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## SENATE BILL No. 4

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## SENATE BILL No. 4

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

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- to serve as chief executive under the council;
- (3) adopt rules and regulations governing personnel practices and establishing the rights, privileges, powers, and duties of all employees;
- (4) provide for employees to be covered by the public employees' retirement fund; and
- (5) establish a pay scale for all employees including the executive director.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) the legislative council; and
- (2) the budget committee.

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

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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.

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-17-20, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2025, SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. (a) This section applies to each governing body of a taxing unit that is not comprised of a majority of officials who are elected to serve on the governing body. For purposes of this section, an individual who qualifies to be appointed to a governing body or serves on a governing body because of the individual's status as an elected official of another taxing unit shall be treated as an official who was not elected to serve on the governing body.

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

(c) If:

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

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

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

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

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

(d) If subsection (c) does not apply, the governing body of the taxing unit shall submit its proposed budget and property tax levy to the county fiscal body in the county where the taxing unit 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 taxing unit. The fiscal body may reduce or modify but not increase the proposed budget or tax levy.

(f) If a taxing unit fails to file the information required in subsection (c) or (d), whichever applies, with the appropriate fiscal body by the time prescribed by this section, when calculating the

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maximum ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the taxing unit 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 taxing unit'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 taxing unit'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 taxing unit files the information as required in subsection (c) 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 taxing unit for the subsequent budget year, the taxing unit'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 chapter for any taxing unit subject to this section, when calculating the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the city, town, or county 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 city's, town's, or county'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 city's, town's, or county'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

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(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 city, town, or county files the information as required in subsection (e) 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 city, town, or county for the subsequent budget year, the unit'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.

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

(1) is not comprised of a majority of officials who are elected to serve on the governing body; and

(2) has a percentage increase in the proposed budget for the taxing unit for the ensuing calendar year that is more than the result of:

(A) the maximum levy growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for the ensuing calendar year; rounded to the nearest thousandth (0.001); minus

(B) one (1).

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

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

(c) If:

(1) the assessed valuation of a public library's territory is entirely contained within a city or town; or

(2) the assessed valuation of a public library's territory is not entirely contained within a city or town but more than fifty percent (50%) of the assessed valuation of the public library's territory is contained within the city or town;



the governing body shall submit its proposed budget and property tax levy to the city or town fiscal body in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance before September 2 of a year. However, the governing body shall submit its proposed budget and property tax levy to the county fiscal body in the manner provided in subsection (d); rather than to the city or town fiscal body; if more than fifty percent (50%) of the parcels of real property within the 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 (c) 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

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subsection (c) 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 (c) before the adoption deadline in section 5 of this chapter for any public library subject to this section; when calculating the maximum ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) for the city, town, or county 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(c) (as applicable) for the year by the city's, town's, or county'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 city's, town's, or county'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(c) (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 city, town, or county files the information as required in subsection (c) 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 city, town, or county for the subsequent budget year; the unit'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.

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

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library's certified budget for the ensuing year.

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

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

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

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

- (1) the department of local government finance; and
- (2) the public library;

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

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

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

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- (1) the name of the public library;
- (2) the appropriate fiscal body of a city, town, or county to review a library budget under section 20.3(c) or 20.3(d) of this chapter; and
- (3) after adoption by the respective board, the signatures of the public library board president and the appropriate fiscal body president.

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

(c) If a fiscal body, other than the fiscal body identified by the public library under subsection (a), objects to the public library's determination under subsection (a), the objecting fiscal body may submit a formal objection to:

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

(d) If a public library:

- (1) is unable to identify the applicable fiscal body under subsection (a);
- (2) does not complete the reporting requirements established in subsection (b); or
- (3) has a formal objection filed under subsection (c) against the public library's fiscal body designation under subsection (a);

the public library shall file an original action seeking a declaratory judgment in a court with jurisdiction to identify the appropriate fiscal body. The public library shall file a copy of the declaratory judgment with the Indiana state library within thirty (30) days of the court's entry of judgment.

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

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

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

in the year the change in territory becomes effective. Subsections (e)



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1 and (d) apply to the public library and to any fiscal body that objects to  
 2 the public library's designation under subsection (a):

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

11 (1) The amount of the additional appropriation.

12 (2) The name of the affected fund.

13 (3) The name and account number of the affected account.

14 (4) The date, time, and place at which the political subdivision  
 15 or appropriate fiscal body will hold a public hearing on the  
 16 proposed additional appropriation.

17 (b) If the additional appropriation by the political subdivision is  
 18 made from a fund for which the budget, rate, or levy is certified by the  
 19 department of local government finance under IC 6-1.1-17-16, the  
 20 political subdivision must report the additional appropriation to the  
 21 department of local government finance in the manner prescribed by  
 22 the department of local government finance. If the additional  
 23 appropriation is made from a fund described under this subsection,  
 24 subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) apply to the political subdivision.

25 (c) However, if the additional appropriation is not made from a  
 26 fund described under subsection (b), subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) do  
 27 not apply to the political subdivision. Subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i)  
 28 do not apply to an additional appropriation made from the cumulative  
 29 bridge fund if the appropriation meets the requirements under  
 30 IC 8-16-3-3(c).

31 (d) A political subdivision may make an additional appropriation  
 32 without approval of the department of local government finance if the  
 33 additional appropriation is made from a fund that is not described  
 34 under subsection (b). However, the fiscal officer of the political  
 35 subdivision shall report the additional appropriation to the department  
 36 of local government finance.

37 (e) Subject to ~~subsections~~ subsection (j), and ~~(k)~~, after the public  
 38 hearing, the proper officers of the political subdivision shall file a  
 39 certified copy of their final proposal and any other relevant information  
 40 to the department of local government finance not later than fifteen  
 41 (15) days after the additional appropriation is adopted by the



appropriate fiscal body. If the additional appropriation is not submitted to the department of local government finance within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the department of local government finance may require the political subdivision to conduct a readoption hearing.

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

(g) In making the determination under subsection (f), the department of local government finance shall limit the amount of the additional appropriation to revenues available, or to be made available, which have not been previously appropriated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(k) This subsection applies to a public library that is not required to submit the public library's budgets, tax rates, and tax levies for binding review and approval under IC 6-1.1-17-20 or IC 6-1.1-17-20.4.~~

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1 If a public library subject to this subsection proposes to make an  
 2 additional appropriation for a year, and the additional appropriation  
 3 would result in the budget for the library for that year increasing (as  
 4 compared to the previous year) by a percentage that is greater than the  
 5 result of the maximum levy growth quotient determined under  
 6 IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for the calendar year minus one (1); the additional  
 7 appropriation must first be approved by the city, town, or county fiscal  
 8 body described in IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(e) or IC 6-1.1-17-20.3(d), as  
 9 appropriate.

10 (h) (k) This subsection applies to an appropriation for which the  
 11 underlying purpose is a bond issue. The political subdivision shall  
 12 include the appropriation for the bond proceeds in the budget of the  
 13 political subdivision for the ensuing year adopted under IC 6-1.1-17.  
 14 If the political subdivision does not include the appropriation for the  
 15 bond proceeds as required by this subsection, the political subdivision  
 16 shall comply with the requirements of this section in the year in which  
 17 the bond proceeds are received, but may not take an action pursuant to  
 18 this section in a year before the year in which the bond proceeds are  
 19 received.

20 (m) (l) The proper officers of a political subdivision shall submit  
 21 the information described in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(4), in a  
 22 manner prescribed by the department, to the department's computer  
 23 gateway at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing. The  
 24 department shall make the information submitted by the political  
 25 subdivision available to taxpayers through the department's computer  
 26 gateway at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. If the date,  
 27 time, or place of the public hearing changes following the original  
 28 submission of the information to the department's computer gateway,  
 29 the political subdivision shall submit the updated information to the  
 30 department's computer gateway as soon as possible.

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

- 39 (1) before October 20 of the calendar year immediately  
 40 preceding the ensuing calendar year; or  
 41 (2) in the case of a request described in section 16 of this



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chapter, before December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the ensuing calendar year; appeal to the department of local government finance for relief from those levy limitations. In the appeal the civil taxing unit must state that it will be unable to carry out the governmental functions committed to it by law unless it is given the authority that it is petitioning for. The civil taxing unit must support these allegations by reasonably detailed statements of fact.

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

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

(d) If an officer or member:

(1) fails to appear at a hearing after having been given written notice requiring that person's attendance; or

(2) fails to produce the books and records that the department by written notice required the officer or member to produce;

then the department may file an affidavit in the circuit court, superior court, or probate court in the jurisdiction in which the officer or member may be found setting forth the facts of the failure.

(e) Upon the filing of an affidavit under subsection (d), the court shall promptly issue a summons, and the sheriff of the county within which the court is sitting shall serve the summons. The summons must command the officer or member to appear before the department to provide information to the department or to produce books and records for the department's use, as the case may be. Disobedience of the summons constitutes, and is punishable as, a contempt of the court that issued the summons.

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

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(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

~~(1) IC 6-1.1-17-20.~~

~~(2) IC 6-1.1-17-20.3; or~~

~~(3) IC 6-1.1-17-20.4.~~

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

(i) A participating unit of a fire protection territory may not submit an appeal under this section unless each participating unit of the fire protection territory has adopted a resolution approving submission of the appeal.

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).~~

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(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 11. 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.



- 1 STEP THREE: Determine the remainder of the STEP ONE  
 2 amount minus the STEP TWO amount.  
 3 (2) If the STEP THREE result under the formula in subdivision  
 4 (1) is greater than zero (0); then the county's maximum  
 5 appropriation amount for the operation of community mental  
 6 health centers determined under this chapter in the previous  
 7 calendar year; multiplied by the greater of:  
 8 (A) one (1); or  
 9 (B) the result of STEP SIX of the following formula:  
 10 STEP ONE: Determine the maximum levy growth  
 11 quotient for the year under IC 6-1.1-18.5 minus one  
 12 (1).  
 13 STEP TWO: Determine the amount of the certified  
 14 levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the  
 15 immediately preceding calendar year minus the amount  
 16 of credits granted under IC 6-1.1-20.6 that were  
 17 allocated to funds subject to the civil maximum levy in  
 18 the immediately preceding calendar year, as  
 19 determined by the department of local government  
 20 finance under IC 6-1.1-20.6-11.  
 21 STEP THREE: Determine the amount of the certified  
 22 levy for funds subject to the civil maximum levy in the  
 23 immediately preceding calendar year.  
 24 STEP FOUR: Determine the result of the STEP TWO  
 25 amount divided by the STEP THREE amount.  
 26 STEP FIVE: Determine the product of the STEP ONE  
 27 amount multiplied by the STEP FOUR result.  
 28 STEP SIX: Determine the STEP FIVE amount plus one  
 29 (1).  
 30 The department of local government finance shall verify the maximum  
 31 appropriation calculation under this subsection as part of the  
 32 certification of the county's budget under IC 6-1.1-17. For taxes due  
 33 and payable in 2020; the department of local government finance shall  
 34 calculate the maximum appropriation under this subsection as if the  
 35 taxes were due and payable in 2019:  
 36 (c) This subsection applies only in calendar year 2019; calendar  
 37 year 2020; and calendar year 2021. In the case of Marion County; the  
 38 amount of funding under subsection (a) for a calendar year is  
 39 determined under this subsection and is equal to the following:  
 40 (1) For calendar year 2019; the sum of:  
 41 (A) the actual amount of the appropriations by the county

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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 12. 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

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1 calculation under section 2(c) of this chapter represents the combined  
 2 maximum appropriation to all centers serving the particular county. If  
 3 the county provides funding under section 2 of this chapter for the  
 4 operation of community mental health centers, the allotment to each  
 5 center shall be apportioned according to the proportion of:

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

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

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

- 16 (1) For 2004, the product of the amount determined under
- 17 section 2(b)(1) of this chapter multiplied by seven hundred
- 18 fifty-two thousandths (0.752);
- 19 (2) For 2005 and each year thereafter, the product of the amount
- 20 determined under section 2(b)(2) of this chapter for that year
- 21 multiplied by seven hundred fifty-two thousandths (0.752);

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

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

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

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

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

- 41 (1) One-half (1/2) of the county payment to the community

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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 15. [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 16. An emergency is declared for this act.**



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