. Any future application submitted by**
 30 **the applicant shall be reviewed by the commission.**

31 SECTION 52. IC 10-17-12-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2021,
 32 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under
 34 IC 4-22-2 for the provision of grants under this chapter. Subject to
 35 subsection (b), the rules adopted under this section must address the
 36 following:

37 **(1) Uniform need determination procedures;**
 38 **(2) (1) Eligibility criteria, including income eligibility standards,**
 39 **asset limit eligibility standards, and other standards concerning**
 40 **when assistance may be provided;**
 41 **(3) (2) Application procedures;**
 42 **(4) Selection procedures;**



1 (5) (3) A consideration of the extent to which an individual has
 2 used assistance available from other assistance programs before
 3 assistance may be provided to the individual from the fund.
 4 (6) (4) Other areas in which the commission determines that
 5 rules are necessary to ensure the uniform administration of the
 6 grant program under this chapter.
 7 (b) The following apply to grants awarded under this chapter:
 8 (1) The income eligibility standards must be based on the federal
 9 gross income of the qualified service member and the qualified
 10 service member's spouse.
 11 (2) An employee of the department who is otherwise eligible for
 12 a grant from the fund must submit the employee's application
 13 directly to the commission for review. The department shall have
 14 no influence in any part of the employee's application.
 15 (3) (1) The maximum amount a qualified service member **an individual** may receive from the fund is two thousand five
 16 hundred dollars (\$2,500), unless a higher amount is approved by
 17 the commission.
 18 (4) (2) The commission may consider the following in its
 19 analysis of the applicant's request for assistance in excess of two
 20 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500):
 21 (A) The department's eligibility determination of the
 22 applicant.
 23 (B) Facts considered in the department's need
 24 determination. ~~review and award under 915 IAC 3-6-3 and~~
 25 ~~915 IAC 3-6-5.~~
 26 (C) The circumstances surrounding the applicant's hardship,
 27 if applicable.
 28 (D) Any substantive changes in the applicant's financial
 29 situation after the original application was submitted.
 30 (E) Facts that may have been unknown or unavailable at the
 31 time of the applicant's original application for assistance.
 32 (F) Other compelling circumstances that may justify
 33 assistance in excess of the two thousand five hundred dollar
 34 (\$2,500) threshold.
 35 (3) **An employee of the department who is otherwise eligible for a grant from the fund must submit the employee's application directly to the commission for review. The department shall have no influence in any part of the employee's application.**
 36 (5) (4) The commission shall approve or deny within sixty (60)
 37 days an application for a grant filed with the commission after
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8 SECTION 53. IC 10-17-12-12, AS AMENDED BY THE
9 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. The director shall establish the capability to
12 receive donations to the fund from the public on the department's
13 Internet site, website.

14 SECTION 54. IC 10-17-12-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.132-2019,
15 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. **(a)** Except as provided in section 15 of this
17 chapter, the department shall approve or deny an application for a grant
18 filed with the department ~~after June 30, 2019~~, within sixty (60) days.

22 SECTION 55. IC 10-17-12-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) An applicant whose
25 request for short term financial assistance from the fund is denied
26 may appeal the determination by submitting an appeal letter to the
27 department.

30 (c) The appeal shall be conducted in accordance with
31 IC 4-21.5-3.

32 SECTION 56. IC 10-17-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.7-2014,
33 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall manage and develop
35 the fund and the assets of the fund.

36 (b) The commission shall do the following:

37 (1) Carry out the duties of the commission set forth in

38 IC 10-17-1.

39 (2) Establish written guidelines that specify the criteria for

40 determining priority of applications for the purpose of providing

41 financial assistance to ~~qualified service members or dependents~~

42 ~~of qualified service members applicants~~ as described under

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1 IC 10-17-12-8(c).

9 (A) establish adequate long term financial goals for the
10 fund; and
11 (B) provide adequate funding for the military family relief
12 fund established by IC 10-17-12-8.

16 (6) Perform other tasks consistent with prudent management and
17 development of the fund.

18 SECTION 57. IC 10-17-13.5-3, AS AMENDED BY
19 P.L.238-2025, SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this
21 chapter, "veteran" means an individual residing in Indiana who:

22 (1) has served in any branch of the armed forces of the United
23 States or their reserves, in the national guard, or in the Indiana
24 National Guard; and

25 (2) received a discharge from military service under conditions
26 other than conditions set forth in IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).
27 **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**

28 SECTION 58. IC 10-18-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.149-2016,
29 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana war memorials commission is
31 established.

35 (1) a resident of that congressional district;
36 (2) a veteran of service in the armed forces of the United States
37 of America in time of war;
38 (3) a citizen of Indiana at the time of the service; and

39 (4) appointed:

40 (A) in the manner;

41 (B) for the terms;

42 (C) to have

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1 (D) to perform the duties;
2 as provided in this chapter.

3 (c) The commission:
4 (1) as the commission and in the commission's name, may
5 prosecute and defend suits; and
6 (2) has all other duties, rights, and powers that are:
7 (A) necessary to implement this chapter; and
8 (B) not inconsistent with this chapter.

9 (d) The members of the commission are not liable in their
10 individual capacity, except to the state, for any act done or omitted in
11 connection with the performance of their duties under this chapter.

12 (e) A suit against the commission must be brought in a court with
13 jurisdiction in Marion County. Notice or summons of the suit shall be
14 served upon the president, vice president, or secretary of the
15 commission. In a suit against the commission, it is not necessary to
16 name the individual members of the commission as either plaintiff or
17 defendant. Commission members may sue and be sued in the name of
18 the Indiana war memorials commission.

19 (f) The commission shall
20 (1) report to the governor **in a manner prescribed by the**
21 **governor.** through the adjutant general; and
22 (2) be under the adjutant general for administrative supervision.

23 SECTION 59. IC 14-15-2-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
24 1, 2026]. Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to a motorboat
25 competing in and during a motorboat race for which a permit has been
26 issued by the department.

27 (b) A person may not operate a motorboat on Indiana water unless
28 the boat motor is equipped with:
29 (1) a muffler;
30 (2) an underwater exhaust; or
31 (3) other device;
32 that muffles or suppresses the sound of the exhaust.

33 SECTION 60. IC 14-15-2-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
34 1, 2026]. Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to a motorboat
35 competing in and during a motorboat race for which a permit has been
36 issued by the department.

37 (b) A person may not operate a motorboat on Indiana water if the
38 boat motor is equipped with any of the following:
39 (1) A muffler cutout.
40 (2) A bypass.
41 (3) Any device similar to a muffler cutout or bypass.

42 SECTION 61. IC 14-15-2-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) **Except as**
 2 **provided in subsection (c), this section applies to sailing vessels at**
 3 **least seven (7) meters in length. the following:**

4 (1) Nonpowered boats including canoes and kayaks;

5 (2) Sailboats not more than twenty-two (22) feet in length under
 6 sail alone;

7 (3) Boats powered only by electric motor on lakes restricted to
 8 propulsion solely by oars, paddles, or electric motors;

9 (4) Any boat using an electric motor for positioning purposes
 10 only;

11 (b) A boat sailing vessel described under subsection (a) must be
 12 equipped with lights as required by 33 CFR 83.25. a hand portable
 13 lantern or flashlight not affixed or attached to any part of the boat and
 14 capable of throwing a white light visible for a distance of at least two
 15 (2) miles. The operator of the boat shall display the same or the white
 16 light aft, if available; in sufficient time to avoid a collision with any
 17 other boat that is being operated in accordance with this article.

18 (c) A sailing vessel:

19 (1) less than seven (7) meters in length; or

20 (2) powered by oars;

21 may be equipped with lights as permitted under 33 CFR 83.25.

22 SECTION 62. IC 14-15-2-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13.5. As required by the United
 25 States Coast Guard under 46 U.S.C. 4312, a vessel must be
 26 equipped with an engine cut-off switch.

27 SECTION 63. IC 14-15-3-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.69-2009,
 28 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. A person operating a boat shall observe the
 30 following all traffic rules under 33 CFR 83, if applicable. when
 31 applicable:

32 (1) When two (2) boats are approaching each other "head and
 33 head"; or nearly so; each boat shall bear to the right and pass the
 34 other boat on the boat's left side;

35 (2) When two (2) boats are approaching each other obliquely or
 36 at right angles, the boat on the right has the right-of-way.
 37 However, when:

38 (A) one (1) boat is under sail or is nonmotorized, the
 39 sailboat or nonmotorized boat has the right-of-way; and

40 (B) two (2) boats are under sail or are nonmotorized, the
 41 boat on the right has the right-of-way;

42 (3) A boat operated on a river or a channel shall bear to the right.

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1 (4) A boat may overtake and pass another boat on either side if
 2 the passing can be done with safety and within the assured clear
 3 distance ahead, but the boat overtaken has the right-of-way.

4 (5) A boat leaving a dock, a pier, a wharf, or the shore has the
 5 right-of-way over all boats approaching the dock, pier, wharf, or
 6 shore.

7 SECTION 64. IC 14-15-2-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2022,

8 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) A person who violates section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
 10 6, 7(b), 9, 10, or 13 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

11 (b) A person who violates section 7(c) or 8 of this chapter commits
 12 a Class A infraction. Notwithstanding IC 34-28-5-4(a), a judgment of
 13 at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be imposed for each Class
 14 A infraction committed in violation of section 7(c) or 8 of this chapter.

15 SECTION 65. IC 16-33-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 16 SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the
 18 superintendent of the home shall be appointed in the manner prescribed
 19 by law and must meet all of the following conditions:

20 (1) Be a teacher licensed by the state or have at least a
 21 baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in
 22 a field related to education or child growth and development.

23 (2) Have experience working with children.

24 (3) At the time of appointment, be a resident and citizen of
 25 Indiana.

26 (4) Have other qualifications as required by the state health
 27 commissioner.

28 (b) When at least two (2) candidates meet the conditions listed in
 29 subsection (a), the state health commissioner shall give preference to
 30 individuals who have been discharged from the armed forces of the
 31 United States under conditions other than conditions set forth in
 32 IC 10-17-12-7.5(2) IC 10-17-12-8.1(2) in appointing a candidate to the
 33 position of superintendent of the home.

34 SECTION 66. IC 20-20-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 35 SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible veteran" refers
 37 to an individual who has the following qualifications:

38 (1) Served as a member of the armed forces of the United States
 39 at any time during at least one (1) of the following periods:

40 (A) Beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11,
 41 1918 (World War I).

42 (B) Beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31,

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1 1946 (World War II).
2 (C) Beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955
3 (Korean Conflict).
4 (D) Beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975
5 (Vietnam Conflict).
6 (2) Before the military service described in subdivision (1):
7 (A) attended a public or nonpublic high school in Indiana;
8 and
9 (B) was a student in good standing at the high school
10 described in clause (A), to the satisfaction of the department
11 of veterans' affairs.
12 (3) Did not graduate or receive a diploma because of leaving the
13 high school described in subdivision (2) for the military service
14 described in subdivision (1).
15 (4) Was discharged from the armed forces of the United States
16 under conditions other than conditions set forth in
17 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**
18 SECTION 67. IC 20-20-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
19 SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The department and the department of
21 veterans' affairs shall jointly design a form for the application for
22 issuance of a diploma under the program.
23 (b) The application form must require at least the following
24 information about an eligible veteran:
25 (1) Personal identification information.
26 (2) Military service information, including a copy of the eligible
27 veteran's discharge from military service under conditions other
28 than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).~~
29 **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**
30 (3) High school information, including the following:
31 (A) Name and address, including county, of the last high
32 school attended.
33 (B) Whether the high school was a public or nonpublic
34 school.
35 (C) Years attended.
36 (D) Year of leaving high school to begin military service.
37 (E) Year in which the veteran would have graduated if the
38 veteran had not left high school to begin military service.
39 (4) If the high school attended was a public school, whether the
40 veteran prefers receiving a diploma issued by:
41 (A) the state board; or
42 (B) the governing body of the school corporation governing

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1 the high school.

2 SECTION 68. IC 21-12-13-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-2023,
3 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following
5 scholarship and fee remission statutes:

- 6 (1) IC 21-12-3.
- 7 (2) IC 21-12-4.
- 8 (3) IC 21-12-6.
- 9 (4) IC 21-13-2.
- 10 (5) IC 21-13-7.
- 11 (6) IC 21-13-8.
- 12 (7) IC 21-13-4.
- 13 (8) IC 21-14-5.
- 14 (9) IC 21-12-16.

(1) except as provided in subdivision (2), four (4) undergraduate academic years, as determined by the commission, or
(2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, six (6) academic years as determined by the commission;

25 and must be used within eight (8) years after the date the individual
26 first applies and becomes eligible for benefits under the applicable law.

31 (e) (d) The commission may, subject to the availability of funds,
32 extend eligibility under subsection (b) for a recipient who used a grant
33 or reduction in tuition or fees under any of the statutes listed in
34 subsection (a) at a postsecondary educational institution that closed.
35 The extension of eligibility may not exceed the number of terms used
36 by the recipient at the postsecondary educational institution that closed.

37 SECTION 69. IC 22-4.1-4-3.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
38 SECTION 61, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.3. (a) As used in this section, "veteran" means:

40 (1) a Hoosier veteran (as defined in IC 1-1-4-5(b)); or
41 (2) an individual who satisfies the following:
42 (A) The individual is a resident of Indiana.

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(B) The individual has previously served ~~on active duty~~ in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard.

(C) The individual received a discharge from service under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~. IC **10-17-12-8.1(2)**.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by federal law, the department shall give a veteran or the spouse of a veteran priority for placement in any federal or state employment or training program administered by the department if the veteran or the veteran's spouse:

- (1) submits documentation satisfactory to the department establishing the veteran's honorable discharge from service; and
- (2) meets the eligibility requirements for the program.

SECTION 70. IC 25-8-12.1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025, SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. A person who:

(1) enters active military service of the United States or of this state;

(A) in time of war or an emergency;

(B) for or during a period of training; or

(C) in connection with or under the operation of a system of selective service; and

at the time of entry holds a valid license as a registered
paper;

shall be granted a similar certificate of registration or license upon presenting to the board a discharge from military service under conditions other than conditions set forth in **IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)**, **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**, dated not more than six (6) months before the time of the presentation. The similar certificate or license shall be granted by the board upon payment of a fee established by the board.

SECTION 71. IC 25-10-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025, SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. Any applicant for a license to practice chiropractic who is a graduate of a legally incorporated chiropractic school, institution or college, and who can produce satisfactory evidence to the board that the:

(1) applicant's chiropractic education was interrupted by reason of the applicant's induction or enlistment into the active armed forces of the United States; and

(2) applicant received a discharge from the armed forces under conditions other than conditions set forth in IE 10-17-12-7.5(2);

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1 **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2);**

2 is entitled to have the applicant's date of graduation determined as if
 3 the applicant had completed the applicant's course of study in
 4 chiropractic without the interruption.

5 SECTION 72. IC 25-25-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 6 SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to:

8 (1) any veteran described in IC 10-17-5-2 or IC 10-17-5-1
 9 (before their repeal); or
 10 (2) any other veteran to whom this chapter applies because of the
 11 provisions of any other statute;

12 who received a discharge from military service under conditions other
 13 than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**
 14 from such service issued by the proper authorities. Such a person shall
 15 be entitled to a license to vend, hawk, and peddle goods, wares, fruits,
 16 and merchandise in any county, city, or town in Indiana without the
 17 payment of any fee for the license. Upon the presentation of the
 18 person's certificate and papers of discharge, properly executed, to the
 19 auditor of any county and proving the person's identity as the person
 20 named in the person's certificate of discharge, the auditor shall issue to
 21 the former soldier or sailor a free license to vend, hawk, and peddle
 22 goods, wares, fruits, and merchandise in the county and in all cities and
 23 towns in the county. A fee may not be charged to the holder of the
 24 license by the auditor, by the authorities of any city or town in the
 25 county, or by any other officer. The license shall be full and complete
 26 authority to vend, hawk, and peddle without the payment of any sum of
 27 money.

28 (b) A person who acquires a license under this section is subject
 29 to all county, city, or town regulations and ordinances concerning
 30 vendors, hawkers, or peddlers, except for those provisions requiring
 31 payment of money for obtaining a license.

32 SECTION 73. IC 25-37-1-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 33 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) This section applies to a county having a
 35 consolidated city.

36 (b) A veteran who received a discharge from the armed forces of
 37 the United States under conditions other than conditions set forth in
 38 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)** is exempt from the payment of
 39 a fee for a transient merchant license issued under this chapter by a
 40 municipality located wholly or partially within the county.

41 (c) Upon the presentation of the veteran's certificate and papers of
 42 discharge and proof of the veteran's identity, the official designated by

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1 the municipality shall issue a transient merchant license to the veteran.
2 A person licensed under this section shall comply with all ordinances
3 of the county or municipality governing transient merchants.

4 SECTION 74. IC 34-13-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
5 SECTION 182, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A governmental entity or an
7 employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment is not
8 liable if a loss results from the following:

9 (1) The natural condition of unimproved property.
10 (2) The condition of a reservoir, dam, canal, conduit, drain, or
11 similar structure when used by a person for a purpose that is not
12 foreseeable.

13 (3) The temporary condition of a public thoroughfare or extreme
14 sport area that results from weather.

15 (4) The condition of an unpaved road, trail, or footpath, the
16 purpose of which is to provide access to a recreation or scenic
17 area.

18 (5) The design, construction, control, operation, or normal
19 condition of an extreme sport area, if all entrances to the extreme
20 sport area are marked with:

21 (A) a set of rules governing the use of the extreme sport
22 area;

23 (B) a warning concerning the hazards and dangers
24 associated with the use of the extreme sport area; and

25 (C) a statement that the extreme sport area may be used
26 only by persons operating extreme sport equipment.

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

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

31 (7) The performance of a discretionary function; however, the
32 provision of medical or optical care as provided in
33 IC 34-6-2.1-54 shall be considered as a ministerial act.

34 (8) The adoption and enforcement of or failure to adopt or
35 enforce:

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

37 (B) in the case of a public school or charter school, a policy;
38 unless the act of enforcement constitutes false arrest or false
39 imprisonment.

40 (9) An act or omission performed in good faith and without
41 malice under the apparent authority of a statute which is invalid
42 if the employee would not have been liable had the statute been



1 valid.

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

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

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

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

15 (14) Misrepresentation if unintentional.

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

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

25 (A) on probation;

26 (B) assigned to an alcohol and drug services program under
27 IC 12-23, a minimum security release program under
28 IC 11-10-8, a pretrial conditional release program under
29 IC 35-33-8, or a community corrections program under
30 IC 11-12; or

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

36 (i) gross negligence;
37 (ii) willful or wanton misconduct; or
38 (iii) intentional misconduct.

39 (18) Design of a highway (as defined in IC 9-13-2-73), toll road
40 project (as defined in IC 8-15-2-4(4)), tollway (as defined in
41 IC 8-15-3-7), or project (as defined in IC 8-15.7-2-14) if the
42 claimed loss occurs at least twenty (20) years after the public

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1 highway, toll road project, tollway, or project was designed or
 2 substantially redesigned; except that this subdivision shall not be
 3 construed to relieve a responsible governmental entity from the
 4 continuing duty to provide and maintain public highways in a
 5 reasonably safe condition.

6 (19) Development, adoption, implementation, operation,
 7 maintenance, or use of an enhanced emergency communication
 8 system.

9 (20) Injury to a student or a student's property by an employee of
 10 a school corporation if the employee is acting reasonably under
 11 a:

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

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

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

24 (A) the loss is a result of reckless conduct; or
 25 (B) the governmental entity was responsible for the initial
 26 placement of the hazardous substances, petroleum, or other
 27 pollutants on the brownfield.

28 (23) The operation of an off-road vehicle (as defined in
 29 IC 14-8-2-185) by a nongovernmental employee, or by a
 30 governmental employee not acting within the scope of the
 31 employment of the employee, on a public highway in a county
 32 road system outside the corporate limits of a city or town, unless
 33 the loss is the result of an act or omission amounting to:

34 (A) gross negligence;
 35 (B) willful or wanton misconduct; or
 36 (C) intentional misconduct.

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

42 (24) Any act or omission rendered in connection with a request,



1 investigation, assessment, or opinion provided under
 2 IC 36-9-28.7.

3 **(25) Any act or omission rendered in connection with an
 4 Indiana civilian cyber corps program deployment as
 5 provided under IC 10-16-22.**

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

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

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

20 SECTION 75. IC 34-30-2.1-125.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 125.2. IC 10-16-22-3 (Concerning
 23 Indiana civilian cyber corps volunteers or civilian cyber corps
 24 advisers).**

25 SECTION 76. IC 34-30-2.1-125.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 26 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 125.3. IC 10-16-22-4 (Concerning
 28 Indiana civilian cyber corps volunteers or civilian cyber corps
 29 advisers).**

30 SECTION 77. IC 34-30-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. If a person or entity,
 32 other than a person or entity listed in subdivisions (1) through (10),
 33 enters into a written agreement to use space in an armory for a function,
 34 the following persons and entities are not liable for civil damages for
 35 any property damage or bodily injury resulting from the serving of food
 36 or beverages at the function held at the armory:

37 (1) The state.

38 (2) The Indiana army national guard.

39 (3) The Indiana air national guard.

40 (4) The army national guard of the United States.

41 (5) The air national guard of the United States.

42 (6) The adjutant general appointed under IC 10-16-2-6.



3 (8) The officers and enlisted members of the Indiana army
4 national guard and the Indiana air national guard.

5 (9) The state armory board appointed under IC 10-16-3-1 and the
6 members of that board.

7 (10) The local armory board appointed under IC 10-16-4-1 for
8 the armory and the members of that board.

9 SECTION 78. IC 35-31.5-2-185, AS AMENDED BY
10 P.L.238-2025, SECTION 85, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 185. (a) "Law
12 enforcement officer" means:

13 (1) a police officer (including a tribal police officer, a
14 correctional police officer, and a hospital police officer
15 employed by a hospital police department established under
16 IC 16-18-4), sheriff, constable, marshal, prosecuting attorney,
17 special prosecuting attorney, special deputy prosecuting
18 attorney, the securities commissioner, the state fire marshal, the
19 executive director of the department of homeland security, or the
20 inspector general;

21 (2) a deputy of any of those persons;

22 (3) an investigator for a prosecuting attorney or for the inspector
23 general;

24 (4) a conservation officer;

25 (5) an enforcement officer of the alcohol and tobacco
26 commission;

27 (6) an enforcement officer of the securities division of the office
28 of the secretary of state;

(8) a fire investigator of the department of homeland security; or
(9) a member in the military police force of the Indiana National Guard while exercising police powers in accordance with IC 10-16-23-3.

36 (b) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-42-2-1,
37 includes an alcoholic beverage enforcement officer, as set forth in
38 IC 35-42-2-1.

39 (c) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-45-15,
40 includes a federal enforcement officer, as set forth in IC 35-45-15-3.

(d) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-44.1-3-1 and IC 35-44.1-3-2, includes a school resource officer (as defined in

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1 IC 20-26-18.2-1) and a school corporation police officer appointed
2 under IC 20-26-16.

3 (e) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the
4 meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.

5 SECTION 79. IC 36-1-8.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.122-2023,
6 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement
8 officer" means an individual who is employed or was formerly
9 employed as:

10 (1) a police officer (including a tribal police officer, a
11 correctional police officer, and a hospital police officer
12 employed by a hospital police department established under
13 IC 16-18-4), sheriff, constable, marshal, prosecuting attorney,
14 special prosecuting attorney, special deputy prosecuting
15 attorney, the securities commissioner, or the inspector general;
16 (2) a deputy of any of the persons specified in subdivision (1);
17 (3) an investigator for a prosecuting attorney or for the inspector
18 general;

19 (4) a conservation officer;

20 (5) an enforcement officer of the alcohol and tobacco
21 commission; **or**

22 (6) an enforcement officer of the securities division of the office
23 of the secretary of state; **or**

24 **(7) a member in the military police force of the Indiana
25 National Guard while exercising police powers in accordance
26 with IC 10-16-23-3.**

27 SECTION 80. IC 36-8-2.1-3.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.64-2022,
28 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.1. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer"
30 means the following:

31 (1) A police officer who is a full-time, paid, nonprobationary
32 member of a police department. The term does not include a:

33 **(A) member in the military police force of the Indiana
34 National Guard under IC 10-16-23;**

35 **(B) tribal police officer; or**

36 **(C) a member of the state police department.**

37 (2) A firefighter who is a full-time, paid, nonprobationary
38 member of a fire department. The term does not include a
39 volunteer firefighter.

40 SECTION 81. IC 36-8-4-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
41 SECTION 92, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the board or



1 persons having the authority to employ members of the fire or police
 2 department shall give a preference for employment according to the
 3 following priority:

4 (1) A war veteran who has been discharged from the armed
 5 forces of the United States under conditions other than
 6 conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~. **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)**.

7 (2) A person whose mother or father was a:

8 (A) firefighter of a unit;
 9 (B) municipal police officer; or
 10 (C) county police officer;

11 who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).

12 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the board or person having the
 13 authority to employ members of a fire or police department may give
 14 a preference for employment to any of the following:

15 (1) A police officer or firefighter laid off by another city under
 16 section 11 of this chapter.

17 (2) A county police officer laid off by a sheriff's department
 18 under IC 36-8-10-11.1.

19 (3) A person who:

20 (A) was employed full-time or part-time by a township to
 21 provide fire protection and emergency services; and
 22 (B) has been laid off by the township.

23 (c) A person described in subsection (a) or (b) may not receive a
 24 preference for employment unless the person:

25 (1) applies; and

26 (2) meets all employment requirements prescribed:

27 (A) by law, including physical and age requirements; and
 28 (B) by the fire or police department.

29 SECTION 82. IC 36-8-4.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
 30 SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 31 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Notwithstanding any contrary law, an
 32 appointing authority shall waive any age restriction for a person not
 33 more than forty (40) years and six (6) months of age that applies to the
 34 appointment and hiring of an individual as:

35 (1) a member of the police department; or

36 (2) a member of the fire department;

37 if the individual meets the requirements of subsection (b).

38 (b) An individual who meets all the following requirements is
 39 entitled to the waiver described in subsection (a):

40 (1) On the date the individual applies to be appointed and hired
 41 as:

42 (A) a member of the police department; or



(B) a member of the fire department;
the individual is a veteran who has completed at least twenty
(20) years of military service.

4 (2) The individual received or is eligible to receive a discharge
5 from the armed forces of the United States under conditions
6 other than conditions set forth in IC 10-17-12-7.5(2).
7 **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).**

10 (A) a member of the police department; or
11 (B) a member of the fire department;
12 including all physical requirements.

15 SECTION 83. IC 36-8-5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025,
16 SECTION 95, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) A police officer or firefighter desiring to
18 return to service in the police or fire department shall report to the
19 person responsible for regulating and employing members of the
20 department. This action must be taken within sixty (60) days after a
21 discharge under conditions other than conditions set forth in
22 ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ **IC 10-17-12-8.1(2)** from military service or
23 government war work.

32 SECTION 84. IC 36-8-10-10.4, AS AMENDED BY
33 P.L.238-2025, SECTION 96, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.4. (a) Subject to
35 subsection (c), the board shall give a preference for employment
36 according to the following priority:

37 (1) A war veteran who has been discharged from the armed
38 forces of the United States under conditions other than
39 conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~ IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).

40 (2) A person whose mother or father was a:
41 (A) firefighter of a unit;
42 (B) municipal police officer; or

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(C) county police officer;
who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).

(b) Subject to subsection (c), the board may give a preference for employment to any of the following:

- (1) A member of another department laid off under section 11.1 of this chapter.
- (2) A police officer laid off by a city under IC 36-8-4-11.

(c) A person described in subsection (a) or (b) may not receive a preference for employment unless the person:

- (1) applies; and
- (2) meets all employment requirements prescribed:
 - (A) by law, including physical and age requirements; and
 - (B) by the department.

SECTION 85. IC 36-8-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2025, SECTION 102, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The executive of a township, with the approval of the legislative body, may do the following:

- (1) Purchase firefighting and emergency services apparatus and equipment for the township, provide for the housing, care, maintenance, operation, and use of the apparatus and equipment to provide services within the township but outside the corporate boundaries of municipalities, and employ full-time or part-time personnel to operate the apparatus and equipment and to provide services in that area. Preference in employment under this section shall be given according to the following priority:
 - (A) A war veteran who has been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than conditions set forth in ~~IC 10-17-12-7.5(2)~~
IC 10-17-12-8.1(2).
 - (B) A person whose mother or father was a:
 - (i) firefighter of a unit;
 - (ii) municipal police officer; or
 - (iii) county police officer;

who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2). The executive of a township may give a preference for employment under this section to a person who was employed full-time or part-time by another township to provide fire protection and emergency services and has been laid off by the township. The executive of a township may also give a preference for employment to a firefighter laid off by a city under IC 36-8-4-11. A person described in this subdivision may not receive a preference for employment unless the person

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1 applies for employment and meets all employment requirements
 2 prescribed by law, including physical and age requirements, and
 3 all employment requirements prescribed by the fire department.
 4 (2) Contract with a municipality in the township or in a
 5 contiguous township that maintains adequate firefighting or
 6 emergency services apparatus and equipment to provide fire
 7 protection or emergency services for the township in accordance
 8 with IC 36-1-7.
 9 (3) Cooperate with a municipality in the township or in a
 10 contiguous township in the purchase, maintenance, and upkeep
 11 of firefighting or emergency services apparatus and equipment
 12 for use in the municipality and township in accordance with
 13 IC 36-1-7.
 14 (4) Contract with a volunteer fire department that has been
 15 organized to fight fires in the township for the use and operation
 16 of firefighting apparatus and equipment that has been purchased
 17 by the township in order to save the private and public property
 18 of the township from destruction by fire, including use of the
 19 apparatus and equipment in an adjoining township by the
 20 department if the department has made a contract with the
 21 executive of the adjoining township for the furnishing of
 22 firefighting service within the township.
 23 (5) Contract with a volunteer fire department that maintains
 24 adequate firefighting service in accordance with IC 36-8-12.
 25 (6) Use money in the township's rainy day fund to pay costs
 26 attributable to providing fire protection or emergency services
 27 under this chapter.
 28 (b) This subsection applies only to townships that provide fire
 29 protection or emergency services or both under subsection (a)(1) and
 30 to municipalities that have some part of the municipal territory within
 31 a township and do not have a full-time paid fire department. A
 32 township may provide fire protection or emergency services or both
 33 without contracts inside the corporate boundaries of the municipalities
 34 if before July 1 of a year the following occur:
 35 (1) The legislative body of the municipality adopts an ordinance
 36 to have the township provide the services without a contract.
 37 (2) The township legislative body passes a resolution approving
 38 the township's provision of the services without contracts to the
 39 municipality.
 40 In a township providing services to a municipality under this section,
 41 the legislative body of either the township or a municipality in the
 42 township may opt out of participation under this subsection by adopting

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1 an ordinance or a resolution, respectively, before July 1 of a year.
2 (c) This subsection applies only to a township that:
3 (1) is located in a county containing a consolidated city;
4 (2) has at least three (3) included towns (as defined in
5 IC 36-3-1-7) that have all municipal territory completely within
6 the township on January 1, 1996; and
7 (3) provides fire protection or emergency services, or both, under
8 subsection (a)(1);
9 and to included towns (as defined in IC 36-3-1-7) that have all the
10 included town's municipal territory completely within the township. A
11 township may provide fire protection or emergency services, or both,
12 without contracts inside the corporate boundaries of the municipalities
13 if before August 1 of the year preceding the first calendar year to which
14 this subsection applies the township legislative body passes a
15 resolution approving the township's provision of the services without
16 contracts to the municipality. The resolution must identify the included
17 towns to which the resolution applies. In a township providing services
18 to a municipality under this section, the legislative body of the
19 township may opt out of participation under this subsection by adopting
20 a resolution before July 1 of a year. A copy of a resolution adopted
21 under this subsection shall be submitted to the executive of each
22 included town covered by the resolution, the county auditor, and the
23 department of local government finance.

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