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SENATE BILL No. 4

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Citations Affected: IC 2-5; IC 4-29.5; IC 5-28; IC 6-1.1; IC 12-29; noncode.

Synopsis: Various fiscal matters. Requires the legislative services agency to perform a fiscal impact analysis for all executive orders issued by the governor within seven days of an order's issuance. (Under current law, this requirement only applies to a governor's declaration of a disaster emergency by executive order.) Amends the Pokagon Indiana Education Fund to allow payments to be made to both public and private Indiana institutions of higher learning for the purposes of the fund. Amends provisions regarding budget committee review of tax credits in determining the annual aggregate tax credit cap. Amends provisions to subject all taxing units with an unelected board to binding review of the board's budget by the county, city, or town fiscal body. Provides that effective July 1, 2028, a county may (instead of shall) provide property tax funding for the operation of community mental health centers and makes conforming changes. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on courts and the judiciary the task of undertaking a comprehensive study of all court fees and fines.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2025 (retroactive); July 1, 2026; July 1, 2028.

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January 22, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-1.1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
2 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) The council shall maintain a bipartisan
4 service and administrative agency for the general assembly to assist it
5 in the performance of its constitutional responsibilities as a separate
6 and independent legislative branch of state government. The service
7 and administrative agency shall be known as the "Legislative Services
8 Agency".
9 (b) In maintaining the legislative services agency the council shall:
10 (1) establish the qualifications for and employ such personnel as
11 are required to carry out the purposes and provisions of this
12 chapter;
13 (2) employ an executive director, to be charged with the
14 administrative responsibility of all offices, departments, or
15 divisions which the council may from time to time establish, and
16 to serve as chief executive under the council;
17 (3) adopt rules and regulations governing personnel practices and

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1 establishing the rights, privileges, powers, and duties of all
2 employees;

3 (4) provide for employees to be covered by the public employees'
4 retirement fund; and

5 (5) establish a pay scale for all employees including the executive
6 director.

7 Rules and regulations adopted by the council under subdivision (3) are
8 not subject to IC 4-22-2. In those rules and regulations, the council may
9 limit the political activity of legislative services agency employees.

10 (c) The executive director is entitled to serve as long as he properly
11 performs his duties, but he may be removed at any time upon the
12 affirmative vote of twelve (12) members of the council.

13 (d) The executive director may submit to the council such reports
14 and drafts of resolutions, budgets, and appropriation bills as may be
15 required for the efficient operation of the council's activities and
16 programs.

17 (e) The legislative services agency shall perform such bill drafting,
18 research, code revision, fiscal, budgetary, and management analysis,
19 information, administrative, and other services as are requested by the
20 council.

21 (f) The legislative services agency shall perform a fiscal impact
22 analysis for each executive order issued by the governor ~~under~~
23 ~~IC 10-14-3~~ within seven (7) days of the executive order issuance and
24 provide the fiscal note to:

25 (1) the legislative council; and

26 (2) the budget committee.

27 SECTION 2. IC 4-29.5-18-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2021,
28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. The Pokagon Indiana Education Fund shall
30 be used solely to make payments directly to Indiana ~~public~~ institutions
31 of higher learning or workforce development and training programs
32 approved by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development for
33 eligible Band citizens for direct costs and expenses, such as tuition,
34 on-campus room and board, and other direct education expenses. To be
35 eligible, a Band citizen must (i) be enrolled in the Band prior to
36 benefitting from any payment, and (ii) meet the education or workforce
37 provider admission requirements. Priority shall be given to Band
38 citizens who are legal residents of the State of Indiana as of the date of
39 their application for benefits.

40 SECTION 3. IC 5-28-6-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
41 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
42 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the aggregate



1 amount of applicable tax credits that the corporation may certify:
2 (1) for each state fiscal year ending on or before June 30, 2025,
3 for all taxpayers is two hundred fifty million dollars
4 (\$250,000,000); and
5 (2) for each state fiscal year ending on or after July 1, 2025, for all
6 taxpayers is three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000). Each
7 certification under this subdivision **tax credit award** is subject to
8 budget committee review:
9 (A) beginning after February 1, 2026, and before May 1,
10 2026, after the first calendar quarter in which the award
11 is made; and
12 (B) after April 30, 2026, at the next budget committee
13 meeting immediately following the date of the tax credit
14 award.
15 (b) For purposes of determining the amount of applicable tax credits
16 that have been certified for a state fiscal year, the following apply:
17 (1) An applicable tax credit is considered awarded in the state
18 fiscal year in which the taxpayer can first claim the credit,
19 determined without regard to any carryforward period or
20 carryback period.
21 (2) An applicable tax credit awarded by the corporation before
22 July 1, 2022, shall be counted toward the aggregate credit
23 limitation under this section.
24 (3) If an accelerated credit is awarded under IC 6-3.1-26-15, the
25 amount counted toward the aggregate credit limitation under this
26 section for a state fiscal year shall be the amount of the credit for
27 the taxable year described in subdivision (1) prior to any discount.
28 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if the corporation determines
29 that:
30 (1) an applicable tax credit should be certified in a state fiscal
31 year; and
32 (2) certification of the applicable tax credit will result in an
33 aggregate amount of applicable tax credits certified for that state
34 fiscal year that exceeds the maximum amount provided in
35 subsection (a);
36 the corporation may, after review by the budget committee, certify the
37 applicable tax credit to the taxpayer.
38 (d) This section expires December 31, 2032.
39 SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-17-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2025,
40 SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. (a) This section applies to each governing
42 body of a taxing unit that is not comprised of a majority of officials



1 who are elected to serve on the governing body. For purposes of this
2 section, an individual who qualifies to be appointed to a governing
3 body or serves on a governing body because of the individual's status
4 as an elected official of another taxing unit shall be treated as an
5 official who was not elected to serve on the governing body.

6 (b) As used in this section, "taxing unit" has the meaning set forth
7 in IC 6-1.1-1-21, except that the term does not include a ~~public library~~
8 or an entity whose tax levies are subject to review and modification by
9 a city-county legislative body under IC 36-3-6-9.

10 (c) If:

11 (1) the assessed valuation of a taxing unit is entirely contained
12 within a city or town; or

13 (2) the assessed valuation of a taxing unit is not entirely contained
14 within a city or town but:

15 (A) the taxing unit was originally established by the city or
16 town; or

17 (B) the majority of the individuals serving on the governing
18 body of the taxing unit are appointed by the city or town;

19 the governing body shall submit its proposed budget and property tax
20 levy to the city or town fiscal body. The proposed budget and levy shall
21 be submitted to the city or town fiscal body in the manner prescribed
22 by the department of local government finance before September 2 of
23 a year.

24 (d) If subsection (c) does not apply, the governing body of the taxing
25 unit shall submit its proposed budget and property tax levy to the
26 county fiscal body in the county where the taxing unit has the most
27 assessed valuation. The proposed budget and levy shall be submitted
28 to the county fiscal body in the manner prescribed by the department
29 of local government finance before September 2 of a year.

30 (e) The fiscal body of the city, town, or county (whichever applies)
31 shall review each budget and proposed tax levy and adopt a final
32 budget and tax levy for the taxing unit. The fiscal body may reduce or
33 modify but not increase the proposed budget or tax levy.

34 (f) If a taxing unit fails to file the information required in subsection
35 (c) or (d), whichever applies, with the appropriate fiscal body by the
36 time prescribed by this section, when calculating the maximum ad
37 valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the taxing unit
38 for the ensuing budget year, instead of multiplying the maximum levy
39 growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b) or
40 IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e) (as applicable) for the year by the taxing unit's
41 maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding
42 calendar year as prescribed in STEP TWO of IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a), for



1 purposes of STEP TWO of IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a), the taxing unit's
2 maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding
3 calendar year must instead be multiplied by the result of the following:

4 STEP ONE: Determine:

5 (A) the result of STEP FOUR of IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b) or STEP
6 FIVE of IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e) (as applicable); minus
7 (B) one (1).

8 STEP TWO: Multiply:

9 (A) the STEP ONE result; by
10 (B) eight-tenths (0.8).

11 STEP THREE: Add one (1) to the STEP TWO result.

12 However, if the taxing unit files the information as required in
13 subsection (c) or (d), whichever applies, for the budget year
14 immediately following the budget year for which the formula under this
15 subsection is applied, when calculating the maximum ad valorem
16 property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the taxing unit for the
17 subsequent budget year, the taxing unit's maximum permissible ad
18 valorem property tax levy must be calculated as if the formula under
19 this subsection had not been applied for the affected budget year.

20 (g) If the appropriate fiscal body fails to complete the requirements
21 of subsection (e) before the adoption deadline in section 5 of this
22 chapter for any taxing unit subject to this section, when calculating the
23 maximum ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for
24 the city, town, or county for the ensuing budget year, instead of
25 multiplying the maximum levy growth quotient determined under
26 IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b) or IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e) (as applicable) for the year by
27 the city's, town's, or county's maximum permissible ad valorem
28 property tax levy for the preceding calendar year as prescribed in STEP
29 TWO of IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a), for purposes of STEP TWO of
30 IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a), the city's, town's, or county's maximum permissible
31 ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding calendar year must
32 instead be multiplied by the result of the following:

33 STEP ONE: Determine:

34 (A) the result of STEP FOUR of IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b) or STEP
35 FIVE of IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e) (as applicable); minus
36 (B) one (1).

37 STEP TWO: Multiply:

38 (A) the STEP ONE result; by
39 (B) eight-tenths (0.8).

40 STEP THREE: Add one (1) to the STEP TWO result.

41 However, if the city, town, or county files the information as required
42 in subsection (e) for the budget year immediately following the budget



1 year for which the formula under this subsection is applied, when
 2 calculating the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under
 3 IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the city, town, or county for the subsequent
 4 budget year, the unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax
 5 levy must be calculated as if the formula under this subsection had not
 6 been applied for the affected budget year.

7 SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-17-20.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 8 1, 2026]. See. 20.3. (a) Except as provided in section 20.4 of this
 9 chapter, this section applies only to the governing body of a public
 10 library that:

- 11 (1) is not comprised of a majority of officials who are elected to
 12 serve on the governing body; and
- 13 (2) has a percentage increase in the proposed budget for the
 14 taxing unit for the ensuing calendar year that is more than the
 15 result of:
 - 16 (A) the maximum levy growth quotient determined under
 17 IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for the ensuing calendar year, rounded to the
 18 nearest thousandth (0.001); minus
 - 19 (B) one (1).

20 For purposes of this section, an individual who qualifies to be
 21 appointed to a governing body or serves on a governing body because
 22 of the individual's status as an elected official of another taxing unit
 23 shall be treated as an official who was not elected to serve on the
 24 governing body.

25 (b) This section does not apply to an entity whose tax levies are
 26 subject to review and modification by a city-county legislative body
 27 under ~~IC 36-3-6-9~~.

28 (c) If:

- 29 (1) the assessed valuation of a public library's territory is entirely
 30 contained within a city or town; or
- 31 (2) the assessed valuation of a public library's territory is not
 32 entirely contained within a city or town but more than fifty
 33 percent (50%) of the assessed valuation of the public library's
 34 territory is contained within the city or town;

 35 the governing body shall submit its proposed budget and property tax
 36 levy to the city or town fiscal body in the manner prescribed by the
 37 department of local government finance before September 2 of a year.
 38 However, the governing body shall submit its proposed budget and
 39 property tax levy to the county fiscal body in the manner provided in
 40 subsection (d), rather than to the city or town fiscal body, if more than
 41 fifty percent (50%) of the parcels of real property within the
 42 jurisdiction of the public library are located outside the city or town.



(d) If subsection (c) does not apply or the public library's territory covers more than one (1) county, the governing body of the public library shall submit its proposed budget and property tax levy to the county fiscal body in the county where the public library has the most assessed valuation. The proposed budget and levy shall be submitted to the county fiscal body in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance before September 2 of a year.

(e) The fiscal body of the city, town, or county (whichever applies) shall review each budget and proposed tax levy and adopt a final budget and tax levy for the public library. The fiscal body may reduce or modify but not increase the proposed budget or tax levy.

(f) If a public library fails to file the information required in subsection (e) or (d), whichever applies, with the appropriate fiscal body by the time prescribed by this section, when calculating the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the public library for the ensuing budget year, instead of multiplying the maximum levy growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b) or IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e) (as applicable) for the year by the public library's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding calendar year as prescribed in STEP TWO of IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a), for purposes of STEP TWO of IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a), the public library's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding calendar year must instead be multiplied by the result of the following:

~~STEP ONE: Determine:~~

(A) the result of STEP FOUR of IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b) or STEP FIVE of IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e) (as applicable); minus
(B) one (1).

~~STEP TWO: Multiply:~~

(A) the STEP ONE result; by

(B) ~~eight-tenths (0.8)~~

STEP THREE: Add one (+1) to the **STEP TWO** result.

However, if the public library files the information as required in subsection (e) or (d), whichever applies, for the budget year immediately following the budget year for which the formula under this subsection is applied, when calculating the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the public library for the subsequent budget year, the public library's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy must be calculated as if the formula under this subsection had not been applied for the affected budget year.

(g) If the appropriate fiscal body fails to complete the requirements of subsection (e) before the adoption deadline in section 5 of this



1 chapter for any public library subject to this section, when calculating
 2 the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a)~~
 3 for the city, town, or county for the ensuing budget year, instead of
 4 multiplying the maximum levy growth quotient determined under
 5 ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b)~~ or ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e)~~ (as applicable) for the year by
 6 the city's, town's, or county's maximum permissible ad valorem
 7 property tax levy for the preceding calendar year as prescribed in STEP
 8 ~~TWO~~ of ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a)~~, for purposes of STEP ~~TWO~~ of
 9 ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a)~~, the city's, town's, or county's maximum permissible
 10 ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding calendar year must
 11 instead be multiplied by the result of the following:

12 STEP ONE: Determine:

13 (A) the result of STEP FOUR of ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(b)~~ or STEP
 14 ~~FIVE~~ of ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-2(e)~~ (as applicable); minus
 15 (B) one (1).

16 STEP TWO: Multiply:

17 (A) the STEP ONE result; by
 18 (B) eight-tenths (0.8).

19 STEP THREE: Add one (1) to the STEP TWO result.

20 However, if the city, town, or county files the information as required
 21 in subsection (e) for the budget year immediately following the budget
 22 year for which the formula under this subsection is applied, when
 23 calculating the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under
 24 ~~IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a)~~ for the city, town, or county for the subsequent
 25 budget year, the unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax
 26 levy must be calculated as if the formula under this subsection had not
 27 been applied for the affected budget year.

28 SECTION 6. ~~IC 6-1.1-17-20.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY~~
 29 ~~1, 2026]~~. ~~Sec. 20.4.~~ (a) This section applies only if on December 31, as
 30 reported in the public library's annual report under ~~IC 5-11-1-4~~, the
 31 cash balance of all funds of the public library derived from tax revenue
 32 is greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the public library's
 33 certified budget for the ensuing year.

34 (b) If section 20.3(a)(2) of this chapter does not apply, the fiscal
 35 body of a city, town, or county may adopt a resolution to require the
 36 public library to submit its proposed budget and property tax levy to the
 37 city, town, or county fiscal body as set forth in section 20.3(e) or
 38 20.3(d) of this chapter (whichever is applicable) for binding review and
 39 approval as set forth under section 20.3 of this chapter. However, the
 40 fiscal body of the city, town, or county may not reduce a public library's
 41 proposed budget or tax levy in a budget year under this section by ~~more~~
 42 than ten percent (10%) of the public library's operating levy in the



1 immediately preceding budget year.

2 (c) A resolution may be adopted under this section not later than
 3 July 1. A resolution adopted under this section remains in full force and
 4 effect until the December 31 cash balance of all funds of the public
 5 library derived from tax revenue, as reported in the public library's
 6 annual report under IC 5-11-1-4, no longer exceed one hundred fifty
 7 percent (150%) of the public library's certified budget for the ensuing
 8 year.

9 (d) Before a fiscal body may adopt a resolution under this section,
 10 the fiscal body must hold a public hearing on the proposed resolution
 11 and provide the public with notice of the time and place where the
 12 public hearing will be held. The notice required by this subsection must
 13 be given in accordance with IC 5-3-1 and include the proposed
 14 resolution. In addition to the notice required by this subsection, the
 15 fiscal body shall also provide a copy of the notice to all taxing units in
 16 the city, town, or county at least thirty (30) days before the public
 17 hearing.

18 (e) A resolution adopted by a fiscal body under this section shall be
 19 submitted to:

20 (1) the department of local government finance; and

21 (2) the public library;

22 not later than five (5) days after the date the resolution is adopted.

23 SECTION 7. IC 6-1.1-17-20.6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2026]. Sec. 20.6. (a) Each public library shall identify the applicable
 25 city, town, or county fiscal body that receives a public library's
 26 proposed budget as provided in section 20.3(e) or 20.3(d) of this
 27 chapter.

28 (b) Not later than October 1, 2020, a public library shall report the
 29 applicable city, town, or county fiscal body identified under subsection
 30 (a) to the Indiana state library. The report submitted to the state library
 31 must contain:

32 (1) the name of the public library;

33 (2) the appropriate fiscal body of a city, town, or county to review
 34 a library budget under section 20.3(e) or 20.3(d) of this chapter;
 35 and

36 (3) after adoption by the respective board, the signatures of the
 37 public library board president and the appropriate fiscal body
 38 president.

39 The Indiana state library shall provide the information submitted to the
 40 Indiana state library under this subsection to the department of local
 41 government finance by not later than November 1, 2020.

42 (c) If a fiscal body, other than the fiscal body identified by the



1 public library under subsection (a); objects to the public library's
 2 determination under subsection (a); the objecting fiscal body may
 3 submit a formal objection to:

4 (1) the Indiana state library;
 5 (2) the public library; and
 6 (3) the fiscal body identified under subsection (a) by the public
 7 library.

8 (d) If a public library:

9 (1) is unable to identify the applicable fiscal body under
 10 subsection (a);
 11 (2) does not complete the reporting requirements established in
 12 subsection (b); or
 13 (3) has a formal objection filed under subsection (c) against the
 14 public library's fiscal body designation under subsection (a);
 15 the public library shall file an original action seeking a declaratory
 16 judgment in a court with jurisdiction to identify the appropriate fiscal
 17 body. The public library shall file a copy of the declaratory judgment
 18 with the Indiana state library within thirty (30) days of the court's entry
 19 of judgment.

20 (e) The Indiana state library shall provide the information submitted
 21 to the Indiana state library under subsection (b) to the department of
 22 local government finance by not later than November 1, 2020.

23 (f) If there is a change in the territory of the public library:

24 (1) the public library shall submit a report under subsection (b) to
 25 the Indiana state library not later than October 1; and
 26 (2) the Indiana state library shall report the information under
 27 subsection (b) to the department of local government finance not
 28 later than November 1;

29 in the year the change in territory becomes effective. Subsections (c)
 30 and (d) apply to the public library and to any fiscal body that objects to
 31 the public library's designation under subsection (a).

32 SECTION 8. IC 6-1.1-18-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2024,
 33 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) If the proper officers of a political
 35 subdivision desire to appropriate more money for a particular year than
 36 the amount prescribed in the budget for that year as finally determined
 37 under this article, they shall hold a public hearing after submitting the
 38 following information regarding the proposed additional appropriation
 39 to the department's computer gateway:

40 (1) The amount of the additional appropriation.
 41 (2) The name of the affected fund.
 42 (3) The name and account number of the affected account.



18 (d) A political subdivision may make an additional appropriation
19 without approval of the department of local government finance if the
20 additional appropriation is made from a fund that is not described
21 under subsection (b). However, the fiscal officer of the political
22 subdivision shall report the additional appropriation to the department
23 of local government finance.

33 (f) When the department of local government finance receives a
34 certified copy of a proposal for an additional appropriation under
35 subsection (e), the department shall determine whether sufficient funds
36 are available or will be available for the proposal. The determination
37 shall be made in writing and sent to the political subdivision not more
38 than fifteen (15) days after the department of local government finance
39 receives the proposal.



1 which have not been previously appropriated.

2 (h) If the department of local government finance disapproves an
3 additional appropriation under subsection (f), the department shall
4 specify the reason for its disapproval on the determination sent to the
5 political subdivision.

6 (i) A political subdivision may request a reconsideration of a
7 determination of the department of local government finance under this
8 section by filing a written request for reconsideration. A request for
9 reconsideration must:

10 (1) be filed with the department of local government finance
11 within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the determination by the
12 political subdivision; and

13 (2) state with reasonable specificity the reason for the request.

14 The department of local government finance must act on a request for
15 reconsideration within fifteen (15) days of receiving the request.

16 (j) This subsection applies to an additional appropriation by a
17 political subdivision that must have the political subdivision's annual
18 appropriations and annual tax levy adopted by a city, town, or county
19 fiscal body under IC 6-1.1-17-20 or IC 36-1-23 or by a legislative or
20 fiscal body under IC 36-3-6-9. The fiscal or legislative body of the city,
21 town, or county that adopted the political subdivision's annual
22 appropriation and annual tax levy must adopt the additional
23 appropriation by ordinance before the department of local government
24 finance may approve the additional appropriation.

25 (k) This subsection applies to a public library that is not required to
26 submit the public library's budgets, tax rates, and tax levies for binding
27 review and approval under IC 6-1.1-17-20 or IC 6-1.1-17-20.4. If a
28 public library subject to this subsection proposes to make an additional
29 appropriation for a year, and the additional appropriation would result
30 in the budget for the library for that year increasing (as compared to the
31 previous year) by a percentage that is greater than the result of the
32 maximum levy growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for
33 the calendar year minus one (1), the additional appropriation must first
34 be approved by the city, town, or county fiscal body described in
35 IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(e) or IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(d), as appropriate.

36 (l) (k) This subsection applies to an appropriation for which the
37 underlying purpose is a bond issue. The political subdivision shall
38 include the appropriation for the bond proceeds in the budget of the
39 political subdivision for the ensuing year adopted under IC 6-1.1-17.
40 If the political subdivision does not include the appropriation for the
41 bond proceeds as required by this subsection, the political subdivision
42 shall comply with the requirements of this section in the year in which



1 the bond proceeds are received, but may not take an action pursuant to
2 this section in a year before the year in which the bond proceeds are
3 received.

4 (tm) (1) The proper officers of a political subdivision shall submit the
5 information described in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(4), in a manner
6 prescribed by the department, to the department's computer gateway at
7 least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing. The department
8 shall make the information submitted by the political subdivision
9 available to taxpayers through the department's computer gateway at
10 least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. If the date, time, or place
11 of the public hearing changes following the original submission of the
12 information to the department's computer gateway, the political
13 subdivision shall submit the updated information to the department's
14 computer gateway as soon as possible.

15 SECTION 9. IC 6-1.1-18.5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2025,
16 SECTION 61, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) Any civil taxing unit that incurs increased
18 costs resulting from annexation, a natural disaster, an accident, or
19 another unanticipated emergency, and determines that it cannot carry
20 out its governmental functions for an ensuing calendar year under the
21 levy limitations imposed by section 3 or 25 of this chapter, as
22 applicable, may, subject to subsections (h) and (i):

23 (1) before October 20 of the calendar year immediately preceding
24 the ensuing calendar year; or

25 (2) in the case of a request described in section 16 of this chapter,
26 before December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding
27 the ensuing calendar year;

28 appeal to the department of local government finance for relief from
29 those levy limitations. In the appeal the civil taxing unit must state that
30 it will be unable to carry out the governmental functions committed to
31 it by law unless it is given the authority that it is petitioning for. The
32 civil taxing unit must support these allegations by reasonably detailed
33 statements of fact.

34 (b) The department of local government finance shall immediately
35 proceed to the examination and consideration of the merits of the civil
36 taxing unit's appeal.

37 (c) In considering an appeal, the department of local government
38 finance has the power to conduct hearings, require any officer or
39 member of the appealing civil taxing unit to appear before it, or require
40 any officer or member of the appealing civil taxing unit to provide the
41 department with any relevant records or books.

42 (d) If an officer or member:



16 (f) All expenses incident to the filing of an affidavit under
17 subsection (d) and the issuance and service of a summons shall be
18 charged to the officer or member against whom the summons is issued,
19 unless the court finds that the officer or member was acting in good
20 faith and with reasonable cause. If the court finds that the officer or
21 member was acting in good faith and with reasonable cause or if an
22 affidavit is filed and no summons is issued, the expenses shall be
23 charged against the county in which the affidavit was filed and shall be
24 allowed by the proper fiscal officers of that county.

(g) The fiscal officer of a civil taxing unit that appeals under section 16 of this chapter for relief from levy limitations shall immediately file a copy of the appeal petition with the county auditor and the county treasurer of the county in which the unit is located.

(h) This subsection applies to a civil taxing unit whose budget for the upcoming year is subject to review by a fiscal body under

31 (1) IC 6-1.1-17-20.
32 (2) IC 6-1.1-17-20.3; or
33 (3) IC 6-1.1-17-20.4.

34 A civil taxing unit described in this subsection may not submit an
35 appeal under this section unless the civil taxing unit receives approval
36 from the appropriate fiscal body to submit the appeal.

41 SECTION 10. IC 12-29-2-1.2, AS AMENDED BY
42 P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 300, IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 1.2. (a) The county
 2 executive of a county may authorize the furnishing of financial
 3 assistance for the purposes described in subsection (b) to a community
 4 mental health center that is located or will be located:

5 (1) in the county;
 6 (2) anywhere in Indiana, if the community mental health center is
 7 organized to provide services to at least two (2) counties,
 8 including the county executive's county; or
 9 (3) in an adjacent state, if the center is organized to provide
 10 services to Indiana residents, including residents in the county
 11 executive's county.

12 If a community mental health center is organized to serve more than
 13 one (1) county, upon request of the county executive, each county fiscal
 14 body may appropriate money annually from the county's general fund
 15 to provide financial assistance for the community mental health center.

16 (b) Assistance authorized under this section shall be used for the
 17 following purposes:

18 (1) Constructing a community mental health center.
 19 (2) Operating a community mental health center.

20 (c) The appropriation from a county authorized under subsection (a)
 21 may not exceed the product of the amount determined under section
 22 2(b)(2) of this chapter for that year multiplied by one and five hundred
 23 four thousandths (1.504).

24 (d) For purposes of this subsection, "first calendar year" refers
 25 to the first calendar year after 2008 in which the county imposes an ad
 26 valorem property tax levy for the county general fund to provide
 27 financial assistance under this chapter. If a county did not provide
 28 financial assistance under this chapter in 2008, the county, for a
 29 following calendar year:

30 (1) may propose a financial assistance budget; and
 31 (2) shall refer its proposed financial assistance budget for the first
 32 calendar year to the department of local government finance
 33 before the tax levy is advertised.

34 The ad valorem property tax levy to fund the budget for the first
 35 calendar year is subject to review and approval under IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.

36 SECTION 11. IC 12-29-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020,
 37 SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 2. (a) A county ~~shall~~ may provide funding for the
 39 operation of community mental health centers. ~~in~~ the amount
 40 determined under subsection (b) or, in the case of Marion County for
 41 calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021, the
 42 amount determined under subsection (c).



(1) The county's maximum appropriation amount for the operation of community mental health centers determined under this chapter in the previous calendar year, if the STEP THREE result under the following formula is less than or equal to zero (0):

7 STEP ONE: Determine the amount of the certified levy for
8 funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately
9 preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted
10 under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the
11 civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar
12 year, as determined by the department of local government
13 finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

14 STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified levy for
15 funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the year prior to the
16 immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of
17 credits granted under IC 6-1-1-20.6 that were allocated to
18 funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the year prior to the
19 immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the
20 department of local government finance under
21 IC 6-1-1-20.6-11.

22 STEP THREE: Determine the remainder of the STEP ONE
23 amount minus the STEP TWO amount.

24 (2) If the STEP THREE result under the formula in subdivision
25 (1) is greater than zero (0), then the county's maximum
26 appropriation amount for the operation of community mental
27 health centers determined under this chapter in the previous
28 calendar year, multiplied by the greater of:

29 (A) one (1); or

(B) the result of STEP SIX of the following formula:

33 STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified levy for
34 funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately
35 preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted
36 under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to
37 the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding
38 calendar year, as determined by the department of local
39 government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

40 STEP THREE: Determine the amount of the certified levy
41 for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the
42 immediately preceding calendar year.



STEP FOUR: Determine the result of the STEP TWO amount divided by the STEP THREE amount.

STEP FIVE: Determine the product of the STEP ONE amount multiplied by the STEP FOUR result.

STEP SIX: Determine the **STEP FIVE** amount plus one (1).

6 The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum
7 appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the
8 certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1.1-17. For taxes due
9 and payable in 2020, the department of local government finance shall
10 calculate the maximum appropriation under this subsection as if the
11 taxes were due and payable in 2019.

16 (1) For calendar year 2019, the sum of:

(A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2018; plus

(B) the result of thirty-three percent (33%) multiplied by the result of:

(i) the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2019; minus

(ii) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2018.

(2) For calendar year 2020, the sum of:

(A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2019; plus

(B) the result of sixty-six percent (66%) multiplied by the result of:

- (i) the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2020; minus
- (ii) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for calendar year 2019.

community mental health centers under this chapter in 2019. (3) For calendar year 2021, the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2021.

The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the



1 certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1.1-17. This subsection
 2 expires January 1, 2022.

3 (d)(b) The funding provided by a county under this section shall be
 4 used solely for:

5 (1) the operations of community mental health centers serving the
 6 county; or
 7 (2) contributing to the nonfederal share of medical assistance
 8 payments to community mental health centers serving the county.

9 SECTION 12. IC 12-29-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2018,
 10 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 4. The amount derived from the calculation under
 12 section 2(b) of this chapter or, in the case of Marion County for
 13 calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021, the
 14 calculation under section 2(c) of this chapter represents the combined
 15 maximum appropriation to all centers serving the particular county. If
 16 the county provides funding under section 2 of this chapter for the
 17 operation of community mental health centers, the allotment to each
 18 center shall be apportioned according to the proportion of:

19 (1) the county's population residing in the primary service area of
 20 each center that is certified by the division of mental health and
 21 addiction to serve the county; to
 22 (2) the total population of the county.

23 SECTION 13. IC 12-29-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2011,
 24 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies to Lake County.

26 (b) In addition to any other appropriation under this article, the
 27 county annually may fund each center serving the county from the
 28 county's general fund, in an amount not exceeding the following:

29 (1) For 2004, the product of the amount determined under section
 30 2(b)(1) of this chapter multiplied by seven hundred fifty-two
 31 thousandths (0.752).
 32 (2) For 2005 and each year thereafter, the product of the amount
 33 determined under section 2(b)(2) of this chapter for that year
 34 multiplied by seven hundred fifty-two thousandths (0.752).

35 (c) The receipts from the tax levied under this section shall be used
 36 for the leasing, purchasing, constructing, or operating of facilities for
 37 community based residential programs (as defined in IC 12-7-2-40) for
 38 individuals with a mental illness.

39 (d) Money appropriated under this section must be:

40 (1) budgeted under IC 6-1.1-17; and
 41 (2) included in the center's budget submitted to the division of
 42 mental health and addiction.



5 SECTION 14. IC 12-29-2-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2018,
6 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 20. (a) Unless otherwise agreed to by the county
8 and the community mental health center, the county payment to the
9 community mental health center shall be paid by the county treasurer
10 to the treasurer of each community mental health center's board of
11 directors at least as frequently as provided in the following:

12 (1) One-half (1/2) of the county payment to the community mental
13 health center shall be made on the second Monday in July.

16 (b) A county making a payment under this section or from other
17 county sources to a community mental health center that qualifies as a
18 community mental health center disproportionate share provider under
19 IC 12-15-16-1 shall certify that the payment represents expenditures
20 eligible for financial participation under 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(6)(A) and
21 42 CFR 433.51. The office shall assist a county in making this
22 certification.

23 (c) Payments by the county fiscal body must be in the amounts:

24 (1) determined by **sections 2 through section 4** of this chapter;
25 and

26 (2) authorized by sections 1.2 and 13 of this chapter.

27 SECTION 15. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The legislative
28 council is urged to assign to the interim study committee on courts
29 and the judiciary the task of undertaking a comprehensive study
30 of all court fees and fines, including those under IC 29, IC 31,
31 IC 32, IC 33, IC 34, and IC 35, and preparing a report on the study
32 containing:

33 (1) a listing of all court fees and fines;

36 (3) a listing of the distribution source for all court fees and
37 fines;

38 (4) the court or state government entity that
39 distributes all court fees and fines; and

39 distribution of all court fees and fines, and
40 (5) any other relevant information on court fees and fines.
41 (b) Before November 1, 2026, the report on the study and all

(b) Before November 1, 2020, the report on the study and all findings and recommendations of the interim study committee on



1 **courts and the judiciary shall be submitted to the legislative council**
2 **in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

3 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

4 SECTION 16. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)] (a)
5 **Notwithstanding any other provision, the budget agency, subject**
6 **to budget committee review, may use the appropriation to the**
7 **financial responsibility and opportunity growth fund in**
8 **P.L.213-2025 (HEA 1001-2025) or augment the financial**
9 **responsibility and opportunity growth fund for the purpose of**
10 **providing funding to the Child Care and Development Fund**
11 **voucher program administered by the family and social services**
12 **administration in addition to the uses for the appropriation as**
13 **authorized in P.L.213-2025 (HEA 1001-2025).**

14 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

15 SECTION 17. **An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 4, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 40 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 5-28-6-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025, SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the aggregate amount of applicable tax credits that the corporation may certify:

(1) for each state fiscal year ending on or before June 30, 2025, for all taxpayers is two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000); and

(2) for each state fiscal year ending on or after July 1, 2025, for all taxpayers is three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000). Each certification under this subdivision tax credit award is subject to budget committee review:

(A) beginning after February 1, 2026, and before May 1, 2026, after the first calendar quarter in which the award is made; and

(B) after April 30, 2026, at the next budget committee meeting immediately following the date of the tax credit award.

(b) For purposes of determining the amount of applicable tax credits that have been certified for a state fiscal year, the following apply:

(1) An applicable tax credit is considered awarded in the state fiscal year in which the taxpayer can first claim the credit, determined without regard to any carryforward period or carryback period.

(2) An applicable tax credit awarded by the corporation before July 1, 2022, shall be counted toward the aggregate credit limitation under this section.

(3) If an accelerated credit is awarded under IC 6-3.1-26-15, the amount counted toward the aggregate credit limitation under this section for a state fiscal year shall be the amount of the credit for the taxable year described in subdivision (1) prior to any discount.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if the corporation determines that:

(1) an applicable tax credit should be certified in a state fiscal year; and

(2) certification of the applicable tax credit will result in an



aggregate amount of applicable tax credits certified for that state fiscal year that exceeds the maximum amount provided in subsection (a);
 the corporation may, after review by the budget committee, certify the applicable tax credit to the taxpayer.

(d) This section expires December 31, 2032.".

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 32.

Page 14, delete lines 35 through 42.

Delete pages 15 through 16.

Page 17, delete lines 1 through 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 10. IC 12-29-2-1.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 300, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 1.2. (a) The county executive of a county may authorize the furnishing of financial assistance for the purposes described in subsection (b) to a community mental health center that is located or will be located:

(1) in the county;

(2) anywhere in Indiana, if the community mental health center is organized to provide services to at least two (2) counties, including the county executive's county; or

(3) in an adjacent state, if the center is organized to provide services to Indiana residents, including residents in the county executive's county.

If a community mental health center is organized to serve more than one (1) county, upon request of the county executive, each county fiscal body may appropriate money annually from the county's general fund to provide financial assistance for the community mental health center.

(b) Assistance authorized under this section shall be used for the following purposes:

(1) Constructing a community mental health center.

(2) Operating a community mental health center.

(c) The appropriation from a county authorized under subsection (a) may not exceed the product of the amount determined under section 2(b)(2) of this chapter for that year multiplied by one and five hundred four thousandths (1.504).

(d) (c) For purposes of this subsection, "first calendar year" refers to the first calendar year after 2008 in which the county imposes an ad valorem property tax levy for the county general fund to provide financial assistance under this chapter. If a county did not provide financial assistance under this chapter in 2008, the county, for a following calendar year:

(1) may propose a financial assistance budget; and



(2) shall refer its proposed financial assistance budget for the first calendar year to the department of local government finance before the tax levy is advertised.

The ad valorem property tax levy to fund the budget for the first calendar year is subject to review and approval under IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.

SECTION 1. IC 12-29-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020, SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 2. (a) A county ~~shall~~ may provide funding for the operation of community mental health centers. ~~in the amount determined under subsection (b) or, in the case of Marion County for calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021, the amount determined under subsection (c).~~

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the amount of funding under subsection (a) for a calendar year is equal to the following:

(1) The county's maximum appropriation amount for the operation of community mental health centers determined under this chapter in the previous calendar year, if the STEP THREE result under the following formula is less than or equal to zero (0):

STEP ONE: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the year prior to the immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the year prior to the immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

STEP THREE: Determine the remainder of the STEP ONE amount minus the STEP TWO amount.

(2) If the STEP THREE result under the formula in subdivision (1) is greater than zero (0), then the county's maximum appropriation amount for the operation of community mental health centers determined under this chapter in the previous calendar year, multiplied by the greater of:

(A) one (1); or

(B) the result of STEP SIX of the following formula:



STEP ONE: Determine the maximum levy growth quotient for the year under IC 6-1.1-18.5 minus one (1).

STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year, as determined by the department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.

STEP THREE: Determine the amount of the certified levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the immediately preceding calendar year.

STEP FOUR: Determine the result of the STEP TWO amount divided by the STEP THREE amount.

STEP FIVE: Determine the product of the STEP ONE amount multiplied by the STEP FOUR result.

STEP SIX: Determine the STEP FIVE amount plus one (1).

The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1.1-17. For taxes due and payable in 2020, the department of local government finance shall calculate the maximum appropriation under this subsection as if the taxes were due and payable in 2019.

(c) This subsection applies only in calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021. In the case of Marion County, the amount of funding under subsection (a) for a calendar year is determined under this subsection and is equal to the following:

(1) For calendar year 2019, the sum of:

(A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2018; plus

(B) the result of thirty-three percent (33%) multiplied by the result of:

(i) the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2019; minus

(ii) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2018.

(2) For calendar year 2020, the sum of:

(A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2019; plus



(B) the result of sixty-six percent (66%) multiplied by the result of:

- (i) the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2020; minus
- (ii) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county for community mental health centers under this chapter in 2019.

(3) For calendar year 2021, the amount that would have, except for the application of this subsection, applied to the county under subsection (b) for calendar year 2021.

The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1-1-17. This subsection expires January 1, 2022.

(d) (b) The funding provided by a county under this section shall be used solely for:

- (1) the operations of community mental health centers serving the county; or
- (2) contributing to the nonfederal share of medical assistance payments to community mental health centers serving the county.

SECTION 11. IC 12-29-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.76-2018, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 4. The amount derived from the calculation under section 2(b) of this chapter or, in the case of Marion County for calendar year 2019, calendar year 2020, and calendar year 2021, the calculation under section 2(c) of this chapter represents the combined maximum appropriation to all centers serving the particular county. If the county provides funding under section 2 of this chapter for the operation of community mental health centers, the allotment to each center shall be apportioned according to the proportion of:

- (1) the county's population residing in the primary service area of each center that is certified by the division of mental health and addiction to serve the county; to
- (2) the total population of the county.

SECTION 12. IC 12-29-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2011, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies to Lake County.

(b) In addition to any other appropriation under this article, the county annually may fund each center serving the county from the county's general fund, in an amount not exceeding the following:

- (1) For 2004, the product of the amount determined under section 2(b)(1) of this chapter multiplied by seven hundred fifty-two



thousandths (0.752).

(2) For 2005 and each year thereafter, the product of the amount determined under section 2(b)(2) of this chapter for that year multiplied by seven hundred fifty-two thousandths (0.752).

(c) The receipts from the tax levied under this section shall be used for the leasing, purchasing, constructing, or operating of facilities for community based residential programs (as defined in IC 12-7-2-40) for individuals with a mental illness.

(d) Money appropriated under this section must be:

(1) budgeted under IC 6-1.1-17; and

(2) included in the center's budget submitted to the division of mental health and addiction.

(e) Permission for a levy increase in excess of the levy limitations may be ordered under IC 6-1.1-18.5-15 only if the levy increase is approved by the division of mental health and addiction for a community mental health center.

SECTION 13. IC 12-29-2-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 76-2018, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]: Sec. 20. (a) Unless otherwise agreed to by the county and the community mental health center, the county payment to the community mental health center shall be paid by the county treasurer to the treasurer of each community mental health center's board of directors at least as frequently as provided in the following:

(1) One-half(1/2) of the county payment to the community mental health center shall be made on the second Monday in July.

(2) One-half(1/2) of the county payment to the community mental health center shall be made on the second Monday in December.

(b) A county making a payment under this section or from other county sources to a community mental health center that qualifies as a community mental health center disproportionate share provider under IC 12-15-16-1 shall certify that the payment represents expenditures eligible for financial participation under 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(6)(A) and 42 CFR 433.51. The office shall assist a county in making this certification.

(c) Payments by the county fiscal body must be in the amounts:

(1) determined by ~~sections 2 through section 4~~ of this chapter; and

(2) authorized by sections 1.2 and 13 of this chapter.

SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The legislative council is urged to assign to the interim study committee on courts and the judiciary the task of undertaking a comprehensive study of all court fees and fines, including those under IC 29, IC 31,



IC 32, IC 33, IC 34, and IC 35, and preparing a report on the study containing:

- (1) a listing of all court fees and fines;
- (2) the total amount of revenue received from all court fees and fines;
- (3) a listing of the distribution source for all court fees and fines;
- (4) the court or state government entity that oversees each distribution of all court fees and fines; and
- (5) any other relevant information on court fees and fines.

(b) Before November 1, 2026, the report on the study and all findings and recommendations of the interim study committee on courts and the judiciary shall be submitted to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.

SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)] (a) Notwithstanding any other provision, the budget agency, subject to budget committee review, may use the appropriation to the financial responsibility and opportunity growth fund in P.L.213-2025 (HEA 1001-2025) or augment the financial responsibility and opportunity growth fund for the purpose of providing funding to the Child Care and Development Fund voucher program administered by the family and social services administration in addition to the uses for the appropriation as authorized in P.L.213-2025 (HEA 1001-2025).

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 4 as introduced.)

GARTEN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 5.

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