



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 80

Citations Affected: IC 5-1.2-2-55; IC 6-3.6-3; IC 11-8-8; IC 12-17.2; IC 12-21; IC 13-20-25-10; IC 14-19-3-1; IC 16-18-2-179; IC 16-39-2-6; IC 22-3-2-2.3; IC 22-4; IC 22-4.1-18-1; IC 27-1-22-20.1; IC 28-1-1-3.9; IC 31-27; IC 31-33; IC 31-34-4-2; IC 12-7-2; IC 31-9-2; IC 12-7-2; IC 35-31.5-2-273.2; IC 16-21-6-6; IC 31-9-2-47.3; IC 4-21.5-3-6; IC 12-7-2; IC 22-9-1-3; IC 13-18-10-2.1; IC 31-9-2; IC 35-33-8-3.4; IC 35-50-1-2; IC 35-31.5-2-79; IC 11-12-2-2; IC 31-9-2-133.1; IC 35-38-1-7.1; IC 24-5-0.5-3; IC 12-7-2-96; IC 35-31.5-2-300; IC 35-42-4-14; IC 21-22-6; IC 20-20.5-11.5; IC 20-20-38.6; IC 20-26-5-40.7; IC 20-30-4-2; IC 6-6-6.5-13; IC 36-7.5-7-10; IC 22-3; IC 27-7-19-5; IC 27-7-19-5.

Synopsis: Code publication. Makes Indiana Code publication amendments. Repeals and relocates specific definitions chapters for organization of defined terms by alphabetical order and to provide for future expansion of those chapters. Makes conforming cross-reference updates. Resolves amend-repeal conflicts created during the 2025 session. Resolves technical conflicts between various enrolled acts passed during the 2026 legislative session. **(This conference committee report resolves technical conflicts between various enrolled acts passed during the 2026 legislative session and makes a technical amendment.)**

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2026; January 1, 2027; July 1, 2028.



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 80 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 6, delete lines 41 through 42.
- 2 Delete page 7.
- 3 Page 8, delete lines 1 through 31, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 4 "SECTION 5. IC 5-1.2-2-55, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
- 5 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 55. "Participating provider", for purposes of
- 7 financing a health facility and health facility property under IC 5-1.2-7,
- 8 means a person, corporation, municipal corporation, political
- 9 subdivision, or other entity, public or private, that:
- 10 (1) is located in Indiana or outside Indiana;
- 11 (2) contracts with the authority for the financing or refinancing of,
- 12 or the lease or other acquisition of, health facility property that is
- 13 located:
- 14 (A) in Indiana; or
- 15 (B) outside Indiana, if the financing, refinancing, lease, or
- 16 other acquisition also includes a substantial component, as
- 17 determined by the authority, for the benefit of a health facility
- 18 or facilities located in Indiana;
- 19 (3) is:
- 20 (A) licensed under IC 12-25, IC 16-21, IC 16-28, or
- 21 corresponding laws of the state in which the property is

- 1 located;
- 2 (B) a regional blood center;
- 3 (C) a community mental health center or community
- 4 intellectual disability and other developmental disabilities
- 5 center (as defined in ~~IC 12-7-2-38~~ and ~~IC 12-7-2-39~~
- 6 **IC 12-7-2.1-78** and **IC 12-7-2.1-77** or corresponding
- 7 provisions of laws of the state in which the property is
- 8 located);
- 9 (D) an entity that:
- 10 (i) contracts with the division of disability, aging, and
- 11 rehabilitative services or the division of mental health and
- 12 addiction to provide the program described in
- 13 IC 12-11-1.1-1(e) or IC 12-22-2; or
- 14 (ii) provides a similar program under the laws of the state in
- 15 which the entity is located;
- 16 (E) a vocational rehabilitation center established under
- 17 IC 12-12-1-4.1(a)(1) or corresponding provisions of the laws
- 18 of the state in which the property is located;
- 19 (F) the owner or operator of a facility that is utilized, directly
- 20 or indirectly, to provide health care, habilitation, rehabilitation,
- 21 therapeutic services, medical research, the training or teaching
- 22 of health care personnel, or any related supporting services, or
- 23 of a residential facility for individuals with a physical, mental,
- 24 or emotional disability, individuals with a physical or mental
- 25 illness, or the elderly;
- 26 (G) a licensed child caring institution providing residential
- 27 care described in ~~IC 12-7-2-29(1)~~ **IC 12-7-2.1-60(1)** or
- 28 corresponding provisions of the laws of the state in which the
- 29 property is located;
- 30 (H) an integrated health care system between or among
- 31 providers, a health care purchasing alliance, a health insurer
- 32 or third party administrator that is a participant in an integrated
- 33 health care system, a health maintenance or preferred provider
- 34 organization, or a foundation that supports a health care
- 35 provider; or
- 36 (I) an individual, business entity, or governmental entity that
- 37 owns an equity or membership interest in any of the
- 38 organizations described in clauses (A) through (H); and
- 39 (4) in the case of a person, corporation, municipal corporation,
- 40 political subdivision, or other entity located outside Indiana, is
- 41 owned or controlled by, under common control with, affiliated
- 42 with, or part of an obligated group that includes an entity that
- 43 provides one (1) or more of the following services or facilities in
- 44 Indiana:
- 45 (A) A facility that provides:
- 46 (i) health care;
- 47 (ii) habilitation, rehabilitation, or therapeutic services;
- 48 (iii) medical research;
- 49 (iv) training or teaching of health care personnel; or
- 50 (v) any related supporting services.

- 1 (B) A residential facility for:
 2 (i) individuals with a physical, mental, or emotional
 3 disability;
 4 (ii) individuals with a physical or mental illness; or
 5 (iii) the elderly.
 6 (C) A licensed child caring institution providing residential
 7 care described in ~~IC 12-7-2-29(1)~~: **IC 12-7-2.1-60(1)**".
 8 Page 24, delete lines 38 through 42.
 9 Page 25, delete lines 1 through 33, begin a new paragraph and
 10 insert:
 11 "SECTION 26. IC 6-3.6-3-6, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1210-2026,
 12 SECTION 118, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]. See: 6:
 13 (a) This section applies to a county in which the county adopting body
 14 is a local income tax council.
 15 (b) In the case of a city or town that lies within more than one (1)
 16 county, the county auditor of each county shall base the allocations
 17 required by subsections (d) and (e) on the population of that part of the
 18 city or town that lies within the county for which the allocations are
 19 being made.
 20 (c) Each local income tax council has a total of one hundred (100)
 21 votes.
 22 (d) Each county, city, or town that is a member of a local income tax
 23 council is allocated a percentage of the total one hundred (100) votes
 24 that may be cast. The percentage that a city or town is allocated for a
 25 year equals the same percentage that the population of the city or town
 26 bears to the population of the county. The percentage that the county
 27 is allocated for a year equals the same percentage that the population
 28 of all areas in the county not located in a city or town bears to the
 29 population of the county.
 30 (e) This subsection applies only to a county with a single voting
 31 bloc. Each individual who sits on the fiscal body of a county, city, or
 32 town that is a member of the local income tax council is allocated for
 33 a year the number of votes equal to the total number of votes allocated
 34 to the particular county, city, or town under subsection (d) divided by
 35 the number of members on the fiscal body of the county, city, or town.
 36 This subsection expires May 31, 2028.
 37 (f) On or before January 1 of each year, the county auditor shall
 38 certify to each member of the local income tax council the number of
 39 votes, rounded to the nearest one hundredth (0.01); each member has
 40 for that year.
 41 (g) This subsection applies only to a county with a single voting
 42 bloc. On or before January 1 of each year, in addition to the
 43 certification to each member of the local income tax council under
 44 subsection (f), the county auditor shall certify to each individual who
 45 sits on the fiscal body of each county, city, or town that is a member of
 46 the local income tax council the number of votes, rounded to the
 47 nearest one hundredth (0.01); each individual has under subsection (e)
 48 for that year. This subsection expires May 31, 2028".
 49 Page 25, delete lines 34 through 42.
 50 Delete page 26.

1 Page 27, delete lines 1 through 22, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:

3 "SECTION 27. IC 6-3.6-3-8, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1210-2026,
4 SECTION 119, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028]. Sec. 8:

5 (a) This section applies to a county in which the county adopting body
6 is a local income tax council:

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e); any member of a local
8 income tax council may present an ordinance for passage. To do so, the
9 member must adopt a resolution to propose the ordinance to the local
10 income tax council and distribute a copy of the proposed ordinance to
11 the county auditor. The county auditor shall treat any proposed
12 ordinance distributed to the auditor under this section as a casting of all
13 that member's votes in favor of the proposed ordinance.

14 (c) Except as provided in subsection (f); the county auditor shall
15 deliver copies of a proposed ordinance the auditor receives to all
16 members of the local income tax council within ten (10) days after
17 receipt. Subject to subsection (d); once a member receives a proposed
18 ordinance from the county auditor; the member shall vote on it within
19 thirty (30) days after receipt.

20 (d) Except as provided in subsection (h); if, before the elapse of
21 thirty (30) days after receipt of a proposed ordinance; the county
22 auditor notifies the member that the members of the local income tax
23 council have cast a majority of the votes on the local income tax
24 council for or against the proposed ordinance the member need not
25 vote on the proposed ordinance.

26 (e) This subsection applies only to a county with a single voting bloc
27 that proposes to increase (but not decrease) a tax rate in the county. The
28 fiscal body of any county, city, or town that is a member of a local
29 income tax council may adopt a resolution to propose an ordinance to
30 increase a tax rate in the county to be voted on by the local income tax
31 council as a whole as required under section 9.5 of this chapter and
32 distribute a copy of the proposed ordinance to the county auditor. The
33 county auditor shall treat the vote tally on the resolution adopted under
34 this subsection for each individual who is a member of the fiscal body
35 of the county, city, or town as the voting record for that individual
36 either for or against the ordinance being proposed for consideration by
37 the local income tax council as a whole under section 9.5 of this
38 chapter. This subsection expires May 31, 2028.

39 (f) This subsection applies only to a county with a single voting bloc
40 that proposes to increase (but not decrease) a tax rate in the county. The
41 county auditor shall deliver copies of a proposed ordinance the auditor
42 receives under subsection (e) to the fiscal officers of all members of the
43 local income tax council (other than the member proposing the
44 ordinance under subsection (e)) within ten (10) days after receipt.
45 Subject to subsection (h); once a member receives a proposed
46 ordinance from the county auditor; the member shall vote on it within
47 thirty (30) days after receipt. This subsection expires May 31, 2028.

48 (g) This subsection applies only to a county with a single voting
49 bloc that proposes to increase (but not decrease) a tax rate in the
50 county. The fiscal body of each county, city, or town voting on a

1 resolution to propose an ordinance under subsection (e), or voting on
 2 a proposed ordinance being considered by the local income tax council
 3 as a whole under section 9-5 of this chapter, must take a roll call vote
 4 on the resolution or the proposed ordinance. If an individual who sits
 5 on the fiscal body is absent from the meeting in which a vote is taken
 6 or abstains from voting on the resolution or proposed ordinance, the
 7 fiscal officer of the county, city, or town shall nevertheless consider
 8 that individual's vote as a "no" vote against the resolution or the
 9 proposed ordinance being considered, whichever is applicable, for
 10 purposes of the vote tally under this section and shall note on the vote
 11 tally that the individual's "no" vote is due to absence or abstention. The
 12 fiscal body of each county, city, or town shall certify the roll call vote
 13 on a resolution or a proposed ordinance, either for or against, to the
 14 county auditor as set forth under this chapter. This subsection expires
 15 May 31, 2028.

16 (h) This subsection applies only to a county with a single voting
 17 bloc that proposes to increase (but not decrease) a tax rate in the
 18 county. If, before the elapse of thirty (30) days after receipt of a
 19 proposed ordinance under subsection (e), the county auditor notifies
 20 the member that the individuals who sit on the fiscal bodies of the
 21 county, cities, and towns that are members of the local income tax
 22 council have cast a majority of the votes on the local income tax
 23 council for or against a proposed ordinance voting as a whole under
 24 section 9-5 of this chapter, the member need not vote on the proposed
 25 ordinance under subsection (e). This subsection expires May 31,
 26 2028."

27 Page 52, delete lines 21 through 42.

28 Delete page 53.

29 Page 54, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and
 30 insert:

31 "SECTION 8. IC 11-8-8-4.5, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1303-2026,
 32 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Except as provided in section 22 of this
 34 chapter, as used in this chapter, "sex offender" means a person
 35 convicted of any of the following offenses:

- 36 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
- 37 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).
- 38 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
- 39 (4) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4).
- 40 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (including performing sexual
 41 conduct in the presence of a minor) (IC 35-42-4-5).
- 42 (6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
- 43 (7) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
- 44 (8) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9) as a Class A,
 45 Class B, or Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
 46 2014) or a Level 1, Level 2, Level 4, or Level 5 felony (for a
 47 crime committed after June 30, 2014), unless:
- 48 (A) the person is convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor
 49 as a Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
 50 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime committed after June

- 1 30, 2014);
- 2 (B) the person is not more than:
- 3 (i) four (4) years older than the victim if the offense was
- 4 committed after June 30, 2007; or
- 5 (ii) five (5) years older than the victim if the offense was
- 6 committed before July 1, 2007; and
- 7 (C) the sentencing court finds that the person should not be
- 8 required to register as a sex offender.
- 9 (9) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
- 10 (10) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).
- 11 (11) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2), if the victim is less than eighteen
- 12 (18) years of age, and the person who kidnapped the victim is not
- 13 the victim's parent or guardian.
- 14 (12) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), if the victim is less
- 15 than eighteen (18) years of age, and the person who confined or
- 16 removed the victim is not the victim's parent or guardian.
- 17 (13) Possession of child sex abuse material (IC 35-42-4-4(d) or
- 18 IC 35-42-4-4(e)) (before July 1, 2026), or a child sex abuse
- 19 material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June 30, 2026).
- 20 (14) Promoting prostitution (IC 35-45-4-4) as a Class B felony
- 21 (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 4 felony
- 22 (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).
- 23 (15) Promotion of human sexual trafficking under
- 24 IC 35-42-3.5-1.1.
- 25 (16) Promotion of child sexual trafficking under
- 26 IC 35-42-3.5-1.2(a).
- 27 (17) Promotion of sexual trafficking of a younger child (IC
- 28 35-42-3.5-1.2(c)).
- 29 (18) Child sexual trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.3).
- 30 (19) Human trafficking under IC 35-42-3.5-1.4 if the victim is
- 31 less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 32 (20) Sexual misconduct by a service provider with a detained or
- 33 supervised child (IC 35-44.1-3-10(c)).
- 34 (b) The term includes:
- 35 (1) a person who is required to register as a sex offender in any
- 36 jurisdiction;
- 37 (2) a person who has been designated:
- 38 (A) a sex offender;
- 39 (B) a sexually violent predator; or
- 40 (C) with a substantially equivalent designation;
- 41 in another jurisdiction and who was or would be subjected to the
- 42 sex offender registration reporting requirements in the other
- 43 jurisdiction if the person resided, worked, volunteered, attended
- 44 school, or owned real property in that jurisdiction, as determined
- 45 by the department;
- 46 (3) a person who has been convicted of failure to register as a sex
- 47 offender in any jurisdiction; and
- 48 (4) a child who has committed a delinquent act, or a person
- 49 prosecuted under IC 31-30-1-4(d) for an offense described in
- 50 subsection (a) committed when the person was less than eighteen

1 (18) years of age, but who was at least twenty-one (21) years of
2 age when the charge was filed, and who:

3 (A) is at least fourteen (14) years of age;

4 (B) is on probation, is on parole, is discharged from a facility
5 by the department of correction, is discharged from a secure
6 private facility (as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-1+5~~;
7 **IC 31-9-2.1-223**), or is discharged from a juvenile detention
8 facility as a result of an adjudication as a delinquent child for
9 an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if
10 committed by an adult; and

11 (C) is found by a court by clear and convincing evidence to be
12 likely to repeat an act that would be an offense described in
13 subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

14 (c) In making a determination under subsection (b)(4)(C), the court
15 shall consider expert testimony concerning whether a child is likely to
16 repeat an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if
17 committed by an adult.

18 (d) A person ordered to register under subsection (b)(4) may
19 petition the court to reconsider the order at any time after completing
20 court ordered sex offender treatment. The court shall consider expert
21 testimony concerning whether a child or person is likely to repeat an
22 offense described in subsection (a) or an act that would be an offense
23 described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult."

24 Page 54, delete lines 18 through 42.

25 Delete page 55.

26 Page 56, delete lines 1 through 16, begin a new paragraph and
27 insert:

28 "SECTION 9. IC 11-8-8-5, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1303-2026,
29 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in section 22 of this
31 chapter, as used in this chapter, "sex or violent offender" means a
32 person convicted of any of the following offenses:

33 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

34 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).

35 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

36 (4) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4).

37 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (including performing sexual
38 conduct in the presence of a minor) (IC 35-42-4-5).

39 (6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).

40 (7) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).

41 (8) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9) as a Class A,
42 Class B, or Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
43 2014) or a Level 1, Level 2, Level 4, or Level 5 felony (for a
44 crime committed after June 30, 2014), unless:

45 (A) the person is convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor
46 as a Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
47 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime committed after June
48 30, 2014);

49 (B) the person is not more than:

50 (i) four (4) years older than the victim if the offense was

- 1 committed after June 30, 2007; or
 2 (ii) five (5) years older than the victim if the offense was
 3 committed before July 1, 2007; and
 4 (C) the sentencing court finds that the person should not be
 5 required to register as a sex offender.
- 6 (9) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
 7 (10) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).
 8 (11) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2), if the victim is less than eighteen
 9 (18) years of age, and the person who kidnapped the victim is not
 10 the victim's parent or guardian.
 11 (12) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), if the victim is less
 12 than eighteen (18) years of age, and the person who confined or
 13 removed the victim is not the victim's parent or guardian.
 14 (13) Possession of child sex abuse material (IC 35-42-4-4(d) or
 15 IC 35-42-4-4(e)) (before July 1, 2026), or a child sex abuse
 16 material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June 30, 2026).
 17 (14) Promoting prostitution (IC 35-45-4-4) as a Class B felony
 18 (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 4 felony
 19 (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).
 20 (15) Promotion of human sexual trafficking under
 21 IC 35-42-3.5-1.1.
 22 (16) Promotion of child sexual trafficking under
 23 IC 35-42-3.5-1.2(a).
 24 (17) Promotion of sexual trafficking of a younger child (IC
 25 35-42-3.5-1.2(c)).
 26 (18) Child sexual trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.3).
 27 (19) Human trafficking under IC 35-42-3.5-1.4 if the victim is
 28 less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 29 (20) Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).
 30 (21) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).
 31 (22) Sexual misconduct by a service provider with a detained or
 32 supervised child (IC 35-44.1-3-10(c)).
- 33 (b) The term includes:
 34 (1) a person who is required to register as a sex or violent
 35 offender in any jurisdiction;
 36 (2) a person who has been designated:
 37 (A) a sex offender;
 38 (B) a sexually violent predator; or
 39 (C) with a substantially equivalent designation;
 40 in another jurisdiction, and who was or would be subjected to the
 41 sex offender registration reporting requirements in the other
 42 jurisdiction if the person resided, worked, volunteered, attended
 43 school, or owned real property in that jurisdiction, as determined
 44 by the department;
 45 (3) a person who has been convicted of failure to register as a sex
 46 offender in any jurisdiction; and
 47 (4) a child who has committed a delinquent act, or a person
 48 prosecuted under IC 31-30-1-4(d) for an offense described in
 49 subsection (a) committed when the person was less than eighteen
 50 (18) years of age, but who was at least twenty-one (21) years of

age when the charge was filed, and who:

(A) is at least fourteen (14) years of age;

(B) is on probation, is on parole, is discharged from a facility by the department of correction, is discharged from a secure private facility (as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-115~~; **IC 31-9-2.1-223**), or is discharged from a juvenile detention facility as a result of an adjudication as a delinquent child for an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult; and

(C) is found by a court by clear and convincing evidence to be likely to repeat an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

(c) In making a determination under subsection (b)(4)(C), the court shall consider expert testimony concerning whether a child is likely to repeat an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

(d) A person ordered to register under subsection (b)(4) may petition the court to reconsider the order at any time after completing court ordered sex offender treatment. The court shall consider expert testimony concerning whether a child or person is likely to repeat an offense described in subsection (a) or an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult."

Page 68, delete lines 27 through 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 42. "Bureau" means the following:

(1) For purposes of IC 12-10, the bureau of better aging established by IC 12-10-1-1.

(2) For purposes of IC 12-11, the bureau of disabilities services established by IC 12-11-1.1-1.

(3) For purposes of IC 12-12, the rehabilitation services bureau of the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services established by IC 12-12-1-1."

Page 68, between lines 36 and 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 43.6. "Candy", for purposes of IC 12-14-30-10, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-14-30-10(a)."

Page 68, delete lines 40 through 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 45. "Caretaker", for purposes of IC 12-10, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-22-1."

Page 69, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 50.5 "Certified peer", for purposes of IC 12-21, means an individual who is trained and certified by the division of mental health and addiction or an approved nationally accredited certification body to provide ongoing support to individuals and families of individuals who are receiving mental health or substance use recovery supports and services."

Page 72, delete lines 41 through 42.

Page 73, delete lines 1 through 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 77. "Community intellectual disability and other

1 developmental disabilities centers", for purposes of IC 12-29
 2 (except as provided in IC 12-29-3-6), means a program of services
 3 that meets the following conditions:

4 (1) Is approved by the division of disability, aging, and
 5 rehabilitative services.

6 (2) Is organized for the purpose of providing multiple services
 7 for persons with developmental disabilities.

8 (3) Is operated by one (1) of the following or any combination
 9 of the following:

10 (A) A city, a town, a county, or another political
 11 subdivision of Indiana.

12 (B) An agency of the state.

13 (C) An agency of the United States.

14 (D) A political subdivision of another state.

15 (E) A hospital owned or operated by a unit of government
 16 described in clauses (A) through (D).

17 (F) A building authority organized for the purpose of
 18 constructing facilities to be leased to units of government.

19 (G) A corporation incorporated under IC 23-7-1.1 (before
 20 its repeal August 1, 1991) or IC 23-17.

21 (H) A nonprofit corporation incorporated in another state.

22 (I) A university or college.

23 (4) Is accredited for the services provided by one (1) of the
 24 following organizations:

25 (A) The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation
 26 Facilities (CARF), or its successor.

27 (B) The Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for
 28 People with Disabilities, or its successor.

29 (C) The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare
 30 Organizations (JCAHO), or its successor.

31 (D) The National Commission on Quality Assurance, or its
 32 successor.

33 (E) An independent national accreditation organization
 34 approved by the secretary."

35 Page 82, delete lines 11 through 26, begin a new paragraph and
 36 insert:

37 "Sec. 120. "Director" refers to the following:

38 (1) With respect to a particular division, the director of the
 39 division.

40 (2) With respect to a particular state institution, the director
 41 who has administrative control of and responsibility for the
 42 state institution.

43 (3) For purposes of IC 12-10-15, the term refers to the
 44 director of the bureau of better aging.

45 (4) For purposes of IC 12-25, the term refers to the director
 46 of the division of mental health and addiction.

47 (5) For purposes of IC 12-26, the term:

48 (A) refers to the director who has administrative control of
 49 and responsibility for the appropriate state institution; and

50 (B) includes the director's designee.

51 (6) If subdivisions (1) through (5) do not apply, the term

- 1 **refers to the director of any of the divisions."**
 2 Page 82, delete lines 35 through 42.
 3 Page 83, delete lines 1 through 39, begin a new paragraph and
 4 insert:
 5 **"Sec. 127. (a) "Division", except as provided in subsections (b),**
 6 **(c), and (d), refers to any of the following:**
 7 **(1) The division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services**
 8 **established by IC 12-9-1-1.**
 9 **(2) The division of family resources established by**
 10 **IC 12-13-1-1.**
 11 **(3) The division of mental health and addiction established by**
 12 **IC 12-21-1-1.**
 13 **(b) The term refers to the following:**
 14 **(1) For purposes of the following statutes, the division of**
 15 **disability, aging, and rehabilitative services established by**
 16 **IC 12-9-1-1:**
 17 **(A) IC 12-9.**
 18 **(B) IC 12-10.**
 19 **(C) IC 12-11.**
 20 **(D) IC 12-12.**
 21 **(E) IC 12-12.7.**
 22 **(F) IC 12-28-5.**
 23 **(2) For purposes of the following statutes, the division of**
 24 **family resources established by IC 12-13-1-1:**
 25 **(A) IC 12-8-12.**
 26 **(B) IC 12-13.**
 27 **(C) IC 12-14.**
 28 **(D) IC 12-15.**
 29 **(E) IC 12-16.**
 30 **(F) IC 12-17.**
 31 **(G) IC 12-17.2.**
 32 **(H) IC 12-18.**
 33 **(I) IC 12-19.**
 34 **(J) IC 12-20.**
 35 **(3) For purposes of the following statutes, the division of**
 36 **mental health and addiction established by IC 12-21-1-1:**
 37 **(A) IC 12-21.**
 38 **(B) IC 12-22.**
 39 **(C) IC 12-23.**
 40 **(D) IC 12-25.**
 41 **(c) With respect to a particular state institution, the term refers**
 42 **to the division whose director has administrative control of and**
 43 **responsibility for the state institution.**
 44 **(d) For purposes of IC 12-24, IC 12-26, and IC 12-27, the term**
 45 **refers to the division whose director has administrative control of**
 46 **and responsibility for the appropriate state institution."**
 47 Page 85, between lines 11 and 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 48 **"Sec. 138.7. "Emergency medical responder", for purposes of**
 49 **IC 12-10-21, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-21-1."**
 50 Page 85, between lines 36 and 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 51 **"Sec. 146.5. "Ethical standards", for purposes of IC 12-23-25,**

- 1 has the meaning set forth in IC 12-23-25-1."
 2 Page 88, delete lines 33 through 40, begin a new paragraph and
 3 insert:
 4 **"Sec. 170. "Gravely disabled", for purposes of IC 12-26, means**
 5 **a condition in which an individual, as a result of mental illness, is**
 6 **in danger of coming to harm because the individual:**
 7 (1) is unable to provide for that individual's food, clothing,
 8 shelter, or other essential human needs;
 9 (2) has a substantial impairment or an obvious deterioration
 10 of that individual's judgment, reasoning, or behavior that
 11 results in the individual's inability to function independently;
 12 or
 13 (3) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate shelter, resulting in
 14 the individual remaining outdoors in places not designed for
 15 or ordinarily used for sleeping during weather conditions that
 16 are likely to result in death or serious physical injury, if:
 17 (A) the individual has refused transportation to a shelter
 18 or mental health service provider; and
 19 (B) a shelter or mental health service provider was
 20 reasonably offered and available."
 21 Page 92, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 22 **"Sec. 202.5. "Integrated reentry and correctional support"**
 23 **refers to mental health and substance use services and support,**
 24 **including certified peer support recovery resources and treatment,**
 25 **provided to individuals during incarceration and reentry."**
 26 Page 96, between lines 17 and 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 27 **"Sec. 241.5. "Owner", for purposes of IC 12-23-25, has the**
 28 **meaning set forth in IC 12-23-25-2."**
 29 Page 97, delete lines 17 through 23, begin a new paragraph and
 30 insert:
 31 **"Sec. 247. "Person with a disability" means, for purposes of the**
 32 **following statutes, an individual who has a physical or mental**
 33 **disability and meets the program eligibility requirements of the**
 34 **division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services:**
 35 (1) IC 12-8-1.5-10.
 36 (2) IC 12-12-1.
 37 (3) IC 12-12-6."
 38 Page 98, delete lines 37 through 42.
 39 Page 99, delete lines 1 through 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 40 **"Sec. 263. "Program" refers to the following:**
 41 (1) For purposes of IC 12-10-5.7, the meaning set forth in
 42 IC 12-10-5.7-2.
 43 (2) For purposes of IC 12-10-7, the adult guardianship
 44 services program established by IC 12-10-7-5.
 45 (3) For purposes of IC 12-10-10, the meaning set forth in
 46 IC 12-10-10-5.
 47 (4) For purposes of IC 12-10-21, the meaning set forth in
 48 IC 12-10-21-3.
 49 (5) For purposes of IC 12-15-12.7, the meaning set forth in
 50 IC 12-15-12.7-1.
 51 (6) For purposes of IC 12-17.2-2-14.2, the meaning set forth in

- 1 **IC 12-17.2-2-14.2(a).**
 2 **(7) For purposes of IC 12-17.6, the meaning set forth in**
 3 **IC 12-17.6-1-5."**
 4 Page 99, between lines 7 and 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 5 **"Sec. 263.4. "Program participant", for purposes of**
 6 **IC 12-10-21, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-21-4."**
 7 Page 101, delete lines 24 through 31, begin a new paragraph and
 8 insert:
 9 **"Sec. 277. "Qualified provider" means the following:**
 10 **(1) For purposes of IC 12-15-1-16:**
 11 **(A) a school based nurse; or**
 12 **(B) another provider who:**
 13 **(i) is licensed and in good standing with the Indiana**
 14 **professional licensing agency; and**
 15 **(ii) is employed by or contracts with a school corporation**
 16 **that participates in Medicaid.**
 17 **(2) For purposes of IC 12-15-4, a provider who:**
 18 **(A) is enrolled in the Indiana Medicaid program; and**
 19 **(B) maintains a valid agreement, as prescribed by the**
 20 **office, to make determinations concerning presumptive**
 21 **eligibility."**
 22 Page 102, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 23 **"Sec. 158.3. "Recovery residence services", for purposes of**
 24 **IC 12-23-25, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-23-25-3."**
 25 Page 106, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 26 **"Sec. 310.5. "Soft drink", for purposes of IC 12-14-30-10, has**
 27 **the meaning set forth in IC 12-14-30-10(b)."**
 28 Page 106, delete lines 9 through 10, begin a new paragraph and
 29 insert:
 30 **"Sec. 312. "Special needs", for purposes of IC 12-10, has the**
 31 **meaning set forth in IC 12-10-22-2."**
 32 Page 122, delete lines 20 through 42.
 33 Page 123, delete lines 1 through 27, begin a new paragraph and
 34 insert:
 35 "SECTION 24. IC 12-17.2-4-32, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 36 1202-2026, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 32. (a) The following constitute
 38 sufficient grounds for revocation of a license:
 39 (1) A determination by the department of child services of child
 40 abuse or neglect (as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-14~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-33**) by:
 41 (A) the licensee;
 42 (B) an employee of the licensee who may be present on the
 43 premises of the child care center during operating hours of the
 44 child care center; or
 45 (C) a volunteer of the licensee who may be present on the
 46 premises of the child care center during operating hours of the
 47 child care center.
 48 (2) A criminal conviction of the licensee, or an employee or
 49 volunteer of the licensee who may be present on the premises of
 50 the child care center during operating hours of the child care

center, of any of the following:

(A) A felony:

- (i) related to the health or safety of a child;
- (ii) that is a sex offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2);
- (iii) that is a dangerous felony; or
- (iv) that is not a felony otherwise described in items (i) through (iii), and less than ten (10) years have elapsed from the date the person was discharged from probation, imprisonment, or parole, whichever discharge date is latest.

(B) A misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child.

(C) A misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a license under section 35 of this chapter, or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction if the offense is directly or indirectly related to jeopardizing the health or safety of a child.

(D) A misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a license under IC 12-17.2-5-35, or a substantially similar offense in another jurisdiction if the offense is directly or indirectly related to jeopardizing the health or safety of a child.

(3) A determination by the division that the licensee made false statements in the licensee's application for licensure.

(4) A determination by the division that the licensee made false statements in the records required by the division.

(5) A determination by the division that the licensee previously operated a:

- (A) child care center without a license under this chapter; or
- (B) child care home without a license under IC 12-17.2-5.

(6) A determination by the division that the operator of the child care center has failed to comply with an order of the department of homeland security.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), if:

- (1) a license is revoked due to a criminal conviction of an employee or a volunteer of the licensee; and
- (2) the division determines that the employee or volunteer has been dismissed by the licensee;

the criminal conviction of the former employee or former volunteer does not require revocation of a license."

Page 128, delete lines 36 through 42.

Delete page 129.

Page 130, delete lines 1 through 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 84. IC 12-17.2-6-19, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1202-2026, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 19. (a) The following constitute sufficient grounds for revocation of a registration under this chapter:

(1) A determination by the department of child services of child abuse or neglect (as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-14~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-33**) by:

- (A) the operator of the child care ministry;
- (B) an employee of the child care ministry who may be present on the premises of the child care ministry during operating

- 1 hours of the child care ministry; or
 2 (C) a volunteer of the child care ministry who may be present
 3 on the premises of the child care ministry during operating
 4 hours of the child care ministry.
- 5 (2) A criminal conviction of the operator of the child care
 6 ministry, or an employee or volunteer of the child care ministry
 7 who may be present on the premises of the child care ministry
 8 during operating hours of the child care ministry, of any of the
 9 following:
- 10 (A) A felony:
- 11 (i) related to the health or safety of a child;
 12 (ii) that is a sex offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2);
 13 (iii) that is a dangerous felony; or
 14 (iv) that is not a felony otherwise described in items (i)
 15 through (iii), and less than ten (10) years have elapsed from
 16 the date the person was discharged from probation,
 17 imprisonment, or parole, whichever discharge date is latest.
- 18 (B) A misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child.
 19 (C) A misdemeanor for operating a child care ministry without
 20 a registration under this chapter, or a substantially similar
 21 offense in another jurisdiction if the offense is directly or
 22 indirectly related to jeopardizing the health or safety of a child.
 23 (D) A misdemeanor for operating a child care center without
 24 a license under IC 12-17.2-4-35, or a substantially similar
 25 offense in another jurisdiction if the offense is directly or
 26 indirectly related to jeopardizing the health or safety of a child.
 27 (E) A misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
 28 license under IC 12-17.2-5-35, or a substantially similar
 29 offense in another jurisdiction if the offense is directly or
 30 indirectly related to jeopardizing the health or safety of a child.
- 31 (3) A determination by the division that the operator of the child
 32 care ministry made false statements in the child care ministry's
 33 registration application.
- 34 (4) A determination by the division that the operator of the child
 35 care ministry made false statements in the records required by the
 36 division.
- 37 (5) A determination by the division that the operator of the child
 38 care ministry previously operated a:
- 39 (A) child care ministry without a registration under this
 40 chapter;
 41 (B) child care center without a license under IC 12-17.2-4; or
 42 (C) child care home without a license under IC 12-17.2-5.
- 43 (6) A determination by the division that the operator of the child
 44 care ministry has failed to comply with an order of the department
 45 of homeland security.
- 46 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), if:
- 47 (1) a registration is revoked due to a criminal conviction of an
 48 employee or a volunteer of the child care ministry; and
 49 (2) the division determines that the employee or volunteer has
 50 been dismissed by the child care ministry;

1 the criminal conviction of the former employee or former volunteer
2 does not require revocation of the registration."

3 Page 130, delete lines 10 through 42.

4 Page 131, delete lines 1 through 24, begin a new paragraph and
5 insert:

6 "SECTION 66. IC 12-17.2-7.6-3, AS AMENDED BY SEA
7 222-2026, SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Not later than January 1,
9 2025, after soliciting and considering recommendations from
10 appropriate stakeholders, the office of the secretary shall develop a
11 regulatory model that:

- 12 (1) is applicable only to micro facilities;
13 (2) incorporates waivers or variances from the office of the
14 secretary's rules applicable to providers under this article; and
15 (3) provides for a balance between the goals of:
16 (A) increasing the availability of child care, particularly in
17 geographic areas facing a critical shortage of child care, by
18 reducing the costs of operating a micro facility; and
19 (B) ensuring the health and safety of children for whom a
20 micro facility provides child care.

21 (b) In determining waivers or variances to be incorporated under
22 subsection (a)(2), the office of the secretary shall consider efficiencies
23 such as:

- 24 (1) allowing a micro facility to be operated in either a residential
25 or nonresidential building;
26 (2) prescribing educational requirements for staff members of a
27 micro facility that are tailored to the needs of providing child care
28 to groups of thirty (30) children or less; and
29 (3) allowing for supervision of children of diverse age groups in
30 a manner that maximizes use of limited facility space.

31 (c) Not later than March 1, 2025, the office of the secretary shall
32 establish and administer a pilot program under which:

33 (1) a licensee under ~~IC 12-7-2-28.4~~ **IC 12-7-2.1-55** or
34 ~~IC 12-7-2-28.8~~ **IC 12-7-2.1-58** that:

- 35 (A) operates an existing micro facility; or
36 (B) proposes to begin operating a new micro facility not more
37 than sixty (60) days after the date of the licensee's application
38 under this subdivision;

39 may apply to participate in the pilot program in a manner
40 prescribed by the office of the secretary;

41 (2) the office of the secretary shall select at least three (3)
42 licensees that apply under subdivision (1) and:

- 43 (A) allow a selected licensee described in subdivision (1)(A)
44 to operate the licensee's existing micro facility; and
45 (B) allow a selected licensee described in subdivision (1)(B)
46 to operate the licensee's proposed micro facility;

47 under the regulatory model developed under subsection (a); and

48 (3) the office of the secretary shall:

- 49 (A) monitor the operation of the micro facilities operating
50 under the regulatory model under subdivision (2); and

- 1 (B) evaluate the degree to which the operation of the micro
 2 facilities under the regulatory model serves the balance
 3 described in subsection (a)(3).
- 4 (d) The office of the secretary shall, to the extent practicable, select
 5 licensees for participation in the pilot program such that the micro
 6 facilities operated by the licensees are located in areas:
- 7 (1) that are geographically diverse from one another; and
 8 (2) in which there exists a critical shortage of child care providers.
- 9 (e) A waiver or variance applied to a micro facility under this
 10 section expires on the earlier of:
- 11 (1) the date specified by the office of the secretary; or
 12 (2) December 31, 2027."
- 13 Page 131, delete lines 28 through 42.
 14 Delete pages 132 through 133.
 15 Page 134, delete lines 1 through 6, begin a new paragraph and
 16 insert:
- 17 "SECTION 87. IC 12-21-2-3, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 18 SECTION 68, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1296-2026, SECTION
 19 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 20 2026]: Sec. 3. The secretary or the secretary's designee shall do the
 21 following:
- 22 (1) Organize the division, create the appropriate personnel
 23 positions, and employ personnel necessary to discharge the
 24 statutory duties and powers of the division or a bureau of the
 25 division.
- 26 (2) Subject to the approval of the state personnel department,
 27 establish personnel qualifications for all deputy directors,
 28 assistant directors, bureau heads, and superintendents.
- 29 (3) Subject to the approval of the budget director and the
 30 governor, establish the compensation of all deputy directors,
 31 assistant directors, bureau heads, and superintendents.
- 32 (4) Study the entire problem of mental health, mental illness, and
 33 addictions existing in Indiana.
- 34 (5) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the following:
- 35 (A) Standards for the operation of private institutions that are
 36 licensed under IC 12-25 for the diagnosis, treatment, and care
 37 of individuals with psychiatric disorders, addictions, or other
 38 abnormal mental conditions.
- 39 (B) Licensing or certifying community residential programs
 40 described in IC 12-22-2-3.5 for individuals with serious
 41 mental illness (SMI), serious emotional disturbance (SED), or
 42 chronic addiction (CA) with the exception of psychiatric
 43 residential treatment facilities.
- 44 (C) Subject to IC 12-29-2-21, certifying community mental
 45 health centers to operate in Indiana.
- 46 (D) Establish exclusive geographic primary service areas for
 47 community mental health centers. The rules must include the
 48 following:
- 49 (i) Criteria and procedures to justify the change to the
 50 boundaries of a community mental health center's primary

- 1 service area.
- 2 (ii) Criteria and procedures to justify the change of an
- 3 assignment of a community mental health center to a
- 4 primary service area.
- 5 (iii) A provision specifying that the criteria and procedures
- 6 determined in items (i) and (ii) must include an option for
- 7 the county and the community mental health center to
- 8 initiate a request for a change in primary service area or
- 9 provider assignment.
- 10 (iv) A provision specifying the criteria and procedures
- 11 determined in items (i) and (ii) may not limit an eligible
- 12 consumer's right to choose or access the services of any
- 13 provider who is certified by the division of mental health
- 14 and addiction to provide public supported mental health
- 15 services.
- 16 (E) The implementation and administration of certification
- 17 requirements and standards for the following:
- 18 (i) Certified community behavioral health clinics.
- 19 (ii) Recovery community organizations.
- 20 (iii) Recovery residences, for residential care and supported
- 21 housing for chronic addiction in a recovery residence.
- 22 (iv) Certified peers.
- 23 (6) Institute programs, in conjunction with an accredited college
- 24 or university and with the approval, if required by law, of the
- 25 commission for higher education, for the instruction of students
- 26 of mental health and other related occupations. The programs may
- 27 be designed to meet requirements for undergraduate and
- 28 postgraduate degrees and to provide continuing education and
- 29 research.
- 30 (7) Develop programs to educate the public in regard to the
- 31 prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care of all abnormal mental
- 32 conditions.
- 33 (8) Make the facilities of the state institutions available for the
- 34 instruction of medical students, student nurses, interns, and
- 35 resident and fellow physicians under the supervision of the faculty
- 36 of any accredited school of medicine or osteopathy located in
- 37 Indiana or an accredited residency or fellowship training program
- 38 in connection with research and instruction in psychiatric
- 39 disorders.
- 40 (9) Institute a stipend program designed to improve the quality
- 41 and quantity of staff that state institutions employ.
- 42 (10) Establish, supervise, and conduct community programs,
- 43 either directly or by contract, for the diagnosis, treatment, and
- 44 prevention of psychiatric disorders.
- 45 (11) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the records and data
- 46 to be kept concerning individuals admitted to state institutions,
- 47 community mental health centers, or other providers.
- 48 (12) Compile information and statistics concerning the ethnicity
- 49 and gender of a program or service recipient.
- 50 (13) Establish standards for services described in ~~IC 12-7-2-40.6~~

1 **IC 12-7-2.1-83** for community mental health centers and other
2 providers.

3 (14) Provide that the standards for services provided by recovery
4 residences for residential care and supported housing for chronic
5 addiction, when used as a recovery residence, be certified by the
6 division or the division's designee to ensure adherence to
7 standards determined by the division.

8 (15) Provide that the standards for services provided by recovery
9 community organizations for behavioral health recovery, when
10 used as a recovery community organization, be certified by the
11 division or the division's designee to ensure adherence to
12 standards determined by the division.

13 (16) Certify integrated reentry and correctional support programs
14 to ensure adherence to standards determined by the division or a
15 certification body approved by the division.

16 (17) Require the division to:

17 (A) provide best practice recommendations to community
18 mental health centers; and

19 (B) work with community mental health centers in a
20 collaborative manner in order to ensure improved health
21 outcomes as a part of reviews or audits.

22 Documentation developed as a part of an incident or death
23 reporting audit or review is confidential and may only be shared
24 between the division and the community mental health center.".

25 Page 134, delete lines 7 through 32, begin a new paragraph and
26 insert:

27 "SECTION 70. IC 12-21-8-10, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
28 SECTION 70, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The division shall coordinate:

30 (1) available onsite response services of crisis calls using state
31 and locally funded mobile crisis teams; and

32 (2) crisis receiving and stabilization services resulting from a
33 9-8-8 call.

34 (b) The mobile crisis teams must be certified by the division and
35 must include:

36 (1) a peer certified by the division; and

37 (2) at least one (1) of the following:

38 (A) A behavioral health professional licensed under
39 IC 25-23.6.

40 (B) An other behavioral health professional (OBHP), as
41 defined in 440 IAC 11-1-12.

42 (C) Emergency medical services personnel licensed under
43 IC 16-31.

44 (D) Law enforcement based coresponder behavioral health
45 teams.

46 (c) Crisis response services provided by a mobile crisis team must
47 be provided under the supervision of:

48 (1) a behavioral health professional licensed under IC 25-23.6;

49 (2) a licensed physician; or

50 (3) an advanced practice registered nurse (as defined in

- 1 ~~IC 12-7-2-3.1~~; **IC 12-7-2.1-10**.
- 2 The supervision required under this subsection may be performed
- 3 remotely."
- 4 Page 135, delete line 42.
- 5 Page 136, delete lines 1 through 36, begin a new paragraph and
- 6 insert:
- 7 "SECTION 92. IC 13-20-25-10, AS AMENDED BY SEA
- 8 277-2026, SECTION 210, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A person:
- 10 (1) who:
- 11 (A) is not required to submit a recycling activity report under
- 12 section 9 of this chapter; but
- 13 (B) recycled recyclable materials during a calendar year;
- 14 (2) who:
- 15 (A) meets the definition of "scrap metal processing facility" set
- 16 forth in ~~IC 8-23-1-36~~; **IC 8-23-1.1-35**;
- 17 (B) meets the definition of "automotive salvage recycler" set
- 18 forth in IC 9-13-2-10;
- 19 (C) meets the definition of "recycling facility" set forth in
- 20 IC 9-13-2-150.3;
- 21 (D) is engaged in business subject to IC 9-22-3;
- 22 (E) meets the definition of "automotive salvage rebuilder" set
- 23 forth in IC 9-32-2.1-5;
- 24 (F) meets the definition of "scrap metal processor" set forth in
- 25 IC 13-11-2-196.5;
- 26 (G) meets the definition of "core buyer" set forth in
- 27 IC 25-37.5-1-0.2; or
- 28 (H) meets the definition of "valuable metal dealer" set forth in
- 29 IC 25-37.5-1-1(b); or
- 30 (3) who:
- 31 (A) is not required to submit a recycling activity report under
- 32 section 9 of this chapter; but
- 33 (B) took action during a calendar year to recover, from the
- 34 solid waste stream, for purposes of:
- 35 (i) use or reuse;
- 36 (ii) conversion into raw materials; or
- 37 (iii) use in the production of new products;
- 38 materials that were not municipal waste;
- 39 may voluntarily submit a recycling activity report to the commissioner
- 40 concerning the person's recycling activity during the calendar year.
- 41 (b) The commissioner may include information reported to the
- 42 commissioner under this section in the annual reports that the
- 43 commissioner is required to submit under IC 4-23-5.5-6."
- 44 Page 136, delete lines 37 through 42.
- 45 Page 137, delete lines 1 through 13, begin a new paragraph and
- 46 insert:
- 47 "SECTION 94. IC 14-19-3-1, AS AMENDED BY SEA 15-2026,
- 48 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 49 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department may not charge a price of
- 50 admission to:

- 1 (1) inpatients of state or federally owned or operated hospitals or
 2 institutions and their supervisors;
 3 (2) foster families who reside together in the same foster family
 4 home licensed under IC 31-27-4;
 5 (3) individuals who meet the definition of foster youth set forth in
 6 ~~IC 31-9-2-47.3(a)~~; **IC 31-9-2.1-110(b)**; or
 7 (4) a Gold Star family member who displays:
 8 (A) an Indiana Gold Star family member license plate under
 9 IC 9-18.5-33; or
 10 (B) a free annual pass;

11 for the use of any property owned or managed by the department for
 12 purposes of this article.

13 (b) If necessary, the department may adopt rules concerning the
 14 appropriate form of identification or documentation required for
 15 admission to a location described in subsection (a)."

16 Page 140, delete lines 1 through 35, begin a new paragraph and
 17 insert:

18 "SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-179, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 19 1358-2026, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 179. (a) "Hospital", except as
 21 provided in subsections (b) through (h), means a hospital that is
 22 licensed under IC 16-21-2.

23 (b) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-21, means an institution, a
 24 place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the general public that
 25 it is operated for hospital purposes and that it provides care,
 26 accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in connection with the
 27 services of a physician, to individuals who may need medical or
 28 surgical services. The term does not include the following:

- 29 (1) Freestanding health facilities.
 30 (2) Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,
 31 care, and treat the following:
 32 (A) Individuals with a mental illness (as defined in
 33 ~~IC 12-7-2-117.6~~; **IC 12-7-2.1-197**).
 34 (B) Individuals with developmental disabilities (as defined in
 35 ~~IC 12-7-2-61~~; **IC 12-7-2.1-118**).
 36 (3) Offices of physicians where patients are not regularly kept as
 37 bed patients.
 38 (4) Convalescent homes, boarding homes, or homes for the aged.
 39 (5) Rural emergency hospitals.

40 (c) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-22-8, has the meaning set forth
 41 in IC 16-22-8-5.

42 (d) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-23.5, has the meaning set forth
 43 in IC 16-23.5-1-9.

44 (e) "Hospital" or "tuberculosis hospital", for purposes of IC 16-24,
 45 means an institution or a facility for the treatment of individuals with
 46 tuberculosis.

47 (f) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-34, means a hospital (as
 48 defined in subsection (b)) that:

- 49 (1) is required to be licensed under IC 16-21-2; or
 50 (2) is operated by an agency of the United States.

1 (g) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, means an institution, a
 2 place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the general public that
 3 it is operated for hospital purposes and that it provides care,
 4 accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in connection with the
 5 services of a physician, to individuals who may need medical or
 6 surgical services. The term does not include the following:

- 7 (1) Freestanding health facilities.
- 8 (2) Long term acute care hospitals.
- 9 (3) Hospitals that do not provide emergency services.
- 10 (4) Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,
 11 care, and treat the following:
 - 12 (A) Individuals with a mental illness.
 - 13 (B) Individuals with developmental disabilities.
- 14 (5) Offices of physicians where patients are not regularly kept as
 15 bed patients.
- 16 (6) Convalescent homes, boarding homes, or homes for the aged.
- 17 (7) Rehabilitation facilities.

18 (h) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-41-12, has the meaning set
 19 forth in IC 16-41-12-6."

20 Page 143, delete lines 33 through 42.

21 Delete pages 144 through 146.

22 Page 147, delete lines 1 through 7, begin a new paragraph and
 23 insert:

24 "SECTION 94. IC 16-39-2-6, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 25 SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Without the consent of the patient, the
 27 patient's mental health record may only be disclosed as follows:

- 28 (1) To individuals who meet the following conditions:
 - 29 (A) Are employed by:
 - 30 (i) the provider at the same facility or agency;
 - 31 (ii) a managed care provider (as defined in ~~IC 12-7-2-127~~;
 32 **IC 12-7-2.1-219**); or
 - 33 (iii) a health care provider or mental health care provider, if
 34 the mental health records are needed to provide health care
 35 or mental health services to the patient.
 - 36 (B) Are involved in the planning, provision, and monitoring of
 37 services.
- 38 (2) To the extent necessary to obtain payment for services
 39 rendered or other benefits to which the patient may be entitled, as
 40 provided in IC 16-39-5-3.
- 41 (3) To the patient's court appointed counsel and to the Indiana
 42 protection and advocacy services commission.
- 43 (4) For research conducted in accordance with IC 16-39-5-3 and
 44 the rules of the division of mental health and addiction, the rules
 45 of the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services, the
 46 rules of the provider, or the rules of the Indiana archives and
 47 records administration and the oversight committee on public
 48 records.
- 49 (5) To the division of mental health and addiction for the purpose
 50 of data collection, research, and monitoring managed care

- 1 providers (as defined in ~~IC 12-7-2-127~~ **IC 12-7-2.1-219**) who are
 2 operating under a contract with the division of mental health and
 3 addiction.
- 4 (6) To the extent necessary to make reports or give testimony
 5 required by the statutes pertaining to admissions, transfers,
 6 discharges, and guardianship proceedings.
- 7 (7) To a law enforcement agency if any of the following
 8 conditions are met:
- 9 (A) A patient escapes from a facility to which the patient is
 10 committed under IC 12-26.
- 11 (B) The superintendent of the facility determines that failure
 12 to provide the information may result in bodily harm to the
 13 patient or another individual.
- 14 (C) A patient commits or threatens to commit a crime on
 15 facility premises or against facility personnel.
- 16 (D) A patient is in the custody of a law enforcement officer or
 17 agency for any reason and:
- 18 (i) the information to be released is limited to medications
 19 currently prescribed for the patient or to the patient's history
 20 of adverse medication reactions; and
- 21 (ii) the provider determines that the release of the
 22 medication information will assist in protecting the health,
 23 safety, or welfare of the patient.
- 24 Mental health records released under this clause must be
 25 maintained in confidence by the law enforcement agency
 26 receiving them.
- 27 (8) To a coroner or medical examiner, in the performance of the
 28 individual's duties.
- 29 (9) To a school in which the patient is enrolled if the
 30 superintendent of the facility determines that the information will
 31 assist the school in meeting educational needs of the patient.
- 32 (10) To the extent necessary to satisfy reporting requirements
 33 under the following statutes:
- 34 (A) IC 12-10-3-10.
 35 (B) IC 12-24-17-5.
 36 (C) IC 16-41-2-3.
 37 (D) IC 16-49-3-3.
 38 (E) IC 16-49-4-5.
 39 (F) IC 16-49-6-6.
 40 (G) IC 16-49.5-2-6.
 41 (H) IC 16-50-1-8.
 42 (I) IC 31-25-3-2.
 43 (J) IC 31-33-5-4.
 44 (K) IC 34-30-16-2.
 45 (L) IC 35-46-1-13.
- 46 (11) To the extent necessary to satisfy release of information
 47 requirements under the following statutes:
- 48 (A) IC 12-24-11-2.
 49 (B) IC 12-24-12-3, IC 12-24-12-4, and IC 12-24-12-6.
 50 (C) IC 12-26-11.

- 1 (12) To another health care provider in a health care emergency.
2 (13) For legitimate business purposes as described in
3 IC 16-39-5-3.
4 (14) Under a court order under IC 16-39-3.
5 (15) With respect to records from a mental health or
6 developmental disability facility, to the United States Secret
7 Service if the following conditions are met:
8 (A) The request does not apply to alcohol or drug abuse
9 records described in 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2 unless authorized by
10 a court order under 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2(b)(2)(c).
11 (B) The request relates to the United States Secret Service's
12 protective responsibility and investigative authority under 18
13 U.S.C. 3056, 18 U.S.C. 871, or 18 U.S.C. 879.
14 (C) The request specifies an individual patient.
15 (D) The director or superintendent of the facility determines
16 that disclosure of the mental health record may be necessary
17 to protect a person under the protection of the United States
18 Secret Service from serious bodily injury or death.
19 (E) The United States Secret Service agrees to only use the
20 mental health record information for investigative purposes
21 and not disclose the information publicly.
22 (F) The mental health record information disclosed to the
23 United States Secret Service includes only:
24 (i) the patient's name, age, and address;
25 (ii) the date of the patient's admission to or discharge from
26 the facility; and
27 (iii) any information that indicates whether or not the patient
28 has a history of violence or presents a danger to the person
29 under protection.
30 (16) To the statewide bureau of disabilities services ombudsman
31 established under IC 12-11-13, in the performance of the
32 ombudsman's duties.
33 (b) If a licensed mental health professional, a licensed paramedic,
34 a representative of a mobile integrated healthcare program (as
35 described in IC 16-31-12), or a representative of a mental health
36 community paramedicine program in the course of rendering a
37 treatment intervention, determines that a patient may be a harm to
38 himself or herself or others, the licensed mental health professional, the
39 licensed paramedic, the representative of the mobile integrated
40 healthcare program (as described in IC 16-31-12), or the representative
41 of the mental health community paramedicine program may request a
42 patient's individualized mental health safety plan from a psychiatric
43 crisis center, psychiatric inpatient unit, or psychiatric residential
44 treatment provider. Each psychiatric crisis center, psychiatric inpatient
45 unit, and psychiatric residential treatment provider shall, upon request
46 and without the consent of the patient, share a patient's individualized
47 mental health safety plan that is in the standard format established by
48 the division of mental health and addiction under IC 12-21-5-6 with the
49 following individuals who demonstrate proof of licensure and commit
50 to protecting the information in compliance with state and federal

1 privacy laws:

- 2 (1) A licensed mental health professional.
 3 (2) A licensed paramedic.
 4 (3) A representative of a mobile integrated healthcare program (as
 5 described in IC 16-31-12).
 6 (4) A representative of a mental health community paramedicine
 7 program.

8 An individualized mental health safety plan disclosed under this
 9 subsection may be used only to support a patient's welfare and safety
 10 and is considered otherwise confidential information under applicable
 11 state and federal laws.

12 (c) After information is disclosed under subsection (a)(15) and if the
 13 patient is evaluated to be dangerous, the records shall be interpreted in
 14 consultation with a licensed mental health professional on the staff of
 15 the United States Secret Service.

16 (d) A person who discloses information under subsection (a)(7),
 17 (a)(15), or (b) in good faith is immune from civil and criminal
 18 liability."

19 Page 160, delete lines 37 through 42.

20 Page 161, delete lines 1 through 12, begin a new paragraph and
 21 insert:

22 "SECTION 108. IC 22-3-2-2.3, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 23 SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.3. (a) As used in this section,
 25 "volunteer worker" means a person who:

- 26 (1) performs services:
 27 (A) for a state institution (as defined in ~~IC 12-7-2-184~~;
 28 **IC 12-7-2.1-318**); and
 29 (B) for which the person does not receive compensation of any
 30 nature; and
 31 (2) has been approved and accepted as a volunteer worker by the
 32 director of:
 33 (A) the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative
 34 services; or
 35 (B) the division of mental health and addiction.

36 (b) Services of any nature performed by a volunteer worker for a
 37 state institution (as defined in ~~IC 12-7-2-184~~) **IC 12-7-2.1-318** are
 38 governmental services. A volunteer worker is subject to the medical
 39 benefits described under this chapter through IC 22-3-6. However, a
 40 volunteer worker is not under this chapter through IC 22-3-6."

41 Page 161, delete lines 21 through 42.

42 Delete page 162.

43 Page 163, delete lines 1 through 16, begin a new paragraph and
 44 insert:

45 "SECTION 131. IC 22-4-14-3, AS AMENDED BY SEA 214-2026,
 46 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 47 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A claimant who is receiving benefits as
 48 determined under IC 22-4-15-1(c)(8) may restrict the claimant's
 49 availability because of the claimant's need to address the physical,
 50 psychological, or legal effects of being a victim of domestic or family

1 violence (as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-42~~). **IC 31-9-2.1-84**).

2 (b) An unemployed claimant shall be eligible to receive benefits
3 with respect to any week only if the claimant:

- 4 (1) is physically and mentally able to work;
5 (2) is available for work;
6 (3) is found by the department to be actively making an effort to
7 secure full-time work; and
8 (4) participates in reemployment services and reemployment and
9 eligibility assessment activities when directed by the department
10 as provided under sections 3.2 and 3.5 of this chapter, unless the
11 department determines that:

- 12 (A) the claimant has completed the reemployment services; or
13 (B) failure by the claimant to participate in or complete the
14 reemployment services is excused by the director under
15 IC 22-4-14-2(b).

16 (c) For the purpose of this article, unavailability for work of a
17 claimant exists in, but is not limited to, any case in which, with respect
18 to any week, it is found:

- 19 (1) that the claimant is engaged by any unit, agency, or
20 instrumentality of the United States, in charge of public works or
21 assistance through public employment, or any unit, agency, or
22 instrumentality of this state, or any political subdivision thereof,
23 in charge of any public works or assistance through public
24 employment;
25 (2) that the claimant is in full-time active military service of the
26 United States, or is enrolled in civilian service as a conscientious
27 objector to military service;
28 (3) that the claimant is suspended for misconduct in connection
29 with the ~~the~~ claimant's work; or
30 (4) that the claimant is in attendance at a regularly established
31 public or private school during the customary hours of the
32 claimant's occupation or is in any vacation period intervening
33 between regular school terms during which the claimant is a
34 student. However, this subdivision does not apply to any claimant
35 who is attending a regularly established school, has been regularly
36 employed and upon becoming unemployed makes an effort to
37 secure full-time work and is available for suitable full-time work
38 with the claimant's last employer, or is available for any other
39 full-time employment deemed suitable.

40 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section or
41 IC 22-4-15-2, no otherwise eligible claimant shall be denied benefits
42 for any week because the claimant is in training with the approval of
43 the department, nor shall the claimant be denied benefits with respect
44 to any week in which the claimant is in training with the approval of
45 the department by reason of the application of the provisions of this
46 section with respect to the availability for work or active search for
47 work or by reason of the application of the provisions of IC 22-4-15-2
48 relating to failure to apply for, or the refusal to accept, suitable work.
49 The department may by rule prescribe the conditions under which
50 approval of such training will be granted.

1 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (b), (c), or (d), or IC 22-4-15-2, an
2 otherwise eligible claimant shall not be denied benefits for any week
3 or determined not able, available, and actively seeking work, because
4 the claimant is responding to a summons for jury service. The claimant
5 shall:

- 6 (1) obtain from the court proof of the claimant's jury service; and
- 7 (2) provide to the department, in the manner the department
8 prescribes by rule, proof of the claimant's jury service.

9 (f) If an otherwise eligible claimant is unable to work or unavailable
10 for work on any normal work day of the week, the claimant shall be
11 eligible to receive benefits with respect to such week reduced by
12 one-third (1/3) of the claimant's weekly benefit amount for each day of
13 such inability to work or unavailability for work.

14 (g) A claimant has made an effort to secure full-time work with
15 respect to any week in which any of the following apply:

- 16 (1) The claimant has completed activities directed by the
17 department under sections 3.2 and 3.5 of this chapter.
- 18 (2) The claimant has performed at least two (2) acceptable work
19 search activities, including any work search activities provided by
20 the department to the claimant through the claimant's uplink home
21 page.
- 22 (3) The claimant has affirmed that the claimant has made an effort
23 to secure full-time work.
- 24 (4) The claimant applies to, and accepts if offered, suitable jobs
25 referred to the claimant by the department.

26 (h) For purposes of this section, acceptable work search activities
27 may include:

- 28 (1) creating a reemployment plan, in conjunction with a work one
29 office;
- 30 (2) creating a resume;
- 31 (3) uploading the claimant's resume to Indiana career connect;
- 32 (4) registering for work with Indiana career connect, a placement
33 firm, temporary work agencies, or an educational institution with
34 job placement offices;
- 35 (5) using online career tools reasonably expected to improve the
36 claimant's likelihood of finding employment;
- 37 (6) logging on and looking for work in Indiana career connect;
- 38 (7) using reemployment services in a work one center or
39 completing similar online or self-service activities;
- 40 (8) completing job applications for employers that have, or are
41 reasonably expected to have, job openings, or following through
42 on job referrals or job development attempts, as directed by state
43 workforce or unemployment insurance staff;
- 44 (9) applying for or participating in employment and training
45 services provided by partner programs in work one centers;
- 46 (10) creating a personal user profile on a professional networking
47 site appropriate for the claimant's prior training and experience;
- 48 (11) participating in work related networking events;
- 49 (12) making contacts or in person visits to employers that have,
50 or are reasonably expected to have, job openings;

- 1 (13) taking a civil service exam; or
 2 (14) going on interviews with employers virtually or in person.
 3 (i) For purposes of this section, the department will determine
 4 whether work is suitable on a case by case basis pursuant to the criteria
 5 set forth in IC 22-4-15-2. The following apply with respect to suitable
 6 work:
 7 (1) In order to maintain benefit eligibility, when the department
 8 directs, a claimant must apply for any available position.
 9 (2) Suitable work must be accepted, if the offer is received by a
 10 claimant at any time after the claimant's separation from
 11 employment.
 12 (3) Failure to accept suitable work, without good cause, will result
 13 in the claimant being ineligible for benefits.
 14 (j) Except for activities that the department will verify under
 15 subsection (h)(1), (h)(3), (h)(5), (h)(6), and (h)(8), for a period of six
 16 (6) months following the week in which the work search activities
 17 occurred, the claimant must keep a detailed record of the claimant's
 18 weekly work search activities so that the department can verify the
 19 activity for an audit or eligibility review. A detailed record includes the
 20 following information:
 21 (1) The date of the activity.
 22 (2) The name of the employer, event host, organizer, platform, or
 23 other identifying information, such as a job reference number.
 24 (3) Contact information, such as the employer's mailing address,
 25 telephone number, electronic mail address, or website address,
 26 and name of the person contacted, if available.
 27 (4) Details of the position for which the claimant applied or
 28 activity in which the claimant participated.
 29 (5) Method of contact or participation.
 30 (6) Confirmation of the claimant's contact or participation.
 31 (7) Results of the claimant's contact or participation.
 32 (k) A contemporaneous document generated by an employer, an
 33 event host, an organizer, a platform, or other relevant third party that
 34 includes the date and details of an activity as well as confirmation of
 35 the claimant's submission or participation, will be presumed to satisfy
 36 the requirements of subsection (j).
 37 (l) The department may allow a claimant to satisfy the requirements
 38 of subsection (j) through a document other than one described in
 39 subsection (j) or (k), but the claimant must demonstrate the reliability
 40 and appropriateness of the documentation."
 41 Page 163, delete lines 17 through 42.
 42 Delete pages 164 through 166.
 43 Page 167, delete lines 1 through 8, begin a new paragraph and
 44 insert:
 45 "SECTION 132. IC 22-4-15-1, AS AMENDED BY SEA 214-2026,
 46 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 47 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Regarding an individual's most recent
 48 separation from employment before filing an initial or additional claim
 49 for benefits, an individual who voluntarily left the employment without
 50 good cause in connection with the work or was discharged from the

1 employment for just cause is ineligible for waiting period or benefit
 2 rights for the week in which the disqualifying separation occurred and
 3 until:

- 4 (1) the individual has earned remuneration in employment in at
 5 least eight (8) weeks; and
- 6 (2) the remuneration earned equals or exceeds the product of the
 7 weekly benefit amount multiplied by eight (8).

8 If the qualification amount has not been earned at the expiration of an
 9 individual's benefit period, the unearned amount shall be carried
 10 forward to an extended benefit period or to the benefit period of a
 11 subsequent claim.

12 (b) When it has been determined that an individual has been
 13 separated from employment under disqualifying conditions as outlined
 14 in this section, the maximum benefit amount of the individual's current
 15 claim, as initially determined, shall be reduced by an amount
 16 determined as follows:

- 17 (1) For the first separation from employment under disqualifying
 18 conditions, the maximum benefit amount of the individual's
 19 current claim is equal to the result of:

20 (A) the maximum benefit amount of the individual's current
 21 claim, as initially determined; multiplied by

22 (B) seventy-five percent (75%);

23 rounded (if not already a multiple of one dollar (\$1)) to the next
 24 higher dollar.

- 25 (2) For the second separation from employment under
 26 disqualifying conditions, the maximum benefit amount of the
 27 individual's current claim is equal to the result of:

28 (A) the maximum benefit amount of the individual's current
 29 claim determined under subdivision (1); multiplied by

30 (B) eighty-five percent (85%);

31 rounded (if not already a multiple of one dollar (\$1)) to the next
 32 higher dollar.

- 33 (3) For the third and any subsequent separation from employment
 34 under disqualifying conditions, the maximum benefit amount of
 35 the individual's current claim is equal to the result of:

36 (A) the maximum benefit amount of the individual's current
 37 claim determined under subdivision (2); multiplied by

38 (B) ninety percent (90%);

39 rounded (if not already a multiple of one dollar (\$1)) to the next
 40 higher dollar.

41 (c) The disqualifications provided in this section shall be subject to
 42 the following modifications:

- 43 (1) An individual shall not be subject to disqualification because
 44 of separation from the individual's employment if:

45 (A) the individual left to accept with another employer
 46 previously secured permanent full-time work which offered
 47 reasonable expectation of continued covered employment and
 48 betterment of wages or working conditions and thereafter was
 49 employed on said job;

50 (B) having been simultaneously employed by two (2)

- 1 employers, the individual leaves one (1) such employer
2 voluntarily without good cause in connection with the work
3 but remains in employment with the second employer with a
4 reasonable expectation of continued employment; or
5 (C) the individual left to accept recall made by a base period
6 employer.
- 7 (2) An individual whose unemployment is the result of medically
8 substantiated physical disability and who is involuntarily
9 unemployed after having made reasonable efforts to maintain the
10 employment relationship shall not be subject to disqualification
11 under this section for such separation.
- 12 (3) An individual who left work to enter the armed forces of the
13 United States shall not be subject to disqualification under this
14 section for such leaving of work.
- 15 (4) An individual whose employment is terminated under the
16 compulsory retirement provision of a collective bargaining
17 agreement to which the employer is a party, or under any other
18 plan, system, or program, public or private, providing for
19 compulsory retirement and who is otherwise eligible shall not be
20 deemed to have left the individual's work voluntarily without
21 good cause in connection with the work. However, if such
22 individual subsequently becomes reemployed and thereafter
23 voluntarily leaves work without good cause in connection with the
24 work, the individual shall be deemed ineligible as outlined in this
25 section.
- 26 (5) An otherwise eligible individual shall not be denied benefits
27 for any week because the individual is in training approved under
28 Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, nor shall the
29 individual be denied benefits by reason of leaving work to enter
30 such training, provided the work left is not suitable employment,
31 or because of the application to any week in training of provisions
32 in this law (or any applicable federal unemployment
33 compensation law), relating to availability for work, active search
34 for work, or refusal to accept work. For purposes of this
35 subdivision, the term "suitable employment" means with respect
36 to an individual, work of a substantially equal or higher skill level
37 than the individual's past adversely affected employment (as
38 defined for purposes of the Trade Act of 1974), and wages for
39 such work at not less than eighty percent (80%) of the individual's
40 average weekly wage as determined for the purposes of the Trade
41 Act of 1974.
- 42 (6) An individual is not subject to disqualification because of
43 separation from the individual's employment if:
44 (A) the employment was outside the individual's labor market;
45 (B) the individual left to accept previously secured full-time
46 work with an employer in the individual's labor market; and
47 (C) the individual actually became employed with the
48 employer in the individual's labor market.
- 49 (7) An individual who, but for the voluntary separation to move
50 to another labor market to join a spouse who had moved to that

1 labor market, shall not be disqualified for that voluntary
 2 separation, if the individual is otherwise eligible for benefits.
 3 Benefits paid to the spouse whose eligibility is established under
 4 this subdivision shall not be charged against the employer from
 5 whom the spouse voluntarily separated.

6 (8) An individual shall not be subject to disqualification if the
 7 individual voluntarily left employment or was discharged due to
 8 circumstances directly caused by domestic or family violence (as
 9 defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-42~~; **IC 31-9-2.1-84**). An individual who
 10 may be entitled to benefits based on this modification may apply
 11 to the office of the attorney general under IC 5-26.5 to have an
 12 address designated by the office of the attorney general to serve
 13 as the individual's address for purposes of this article.

14 (9) An individual shall not be subject to disqualification if the
 15 individual:

16 (A) has requested an exemption from an employer's
 17 COVID-19 immunization requirement;

18 (B) has complied with the requirements set forth in
 19 IC 22-5-4.6; and

20 (C) was discharged from employment for failing or refusing to
 21 receive an immunization against COVID-19.

22 As used in this subsection, "labor market" means the area surrounding
 23 an individual's permanent residence, outside which the individual
 24 cannot reasonably commute on a daily basis. In determining whether
 25 an individual can reasonably commute under this subdivision, the
 26 department shall consider the nature of the individual's job.

27 (d) "Discharge for just cause" as used in this section is defined to
 28 include but not be limited to:

29 (1) separation initiated by an employer for falsification of a
 30 employment application to obtain employment through
 31 subterfuge;

32 (2) knowing violation of a reasonable and uniformly enforced rule
 33 of an employer, including a rule regarding attendance;

34 (3) if an employer does not have a rule regarding attendance, an
 35 individual's unsatisfactory attendance, if good cause for absences
 36 or tardiness is not established;

37 (4) damaging the employer's property through willful and wanton
 38 misconduct;

39 (5) refusing to obey instructions;

40 (6) conduct endangering safety of self or coworkers;

41 (7) incarceration in jail following conviction of a misdemeanor or
 42 felony by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

43 (8) any breach of duty in connection with work which is
 44 reasonably owed an employer by an employee.

45 (e) For purposes of subsection (d), the following apply:

46 (1) An employer rule will be found to be reasonable if it:

47 (A) is lawful;

48 (B) is related to the employer's business operations;

49 (C) is intended by the employer to broadly apply to classes,
 50 categories, or all employees; and

- 1 (D) does not create a harsh or unconscionable requirement for
 2 employees.
- 3 (2) In order to qualify as a breach of duty for unemployment
 4 insurance purposes, the duty must be:
- 5 (A) reasonably connected to the work;
 6 (B) reasonably owed to the employer by the employee; and
 7 (C) of a nature that a reasonable employee would recognize as
 8 a violation of the duty and would understand that a violation
 9 of the duty would subject the individual to discharge.
- 10 (3) A breach of duty reasonably owed to an employer includes
 11 conduct that establishes that the individual:
- 12 (A) damaged the employer's trust and confidence in the
 13 individual's ability to effectively perform the job;
 14 (B) willfully failed to meet the employer's reasonable
 15 expectation;
 16 (C) chose a course of action that the individual knew, or
 17 should have known, would negatively impact the employer's
 18 financial interests;
 19 (D) demonstrated an intentional or substantial disregard for the
 20 employer's interests;
 21 (E) intentionally or knowingly injured, or attempted to injure,
 22 the employer's financial interests;
 23 (F) intentionally chose a course of action that set the
 24 individual's interests against the employer's interests to the
 25 detriment of the employer;
 26 (G) showed carelessness or negligence to such a degree, or
 27 with such recurrence, as to cause damage to the employer's
 28 interests; or
 29 (H) performed some volitional act or exercised some control
 30 over the circumstances resulting in discharge from
 31 employment.
- 32 (f) To verify that domestic or family violence has occurred, an
 33 individual who applies for benefits under subsection (c)(8) shall
 34 provide one (1) of the following:
- 35 (1) A report of a law enforcement agency (as defined in
 36 IC 10-13-3-10).
 37 (2) A protection order issued under IC 34-26-5.
 38 (3) A foreign protection order (as defined in IC 34-6-2.1-76).
 39 (4) An affidavit from a domestic violence service provider
 40 verifying services provided to the individual by the domestic
 41 violence service provider.
- 42 (g) An individual will not be considered to have voluntarily left
 43 employment for good cause in connection with the work unless it is
 44 established that a reasonable individual in the same or similar
 45 circumstances would also have left the employment.
- 46 (h) A voluntary leave of employment due to excessive discipline, or
 47 inappropriate comments or conduct by managers or coworkers, does
 48 not constitute good cause in connection with the work unless it is
 49 established that an individual in the same or similar circumstances
 50 would reasonably believe that the:

- 1 (1) conduct was severe and pervasive;
 2 (2) conduct:
 3 (A) was motivated by the individual's:
 4 (i) race;
 5 (ii) age;
 6 (iii) sex;
 7 (iv) national origin; or
 8 (v) religious beliefs or other status protected by law;
 9 (B) endangered the individual's physical safety; or
 10 (C) endangered the individual's mental health; and
 11 (3) the individual reported the conduct pursuant to the employer's
 12 procedures, if any, but no employer action was taken within a
 13 reasonable period of time.
 14 (i) An individual who leaves employment in anticipation of an
 15 imminent discharge does so with good cause if it is established that the:
 16 (1) discharge was imminent; and
 17 (2) imminent discharge would not have been for just cause.
 18 (j) If an employer gives an employee the opportunity to submit a
 19 resignation from employment, rather than be discharged, and the
 20 employee resigns, this is a quit in lieu of discharge, and the separation
 21 will be analyzed under the discharge for just cause criteria, as the
 22 employer is the moving party in the separation."

23 Page 167, delete lines 9 through 23, begin a new paragraph and
 24 insert:

25 "SECTION 133. IC 22-4.1-18-1, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 26 1195-2026, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an
 28 individual who is:

- 29 (1) at least eighteen (18) years of age; or
 30 (2) less than eighteen (18) years of age and meets the following
 31 requirements:
 32 (A) The individual has completed:
 33 (i) the Indiana career explorer program; and
 34 (ii) an assessment approved by the department that measures
 35 Indiana high school equivalency test readiness.
 36 (B) The individual has received a written recommendation
 37 from at least one (1) of the following, as applicable:
 38 (i) The individual's parent if the individual attends a
 39 nonaccredited nonpublic school that has less than one (1)
 40 employee.
 41 (ii) The superintendent (as defined in IC 20-18-2-21),
 42 principal, or head of the school the individual attends, or the
 43 appropriate designee, if the individual attends a school that
 44 employs more than one (1) employee.
 45 (iii) A judge (as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-68~~;
 46 **IC 31-9-2.1-141**)."

47 Page 170, delete lines 9 through 37, begin a new paragraph and
 48 insert:

49 "SECTION 139. IC 27-1-22-20.1, AS AMENDED BY SEA
 50 15-2026, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20.1. (a) For purposes of this
2 section, an individual is a "foster youth" if:

- 3 (1) the department of child services; or
4 (2) a designee of the department of child services;

5 certifies or acknowledges that the individual is a foster youth (as
6 defined by ~~IC 31-9-2-47.3(a)~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-110(b)**).

7 (b) The department of child services established by IC 31-25-1-1
8 shall make available to foster youths and to the public a list, provided
9 by the Insurance Institute of Indiana, identifying insurers that may
10 provide automobile insurance coverage outside the plan described in
11 subsection (c) for a minor without a guardian cosigner. The list of
12 insurers shall be reviewed annually.

13 (c) An assigned risk automobile insurance plan established by
14 insurers under section 20 of this chapter must, subject to the rules of
15 the plan, make automobile insurance available to a foster youth who:

- 16 (1) is at least sixteen (16) years of age and not more than
17 twenty-three (23) years of age; and
18 (2) is receiving services from the department of child services.

19 (d) An applicant who is a foster youth is responsible for paying all
20 costs of a policy of automobile insurance issued under subsection (c).
21 A state or local government agency, foster parent, or entity providing
22 services to an applicant under a contract or at the direction of a state or
23 local government agency shall not be required to pay any costs
24 associated with a policy of automobile insurance issued under
25 subsection (c) and shall not be liable for any damages that result from
26 the foster youth's operation of an automobile owned and insured by the
27 foster youth."

28 Page 179, delete lines 25 through 32, begin a new paragraph and
29 insert:

30 "SECTION 151. IC 28-1-1-3.9, AS ADDED BY SEA 15-2026,
31 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.9. For purposes of section 7 of this chapter,
33 "foster youth" means an individual who is:

- 34 (1) at least sixteen (16) years of age; and
35 (2) certified or acknowledged as a foster youth (as defined in
36 ~~IC 31-9-2-47.3(a)~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-110(b)**) by the department of
37 child services or a designee of the department of child services."

38 Page 187, between lines 37 and 38, begin a new paragraph and
39 insert:

40 "**Sec. 11.5. "Adoption or foster care service", for purposes of**
41 **IC 31-10-3.5, refers to any one (1) or more of the following:**

- 42 **(1) Promoting foster parenting.**
43 **(2) Coordinating placement of a child in a home or facility**
44 **licensed under IC 31-27.**
45 **(3) Recruiting a foster parent or an adoptive parent.**
46 **(4) Licensing or certifying a foster family home.**
47 **(5) Promoting adoption.**
48 **(6) Assisting with an adoption or supporting an adoptive**
49 **parent.**
50 **(7) Performing or assisting with a home study.**
51 **(8) Assisting with a kinship guardianship or a kinship**

1 caregiver.

2 (9) Providing any family preservation service.

3 (10) Providing any family support service or temporary
4 family reunification service."

5 Page 195, delete lines 35 through 42.

6 Page 196, delete lines 1 through 13, begin a new paragraph and
7 insert:

8 "Sec. 50. "Child welfare agency", for purposes of
9 IC 31-25-2-20.4 and IC 31-33-18-1.6, means:

10 (1) the department of child services; and

11 (2) a person (as defined in IC 24-4-14-5) that, directly or
12 indirectly, provides:

13 (A) services to a child or family of a child, for which
14 payment is made, in whole or in part, by the department of
15 child services or a local office of the department of child
16 services;

17 (B) services to:

18 (i) a child who is; or

19 (ii) a family with;

20 a child at imminent risk of placement (as defined in
21 IC 31-26-5-1) who is referred by the department of child
22 services or a local office of the department of child services
23 to the person for family support or family preservation
24 services; or

25 (C) assistance to or works in cooperation with the
26 department of child services in the investigations of
27 allegations of possible child abuse or neglect in accordance
28 with IC 31-33."

29 Page 199, delete lines 33 through 42.

30 Page 200, delete lines 1 through 12, begin a new paragraph and
31 insert:

32 "Sec. 69. "Crime involving domestic or family violence" means
33 a crime that occurs when a family or household member commits,
34 attempts to commit, or conspires to commit any of the following
35 against another family or household member:

36 (1) A homicide offense under IC 35-42-1.

37 (2) A battery offense under IC 35-42-2.

38 (3) Kidnapping or confinement under IC 35-42-3.

39 (4) A sex offense under IC 35-42-4.

40 (5) Robbery under IC 35-42-5.

41 (6) Arson or vandalism under IC 35-43-1.

42 (7) Burglary or trespass under IC 35-43-2.

43 (8) Disorderly conduct under IC 35-45-1.

44 (9) Intimidation or harassment under IC 35-45-2.

45 (10) Voyeurism under IC 35-45-4.

46 (11) Stalking under IC 35-45-10.

47 (12) An offense against the family under IC 35-46-1-2 through
48 IC 35-46-1-8, IC 35-46-1-12, IC 35-46-1-15.1, or
49 IC 35-46-1-15.3.

50 (13) Human and sexual trafficking crimes under IC 35-42-3.5.

51 (14) A crime involving animal cruelty and a family or

1 household member under IC 35-46-3-12(b)(2) or
2 IC 35-46-3-12.5."

3 Page 202, between lines 26 and 27, begin a new paragraph and
4 insert:

5 "Sec. 82.5. "Discriminate", for purposes of IC 31-10-3.5,
6 includes any one (1) or more of the following acts when done
7 wholly or partially based on a person's sincerely held religious
8 belief:

- 9 (1) Denying or otherwise making unavailable any funding to
10 the person, including:
11 (A) a state grant;
12 (B) a loan;
13 (C) a scholarship;
14 (D) a guarantee; or
15 (E) an entitlement or a state benefit.
- 16 (2) Terminating, altering the terms of, or refusing to enter
17 into a contract with the person, including a subcontract or
18 cooperative agreement.
- 19 (3) Refusing to recognize or taking any adverse action against
20 a person's:
21 (A) license;
22 (B) certificate;
23 (C) custody award or agreement; or
24 (D) any other similar status.
- 25 (4) Refusing to place a child with the person, except for the
26 reasons set forth in IC 31-10-3.5-1.
- 27 (5) Altering in any way the person's tax treatment, including:
28 (A) imposing a tax penalty;
29 (B) denying or otherwise making unavailable an exemption
30 from taxation; or
31 (C) disallowing or otherwise making unavailable a
32 deduction for state tax purposes of any charitable donation
33 made by or to the person.
- 34 (6) Imposing on the person any of the following:
35 (A) A monetary fine.
36 (B) A fee.
37 (C) A penalty.
38 (D) A damages award.
39 (E) An injunction.
- 40 (7) Taking any of the following actions:
41 (A) Refusing to hire or promote the person.
42 (B) Forcing the person to resign.
43 (C) Firing, demoting, or disciplining the person.
44 (D) Altering the terms or conditions of the person's
45 employment.
46 (E) Retaliating against the person.
47 (F) Taking any other adverse employment action against
48 the person."

49 Page 207, delete lines 3 through 11, begin a new paragraph and
50 insert:

51 "Sec. 110. (a) "Foster youth", for purposes of IC 31-25-2-29,

- 1 refers to an individual:
- 2 (1) who is at least twelve (12) years of age;
- 3 (2) who is not more than twenty-three (23) years of age;
- 4 (3) who:
- 5 (A) is a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1; or
- 6 (B) is receiving collaborative care (as defined in
- 7 IC 31-28-5.8-1); and
- 8 (4) who is in an out-of-home placement.
- 9 (b) "Foster youth", for purposes of IC 31-26-4.5, refers to an
- 10 individual:
- 11 (1) who is at least fifteen (15) years of age;
- 12 (2) who is not more than twenty-three (23) years of age; and
- 13 (3) who:
- 14 (A) is adjudicated a child in need of services under
- 15 IC 31-34-1; or
- 16 (B) was in foster care when the individual became an adult
- 17 (as defined in section 14(b) of this chapter)."
- 18 Page 210, between lines 36 and 37, begin a new paragraph and
- 19 insert:
- 20 "Sec. 128.7. "Independent activity", for purposes of
- 21 IC 31-34-1-1, includes any of the following when done by a child
- 22 without the supervision of a parent, guardian, or custodian:
- 23 (1) Traveling on foot, by bicycle, or by public transportation.
- 24 (2) Playing outdoors.
- 25 (3) Remaining at home.
- 26 (4) Remaining in a stationary vehicle."
- 27 Page 213, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and
- 28 insert:
- 29 "Sec. 162.5. "Near fatality", for purposes of IC 31-33-18.5,
- 30 means a severe childhood injury or condition that is certified by a
- 31 physician as being life threatening."
- 32 Page 216, delete lines 17 through 35, begin a new paragraph and
- 33 insert:
- 34 "Sec. 177. (a) "Person", for purposes of IC 31-19-19,
- 35 IC 31-19-25, and the juvenile law, means:
- 36 (1) a human being;
- 37 (2) a corporation;
- 38 (3) a limited liability company;
- 39 (4) a partnership;
- 40 (5) an unincorporated association; or
- 41 (6) a governmental entity.
- 42 (b) "Person", for purposes of section 93 of this chapter, means
- 43 an adult or a minor.
- 44 (c) "Person", for purposes of IC 31-27, means an individual who
- 45 is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a corporation, a
- 46 partnership, a voluntary association, or other entity.
- 47 (d) "Person", for purposes of the Uniform Child Custody
- 48 Jurisdiction Act under IC 31-21, has the meaning set forth in
- 49 IC 31-21-2-13.
- 50 (e) "Person", for purposes of the Uniform Interstate Family
- 51 Support Act under IC 31-18.5, has the meaning set forth in

- 1 **IC 31-18.5-1-2.**
 2 **(f) "Person", for purposes of IC 31-10-3.5, means:**
 3 **(1) an individual; or**
 4 **(2) a legal entity, including a religious organization."**
 5 Page 221, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 6 **"Sec. 207.5. "Religious organization", for purposes of section**
 7 **177 of this chapter, refers to any of the following:**
 8 **(1) A house of worship, including a church, synagogue, shrine,**
 9 **mosque, or temple.**
 10 **(2) A religious:**
 11 **(A) group;**
 12 **(B) corporation;**
 13 **(C) association;**
 14 **(D) school or educational institution;**
 15 **(E) ministry;**
 16 **(F) order;**
 17 **(G) society; or**
 18 **(H) entity, regardless of whether the entity is integrated or**
 19 **affiliated with a house of worship.**
 20 **(3) Any officer, owner, employee, manager, religious leader,**
 21 **clergy, or minister of an entity described in this section."**
 22 Page 221, between lines 37 and 38, begin a new paragraph and
 23 insert:
 24 **"Sec. 216.5. (a) "Reunification services" means all services that**
 25 **are provided:**
 26 **(1) to a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is the**
 27 **subject of a petition alleging that the child is a child in need of**
 28 **services; and**
 29 **(2) with the intent of rehabilitating the relationship between**
 30 **the child and the parent, guardian, or custodian.**
 31 **(b) The term includes services such as:**
 32 **(1) individual, group, and family counseling;**
 33 **(2) inpatient, residential, or outpatient substance abuse**
 34 **treatment services;**
 35 **(3) mental health services;**
 36 **(4) assistance to address domestic violence;**
 37 **(5) services designed to provide temporary child care and**
 38 **therapeutic services for families;**
 39 **(6) peer-to-peer mentoring and support groups for parents**
 40 **and primary caregivers;**
 41 **(7) services and activities designed to facilitate access to and**
 42 **visitation of children by parents and siblings;**
 43 **(8) substance abuse treatment and screening; and**
 44 **(9) transportation to or from any of the services and activities**
 45 **described in this subsection.**
 46 **(c) The term does not include services provided to a parent,**
 47 **guardian, or custodian of a child while the child is residing in a:**
 48 **(1) child caring institution;**
 49 **(2) group home; or**
 50 **(3) private secure facility;**
 51 **licensed by the department."**

1 Page 222, between lines 24 and 25, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:

3 **"Sec. 220.5. "Screened out", with regard to a report of known**
4 **or suspected child abuse or neglect under IC 31-33, means that the**
5 **department:**

- 6 (1) received the report under IC 31-33-7; and
7 (2) did not refer the report for investigation under IC 31-33-9
8 based on the department's determination that the report:
9 (A) lacked sufficient information;
10 (B) did not contain allegations of child abuse or neglect;
11 (C) contained duplicative allegations that were previously
12 assessed by the department; or
13 (D) did not contain information indicating a current risk to
14 a child."

15 Page 224, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

16 **"Sec. 230.5. "State benefit", for purposes of section 82.5 of this**
17 **chapter, means any program administered, controlled, or funded**
18 **by the state that provides any one (1) or more of the following:**

- 19 (1) Cash.
20 (2) Payments.
21 (3) Grants.
22 (4) Contracts.
23 (5) Loans.
24 (6) In-kind assistance."

25 Page 227, delete lines 40 through 42.

26 Page 228, delete lines 1 through 11, begin a new paragraph and
27 insert:

28 **"Sec. 254. "Victim of human or sexual trafficking", for purposes**
29 **of IC 31-34-1-3.5, refers to a child who is recruited, harbored,**
30 **transported, or engaged in:**

- 31 (1) forced labor;
32 (2) involuntary servitude;
33 (3) prostitution;
34 (4) juvenile prostitution, as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-178.5;
35 (5) child exploitation under IC 35-42-4-4;
36 (6) marriage, unless authorized by a court under
37 IC 31-11-1-7;
38 (7) trafficking for the purpose of prostitution, juvenile
39 prostitution, or participation in sexual conduct as defined in
40 IC 35-42-4-4(a); or
41 (8) human trafficking as defined in IC 35-42-3.5-0.5."

42 Page 239, delete lines 10 through 42.

43 Delete pages 240 through 241.

44 Page 242, delete line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

45 **"SECTION 3. IC 31-27-3-3, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1092-2026,**
46 **SECTION 5, AND BY HEA 1357-2026, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED**
47 **TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a)**
48 **An applicant must apply for a child caring institution license on forms**
49 **provided by the department.**

50 (b) An applicant must submit the required information as part of the
51 application.

1 (c) The applicant must submit with the application a statement
2 attesting the following:

3 (1) Whether the applicant has been convicted of:

4 (A) a felony; or

5 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of
6 children.

7 (2) Whether the applicant has been charged with:

8 (A) a felony; or

9 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of
10 children;

11 during the pendency of the application.

12 (d) The department, on behalf of an applicant, or, at the discretion
13 of the department, an applicant, shall conduct a criminal history check
14 of the following:

15 (1) Each individual who is an applicant.

16 (2) The director or manager of a facility where children will be
17 placed.

18 (3) Each employee of the applicant.

19 (4) Each contractor or individual working in the child caring
20 institution who is likely to have unsupervised contact with
21 children in the child caring institution.

22 (5) Each volunteer of the applicant who is likely to have:

23 (A) unsupervised contact with children in the child caring
24 institution; or

25 (B) access to a child's electronic or physical medical records.

26 (e) If the applicant conducts a criminal history check under
27 subsection (d), the applicant shall:

28 (1) maintain records of the information it receives concerning
29 each individual who is the subject of a criminal history check; and

30 (2) submit to the department a copy of the information it receives
31 concerning each person described in subsection (d)(1) through
32 (d)(5).

33 (f) If the department conducts a criminal history check on behalf of
34 an applicant under subsection (d), the department shall:

35 (1) determine whether the subject of a national fingerprint based
36 criminal history check has a record of:

37 (A) a conviction for a felony;

38 (B) a conviction for a misdemeanor relating to the health and
39 safety of a child; or

40 (C) a juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as
41 defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed
42 by an adult, would be a felony;

43 (2) notify the applicant of the determination under subdivision (1)
44 without identifying a specific offense or other identifying
45 information concerning a conviction or juvenile adjudication
46 contained in the national criminal history record information;

47 (3) submit to the applicant a copy of any state limited criminal
48 history report that the department receives on behalf of any person
49 described in subsection (d); and

50 (4) maintain a record of every report and all information the

- 1 department receives concerning a person described in subsection
2 (d).
- 3 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h) and section 3.5 of this
4 chapter, a criminal history check described in subsection (d) is required
5 only at the time an application for a new license or the renewal of an
6 existing license is submitted.
- 7 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), a criminal history check of
8 each person described in subsection (d)(2) through (d)(5) must be
9 completed on or before the date the person:
- 10 (1) is employed;
11 (2) is assigned as a volunteer; or
12 (3) enters into, or the person's employing entity enters into, a
13 contract with the applicant.
- 14 (i) An individual may be employed by a child caring institution as
15 an employee, volunteer, or contractor before a criminal history check
16 of the individual is completed as required under subsection (h) if all of
17 the following conditions are satisfied:
- 18 (1) The following checks have been completed regarding the
19 individual:
- 20 (A) A fingerprint based check of national crime information
21 data bases under ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(1)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(1)**.
22 (B) A national sex offender registry check under
23 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(3)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(3)**.
24 (C) An in-state local criminal records check under
25 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(4)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(4)**.
26 (D) An in-state child protection index check under
27 IC 31-33-26.
- 28 (2) If the individual has resided outside Indiana at any time during
29 the five (5) years preceding the individual's date of hiring by the
30 child caring institution, the following checks have been requested
31 regarding the individual:
- 32 (A) An out-of-state child abuse registry check under
33 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(2)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(2)**.
34 (B) An out-of-state local criminal records check under
35 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(4)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(4)**.
- 36 (3) The individual's employment before the completion of the
37 criminal history check required under subsection (h) is limited to
38 training during which the individual:
- 39 (A) does not have contact with children who are under the care
40 and control of the child caring institution; and
41 (B) does not have access to records containing information
42 regarding children who are under the care and control of the
43 child caring institution.
- 44 (4) The individual completes an attestation, under penalty of
45 perjury, disclosing:
- 46 (A) any abuse or neglect complaints made against the
47 individual with the child welfare agency of a state other than
48 Indiana in which the individual resided within the five (5)
49 years preceding the date of the attestation; and
50 (B) any contact the individual had with a law enforcement

1 agency in connection with the individual's suspected or alleged
 2 commission of a crime in a state other than Indiana in which
 3 the individual resided within the five (5) years preceding the
 4 date of the attestation.

5 (j) The applicant or facility is responsible for any fees associated
 6 with a criminal history check.

7 (k) The department shall, at the applicant's request, inform the
 8 applicant whether the department has or does not have a record of the
 9 person who is the subject of a criminal history check and if the
 10 department has identified the person as an alleged perpetrator of abuse
 11 or neglect. The department may not provide to the applicant any details
 12 or personally identifying information contained in any child protective
 13 services investigation report.

14 (l) A person who is the subject of a criminal history check
 15 conducted in accordance with this section may request the state police
 16 department to provide the person with a copy of any state or national
 17 criminal history report concerning the person."

18 Page 242, delete lines 2 through 42.

19 Page 243, delete lines 1 through 23, begin a new paragraph and
 20 insert:

21 "SECTION 6. IC 31-27-3-5, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1042-2026,
 22 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The following constitute sufficient grounds
 24 for a denial of a license application:

25 (1) A determination by the department of child abuse or neglect
 26 by:

27 (A) the applicant; or

28 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant.

29 (2) A criminal conviction of the applicant, or the director or
 30 manager of a facility where children will be placed by the
 31 applicant, of:

32 (A) a felony;

33 (B) a misdemeanor related to the health and safety of a child;

34 (C) a misdemeanor for operating a child caring institution,
 35 foster family home, group home, or child placing agency
 36 without a license under this article (or IC 12-17.4 before its
 37 repeal); or

38 (D) a misdemeanor for operating a child care center or child
 39 care home without a license under IC 12-17.2.

40 (3) A determination by the department that the applicant made
 41 false statements in the applicant's application for licensure.

42 (4) A determination by the department that the applicant made
 43 false statements in the records required by the department.

44 (5) A determination by the department that:

45 (A) the applicant; or

46 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant;
 47 previously operated a home or facility without a license required
 48 under any applicable provision of this article (or IC 12-17.4
 49 before its repeal) or IC 12-17.2.

50 (6) A juvenile adjudication of the applicant for a nonwaivable

- 1 offense, as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if
 2 committed by an adult, would be a felony.
- 3 (7) A determination by the department that the applicant was
 4 previously licensed under this article and the license was revoked
 5 within one (1) year of the current application.
- 6 (b) An application for a license may also be denied if an employee,
 7 volunteer, or contractor of the applicant has had any of the following:
- 8 (1) A conviction of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
 9 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168**.
- 10 (2) A conviction of any other felony or a misdemeanor relating to
 11 the health and safety of a child, unless the applicant is granted a
 12 waiver by the department with regard to the employee, volunteer,
 13 or contractor.
- 14 (3) A juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
 15 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an adult,
 16 would be a felony, unless the applicant is granted a waiver by the
 17 department with regard to the employee, volunteer, or contractor.
- 18 (c) In determining whether to grant a waiver under subsection (b),
 19 the department shall consider the following factors:
- 20 (1) The length of time that has passed since the disqualifying
 21 conviction.
- 22 (2) The severity, nature, and circumstances of the offense.
- 23 (3) Evidence of rehabilitation.
- 24 (4) The duties and qualifications required for the proposed
 25 employment positions, volunteer assignment, or contract.
- 26 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (b), if:
- 27 (1) a license application could be denied due to a criminal
 28 conviction of, or a determination of child abuse or neglect by, an
 29 employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant; and
 30 (2) the department determines that the employee, volunteer, or
 31 contractor has been dismissed by the applicant within a
 32 reasonable time after the applicant became aware of the
 33 conviction or determination;
 34 the criminal conviction of, or determination of child abuse or neglect
 35 by, the former employee, former volunteer, or former contractor does
 36 not constitute a sufficient basis for the denial of a license application.
- 37 (e) The department may adopt rules to implement this section."
- 38 Page 243, delete lines 24 through 42.
- 39 Delete page 244.
- 40 Page 245, delete lines 1 through 3, begin a new paragraph and
 41 insert:
- 42 "SECTION 177. IC 31-27-3-31, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 43 1202-2026, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 44 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 31. (a) The following constitute
 45 sufficient grounds for revocation of a license:
- 46 (1) A determination by the department of child abuse or neglect
 47 by:
- 48 (A) the licensee; or
 49 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the licensee.
- 50 (2) A criminal conviction of the licensee, or the director or

1 manager of a facility where children will be placed by the
2 licensee, of any of the following:

3 (A) A felony.

4 (B) A misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child.

5 (C) A misdemeanor for operating a child caring institution,
6 foster family home, group home, or child placing agency
7 without a license under this article (or IC 12-17.4 before its
8 repeal).

9 (D) A misdemeanor for operating a child care center or child
10 care home without a license under IC 12-17.2.

11 (3) A determination by the department that the licensee made
12 false statements in the licensee's application for licensure.

13 (4) A determination by the department that the licensee made
14 false statements in the records required by the department.

15 (5) A determination by the department that:

16 (A) the licensee; or

17 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the licensee;
18 previously operated a home or facility without a license required
19 under any applicable provision of this article (or IC 12-17.4
20 before its repeal) or IC 12-17.2.

21 (6) A juvenile adjudication of a licensee for a nonwaivable
22 offense, as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if
23 committed by an adult, would be a felony.

24 (7) A determination by the department that the operator of the
25 child caring institution has failed to comply with an order of the
26 department of homeland security.

27 (b) A license may also be revoked if an employee, volunteer, or
28 contractor of the licensee has had any of the following:

29 (1) A conviction of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
30 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168**.

31 (2) A conviction of any other felony or a misdemeanor relating to
32 the health and safety of a child, unless the licensee is granted a
33 waiver by the department with regard to the employee, volunteer,
34 or contractor.

35 (3) A juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
36 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an adult,
37 would be a felony, unless the licensee is granted a waiver by the
38 department with regard to the employee, volunteer, or contractor.

39 (c) In determining whether to grant a waiver under subsection (b),
40 the department shall consider the following factors:

41 (1) The length of time that has passed since the disqualifying
42 conviction.

43 (2) The severity, nature, and circumstances of the offense.

44 (3) Evidence of rehabilitation.

45 (4) The duties and qualifications required for the proposed
46 employment positions, volunteer assignment, or contract.

47 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (b), if:

48 (1) a license could be revoked due to a criminal conviction of, or
49 a determination of child abuse or neglect by, an employee,
50 volunteer, or contractor of the licensee; and

- 1 (2) the department determines that the employee, volunteer, or
 2 contractor has been dismissed by the licensee within a reasonable
 3 time after the licensee became aware of the conviction or
 4 determination;
 5 the criminal conviction of, or determination of child abuse or neglect
 6 by, the former employee, former volunteer, or former contractor does
 7 not constitute a sufficient basis for the revocation of a license.
 8 (e) The department may adopt rules to implement this section."
 9 Page 251, delete lines 27 through 42.
 10 Delete pages 252 through 253.
 11 Page 254, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and
 12 insert:
 13 "SECTION 5. IC 31-27-5-4, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1357-2026,
 14 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) An applicant must apply for a group home
 16 license on forms provided by the department.
 17 (b) An applicant must submit the required information as part of the
 18 application.
 19 (c) An applicant must submit with the application a statement
 20 attesting the following:
 21 (1) Whether the applicant has been convicted of:
 22 (A) a felony; or
 23 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of
 24 children.
 25 (2) Whether the applicant has been charged with:
 26 (A) a felony; or
 27 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of
 28 children;
 29 during the pendency of the application.
 30 (d) The department on behalf of an applicant, or, at the discretion of
 31 the department, an applicant, shall conduct a criminal history check of
 32 the following:
 33 (1) Each individual who is an applicant.
 34 (2) The director or manager of a facility where children will be
 35 placed.
 36 (3) Each employee or volunteer of the applicant.
 37 (4) Each contractor or individual working in the group home who
 38 is likely to have unsupervised contact with children in the group
 39 home.
 40 (e) If the applicant conducts a criminal history check under
 41 subsection (d), the applicant shall:
 42 (1) maintain records of the information it receives concerning
 43 each individual who is the subject of a criminal history check; and
 44 (2) submit to the department a copy of the information the
 45 applicant receives concerning each person described in subsection
 46 (d)(1) through (d)(4).
 47 (f) If the department conducts a criminal history check on behalf of
 48 an applicant under subsection (d), the department shall:
 49 (1) determine whether the subject of a national fingerprint based
 50 criminal history check has a record of a:

- 1 (A) conviction for a felony;
 2 (B) conviction for a misdemeanor relating to the health and
 3 safety of a child; or
 4 (C) juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
 5 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an
 6 adult, would be a felony;
- 7 (2) notify the applicant of the determination under subdivision (1)
 8 without identifying a specific offense or other identifying
 9 information concerning a conviction or juvenile adjudication
 10 contained in the national criminal history record information;
 11 (3) submit to the applicant a copy of any state limited criminal
 12 history report that the department receives on behalf of any person
 13 described in subsection (d); and
 14 (4) maintain a record of every report and all information it
 15 receives concerning a person described in subsection (d).
- 16 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h) and section 4.5 of this
 17 chapter, a criminal history check described in subsection (d) is required
 18 only at the time an application for a new license or the renewal of an
 19 existing license is submitted.
- 20 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), a criminal history check of
 21 each person described in subsection (d)(2), (d)(3), or (d)(4) must be
 22 completed on or before the date the person:
 23 (1) is employed;
 24 (2) is assigned as a volunteer; or
 25 (3) enters into, or the person's employing entity enters into, a
 26 contract with the applicant.
- 27 (i) An individual may be employed by a group home as an
 28 employee, volunteer, or contractor before a criminal history check of
 29 the individual is completed as required under subsection (h) if all of the
 30 following conditions are satisfied:
 31 (1) The following checks have been completed regarding the
 32 individual:
 33 (A) A fingerprint based check of national crime information
 34 data bases under ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(1)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(1)**.
 35 (B) A national sex offender registry check under
 36 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(3)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(3)**.
 37 (C) An in-state local criminal records check under
 38 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(4)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(4)**.
 39 (D) An in-state child protection index check under
 40 IC 31-33-26.
- 41 (2) If the individual has resided outside Indiana at any time during
 42 the five (5) years preceding the individual's date of hiring by the
 43 group home, the following checks have been requested regarding
 44 the individual:
 45 (A) An out-of-state child abuse registry check under
 46 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(2)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(2)**.
 47 (B) An out-of-state local criminal records check under
 48 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(4)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(4)**.
 49 (3) The individual's employment before the completion of the
 50 criminal history check required under subsection (h) is limited to

- 1 training during which the individual:
- 2 (A) does not have contact with children who are under the care
- 3 and control of the group home; and
- 4 (B) does not have access to records containing information
- 5 regarding children who are under the care and control of the
- 6 group home.
- 7 (4) The individual completes an attestation, under penalty of
- 8 perjury, disclosing:
- 9 (A) any abuse or neglect complaints made against the
- 10 individual with the child welfare agency of a state other than
- 11 Indiana in which the individual resided within the five (5)
- 12 years preceding the date of the attestation; and
- 13 (B) any contact the individual had with a law enforcement
- 14 agency in connection with the individual's suspected or alleged
- 15 commission of a crime in a state other than Indiana in which
- 16 the individual resided within the five (5) years preceding the
- 17 date of the attestation.
- 18 (j) The applicant is responsible for any fees associated with a
- 19 criminal history check.
- 20 (k) The department shall, at the applicant's request, inform the
- 21 applicant as to whether the department has or does not have a record of
- 22 the person who is the subject of a criminal history check and whether
- 23 the department has identified the person as an alleged perpetrator of
- 24 abuse or neglect. The department may not provide to the applicant any
- 25 details or personally identifying information contained in any child
- 26 protective services investigation report.
- 27 (l) A person who is the subject of a criminal history check
- 28 conducted in accordance with this section may request the state police
- 29 department to provide the person with a copy of any state or national
- 30 criminal history report concerning the person."
- 31 Page 254, delete lines 18 through 42.
- 32 Page 255, delete lines 1 through 40, begin a new paragraph and
- 33 insert:
- 34 "SECTION 184. IC 31-27-5-6, AS AMENDED BY HEA
- 35 1092-2026, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) The following constitute
- 37 sufficient grounds for a denial of a license application:
- 38 (1) A determination by the department of child abuse or neglect
- 39 by:
- 40 (A) the applicant; or
- 41 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant.
- 42 (2) A criminal conviction of the applicant, or the director or
- 43 manager of a facility where children will be placed by the
- 44 applicant, for any of the following:
- 45 (A) A felony.
- 46 (B) A misdemeanor related to the health and safety of a child.
- 47 (C) A misdemeanor for operating a child caring institution,
- 48 foster family home, group home, or child placing agency
- 49 without a license under this article (or IC 12-17.4 before its
- 50 repeal).

- 1 (D) A misdemeanor for operating a child care center or child
 2 care home without a license under IC 12-17.2.
- 3 (3) A determination by the department that the applicant made
 4 false statements in the applicant's application for licensure.
- 5 (4) A determination by the department that the applicant made
 6 false statements in the records required by the department.
- 7 (5) A determination by the department that:
 8 (A) the applicant; or
 9 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant;
 10 previously operated a home or facility without a license required
 11 under any applicable provision of this article (or IC 12-17.4
 12 before its repeal) or IC 12-17.2.
- 13 (6) A juvenile adjudication of the applicant for a nonwaivable
 14 offense, as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if
 15 committed by an adult, would be a felony.
- 16 (7) A determination by the department that the applicant was
 17 previously licensed under this article and the license was revoked
 18 within one (1) year of the current application.
- 19 (b) An application for a license may also be denied if an employee,
 20 volunteer, or contractor of the applicant has had any of the following:
- 21 (1) A conviction of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
 22 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168**.
- 23 (2) A conviction of any other felony or a misdemeanor relating to
 24 the health and safety of a child, unless the applicant is granted a
 25 waiver by the department to employ or assign the person as a
 26 volunteer in a position described in this subsection.
- 27 (3) A juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
 28 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an adult,
 29 would be a felony, unless the applicant is granted a waiver by the
 30 department to employ or assign the person as a volunteer in a
 31 position described in this subsection.
- 32 (c) In determining whether to grant a waiver under subsection (b),
 33 the department shall consider the following factors:
- 34 (1) The length of time that has passed since the disqualifying
 35 conviction.
- 36 (2) The severity, nature, and circumstances of the offense.
- 37 (3) Evidence of rehabilitation.
- 38 (4) The duties and qualifications required for the proposed
 39 employment positions, volunteer assignment, or contract.
- 40 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (b), if:
 41 (1) a license application could be denied due to a criminal
 42 conviction of, or a determination of child abuse or neglect by, an
 43 employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant; and
 44 (2) the department determines that the employee, volunteer, or
 45 contractor has been dismissed by the applicant within a
 46 reasonable time after the applicant became aware of the
 47 conviction or determination;
 48 the criminal conviction of, or determination of child abuse or neglect
 49 by, the former employee, former volunteer, or former contractor does
 50 not constitute a sufficient basis for the denial of a license application.

- 1 (e) The department may adopt rules to implement this section."
 2 Page 255, delete lines 41 through 42.
 3 Delete page 256.
 4 Page 257, delete lines 1 through 19, begin a new paragraph and
 5 insert:
 6 "SECTION 185. IC 31-27-5-31, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 7 1202-2026, SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 31. (a) The following constitute
 9 sufficient grounds for revocation of a license:
 10 (1) A determination by the department of child abuse or neglect
 11 by:
 12 (A) the licensee; or
 13 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the licensee.
 14 (2) A criminal conviction of the licensee, or the director or
 15 manager of a facility where children will be placed by the
 16 licensee, for any of the following:
 17 (A) A felony.
 18 (B) A misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child.
 19 (C) A misdemeanor for operating a child caring institution,
 20 foster family home, group home, or child placing agency
 21 without a license under this article (or IC 12-17.4 before its
 22 repeal).
 23 (D) A misdemeanor for operating a child care center or child
 24 care home without a license under IC 12-17.2.
 25 (3) A determination by the department that the licensee made
 26 false statements in the licensee's application for licensure.
 27 (4) A determination by the department that the licensee made
 28 false statements in the records required by the department.
 29 (5) A determination by the department that:
 30 (A) the licensee; or
 31 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the licensee;
 32 previously operated a home or facility without a license required
 33 under any applicable provision of this article (or IC 12-17.4
 34 before its repeal) or IC 12-17.2.
 35 (6) A juvenile adjudication of the licensee for a nonwaivable
 36 offense, as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if
 37 committed by an adult, would be a felony.
 38 (7) A determination by the department that the operator of a group
 39 home has failed to comply with an order of the department of
 40 homeland security.
 41 (b) A license may also be revoked if an employee, volunteer, or
 42 contractor of the licensee has had any of the following:
 43 (1) A conviction of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
 44 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168**.
 45 (2) A conviction of any other felony or a misdemeanor relating to
 46 the health and safety of a child, unless the licensee is granted a
 47 waiver by the department with regard to the employee, volunteer,
 48 or contractor.
 49 (3) A juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
 50 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an adult,

- 1 would be a felony, unless the licensee is granted a waiver by the
 2 department with regard to the employee, volunteer, or contractor.
- 3 (c) In determining whether to grant a waiver under subsection (b),
 4 the department shall consider the following factors:
- 5 (1) The length of time that has passed since the disqualifying
 6 conviction.
- 7 (2) The severity, nature, and circumstances of the offense.
- 8 (3) Evidence of rehabilitation.
- 9 (4) The duties and qualifications required for the proposed
 10 employment positions, volunteer assignment, or contract.
- 11 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (b), if:
- 12 (1) a license could be revoked due to a criminal conviction of, or
 13 a determination of child abuse or neglect by, an employee,
 14 volunteer, or contractor of the licensee; and
- 15 (2) the department determines that the employee, volunteer, or
 16 contractor has been dismissed by the licensee within a reasonable
 17 time after the licensee became aware of the conviction;
 18 the criminal conviction of, or determination of child abuse or neglect
 19 by, the former employee, former volunteer, or former contractor does
 20 not constitute a sufficient basis for the revocation of a license.
- 21 (e) The department may adopt rules to implement this section."
 22 Page 257, delete lines 20 through 42.
 23 Delete pages 258 through 259.
 24 Page 260, delete lines 1 through 8, begin a new paragraph and
 25 insert:
- 26 "SECTION 7. IC 31-27-6-2, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1357-2026,
 27 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) An applicant must apply for a child placing
 29 agency license on forms provided by the department.
- 30 (b) An applicant must submit the required information as part of the
 31 application.
- 32 (c) The applicant must submit with the application a statement
 33 attesting the following:
- 34 (1) Whether the applicant has been convicted of:
- 35 (A) a felony; or
- 36 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of
 37 children.
- 38 (2) Whether the applicant has been charged with:
- 39 (A) a felony; or
- 40 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of
 41 children;
- 42 during the pendency of the application.
- 43 (d) The department on behalf of an applicant, or, at the discretion of
 44 the department, an applicant, shall conduct a criminal history check of
 45 the following:
- 46 (1) Each individual who is an applicant.
- 47 (2) The director or manager of a facility where children will be
 48 placed.
- 49 (3) Each employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant.
- 50 (e) If the applicant conducts a criminal history check under

- 1 subsection (d), the applicant shall:
- 2 (1) maintain records of the information it receives concerning
- 3 each individual who is the subject of a criminal history check; and
- 4 (2) submit to the department a copy of the information it receives
- 5 concerning each person described in subsection (d)(1) through
- 6 (d)(3).
- 7 (f) If the department conducts a criminal history check on behalf of
- 8 an applicant under subsection (d), the department shall:
- 9 (1) determine whether the subject of a national fingerprint based
- 10 criminal history check has a record of a:
- 11 (A) conviction for a felony;
- 12 (B) conviction for a misdemeanor relating to the health and
- 13 safety of a child; or
- 14 (C) juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
- 15 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an
- 16 adult, would be a felony;
- 17 (2) notify the applicant of the determination under subdivision (1)
- 18 without identifying a specific offense or other identifying
- 19 information concerning a conviction or juvenile adjudication
- 20 contained in the national criminal history record information;
- 21 (3) submit to the applicant a copy of any state limited criminal
- 22 history report that the department receives on behalf of any person
- 23 described in subsection (d); and
- 24 (4) maintain a record of every report and all information the
- 25 department receives concerning a person described in subsection
- 26 (d).
- 27 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h) and section 2.5 of this
- 28 chapter, a criminal history check described in subsection (d) is required
- 29 only at the time an application for a new license or the renewal of an
- 30 existing license is submitted.
- 31 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), a criminal history check of
- 32 each person described in subsection (d)(2) or (d)(3) must be completed
- 33 on or before the date the person:
- 34 (1) is employed;
- 35 (2) is assigned as a volunteer; or
- 36 (3) enters into, or the person's employing entity enters into, a
- 37 contract with the applicant.
- 38 (i) An individual may be employed by a child placing agency as an
- 39 employee, volunteer, or contractor before a criminal history check of
- 40 the individual is completed as required under subsection (h) if all of the
- 41 following conditions are satisfied:
- 42 (1) The following checks have been completed regarding the
- 43 individual:
- 44 (A) A fingerprint based check of national crime information
- 45 data bases under ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(1)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(1)**.
- 46 (B) A national sex offender registry check under
- 47 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(3)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(3)**.
- 48 (C) An in-state local criminal records check under
- 49 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(4)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-58(4)**.
- 50 (D) An in-state child protection index check under

- 1 IC 31-33-26.
- 2 (2) If the individual has resided outside Indiana at any time during
- 3 the five (5) years preceding the individual's date of hiring by the
- 4 child placing agency, the following checks have been requested
- 5 regarding the individual:
- 6 (A) An out-of-state child abuse registry check under
- 7 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(2)~~. **IC 31-9-2.1-58(2)**.
- 8 (B) An out-of-state local criminal records check under
- 9 ~~IC 31-9-2-22.5(4)~~. **IC 31-9-2.1-58(4)**.
- 10 (3) The individual's employment before the completion of the
- 11 criminal history check required under subsection (h) is limited to
- 12 training during which the individual:
- 13 (A) does not have contact with children who are under the care
- 14 and control of the child placing agency; and
- 15 (B) does not have access to records containing information
- 16 regarding children who are under the care and control of the
- 17 child placing agency.
- 18 (4) The individual completes an attestation, under penalty of
- 19 perjury, disclosing:
- 20 (A) any abuse or neglect complaints made against the
- 21 individual with the child welfare agency of a state other than
- 22 Indiana in which the individual resided within the five (5)
- 23 years preceding the date of the attestation; and
- 24 (B) any contact the individual had with a law enforcement
- 25 agency in connection with the individual's suspected or alleged
- 26 commission of a crime in a state other than Indiana in which
- 27 the individual resided within the five (5) years preceding the
- 28 date of the attestation.
- 29 (j) The applicant or facility is responsible for any fees associated
- 30 with a criminal history check.
- 31 (k) The department shall, at the applicant's request, inform the
- 32 applicant whether the department has or does not have a record of the
- 33 person who is the subject of a criminal history check and if the
- 34 department has identified the person as an alleged perpetrator of abuse
- 35 or neglect. The department may not provide to the applicant any details
- 36 or personally identifying information contained in any child protective
- 37 investigation report.
- 38 (l) A person who is the subject of a criminal history check
- 39 conducted in accordance with this section may request the state police
- 40 department to provide the person with a copy of any state or national
- 41 criminal history report concerning the person."
- 42 Page 260, delete lines 9 through 42.
- 43 Page 261, delete lines 1 through 30, begin a new paragraph and
- 44 insert:
- 45 "SECTION 187. IC 31-27-6-3, AS AMENDED BY HEA
- 46 1092-2026, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 47 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The following constitute
- 48 sufficient grounds for denial of a license application:
- 49 (1) A determination by the department of child abuse or neglect
- 50 by:

- 1 (A) the applicant; or
 2 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant.
 3 (2) A criminal conviction of the applicant, or the director or
 4 manager of a facility where children will be placed by the
 5 licensee, for any of the following:
 6 (A) A felony.
 7 (B) A misdemeanor related to the health and safety of a child.
 8 (C) A misdemeanor for operating a child caring institution,
 9 foster family home, group home, or child placing agency
 10 without a license under this article (or IC 12-17.4 before its
 11 repeal).
 12 (D) A misdemeanor for operating a child care center or child
 13 care home without a license under IC 12-17.2.
 14 (3) A determination by the department that the applicant made
 15 false statements in the applicant's application for licensure.
 16 (4) A determination by the department that the applicant made
 17 false statements in the records required by the department.
 18 (5) A determination by the department that:
 19 (A) the applicant; or
 20 (B) an employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant;
 21 previously operated a home or facility without a license required
 22 under any applicable provision of this article (or IC 12-17.4
 23 before its repeal) or IC 12-17.2.
 24 (6) A juvenile adjudication of the applicant for a nonwaivable
 25 offense, as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if
 26 committed by an adult, would be a felony.
 27 (7) A determination by the department that the applicant was
 28 previously licensed under this article and the license was revoked
 29 within one (1) year of the current application
 30 (b) An application for a license may also be denied if an employee,
 31 volunteer, or contractor of the applicant has had any of the following:
 32 (1) A conviction of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
 33 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168**.
 34 (2) A conviction of any other felony or a misdemeanor relating to
 35 the health and safety of a child, unless the applicant is granted a
 36 waiver by the department with regard to the employee, volunteer,
 37 or contractor.
 38 (3) A juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as defined
 39 in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed by an adult,
 40 would be a felony, unless the applicant is granted a waiver by the
 41 department with regard to the employee, volunteer, or contractor.
 42 (c) In determining whether to grant a waiver under subsection (b),
 43 the department shall consider the following factors:
 44 (1) The length of time that has passed since the disqualifying
 45 conviction.
 46 (2) The severity, nature, and circumstances of the offense.
 47 (3) Evidence of rehabilitation.
 48 (4) The duties and qualifications required for the proposed
 49 employment positions, volunteer assignment, or contract.
 50 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (b), if:

- 1 (1) a license application could be denied due to a criminal
 2 conviction of, or a determination of child abuse or neglect by, an
 3 employee, volunteer, or contractor of the applicant; and
 4 (2) the department determines that the employee, volunteer, or
 5 contractor has been dismissed by the applicant within a
 6 reasonable time after the applicant became aware of the
 7 conviction or determination;
 8 the criminal conviction of, or determination of child abuse or neglect
 9 by, the former employee, former volunteer, or former contractor does
 10 not constitute a sufficient basis for the denial of a license application.
 11 (e) The department may adopt rules to implement this section."
 12 Page 269, delete lines 35 through 42.
 13 Delete page 270.
 14 Page 271, delete lines 1 through 23, begin a new paragraph and
 15 insert:
 16 "SECTION 9. IC 31-33-8-7, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1092-2026,
 17 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The department's assessment, to the extent
 19 that is reasonably possible, must include the following:
 20 (1) The nature, extent, and cause of the known or suspected child
 21 abuse or neglect.
 22 (2) The identity of the person allegedly responsible for the child
 23 abuse or neglect.
 24 (3) The names and conditions of other children in the home.
 25 (4) An evaluation of the parent, guardian, custodian, or person
 26 responsible for the care of the child.
 27 (5) The home environment and the relationship of the child to the
 28 parent, guardian, or custodian or other persons responsible for the
 29 child's care.
 30 (6) All other data considered pertinent.
 31 (b) The assessment may include the following:
 32 (1) A visit to the child's home.
 33 (2) An interview with the subject child:
 34 (A) upon receiving parental consent;
 35 (B) upon receiving a court order; or
 36 (C) if there are exigent circumstances as defined by
 37 ~~IC 31-9-2-44.1.~~ **in IC 31-9-2.1-92.**
 38 (3) A physical, psychological, or psychiatric examination of any
 39 child in the home.
 40 (c) If:
 41 (1) admission to the home, the school, or any other place that the
 42 child may be; or
 43 (2) permission of the parent, guardian, custodian, or other persons
 44 responsible for the child for the physical, psychological, or
 45 psychiatric examination;
 46 under subsection (b) cannot be obtained, the juvenile court, upon good
 47 cause shown, shall follow the procedures under IC 31-32-12.
 48 (d) If a custodial parent, a guardian, or a custodian of a child refuses
 49 to allow the department to interview the child after the caseworker has
 50 attempted to obtain the consent of the custodial parent, guardian, or

1 custodian to interview the child, the department may petition a court to
 2 order the custodial parent, guardian, or custodian to make the child
 3 available to be interviewed by the caseworker.

4 (e) If the court finds that:

5 (1) a custodial parent, a guardian, or a custodian has been
 6 informed of the hearing on a petition described under subsection
 7 (d); and

8 (2) the department has made reasonable and unsuccessful efforts
 9 to obtain the consent of the custodial parent, guardian, or
 10 custodian to interview the child;

11 the court shall specify in the order the efforts the department made to
 12 obtain the consent of the custodial parent, guardian, or custodian and
 13 may grant the motion to interview the child, either with or without the
 14 custodial parent, guardian, or custodian being present.

15 (f) If the department requests to interview a child at the child's
 16 school, the school, except a nonaccredited nonpublic school that has
 17 less than one (1) employee, shall grant access to the department to
 18 interview the child alone, if the department employee presents:

19 (1) their department issued credential, or other proof of
 20 employment with the department, for inspection upon arrival at
 21 the school; and

22 (2) a written statement that the department "has parental consent
 23 or a court order, or exigent circumstances exist as defined by
 24 ~~IC 31-9-2-44.1~~ in **IC 31-9-2.1-92** to interview [insert child's
 25 name]". The written statement under this subdivision shall not
 26 disclose any of the facts of the allegations or evidence and may be
 27 transmitted to the school electronically.

28 (g) If the department provides a written statement under subsection
 29 (f)(2), the school shall:

30 (1) not maintain the written statement in the child's file; and

31 (2) protect the child and the child's family's confidentiality
 32 regarding the written statement and the interview.

33 (h) If a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is the subject
 34 of a substantiated investigation of abuse or neglect is an active duty
 35 member of the military, the department shall notify the United States
 36 Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program of the assessment
 37 concerning the child of the active duty member of the military upon
 38 request."

39 Page 271, delete lines 24 through 28, begin a new paragraph and
 40 insert:

41 "SECTION 6. IC 31-33-18-6, AS AMENDED BY SEA 15-2026,
 42 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 43 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. For the purposes of IC 31-26-4.5, the
 44 department may certify or acknowledge that an individual qualifies as
 45 a foster youth under ~~IC 31-9-2-47.3(a)~~: **IC 31-9-2.1-110(b)**."

46 Page 275, delete lines 11 through 42.

47 Page 276, delete lines 1 through 37, begin a new paragraph and
 48 insert:

49 "SECTION 6. IC 31-34-4-2, AS AMENDED BY SEA 171-2026,
 50 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) If a child alleged to be a child in need of
 2 services is taken into custody under an order of the court under this
 3 chapter and the court orders out-of-home placement, the department is
 4 responsible for that placement and care and must consider placing the
 5 child with a:

- 6 (1) suitable and willing relative; or
- 7 (2) de facto custodian;

8 before considering any other out-of-home placement.

9 (b) The department shall consider placing a child described in
 10 subsection (a) with a relative related by blood, marriage, or adoption
 11 before considering any other placement of the child.

12 (c) Before the department places a child in need of services with a
 13 relative or a de facto custodian, the department shall complete an
 14 evaluation based on a home visit of the relative's home.

15 (d) Except as provided in subsection (f), before placing a child in
 16 need of services in an out-of-home placement, the department shall
 17 conduct a criminal history check of each person who is currently
 18 residing in the location designated as the out-of-home placement.

19 (e) Except as provided in subsection (g), the department may not
 20 make an out-of-home placement if a person described in subsection (d)
 21 has:

- 22 (1) committed an act resulting in a substantiated report of child
 23 abuse or neglect; or
- 24 (2) been convicted of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
 25 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** or had a juvenile adjudication for
 26 an act that would be a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
 27 ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** if committed by an adult.

28 (f) The department is not required to conduct a criminal history
 29 check under subsection (d) if the department makes an out-of-home
 30 placement to an entity or a facility that is not a residence (as defined in
 31 IC 3-5-2.1-90) or that is licensed by the state.

32 (g) A court may order or the department may approve an
 33 out-of-home placement if:

- 34 (1) a person described in subsection (d) has:
 - 35 (A) committed an act resulting in a substantiated report of
 - 36 child abuse or neglect;
 - 37 (B) been convicted of:
 - 38 (i) battery (IC 35-42-2-1);
 - 39 (ii) criminal recklessness (IC 35-42-2-2) as a felony;
 - 40 (iii) criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3) as a felony;
 - 41 (iv) arson (IC 35-43-1-1) as a felony;
 - 42 (v) nonsupport of a dependent child (IC 35-46-1-5);
 - 43 (vi) operating a motorboat while intoxicated (IC 35-46-9-6)
 - 44 as a felony;
 - 45 (vii) a felony involving a weapon under IC 35-47;
 - 46 (viii) a felony relating to controlled substances under
 - 47 IC 35-48-4; or
 - 48 (ix) a felony under IC 9-30-5;
- 49 if the conviction did not occur within the past five (5) years; or
- 50 (C) had a juvenile adjudication for a nonwaivable offense, as

- 1 defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that, if committed
 2 by an adult, would be a felony; and
 3 (2) the person's commission of the offense, delinquent act, or act
 4 of abuse or neglect described in subdivision (1) is not relevant to
 5 the person's present ability to care for a child, and the placement
 6 is in the best interest of the child.
- 7 However, a court or the department shall not make an out-of-home
 8 placement if the person has been convicted of a nonwaivable offense,
 9 as defined in ~~IC 31-9-2-84.8~~ **IC 31-9-2.1-168** that is not specifically
 10 excluded under subdivision (1)(B).
- 11 (h) In considering the placement under subsection (g), the court or
 12 the department shall consider the following:
- 13 (1) The length of time since the person committed the offense,
 14 delinquent act, or abuse or neglect.
- 15 (2) The severity of the offense, delinquent act, or abuse or neglect.
- 16 (3) Evidence of the person's rehabilitation, including the person's
 17 cooperation with a treatment plan, if applicable.
- 18 (i) In considering any out-of-home placement, the department shall
 19 consider the following to determine whether a particular out-of-home
 20 placement is in the child's best interest:
- 21 (1) The caregiver is interested in providing permanence for the
 22 child if reunification efforts ultimately fail.
- 23 (2) The expressed wishes of the child's birth parent and the child,
 24 if applicable, unless the wishes are contrary to law, child safety,
 25 or stability.
- 26 (3) The relationship of the caregiver with the child and the child's
 27 family.
- 28 (4) The proximity of the placement home to the birth parents'
 29 home and the child's current school or school district.
- 30 (5) The strengths and parenting style of the caregiver in relation
 31 to the child's behavior and needs.
- 32 (6) The caregiver's willingness to interact with the birth family,
 33 unless the caregiver has safety concerns.
- 34 (7) The caregiver's ability and willingness to accept placement of
 35 the child and any of the child's siblings.
- 36 (8) If any sibling will be placed separately, the caregiver's ability
 37 and willingness to provide or assist in maintaining frequent
 38 visitation or other ongoing contact between the child and the
 39 child's siblings.
- 40 (9) The child's fit with the family with regard to age, gender, and
 41 sibling relationships.
- 42 (10) If the child has chronic behavioral health needs:
- 43 (A) whether the child's behavior will place other children in
 44 the home at risk; and
- 45 (B) the caregiver's ability to provide the necessary level of
 46 supervision to prevent harm to the child or others by the child.
- 47 (11) Whether placement in the home would comply with the
 48 placement preferences prescribed by federal law."
- 49 Page 327, after line 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 50 "SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-78.6, AS ADDED BY HEA 1296-2026,

1 SECTION 1, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 78-6-~~
 2 ~~"Ethical standards"~~, for purposes of IC 12-23-25, has the meaning set
 3 forth in IC 12-23-25-1.

4 SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-117.9, AS ADDED BY HEA 1296-2026,
 5 SECTION 2, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 117-9-~~
 6 ~~"Integrated reentry and correctional support"~~ refers to mental health
 7 and substance use services and support, including certified peer
 8 support recovery resources and treatment, provided to individuals
 9 during incarceration and reentry.

10 SECTION 3. IC 12-7-2-135.2, AS ADDED BY HEA 1296-2026,
 11 SECTION 3, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 135-2-~~
 12 ~~"Owner"~~, for purposes of IC 12-23-25, has the meaning set forth in
 13 IC 12-23-25-2.

14 SECTION 4. IC 12-7-2-158.3, AS ADDED BY HEA 1296-2026,
 15 SECTION 4, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 158-3-~~
 16 ~~"Recovery residence services"~~, for purposes of IC 12-23-25, has the
 17 meaning set forth in IC 12-23-25-3.

18 SECTION 5. IC 31-9-2-5.2, AS ADDED BY HEA 1389-2026,
 19 SECTION 1, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5-2-~~
 20 ~~"Adoption or foster care service"~~, for purposes of IC 31-10-3.5, refers
 21 to any one (1) or more of the following:

- 22 (1) Promoting foster parenting.
- 23 (2) Coordinating placement of a child in a home or facility
- 24 licensed under IC 31-27.
- 25 (3) Recruiting a foster parent or an adoptive parent.
- 26 (4) Licensing or certifying a foster family home.
- 27 (5) Promoting adoption.
- 28 (6) Assisting with an adoption or supporting an adoptive parent.
- 29 (7) Performing or assisting with a home study.
- 30 (8) Assisting with a kinship guardianship or a kinship caregiver.
- 31 (9) Providing any family preservation service.
- 32 (10) Providing any family support service or temporary family
- 33 reunification service.

34 SECTION 6. IC 31-9-2-40.9, AS ADDED BY HEA 1389-2026,
 35 SECTION 2, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 40-9-~~
 36 ~~"Discriminate"~~, for purposes of IC 31-10-3.5, includes any one (1) or
 37 more of the following acts when done wholly or partially based on a
 38 person's sincerely held religious belief:

- 39 (1) Denying or otherwise making unavailable any funding to the
- 40 person, including:
 - 41 (A) a state grant;
 - 42 (B) a loan;
 - 43 (C) a scholarship;
 - 44 (D) a guarantee; or
 - 45 (E) an entitlement or a state benefit.
- 46 (2) Terminating, altering the terms of, or refusing to enter into a
- 47 contract with the person, including a subcontract or cooperative
- 48 agreement.
- 49 (3) Refusing to recognize or taking any adverse action against a
- 50 person's:

- 1 (A) license;
 2 (B) certificate;
 3 (C) custody award or agreement; or
 4 (D) any other similar status:
 5 (4) Refusing to place a child with the person, except for the
 6 reasons set forth in IC 31-10-3.5-1.
 7 (5) Altering in any way the person's tax treatment, including:
 8 (A) imposing a tax penalty;
 9 (B) denying or otherwise making unavailable an exemption
 10 from taxation; or
 11 (C) disallowing or otherwise making unavailable a deduction
 12 for state tax purposes of any charitable donation made by or to
 13 the person.
 14 (6) Imposing on the person any of the following:
 15 (A) A monetary fine.
 16 (B) A fee.
 17 (C) A penalty.
 18 (D) A damages award.
 19 (E) An injunction.
 20 (7) Taking any of the following actions:
 21 (A) Refusing to hire or promote the person.
 22 (B) Forcing the person to resign.
 23 (C) Firing, demoting, or disciplining the person.
 24 (D) Altering the terms or conditions of the person's
 25 employment.
 26 (E) Retaliating against the person.
 27 (F) Taking any other adverse employment action against the
 28 person.
- 29 SECTION 7. IC 31-9-2-58.1, AS ADDED BY HEA 1035-2026,
 30 SECTION 1, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 58.1:
 31 "Independent activity", for purposes of IC 31-34-1-1, includes any of
 32 the following when done by a child without the supervision of a parent,
 33 guardian, or custodian:
 34 (1) Traveling on foot, by bicycle, or by public transportation;
 35 (2) Playing outdoors;
 36 (3) Remaining at home;
 37 (4) Remaining in a stationary vehicle.
- 38 SECTION 8. IC 31-9-2-89, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1389-2026,
 39 SECTION 3, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 89: (a)
 40 "Person", for purposes of IC 31-19-19, IC 31-19-25, and the juvenile
 41 law, means:
 42 (1) a human being;
 43 (2) a corporation;
 44 (3) a limited liability company;
 45 (4) a partnership;
 46 (5) an unincorporated association; or
 47 (6) a governmental entity.
 48 (b) "Person", for purposes of section 44.5 of this chapter, means an
 49 adult or a minor.
 50 (c) "Person", for purposes of IC 31-27, means an individual who is

1 at least twenty-one (21) years of age; a corporation; a partnership; a
2 voluntary association; or other entity.

3 (d) "Person", for purposes of the Uniform Child Custody
4 Jurisdiction Act under IC 31-21, has the meaning set forth in
5 IC 31-21-2-13.

6 (e) "Person", for purposes of the Uniform Interstate Family Support
7 Act under IC 31-18.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 31-18.5-1-2.

8 (f) "Person", for purposes of IC 31-10-3.5, means:

9 (1) an individual; or

10 (2) a legal entity; including a religious organization.

11 SECTION 9. IC 31-9-2-107.2, AS ADDED BY HEA 1389-2026,
12 SECTION 4, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 107.2:~~
13 "Religious organization", for purposes of section 89 of this chapter,
14 refers to any of the following:

15 (1) A house of worship; including a church; synagogue; shrine;
16 mosque; or temple.

17 (2) A religious:

18 (A) group;

19 (B) corporation;

20 (C) association;

21 (D) school or educational institution;

22 (E) ministry;

23 (F) order;

24 (G) society; or

25 (H) entity; regardless of whether the entity is integrated or
26 affiliated with a house of worship.

27 (3) Any officer; owner; employee; manager; religious leader;
28 clergy; or minister of an entity described in this section.

29 SECTION 10. IC 31-9-2-119.5, AS ADDED BY HEA 1389-2025,
30 SECTION 5, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 119.5:~~
31 "State benefit", for purposes of section 40.9 of this chapter, means any
32 program administered; controlled; or funded by the state that provides
33 any one (1) or more of the following:

34 (1) Cash;

35 (2) Payments;

36 (3) Grants;

37 (4) Contracts;

38 (5) Loans;

39 (6) In-kind assistance.

40 SECTION 11 IC 31-9-2-29.5, AS AMENDED BY SEA 261-2026,
41 SECTION 2, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 29.5:~~
42 "Crime involving domestic or family violence" means a crime that
43 occurs when a family or household member commits; attempts to
44 commit; or conspires to commit any of the following against another
45 family or household member:

46 (1) A homicide offense under IC 35-42-1.

47 (2) A battery offense under IC 35-42-2.

48 (3) Kidnapping or confinement under IC 35-42-3.

49 (4) A sex offense under IC 35-42-4.

50 (5) Robbery under IC 35-42-5.

- 1 (6) Arson or vandalism under IC 35-43-1.
 2 (7) Burglary or trespass under IC 35-43-2.
 3 (8) Disorderly conduct under IC 35-45-1.
 4 (9) Intimidation or harassment under IC 35-45-2.
 5 (10) Voyeurism under IC 35-45-4.
 6 (11) Stalking under IC 35-45-10.
 7 (12) An offense against the family under IC 35-46-1-2 through
 8 IC 35-46-1-8; IC 35-46-1-12; IC 35-46-1-15.1; or
 9 IC 35-46-1-15.3.
 10 (13) Human and sexual trafficking crimes under IC 35-42-3-5.
 11 (14) A crime involving animal cruelty and a family or household
 12 member under IC 35-46-3-12(b)(2) or IC 35-46-3-12.5.

13 SECTION 12. IC 12-7-2-24.3, AS ADDED BY SEA 1-2026,
 14 SECTION 2, IS REPEALED. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 24.3.~~
 15 ~~"Candy"; for purposes of IC 12-14-30-10; has the meaning set forth in~~
 16 ~~IC 12-14-30-10(a).~~

17 SECTION 13. IC 12-7-2-179.5, AS ADDED BY SEA 1-2026,
 18 SECTION 3, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 179.5.~~
 19 ~~"Soft drink"; for purposes of IC 12-14-30-10; has the meaning set forth~~
 20 ~~in IC 12-14-30-10(b).~~

21 SECTION 14. IC 35-31.5-2-273.2, AS AMENDED BY SEA
 22 160-2026, SECTION 2, AND AS AMENDED BY SEA 261-2026,
 23 SECTION 10, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 273.2. "Refuse", for
 25 purposes of IC 35-45-3-2 *and* IC 35-45-3-4, has the meaning set forth
 26 in ~~IC 35-45-3-2(b).~~ IC 35-45-3-2.

27 SECTION 15. IC 16-21-6-6, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1358-2026,
 28 SECTION 20, AND AS AMENDED BY SEA 76-2026, SECTION 15,
 29 IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 30 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 6. In addition to the report
 31 filed under section 3 of this chapter, each hospital shall, *not more than*
 32 *one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each calendar quarter;*
 33 *not later than October 1 of the year following the end of the hospital's*
 34 *fiscal year*, file with the state department, or the state department's
 35 designated contractor, inpatient and outpatient discharge information
 36 at the patient level, in a format prescribed by the state health
 37 commissioner, including the following:

- 38 (1) The patient's:
 39 (A) length of stay;
 40 (B) diagnoses and surgical procedures performed during the
 41 patient's stay;
 42 (C) date of:
 43 (i) admission;
 44 (ii) discharge; and
 45 (iii) birth;
 46 (D) type of admission;
 47 (E) admission source;
 48 (F) gender;
 49 (G) race;
 50 (H) discharge disposition; and

- 1 (I) payor, including:
 2 (i) Medicare;
 3 (ii) Medicaid;
 4 (iii) a local government program;
 5 (iv) commercial insurance;
 6 (v) self-pay; and
 7 (vi) charity care.
 8 (2) The total charge for the patient's stay.
 9 (3) The ZIP code of the patient's residence.
 10 (4) Beginning October 1, 2013, all diagnosed external causes of
 11 injury codes.
 12 (5) *Beginning January 1, 2027, in cases where Medicaid is the*
 13 *patient's payor, the form of identification, if any, used by the*
 14 *patient when the patient was admitted, including whether the*
 15 *patient used an Indiana driver's license or identification card, a*
 16 *temporary Indiana driver's license or identification card, a*
 17 *driver's license or identification card issued by another state, a*
 18 *form of identification issued by a foreign government, or no*
 19 *identification.*

20 SECTION 16. IC 31-9-2-47.3, AS AMENDED BY SEA 15-2026,
 21 SECTION 4, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 47.3:~~

22 (a) ~~"Foster youth", for purposes of IC 31-26-4.5, refers to an individual:~~

- 23 ~~(1) who is at least fifteen (15) years of age;~~
 24 ~~(2) who is not more than twenty-three (23) years of age; and~~
 25 ~~(3) who:~~
 26 ~~(A) is adjudicated a child in need of services under~~
 27 ~~IC 31-34-1; or~~
 28 ~~(B) was in foster care when the individual became an adult (as~~
 29 ~~defined by section 7(b) of this chapter).~~

30 (b) ~~"Foster youth", for purposes of IC 31-25-2-29, refers to an~~
 31 ~~individual:~~

- 32 ~~(1) who is at least twelve (12) years of age;~~
 33 ~~(2) who is not more than twenty-three (23) years of age;~~
 34 ~~(3) who:~~
 35 ~~(A) is a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1; or~~
 36 ~~(B) is receiving collaborative care (as defined in~~
 37 ~~IC 31-28-5.8-1); and~~
 38 ~~(4) who is in an out-of-home placement.~~

39 SECTION 17. IC 4-21.5-3-6, AS AMENDED BY SEA 169-2026,
 40 SECTION 6, AND AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026, SECTION 4,
 41 IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Notice shall be given under
 43 this section concerning the following:

- 44 (1) A safety order under IC 22-8-1.1.
 45 (2) Any order that:
 46 (A) imposes a sanction on a person or terminates a legal right,
 47 duty, privilege, immunity, or other legal interest of a person;
 48 (B) is not described in section 4 or 5 of this chapter or
 49 IC 4-21.5-4; and
 50 (C) by statute becomes effective without a proceeding under

- 1 this chapter if there is no request for a review of the order
 2 within a specified period after the order is issued or served.
- 3 (3) A notice of program reimbursement or equivalent
 4 determination or other notice regarding a hospital's
 5 reimbursement issued by the office of Medicaid policy and
 6 planning or by a contractor of the office of Medicaid policy and
 7 planning regarding a hospital's year end cost settlement.
- 8 (4) A determination of audit findings or an equivalent
 9 determination by the office of Medicaid policy and planning or by
 10 a contractor of the office of Medicaid policy and planning arising
 11 from a Medicaid postpayment or concurrent audit of a hospital's
 12 Medicaid claims.
- 13 (5) A license suspension or revocation under:
- 14 (A) ~~IC 24-4.4-2~~; IC 37-1-3;
 15 (B) ~~IC 24-4.5-3~~; IC 37-2-4;
 16 (C) IC 28-1-29;
 17 (D) IC 28-7-5;
 18 (E) IC 28-8-4.1;
 19 (F) IC 28-8-5; or
 20 (G) IC 28-8-6.
- 21 (6) An order issued by the secretary or the secretary's designee
 22 against providers regulated by the office of the secretary, the
 23 *division bureau* of *better* aging or the bureau of disabilities
 24 services and not licensed by the Indiana department of health
 25 under IC 16-27 or IC 16-28.
- 26 (b) When an agency issues an order described by subsection (a), the
 27 agency shall give notice to the following persons:
- 28 (1) Each person to whom the order is specifically directed.
 29 (2) Each person to whom a law requires notice to be given.
- 30 A person who is entitled to notice under this subsection is not a party
 31 to any proceeding resulting from the grant of a petition for review
 32 under section 7 of this chapter unless the person is designated as a
 33 party in the record of the proceeding.
- 34 (c) The notice must include the following:
- 35 (1) A brief description of the order.
 36 (2) A brief explanation of the available procedures and the time
 37 limit for seeking administrative review of the order under section
 38 7 of this chapter.
 39 (3) Any other information required by law.
- 40 (d) An order described in subsection (a) is effective fifteen (15) days
 41 after the order is served, unless a statute other than this article specifies
 42 a different date or the agency specifies a later date in its order. This
 43 subsection does not preclude an agency from issuing, under
 44 IC 4-21.5-4, an emergency or other temporary order concerning the
 45 subject of an order described in subsection (a).
- 46 (e) If a petition for review of an order described in subsection (a) is
 47 filed within the period set by section 7 of this chapter and a petition for
 48 stay of effectiveness of the order is filed by a party or another person
 49 who has a pending petition for intervention in the proceeding, an
 50 administrative law judge shall, as soon as practicable, conduct a

1 preliminary hearing to determine whether the order should be stayed in
 2 whole or in part. The burden of proof in the preliminary hearing is on
 3 the person seeking the stay. The administrative law judge may stay the
 4 order in whole or in part. The order concerning the stay may be issued
 5 after an order described in subsection (a) becomes effective. The
 6 resulting order concerning the stay shall be served on the parties and
 7 any person who has a pending petition for intervention in the
 8 proceeding. It must include a statement of the facts and law on which
 9 it is based.

10 SECTION 18. IC 12-7-2-24, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 11 SECTION 12, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 24:
 12 "Bureau" means the following:

13 (1) For purposes of IC 12-10, the bureau of better aging
 14 established by IC 12-10-1-1.

15 (2) For purposes of IC 12-11, the bureau of disabilities services
 16 established by IC 12-11-1.1-1.

17 (3) For purposes of IC 12-12, the rehabilitation services bureau of
 18 the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services
 19 established by IC 12-12-1-1.

20 SECTION 19. IC 12-7-2-24.8, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 21 SECTION 13, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 24.8:
 22 "Caretaker", for purposes of IC 12-10, has the meaning set forth in
 23 IC 12-10-22-1.

24 SECTION 20. IC 12-7-2-26.4, AS ADDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 25 SECTION 14, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 26.4:
 26 "Certified peer", for purposes of IC 12-21, means an individual who is
 27 trained and certified by the division of mental health and addiction or
 28 an approved nationally accredited certification body to provide ongoing
 29 support to individuals and families of individuals who are receiving
 30 mental health or substance use recovery supports and services.

31 SECTION 21. IC 12-7-2-39, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 32 SECTION 15, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 39:
 33 "Community intellectual disability and other developmental disabilities
 34 centers", for purposes of IC 12-29 (except as provided in IC 12-29-3-6),
 35 means a program of services that meets the following conditions:

36 (1) Is approved by the division of disability, aging, and
 37 rehabilitative services.

38 (2) Is organized for the purpose of providing multiple services for
 39 persons with developmental disabilities.

40 (3) Is operated by one (1) of the following or any combination of
 41 the following:

42 (A) A city, a town, a county, or another political subdivision
 43 of Indiana.

44 (B) An agency of the state.

45 (C) An agency of the United States.

46 (D) A political subdivision of another state.

47 (E) A hospital owned or operated by a unit of government
 48 described in clauses (A) through (D).

49 (F) A building authority organized for the purpose of
 50 constructing facilities to be leased to units of government.

- 1 (G) A corporation incorporated under IC 23-7-1-1 (before its
2 repeal August 1, 1991) or IC 23-17.
3 (H) A nonprofit corporation incorporated in another state.
4 (I) A university or college.
5 (4) Is accredited for the services provided by one (1) of the
6 following organizations:
7 (A) The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation
8 Facilities (CARF); or its successor.
9 (B) The Council on Quality and Leadership in Supports for
10 People with Disabilities; or its successor.
11 (C) The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare
12 Organizations (JCAHO); or its successor.
13 (D) The National Commission on Quality Assurance; or its
14 successor.
15 (E) An independent national accreditation organization
16 approved by the secretary.

17 SECTION 22. IC 12-7-2-64, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
18 SECTION 16, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 64:
19 "Director" refers to the following:

- 20 (1) With respect to a particular division; the director of the
21 division.
22 (2) With respect to a particular state institution; the director who
23 has administrative control of and responsibility for the state
24 institution.
25 (3) For purposes of IC 12-10-15; the term refers to the director of
26 the bureau of better aging.
27 (4) For purposes of IC 12-25; the term refers to the director of the
28 division of mental health and addiction.
29 (5) For purposes of IC 12-26; the term:
30 (A) refers to the director who has administrative control of and
31 responsibility for the appropriate state institution; and
32 (B) includes the director's designee.
33 (6) If subdivisions (1) through (5) do not apply; the term refers to
34 the director of any of the divisions:

35 SECTION 23. IC 12-7-2-69, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
36 SECTION 17, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 69:
37 (a) "Division"; except as provided in subsections (b); (c); and (d); refers
38 to any of the following:

- 39 (1) The division of disability; aging; and rehabilitative services
40 established by IC 12-9-1-1.
41 (2) The division of family resources established by IC 12-13-1-1.
42 (3) The division of mental health and addiction established by
43 IC 12-21-1-1.
44 (b) The term refers to the following:
45 (1) For purposes of the following statutes; the division of
46 disability; aging; and rehabilitative services established by
47 IC 12-9-1-1:
48 (A) IC 12-9.
49 (B) IC 12-10.
50 (C) IC 12-11.

- 1 (Ⓓ) IC 12-12.
 2 (Ⓔ) IC 12-12.7.
 3 (Ⓕ) IC 12-28-5.
 4 (2) For purposes of the following statutes, the division of family
 5 resources established by IC 12-13-1-1:
 6 (A) IC 12-8-12.
 7 (B) IC 12-13.
 8 (C) IC 12-14.
 9 (Ⓓ) IC 12-15.
 10 (E) IC 12-16.
 11 (F) IC 12-17.
 12 (G) IC 12-17.2.
 13 (H) IC 12-18.
 14 (I) IC 12-19.
 15 (J) IC 12-20.
 16 (3) For purposes of the following statutes, the division of mental
 17 health and addiction established by IC 12-21-1-1:
 18 (A) IC 12-21.
 19 (B) IC 12-22.
 20 (C) IC 12-23.
 21 (Ⓓ) IC 12-25.
 22 (e) With respect to a particular state institution, the term refers to
 23 the division whose director has administrative control of and
 24 responsibility for the state institution.
 25 (d) For purposes of IC 12-24, IC 12-26, and IC 12-27, the term
 26 refers to the division whose director has administrative control of and
 27 responsibility for the appropriate state institution.
 28 SECTION 24. IC 12-7-2-76.6, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 29 SECTION 18, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 76.6:
 30 (a) "Emergency medical condition", for purposes of IC 12-15-12, has
 31 the meaning set forth in IC 12-15-12-0.3:
 32 (b) "Emergency medical responder", for purposes of IC 12-10-21,
 33 has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-21-1.
 34 SECTION 25. IC 12-7-2-99, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 35 SECTION 19, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 99:
 36 "A person with a disability" means, for purposes of the following
 37 statutes, an individual who has a physical or mental disability and
 38 meets the program eligibility requirements of the division of disability;
 39 aging, and rehabilitative services:
 40 (1) IC 12-8-1.5-10.
 41 (2) IC 12-12-1.
 42 (3) IC 12-12-6.
 43 SECTION 26. IC 12-7-2-146, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
 44 SECTION 20, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec: 146:
 45 "Program" refers to the following:
 46 (1) For purposes of IC 12-10-5.7, the meaning set forth in
 47 IC 12-10-5.7-2.
 48 (2) For purposes of IC 12-10-7, the adult guardianship services
 49 program established by IC 12-10-7-5.
 50 (3) For purposes of IC 12-10-10, the meaning set forth in

- 1 ~~IC 12-10-10-5.~~
- 2 (4) For purposes of ~~IC 12-10-21~~, the meaning set forth in
- 3 ~~IC 12-10-21-3.~~
- 4 (5) For purposes of ~~IC 12-15-12.7~~, the meaning set forth in
- 5 ~~IC 12-15-12.7-1.~~
- 6 (6) For purposes of ~~IC 12-17.2-2-14.2~~, the meaning set forth in
- 7 ~~IC 12-17.2-2-14.2(a).~~
- 8 (7) For purposes of ~~IC 12-17.6~~, the meaning set forth in
- 9 ~~IC 12-17.6-1-5.~~
- 10 SECTION 27. ~~IC 12-7-2-146.2~~, AS ADDED BY SEA 222-2026,
- 11 SECTION 21, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec.~~
- 12 ~~146.2. "Program participant", for purposes of IC 12-10-21, has the~~
- 13 ~~meaning set forth in IC 12-10-21-4.~~
- 14 SECTION 28. ~~IC 12-7-2-155.4~~, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
- 15 SECTION 22, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec.~~
- 16 ~~155.4. "Qualified provider", means the following:~~
- 17 (1) For purposes of ~~IC 12-15-1-16~~:
- 18 (A) a school based nurse; or
- 19 (B) another provider who:
- 20 (i) is licensed and in good standing with the Indiana
- 21 professional licensing agency; and
- 22 (ii) is employed by or contracts with a school corporation
- 23 that participates in Medicaid.
- 24 (2) For purposes of ~~IC 12-15-4~~, a provider who:
- 25 (A) is enrolled in the Indiana Medicaid program; and
- 26 (B) maintains a valid agreement, as prescribed by the office,
- 27 to make determinations concerning presumptive eligibility.
- 28 SECTION 29. ~~IC 12-7-2-180.1~~, AS AMENDED BY SEA 222-2026,
- 29 SECTION 23, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec.~~
- 30 ~~180.1. "Special needs", for purposes of IC 12-10, has the meaning set~~
- 31 ~~forth in IC 12-10-22-2.~~
- 32 SECTION 30. ~~IC 22-9-1-3~~, AS AMENDED BY SEA 169-2026,
- 33 SECTION 17, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1193-2026, SECTION
- 34 2, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter:
- 36 (a) "Person" means one (1) or more individuals, partnerships,
- 37 associations, organizations, limited liability companies, corporations,
- 38 labor organizations, cooperatives, legal representatives, trustees,
- 39 trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and other organized groups of
- 40 persons.
- 41 (b) "Commission" means the civil rights commission created under
- 42 section 4 of this chapter.
- 43 (c) "Director" means the director of the civil rights commission.
- 44 (d) "Deputy director" means the deputy director of the civil rights
- 45 commission.
- 46 (e) "Commission attorney" means the deputy attorney general, such
- 47 assistants of the attorney general as may be assigned to the
- 48 commission, or such other attorney as may be engaged by the
- 49 commission.
- 50 (f) "Consent agreement" means a formal agreement entered into in

- 1 lieu of adjudication.
- 2 (g) "Affirmative action" means those acts that the commission
3 determines necessary to assure compliance with the Indiana civil rights
4 law.
- 5 (h) "Employer" means the state or any political or civil subdivision
6 thereof and any person employing six (6) or more persons within the
7 state, except that the term "employer" does not include:
- 8 (1) any nonprofit corporation or association organized exclusively
9 for fraternal or religious purposes;
- 10 (2) any school, educational, or charitable religious institution
11 owned or conducted by or affiliated with a church or religious
12 institution; or
- 13 (3) any exclusively social club, corporation, or association that is
14 not organized for profit.
- 15 (i) "Employee" means any person employed by another for wages or
16 salary. However, the term does not include any individual employed:
- 17 (1) by the individual's parents, spouse, or child; or
18 (2) in the domestic service of any person.
- 19 (j) "Labor organization" means any organization that exists for the
20 purpose in whole or in part of collective bargaining or of dealing with
21 employers concerning grievances, terms, or conditions of employment
22 or for other mutual aid or protection in relation to employment.
- 23 (k) "Employment agency" means any person undertaking with or
24 without compensation to procure, recruit, refer, or place employees.
- 25 (l) "Discriminatory practice" means:
- 26 (1) the exclusion of a person from equal opportunities because of
27 race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or
28 status as a veteran;
- 29 (2) a system that excludes persons from equal opportunities
30 because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin,
31 ancestry, or status as a veteran;
- 32 (3) the promotion of racial segregation or separation in any
33 manner, including but not limited to the inducing of or the
34 attempting to induce for profit any person to sell or rent any
35 dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective
36 entry in the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular
37 race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry;
- 38 (4) a violation of IC 22-9-5 that occurs after July 25, 1992, and is
39 committed by a covered entity (as defined in IC 22-9-5-4);
- 40 (5) the performance of an abortion solely because of the race,
41 color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry of the fetus; ~~or~~
- 42 (6) a violation of any of the following statutes protecting the right
43 of conscience regarding abortion:
- 44 (A) IC 16-34-1-4.
45 (B) IC 16-34-1-5.
46 (C) IC 16-34-1-6;
- 47 (7) *a violation of a person's rights protected under:*
- 48 (A) *Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*
49 *(42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.);*
- 50 (B) *Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as*

1 *amended (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.); or*
 2 *(C) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.*
 3 *1681 et seq.); or*
 4 *(8) an adverse action against a person because the person has*
 5 *taken action to protect a right enjoyed by:*
 6 *(A) the person; or*
 7 *(B) another person;*
 8 *under this article. As used in this subdivision, "taken action"*
 9 *includes submitting or filing a charge or complaint with a private*
 10 *or governmental entity or participating in any proceeding related*
 11 *to a complaint of a discriminatory practice described under this*
 12 *subsection.*

13 Every discriminatory practice relating to the acquisition or sale of real
 14 estate, education, public accommodations, employment, or the
 15 extending of credit (as defined in ~~IC 24-4.5-1-301.5~~ IC 37-2-2-14)
 16 shall be considered unlawful unless it is specifically exempted by this
 17 chapter.

18 (m) "Public accommodation" means any establishment that caters
 19 or offers its services or facilities or goods to the general public.

20 (n) "Complainant" means:

- 21 (1) any individual charging on the individual's own behalf to have
 22 been personally aggrieved by a discriminatory practice; or
 23 (2) the director or deputy director of the commission charging that
 24 a discriminatory practice was committed against a person (other
 25 than the director or deputy director) or a class of people, in order
 26 to vindicate the public policy of the state (as defined in section 2
 27 of this chapter).

28 (o) "Complaint" means any written grievance that is:

- 29 (1) sufficiently complete and filed by a complainant with the
 30 commission; or
 31 (2) filed by a complainant as a civil action in the circuit or
 32 superior court having jurisdiction in the county in which the
 33 alleged discriminatory practice occurred.

34 The original of any complaint filed under subdivision (1) shall be
 35 signed and verified by the complainant.

36 (p) "Sufficiently complete" refers to a complaint that includes:

- 37 (1) the full name and address of the complainant;
 38 (2) the name and address of the respondent against whom the
 39 complaint is made;
 40 (3) the alleged discriminatory practice and a statement of
 41 particulars thereof;
 42 (4) the date or dates and places of the alleged discriminatory
 43 practice and if the alleged discriminatory practice is of a
 44 continuing nature the dates between which continuing acts of
 45 discrimination are alleged to have occurred; and
 46 (5) a statement as to any other action, civil or criminal, instituted
 47 in any other form based upon the same grievance alleged in the
 48 complaint, together with a statement as to the status or disposition
 49 of the other action.

50 No complaint shall be valid unless filed within one hundred eighty

1 (180) days from the date of the occurrence of the alleged
2 discriminatory practice.

3 (q) "Sex" as it applies to segregation or separation in this chapter
4 applies to all types of employment, education, public accommodations,
5 and housing. However:

6 (1) it shall not be a discriminatory practice to maintain separate
7 restrooms;

8 (2) it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an
9 employer to hire and employ employees, for an employment
10 agency to classify or refer for employment any individual, for a
11 labor organization to classify its membership or to classify or refer
12 for employment any individual, or for an employer, labor
13 organization, or joint labor management committee controlling
14 apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to admit
15 or employ any other individual in any program on the basis of sex
16 in those certain instances where sex is a bona fide occupational
17 qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of that
18 particular business or enterprise; and

19 (3) it shall not be a discriminatory practice for a private or
20 religious educational institution to continue to maintain and
21 enforce a policy of admitting students of one (1) sex only.

22 (r) "Disabled" or "disability" means the physical or mental condition
23 of a person that constitutes a substantial disability. In reference to
24 employment under this chapter, "disabled or disability" also means the
25 physical or mental condition of a person that constitutes a substantial
26 disability unrelated to the person's ability to engage in a particular
27 occupation.

28 (s) "Veteran" means:

29 (1) a veteran of the armed forces of the United States;

30 (2) a member of the Indiana National Guard; or

31 (3) a member of a reserve component.

32 SECTION 31. IC 13-18-10-2.1, AS AMENDED BY SEA 277-2026,
33 SECTION 161, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1355-2026, SECTION
34 2, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.1. (a) The department:

36 (1) shall make a determination on an application submitted under
37 section 2 of this chapter not later than ninety (90) days after the
38 date the department receives the completed application, including
39 all required supplemental information, unless the department and
40 the applicant agree to a longer time; and

41 (2) may conduct any inquiry or investigation, consistent with the
42 department's duties under this chapter, the department considers
43 necessary before making a determination.

44 (b) If the department fails to make a determination on an application
45 not later than ninety (90) days after the date the department receives
46 the completed application, the *applicant may request and receive*
47 *department shall issue* a refund of an approval application fee paid by
48 the applicant, and the commissioner shall:

49 (1) continue to review the application;

50 (2) approve or deny the application as soon as practicable; and

- 1 (3) refund the applicant's application fee not later than twenty-five
 2 (25) *working business* days after the receipt of the applicant's
 3 request.
- 4 (c) The commissioner may suspend the processing of an application
 5 and the ninety (90) day period described under this section if the
 6 department determines within thirty (30) days after the department
 7 receives the application that the application is incomplete and has
 8 mailed a notice of deficiency to the applicant that specifies the parts of
 9 the application that:
- 10 (1) do not contain adequate information for the department to
 11 process the application; or
 12 (2) are not consistent with applicable law.
- 13 (d) The department may establish requirements in an approval
 14 regarding that part of the confined feeding operation that concerns
 15 manure handling and application to assure compliance with:
- 16 (1) this chapter;
 17 (2) rules adopted under this chapter;
 18 (3) the water pollution control laws;
 19 (4) rules adopted under the water pollution control laws; and
 20 (5) policies and statements adopted under IC 13-14-1-11.5
 21 relative to confined feeding operations.
- 22 (e) Subject to subsection (f), the commissioner may deny an
 23 application upon making either or both of the following findings:
- 24 (1) A responsible party intentionally misrepresented or concealed
 25 any material fact in either or both of the following:
- 26 (A) An application for approval under section 1 of this
 27 chapter.
 28 (B) A disclosure statement required by section 1.4 of this
 29 chapter.
- 30 (2) An enforcement action was resolved against a responsible
 31 party as described in either or both of the following:
- 32 (A) Section 1.4(c)(5) of this chapter.
 33 (B) Section 1.4(c)(6) of this chapter.
- 34 (f) Before making a determination to approve or deny an
 35 application, the commissioner must consider the following factors:
- 36 (1) The nature and details of the acts attributed to the responsible
 37 party.
 38 (2) The degree of culpability of the responsible party.
 39 (3) The responsible party's cooperation with the state, federal, or
 40 foreign agencies involved in the investigation of the activities
 41 involved in actions referred to in section 1.4(c)(5) and 1.4(c)(6)
 42 of this chapter.
 43 (4) The responsible party's dissociation from any other persons or
 44 entities convicted in a criminal enforcement action referred to in
 45 section 1.4(c)(5) and 1.4(c)(6) of this chapter.
 46 (5) Prior or subsequent self-policing or internal education
 47 programs established by the responsible party to prevent acts,
 48 omissions, or violations referred to in section 1.4(c)(5) and
 49 1.4(c)(6) of this chapter.
- 50 (g) Except as provided in subsection (h), in taking action under

1 subsection (e), the commissioner must make separately stated findings
2 of fact to support the action taken. The findings of fact must:

- 3 (1) include a statement of ultimate fact; and
4 (2) be accompanied by a concise statement of the underlying
5 basic facts of record to support the findings.

6 (h) If the commissioner denies an application under subsection (e),
7 the commissioner is not required to explain the extent to which any of
8 the factors set forth in subsection (f) influenced the denial.

9 (i) The department may amend an approval under section 1 of this
10 chapter or revoke an approval under section 1 of this chapter:

- 11 (1) for failure to comply with:
12 (A) this chapter;
13 (B) rules adopted under this chapter;
14 (C) the water pollution control laws; or
15 (D) rules adopted under the water pollution control laws; and
16 (2) as needed to prevent discharges of manure into the
17 environment that pollute or threaten to pollute the waters of the
18 state.

19 (j) *The department may not require changes to the design of a*
20 *confined feeding operation if the design:*

- 21 (1) *complies with this chapter; and*
22 (2) *is submitted and certified by a professional engineer*
23 *registered under IC 25-31-1.*

24 SECTION 32. P.L.18-2026, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ
25 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: SECTION 1. (a) The
26 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the
27 residency of a city or town court judge, agreed to by the One Hundred
28 Twenty-Third General Assembly (P.L.254-2023) and the One Hundred
29 Twenty-Fourth General Assembly (P.L.244-2025), shall be submitted
30 to the electors of Indiana at the 2026 general election in the manner
31 provided for the submission of constitutional amendments under IC 3.

32 (b) Under Article 16, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of
33 Indiana, which requires the general assembly to submit constitutional
34 amendments to the electors at the next general election after the general
35 assembly agrees to the amendment referred to it by the last previously
36 elected general assembly, and in accordance with IC 3-10-3, the
37 general assembly prescribes the form in which the public question
38 concerning the ratification of this state constitutional amendment must
39 appear on the 2026 general election ballot as follows:

40 ~~"Public Question #1~~ **"Public Question #2**

41 Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit
42 the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which
43 the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or
44 town in which the court is located? (This question concerns Article 6,
45 Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)"

46 SECTION 33. IC 31-9-2-19.3, AS AMENDED BY HEA
47 1257-2026, SECTION 2, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026].
48 Sec. 19.3. "Child welfare agency", for purposes of IC 31-25-2-20.4 and
49 IC 31-33-18-1.6, means:

- 50 (†) the department of child services; and

1 (2) a person (as defined in IC 24-4-14-5) that, directly or
2 indirectly, provides:

3 (A) services to a child or family of a child; for which payment
4 is made; in whole or in part; by the department of child
5 services or a local office of the department of child services;

6 (B) services to:

7 (i) a child who is; or

8 (ii) a family with;

9 a child at imminent risk of placement (as defined in
10 IC 31-26-5-1) who is referred by the department of child
11 services or a local office of the department of child services to
12 the person for family support or family preservation services;
13 or

14 (C) assistance to or works in cooperation with the department
15 of child services in the investigations of allegations of possible
16 child abuse or neglect in accordance with IC 31-33.

17 SECTION 34. IC 31-9-2-81.7, AS ADDED BY HEA 1257-2026,
18 SECTION 3, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 81.7:
19 "Near fatality"; for purposes of IC 31-33-18.5; means a severe
20 childhood injury or condition that is certified by a physician as being
21 life threatening.

22 SECTION 35. IC 31-9-2-112.4, AS ADDED BY HEA 1257-2026,
23 SECTION 4, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 112.4:

24 (a) "Reunification services" means all services that are provided:

25 (1) to a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is the subject
26 of a petition alleging that the child is a child in need of services;
27 and

28 (2) with the intent of rehabilitating the relationship between the
29 child and the parent, guardian, or custodian.

30 (b) The term includes services such as:

31 (1) individual, group, and family counseling;

32 (2) inpatient, residential, or outpatient substance abuse treatment
33 services;

34 (3) mental health services;

35 (4) assistance to address domestic violence;

36 (5) services designed to provide temporary child care and
37 therapeutic services for families;

38 (6) peer-to-peer mentoring and support groups for parents and
39 primary caregivers;

40 (7) services and activities designed to facilitate access to and
41 visitation of children by parents and siblings;

42 (8) substance abuse treatment and screening; and

43 (9) transportation to or from any of the services and activities
44 described in this subsection.

45 (c) The term does not include services provided to a parent,
46 guardian, or custodian of a child while the child is residing in a:

47 (1) child caring institution;

48 (2) group home; or

49 (3) private secure facility;

50 licensed by the department.

1 SECTION 36. IC 31-9-2-113.6, AS ADDED BY HEA 1257-2026,
 2 SECTION 5, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 113-6:~~
 3 "~~Screened out~~", with regard to a report of known or suspected child
 4 abuse or neglect under IC 31-33, means that the department:

- 5 (1) received the report under IC 31-33-7; and
 6 (2) did not refer the report for investigation under IC 31-33-9
 7 based on the department's determination that the report:
 8 (A) lacked sufficient information;
 9 (B) did not contain allegations of child abuse or neglect;
 10 (C) contained duplicative allegations that were previously
 11 assessed by the department; or
 12 (D) did not contain information indicating a current risk to a
 13 child.

14 SECTION 37. IC 35-33-8-3.4, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 15 1258-2026, SECTION 19, AND AS AMENDED BY SEA 2-2026,
 16 SECTION 5, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.4. (a) This
 18 section applies only to a violent arrestee.

19 (b) ~~The following definitions apply throughout this section:~~

- 20 (1) ~~"Crime of violence" means an offense:~~
 21 (A) ~~described in IC 35-50-1-2(a); and~~
 22 (B) ~~that is a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5~~
 23 ~~felony.~~
 24 (2) ~~As used in this section, "violent arrestee" means a person~~
 25 ~~arrested for or charged with a crime of violence (as defined in~~
 26 ~~IC 35-31.5-2-79), that is a Level 1 felony, Level 2 felony, Level 3~~
 27 ~~felony, Level 4 felony, or Level 5 felony.~~

28 (c) A violent arrestee may only be released on bail set individually
 29 by the court following a hearing held in open court. Before releasing a
 30 violent arrestee on bail, the court must:

- 31 (1) review the probable cause affidavit or arrest warrant; and
 32 (2) ~~impose money bail payable by surety bond or cash deposit.~~
 33 (2) ~~set an amount for money bail, the full amount which must be~~
 34 ~~payable by:~~
 35 (A) ~~surety bond;~~
 36 (B) ~~cash deposit; or~~
 37 (C) ~~a combination surety bond and cash deposit.~~

38 (d) In accordance with IC 27-10-2-4.5(g)(2), a charitable bail
 39 organization may not pay money bail imposed under this section on
 40 behalf of a violent arrestee.

41 SECTION 38. IC 35-50-1-2, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1258-2026,
 42 SECTION 25, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1303-2026, SECTION
 43 35, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 44 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section,
 45 "crime of violence" ~~means the following: has the meaning set forth in~~
 46 ~~IC 35-31.5-2-79.~~

- 47 (1) ~~Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).~~
 48 (2) ~~Attempted murder (IC 35-41-5-1).~~
 49 (3) ~~Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).~~
 50 (4) ~~Involuntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-4).~~

- 1 (5) *Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).*
 2 (6) *Battery (IC 35-42-2-1) as a:*
 3 (A) *Level 2 felony;*
 4 (B) *Level 3 felony;*
 5 (C) *Level 4 felony; or*
 6 (D) *Level 5 felony.*
 7 (7) *Domestic battery (IC 35-42-2-1.3) as a:*
 8 (A) *Level 2 felony;*
 9 (B) *Level 3 felony;*
 10 (C) *Level 4 felony; or*
 11 (D) *Level 5 felony.*
 12 (8) *Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).*
 13 (9) *Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).*
 14 (10) *Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).*
 15 (11) *Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).*
 16 (12) *Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).*
 17 (13) *Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Level 1 felony under*
 18 *IC 35-42-4-9(a)(2) or a Level 2 felony under IC 35-42-4-9(b)(2).*
 19 (14) *Robbery as a Level 2 felony or a Level 3 felony (IC*
 20 *35-42-5-1).*
 21 (15) *Burglary as a Level 1 felony; Level 2 felony; Level 3 felony;*
 22 *or Level 4 felony (IC 35-43-2-1).*
 23 (16) *Operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death or*
 24 *catastrophic injury (IC 9-30-5-5).*
 25 (17) *Operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily*
 26 *injury to another person (IC 9-30-5-4).*
 27 (18) *Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4): as a Level 5 felony under*
 28 *IC 35-42-4-4(b) or a Level 4 felony under IC 35-42-4-4(c).*
 29 (19) *Resisting law enforcement as a felony (IC 35-44.1-3-1).*
 30 (20) *Unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon*
 31 *(IC 35-47-4-5).*
 32 (21) *Strangulation (IC 35-42-2-9) as a Level 5 felony.*
 33 (22) *A child sexual abuse material offense (IC 35-42-4-4.5).*
 34 (b) As used in this section, "episode of criminal conduct" means
 35 offenses or a connected series of offenses that are closely related in
 36 time, place, and circumstance.
 37 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) or (f) the court shall
 38 determine whether terms of imprisonment shall be served concurrently
 39 or consecutively. The court may consider the:
 40 (1) *aggravating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(a); and*
 41 (2) *mitigating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(b);*
 42 in making a determination under this subsection. The court may order
 43 terms of imprisonment to be served consecutively even if the sentences
 44 are not imposed at the same time. However, except for crimes of
 45 violence, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment, exclusive
 46 of terms of imprisonment under IC 35-50-2-8 and IC 35-50-2-10
 47 (before its repeal) to which the defendant is sentenced for felony or
 48 misdemeanor convictions arising out of an episode of criminal conduct
 49 shall not exceed the period described in subsection (d).
 50 (d) Except as provided in subsection (c), the total of the consecutive

1 terms of imprisonment to which the defendant is sentenced for
 2 convictions arising out of an episode of criminal conduct may not
 3 exceed the following:

4 (1) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 5 is a Class C misdemeanor, the total of the consecutive terms of
 6 imprisonment may not exceed one (1) year.

7 (2) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 8 is a Class B misdemeanor, the total of the consecutive terms of
 9 imprisonment may not exceed two (2) years.

10 (3) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 11 is a Class A misdemeanor, the total of the consecutive terms of
 12 imprisonment may not exceed three (3) years.

13 (4) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 14 is a Level 6 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of
 15 imprisonment may not exceed four (4) years.

16 (5) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 17 is a Level 5 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of
 18 imprisonment may not exceed seven (7) years.

19 (6) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 20 is a Level 4 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of
 21 imprisonment may not exceed fifteen (15) years.

22 (7) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 23 is a Level 3 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of
 24 imprisonment may not exceed twenty (20) years.

25 (8) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 26 is a Level 2 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of
 27 imprisonment may not exceed thirty-two (32) years.

28 (9) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced
 29 is a Level 1 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of
 30 imprisonment may not exceed forty-two (42) years.

31 (e) If, after being arrested for one (1) crime, a person commits
 32 another crime:

33 (1) before the date the person is discharged from probation,
 34 parole, or a term of imprisonment imposed for the first crime; or

35 (2) while the person is released:

36 (A) upon the person's own recognizance; or

37 (B) on bond;

38 the terms of imprisonment for the crimes shall be served consecutively,
 39 regardless of the order in which the crimes are tried and sentences are
 40 imposed.

41 (f) If the factfinder determines under IC 35-50-2-11 that a person
 42 used a firearm in the commission of the offense for which the person
 43 was convicted, the term of imprisonment for the underlying offense and
 44 the additional term of imprisonment imposed under IC 35-50-2-11
 45 must be served consecutively.

46 SECTION 39. IC 35-31.5-2-79, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 47 1258-2026, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 48 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 79. "Crime of violence", means the
 49 following:

50 (1) Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

- 1 (2) Attempted murder (IC 35-41-5-1).
 2 (3) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).
 3 (4) Involuntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-4).
 4 (5) Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).
 5 (6) Battery (IC 35-42-2-1) as a felony.
 6 (7) Domestic battery (IC 35-42-2-1.3) as a felony.
 7 (8) Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).
 8 (9) Strangulation (IC 35-42-2-9) as a Level 5 felony.
 9 (10) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).
 10 (11) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
 11 (12) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).
 12 (13) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
 13 (14) Child exploitation (**IC 35-42-4-4**), as a Level 5 felony under
 14 ~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or a Level 4 felony under IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~.
 15 **(15) A child sexual abuse material offense (IC 35-42-4-4.5).**
 16 ~~(15)~~ **(16)** Sexual misconduct with a minor as a:
 17 (A) Class A felony under IC 35-42-4-9(a)(2) (for a crime
 18 committed before July 1, 2014);
 19 (B) Class B felony under IC 35-42-4-9(b)(2) (for a crime
 20 committed before July 1, 2014);
 21 (C) Level 1 felony under IC 35-42-4-9(a)(2) (for a crime
 22 committed after June 30, 2014); or
 23 (D) Level 2 felony under IC 35-42-4-9(b)(2) (for a crime
 24 committed after June 30, 2014).
 25 ~~(16)~~ **(17)** Robbery as a:
 26 (A) Class A felony or Class B felony under IC 35-42-5-1 (for
 27 a crime committed before July 1, 2014); or
 28 (B) Level 2 felony or Level 3 felony under IC 35-42-5-1 (for
 29 a crime committed after June 30, 2014).
 30 ~~(17)~~ **(18)** Arson as a:
 31 (A) Class A felony or Class B felony under IC 35-43-1-1 (for
 32 a crime committed before July 1, 2014); or
 33 (B) Level 2 felony, Level 3 felony, or Level 4 felony under
 34 IC 35-43-1-1 (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).
 35 ~~(18)~~ **(19)** Burglary as a:
 36 (A) Class A felony or Class B felony under IC 35-43-2-1 (for
 37 a crime committed before July 1, 2014); or
 38 (B) Level 1 felony, Level 2 felony, Level 3 felony, or Level 4
 39 felony under IC 35-43-2-1 (for a crime committed after June
 40 30, 2014).
 41 ~~(19)~~ **(20)** Escape (IC 35-44.1-3-4) as a Level 5 or higher felony.
 42 ~~(20)~~ **(21)** Criminal stalking (IC 35-45-10-5) as a Level 5 or higher
 43 felony.
 44 ~~(21)~~ **(22)** Offenses relating to regulated explosives (IC 35-47.5-5).
 45 ~~(22)~~ **(23)** Operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death or
 46 catastrophic injury (IC 9-30-5-5).
 47 ~~(23)~~ **(24)** Operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious
 48 bodily injury to another person (IC 9-30-5-4).
 49 ~~(24)~~ **(25)** Resisting law enforcement as a felony (IC 35-44.1-3-1).
 50 ~~(25)~~ **(26)** Unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent

- 1 felon (IC 35-47-4-5).
 2 ~~(26)~~ **(27)** Dangerous possession of a firearm (IC 35-47-10-5), if:
 3 (A) the child has at least two (2) unrelated prior convictions
 4 under IC 35-47-10-5 or IC 35-47-2-1.5 (unlawful carrying of
 5 a handgun);
 6 (B) the child has at least two (2) unrelated prior delinquency
 7 adjudications for an act that would be an offense under
 8 IC 35-47-10-5 or IC 35-47-2-1.5 (unlawful carrying of a
 9 handgun); or
 10 (C) the child has at least one (1) unrelated prior:
 11 (i) conviction under IC 35-47-10-5 or IC 35-47-2-1.5
 12 (unlawful carrying of a handgun); and
 13 (ii) delinquency adjudication for an act that would be an
 14 offense under IC 35-47-10-5 or IC 35-47-2-1.5 (unlawful
 15 carrying of a handgun).
 16 ~~(27)~~ **(28)** Unlawful carrying of a handgun (IC 35-47-2-1.5), if:
 17 (A) the person has two (2) unrelated prior convictions under
 18 IC 35-47-2-1.5 or IC 35-47-10-5 (dangerous possession of a
 19 firearm);
 20 (B) the person has at least two (2) unrelated prior delinquency
 21 adjudications for an act that would be an offense under
 22 IC 35-47-2-1.5 or IC 35-47-10-5 (dangerous possession of a
 23 firearm); or
 24 (C) the person has at least one (1) unrelated prior:
 25 (i) conviction under IC 35-47-2-1.5 or IC 35-47-10-5
 26 (dangerous possession of a firearm); and
 27 (ii) delinquency adjudication for an act that would be an
 28 offense under IC 35-47-2-1.5 or IC 35-47-10-5 (dangerous
 29 possession of a firearm).
 30 SECTION 40. IC 11-12-2-2, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1033-2026,
 31 SECTION 1, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1161-2026, SECTION
 32 3, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) To qualify for financial aid
 34 under this chapter, a county must establish a community corrections
 35 advisory board by resolution of the county executive or, in a county
 36 having a consolidated city, by the city-county council. A community
 37 corrections advisory board consists of:
 38 (1) the county sheriff or the sheriff's designee;
 39 (2) the prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's
 40 designee;
 41 (3) the executive of the most populous municipality in the county
 42 or the executive's designee;
 43 (4) *in a county*:
 44 (A) *without a consolidated city*, two (2) judges having criminal
 45 jurisdiction, if available, appointed by the circuit court judge
 46 or the judges' designees; *or*
 47 (B) *with a consolidated city*, one (1) of the judges must be the
 48 chief judge selected under IC 33-33-49-14.1(c) and the other
 49 judge shall be appointed by the chief judge;
 50 (5) *in a county*:

- 1 (A) *without a consolidated city*, one (1) judge having juvenile
 2 jurisdiction, appointed by the circuit court judge; *or*
 3 (B) *with a consolidated city*, one (1) judge having juvenile
 4 jurisdiction, appointed by the chief judge selected under
 5 IC 33-33-49-14.1(c);
- 6 (6) one (1) public defender or the public defender's designee, if
 7 available, or one (1) attorney with a substantial criminal defense
 8 practice appointed by the county executive or, in a county having
 9 a consolidated city, by the city-county council;
- 10 (7) one (1) victim, or victim advocate if available, appointed by
 11 the county executive or, in a county having a consolidated city, by
 12 the city-county council;
- 13 (8) one (1) ex-offender, if available, appointed by the county
 14 executive or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the
 15 city-county council;
- 16 (9) the director of the local office of the department of child
 17 services or the director's designee;
- 18 (10) *in a county*:
- 19 (A) *without a consolidated city*, a representative from a
 20 juvenile correctional facility or juvenile detention center in the
 21 county, but if no facility exists, one (1) mental health
 22 representative chosen by the judge described in subdivision
 23 (5); *or*
 24 (B) *with a consolidated city*, a mental health representative,
 25 which could include a representative from a juvenile
 26 correctional facility or juvenile detention center in the county,
 27 appointed by the chief judge selected under
 28 IC 33-33-49-14.1(c);
- 29 (11) a representative from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives
 30 Initiative, but if no program exists, a representative from the court
 31 appointed special advocate program in the county or guardian ad
 32 litem program in the county; and
- 33 (12) the following members appointed by the county executive or,
 34 in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county council:
- 35 (A) One (1) member of the county fiscal body or the member's
 36 designee.
- 37 (B) One (1) probation officer.
- 38 (C) One (1) juvenile probation officer.
- 39 (D) One (1) educational administrator.
- 40 (E) One (1) representative of a private correctional agency, if
 41 such an agency exists in the county.
- 42 (F) One (1) mental health administrator, or, if there is none
 43 available in the county, one (1) psychiatrist, psychologist, or
 44 physician.
- 45 (G) Four (4) lay persons, at least one (1) of whom must be a
 46 member of a minority race if a racial minority resides in the
 47 county and a member of that minority is willing to serve.
- 48 (b) Designees of officials designated under subsection (a)(1)
 49 through (a)(6), (a)(9), and (a)(12)(A) serve at the pleasure of the
 50 designating official.

1 (c) *This subsection only applies to an advisory board appointed by*
 2 *the county executive in a county not having a consolidated city. An*
 3 *individual who is appointed a member of the advisory board serves at*
 4 *the pleasure of the county executive as long as the county executive*
 5 *retains all of the same members who served on the body when the*
 6 *individual was appointed.*

7 ~~(c)~~ (d) Members of the advisory board appointed by the county
 8 executive or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county
 9 council, shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. The criminal
 10 defense attorney, the ex-offender, and the victim or victim advocate
 11 shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Other members serve
 12 only while holding the office or position held at the time of
 13 appointment. ~~The~~ *In a county that does not have a consolidated city,*
 14 *the circuit court judge may fill the position of the judge having juvenile*
 15 *court jurisdiction by self appointment if the circuit court judge is*
 16 *otherwise qualified. A vacancy occurring before the expiration of the*
 17 *term of office shall be filled in the same manner as original*
 18 *appointments for the unexpired term. Members may be reappointed.*

19 ~~(d)~~ (e) Two (2) or more counties, by resolution of their county
 20 executives or, in a county having a consolidated city, by the city-county
 21 council, may combine to apply for financial aid under this chapter. If
 22 counties so combine, the counties may establish one (1) community
 23 corrections advisory board to serve these counties. This board must
 24 contain the representation prescribed in subsection (a), but the
 25 members may come from the participating counties as determined by
 26 agreement of the county executives or, in a county having a
 27 consolidated city, by the city-county council.

28 ~~(e)~~ (f) The members of the community corrections advisory board
 29 shall, within thirty (30) days after the last initial appointment is made,
 30 meet and elect one (1) member as chairman and another as vice
 31 chairman and appoint a secretary-treasurer who need not be a member.
 32 A majority of the members of a community corrections advisory board
 33 may provide for a number of members that is:

- 34 (1) less than a majority of the members; and
- 35 (2) at least six (6);

36 to constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. The
 37 affirmative votes of at least five (5) members, but not less than a
 38 majority of the members present, are required for the board to take
 39 action. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a
 40 quorum to transact business.

41 ~~(f)~~ (g) The county executive and county fiscal body shall provide
 42 necessary assistance and appropriations to the community corrections
 43 advisory board established for that county. Appropriations required
 44 under this subsection are limited to amounts received from the
 45 following sources:

- 46 (1) Department grants.
- 47 (2) User fees.
- 48 (3) Other funds as contained within an approved plan.

49 Additional funds may be appropriated as determined by the county
 50 executive and county fiscal body.

1 SECTION 41. IC 31-9-2-133.1, AS AMENDED BY HEA
 2 1303-2026, SECTION 14, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 3 2026]. See: ~~133.1. "Victim of human or sexual trafficking", for~~
 4 ~~purposes of IC 31-34-1-3.5, refers to a child who is recruited, harbored,~~
 5 ~~transported, or engaged in:~~

- 6 (1) forced labor;
- 7 (2) involuntary servitude;
- 8 (3) prostitution;
- 9 (4) juvenile prostitution, as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-178.5;
- 10 (5) child exploitation under IC 35-42-4-4;
- 11 (6) marriage, unless authorized by a court under IC 31-11-1-7;
- 12 (7) trafficking for the purpose of prostitution, juvenile
- 13 prostitution, or participation in sexual conduct as defined in
- 14 IC 35-42-4-4(a); or
- 15 (8) human trafficking as defined in IC 35-42-3.5-0.5.

16 SECTION 42. IC 35-38-1-7.1, AS AMENDED BY SEA 160-2026,
 17 SECTION 3, AND AS AMENDED BY 1165-2026, SECTION 4, AND
 18 AS AMENDED BY HEA 1258-2026, SECTION 20, IS CORRECTED
 19 AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 20 2026]: Sec. 7.1. (a) In determining what sentence to impose for a crime,
 21 the court may consider the following aggravating circumstances:

- 22 (1) The harm, injury, loss, or damage suffered by the victim of an
- 23 offense was:
 - 24 (A) significant; and
 - 25 (B) greater than the elements necessary to prove the
 - 26 commission of the offense.
- 27 (2) The person has a history of criminal or delinquent behavior.
- 28 (3) The victim of the offense was less than twelve (12) years of
- 29 age or at least sixty-five (65) years of age at the time the person
- 30 committed the offense.
- 31 (4) The person:
 - 32 (A) committed a crime of violence (~~IC 35-50-1-2~~; (IC
 - 33 35-31.5-2-79); and
 - 34 (B) knowingly committed the offense in the presence or within
 - 35 hearing of an individual who:
 - 36 (i) was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time the
 - 37 person committed the offense; and
 - 38 (ii) is not the victim of the offense.
- 39 (5) The person violated a protective order issued against the
- 40 person under IC 34-26-5 (or IC 31-1-11.5, IC 34-26-2, or
- 41 IC 34-4-5.1 before their repeal), a workplace violence restraining
- 42 order issued against the person under IC 34-26-6, or a no contact
- 43 order issued against the person.
- 44 (6) The person has recently violated the conditions of any
- 45 probation, parole, pardon, community corrections placement, or
- 46 pretrial release granted to the person.
- 47 (7) The victim of the offense was:
 - 48 (A) a person with a disability (as defined in IC 27-7-6-12), and
 - 49 the defendant knew or should have known that the victim was
 - 50 a person with a disability; or

- 1 (B) mentally or physically infirm.
- 2 (8) The person was in a position having care, custody, or control
- 3 of the victim of the offense.
- 4 (9) The injury to or death of the victim of the offense was the
- 5 result of shaken baby syndrome (as defined in IC 16-41-40-2) or
- 6 abusive head trauma.
- 7 (10) The person threatened to harm the victim of the offense or a
- 8 witness if the victim or witness told anyone about the offense.
- 9 (11) The person:
- 10 (A) committed trafficking with an inmate under
- 11 IC 35-44.1-3-5; and
- 12 (B) is an employee of the penal facility.
- 13 (12) The person committed the offense with bias due to the
- 14 victim's or the group's real or perceived characteristic, trait, belief,
- 15 practice, association, or other attribute the court chooses to
- 16 consider, including but not limited to an attribute described in
- 17 IC 10-13-3-1.
- 18 (13) The person is or has been an alien (as defined by 8 U.S.C.
- 19 1101(a)) unlawfully present in the United States. A determination
- 20 by the United States Department of Homeland Security that an
- 21 alien has come to, entered, or remained in the United States in
- 22 violation of law is evidence that the alien is or has been
- 23 unlawfully present in the United States.
- 24 (14) The offense involved dealing in a controlled substance under
- 25 IC 35-48-4 and the person distributed the controlled substance to
- 26 at least three (3) different individuals in a one hundred eighty
- 27 (180) day period.
- 28 (15) *The person committed the offense while wearing a mask.*
- 29 ~~(15)~~ **(16)** *The offense resulted in the:*
- 30 (A) *death; or*
- 31 (B) *permanent loss or impairment of the function of a bodily*
- 32 *member or organ;*
- 33 *of an animal.*
- 34 (b) The court may consider the following factors as mitigating
- 35 circumstances or as favoring suspending the sentence and imposing
- 36 probation:
- 37 (1) The crime neither caused nor threatened serious harm to
- 38 persons or property, or the person did not contemplate that it
- 39 would do so.
- 40 (2) The crime was the result of circumstances unlikely to recur.
- 41 (3) The victim of the crime induced or facilitated the offense.
- 42 (4) There are substantial grounds tending to excuse or justify the
- 43 crime, though failing to establish a defense.
- 44 (5) The person acted under strong provocation.
- 45 (6) The person has no history of delinquency or criminal activity,
- 46 or the person has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period
- 47 before commission of the crime.
- 48 (7) The person is likely to respond affirmatively to probation or
- 49 short term imprisonment.
- 50 (8) The character and attitudes of the person indicate that the

- 1 person is unlikely to commit another crime.
- 2 (9) The person has made or will make restitution to the victim of
- 3 the crime for the injury, damage, or loss sustained.
- 4 (10) Imprisonment of the person will result in undue hardship to
- 5 the person or the dependents of the person.
- 6 (11) The person was convicted of a crime involving the use of
- 7 force against a person who had repeatedly inflicted physical or
- 8 sexual abuse upon the convicted person and evidence shows that
- 9 the convicted person suffered from the effects of battery as a
- 10 result of the past course of conduct of the individual who is the
- 11 victim of the crime for which the person was convicted.
- 12 (12) The person was convicted of a crime relating to a controlled
- 13 substance and the person's arrest or prosecution was facilitated in
- 14 part because the person:
- 15 (A) requested emergency medical assistance; or
- 16 (B) acted in concert with another person who requested
- 17 emergency medical assistance;
- 18 for an individual who reasonably appeared to be in need of
- 19 medical assistance due to the use of alcohol or a controlled
- 20 substance.
- 21 (13) The person has posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain
- 22 injury, or a postconcussive brain injury.
- 23 (14) The person is a person described in IC 31-30-1-4(d) who
- 24 committed the offense while the person was a child but is now at
- 25 least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 26 (15) The offense involved a controlled substance under
- 27 IC 35-48-4 and the person:
- 28 (A) sought treatment:
- 29 (i) in the three hundred sixty-five (365) day period
- 30 preceding the date of the commission of the offense; or
- 31 (ii) on or after the date on which the person committed the
- 32 offense, but before sentencing; and
- 33 (B) successfully completed treatment:
- 34 (i) in the three hundred sixty-five (365) day period
- 35 preceding the date of the commission of the offense; or
- 36 (ii) on or after the date on which the person committed the
- 37 offense, but before sentencing.
- 38 (c) The criteria listed in subsections (a) and (b) do not limit the
- 39 matters that the court may consider in determining the sentence.
- 40 (d) A court may impose any sentence that is:
- 41 (1) authorized by statute; and
- 42 (2) permissible under the Constitution of the State of Indiana;
- 43 regardless of the presence or absence of aggravating circumstances or
- 44 mitigating circumstances.
- 45 (e) If a court suspends a sentence and orders probation for a person
- 46 described in subsection (b)(13), the court may require the person to
- 47 receive treatment for the person's injuries.
- 48 SECTION 43. IC 24-5-0.5-3, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1116-2026,
- 49 SECTION 1, AND AS AMENDED BY SEA 169-2026, SECTION 27,
- 50 AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1273-2026, SECTION 3, IS

1 CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A supplier may not commit
3 an unfair, abusive, or deceptive act, omission, or practice in connection
4 with a consumer transaction. Such an act, omission, or practice by a
5 supplier is a violation of this chapter whether it occurs before, during,
6 or after the transaction. An act, omission, or practice prohibited by this
7 section includes both implicit and explicit misrepresentations.

8 (b) Without limiting the scope of subsection (a), the following acts,
9 and the following representations as to the subject matter of a
10 consumer transaction, made orally, in writing, or by electronic
11 communication, by a supplier, are deceptive acts:

12 (1) That such subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship,
13 approval, performance, characteristics, accessories, uses, or
14 benefits it does not have which the supplier knows or should
15 reasonably know it does not have.

16 (2) That such subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular
17 standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not and if the
18 supplier knows or should reasonably know that it is not.

19 (3) That such subject of a consumer transaction is new or unused,
20 if it is not and if the supplier knows or should reasonably know
21 that it is not.

22 (4) That such subject of a consumer transaction will be supplied
23 to the public in greater quantity than the supplier intends or
24 reasonably expects.

25 (5) That replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
26 consumer transaction is needed, if it is not and if the supplier
27 knows or should reasonably know that it is not.

28 (6) That a specific price advantage exists as to such subject of a
29 consumer transaction, if it does not and if the supplier knows or
30 should reasonably know that it does not.

31 (7) That the supplier has a sponsorship, approval, or affiliation in
32 such consumer transaction the supplier does not have, and which
33 the supplier knows or should reasonably know that the supplier
34 does not have.

35 (8) That such consumer transaction involves or does not involve
36 a warranty, a disclaimer of warranties, or other rights, remedies,
37 or obligations, if the representation is false and if the supplier
38 knows or should reasonably know that the representation is false.

39 (9) That the consumer will receive a rebate, discount, or other
40 benefit as an inducement for entering into a sale or lease in return
41 for giving the supplier the names of prospective consumers or
42 otherwise helping the supplier to enter into other consumer
43 transactions, if earning the benefit, rebate, or discount is
44 contingent upon the occurrence of an event subsequent to the time
45 the consumer agrees to the purchase or lease.

46 (10) That the supplier is able to deliver or complete the subject of
47 the consumer transaction within a stated period of time, when the
48 supplier knows or should reasonably know the supplier could not.
49 If no time period has been stated by the supplier, there is a
50 presumption that the supplier has represented that the supplier

- 1 will deliver or complete the subject of the consumer transaction
 2 within a reasonable time, according to the course of dealing or the
 3 usage of the trade.
- 4 (11) That the consumer will be able to purchase the subject of the
 5 consumer transaction as advertised by the supplier, if the supplier
 6 does not intend to sell it.
- 7 (12) That the replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
 8 consumer transaction can be made by the supplier for the estimate
 9 the supplier gives a customer for the replacement or repair, if the
 10 specified work is completed and:
- 11 (A) the cost exceeds the estimate by an amount equal to or
 12 greater than ten percent (10%) of the estimate;
- 13 (B) the supplier did not obtain written permission from the
 14 customer to authorize the supplier to complete the work even
 15 if the cost would exceed the amounts specified in clause (A);
- 16 (C) the total cost for services and parts for a single transaction
 17 is more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750); and
- 18 (D) the supplier knew or reasonably should have known that
 19 the cost would exceed the estimate in the amounts specified in
 20 clause (A).
- 21 (13) That the replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
 22 consumer transaction is needed, and that the supplier disposes of
 23 the part repaired or replaced earlier than seventy-two (72) hours
 24 after both:
- 25 (A) the customer has been notified that the work has been
 26 completed; and
- 27 (B) the part repaired or replaced has been made available for
 28 examination upon the request of the customer.
- 29 (14) Engaging in the replacement or repair of the subject of a
 30 consumer transaction if the consumer has not authorized the
 31 replacement or repair, and if the supplier knows or should
 32 reasonably know that it is not authorized.
- 33 (15) The act of misrepresenting the geographic location of the
 34 supplier by listing an alternate business name or an assumed
 35 business name (as described in IC 23-0.5-3-4) in a local telephone
 36 directory if:
- 37 (A) the name misrepresents the supplier's geographic location;
- 38 (B) the listing fails to identify the locality and state of the
 39 supplier's business;
- 40 (C) calls to the local telephone number are routinely forwarded
 41 or otherwise transferred to a supplier's business location that
 42 is outside the calling area covered by the local telephone
 43 directory; and
- 44 (D) the supplier's business location is located in a county that
 45 is not contiguous to a county in the calling area covered by the
 46 local telephone directory.
- 47 (16) The act of listing an alternate business name or assumed
 48 business name (as described in IC 23-0.5-3-4) in a directory
 49 assistance data base if:
- 50 (A) the name misrepresents the supplier's geographic location;

- 1 (B) calls to the local telephone number are routinely forwarded
 2 or otherwise transferred to a supplier's business location that
 3 is outside the local calling area; and
 4 (C) the supplier's business location is located in a county that
 5 is not contiguous to a county in the local calling area.
- 6 (17) The violation by a supplier of IC 24-3-4 concerning
 7 cigarettes for import or export.
- 8 (18) The act of a supplier in knowingly selling or reselling a
 9 product to a consumer if the product has been recalled, whether
 10 by the order of a court or a regulatory body, or voluntarily by the
 11 manufacturer, distributor, or retailer, unless the product has been
 12 repaired or modified to correct the defect that was the subject of
 13 the recall.
- 14 (19) The violation by a supplier of 47 U.S.C. 227, including any
 15 rules or regulations issued under 47 U.S.C. 227.
- 16 (20) The violation by a supplier of the federal Fair Debt
 17 Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), including any
 18 rules or regulations issued under the federal Fair Debt Collection
 19 Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.).
- 20 (21) A violation of IC 24-5-7 (concerning health spa services), as
 21 set forth in IC 24-5-7-17.
- 22 (22) A violation of IC 24-5-8 (concerning business opportunity
 23 transactions), as set forth in IC 24-5-8-20.
- 24 (23) A violation of IC 24-5-10 (concerning home consumer
 25 transactions), as set forth in IC 24-5-10-18.
- 26 (24) A violation of IC 24-5-11 (concerning real property
 27 improvement contracts), as set forth in IC 24-5-11-14.
- 28 (25) A violation of IC 24-5-12 (concerning telephone
 29 solicitations), as set forth in IC 24-5-12-23.
- 30 (26) A violation of IC 24-5-13.5 (concerning buyback motor
 31 vehicles), as set forth in IC 24-5-13.5-14.
- 32 (27) A violation of IC 24-5-14 (concerning automatic
 33 dialing-announcing devices), as set forth in IC 24-5-14-13.
- 34 (28) A violation of IC 24-5-15 (concerning credit services
 35 organizations), as set forth in IC 24-5-15-11.
- 36 (29) A violation of IC 24-5-16 (concerning unlawful motor
 37 vehicle subleasing), as set forth in IC 24-5-16-18.
- 38 (30) A violation of IC 24-5-17 (concerning environmental
 39 marketing claims), as set forth in IC 24-5-17-14.
- 40 (31) A violation of IC 24-5-19 (concerning deceptive commercial
 41 solicitation), as set forth in IC 24-5-19-11.
- 42 (32) A violation of IC 24-5-21 (concerning prescription drug
 43 discount cards), as set forth in IC 24-5-21-7.
- 44 (33) A violation of IC 24-5-23.5-7 (concerning real estate
 45 appraisals), as set forth in IC 24-5-23.5-9.
- 46 (34) A violation of IC 24-5-26 (concerning identity theft), as set
 47 forth in IC 24-5-26-3.
- 48 (35) A violation of ~~IC 24-5-5~~ IC 37-4 (concerning mortgage
 49 rescue fraud), as set forth in ~~IC 24-5-5-6-1~~ IC 37-4-5-1.
- 50 (36) A violation of IC 24-8 (concerning promotional gifts and

- 1 contests), as set forth in IC 24-8-6-3.
- 2 (37) A violation of IC 21-18.5-6 (concerning representations
- 3 made by a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational
- 4 institution), as set forth in IC 21-18.5-6-22.5.
- 5 (38) A violation of IC 24-5-15.5 (concerning collection actions of
- 6 a plaintiff debt buyer), as set forth in IC 24-5-15.5-6.
- 7 (39) A violation of IC 24-14 (concerning towing services), as set
- 8 forth in IC 24-14-10-1.
- 9 (40) A violation of IC 24-5-14.5 (concerning misleading or
- 10 inaccurate caller identification information), as set forth in
- 11 IC 24-5-14.5-12.
- 12 (41) A violation of IC 24-5-27 (concerning intrastate inmate
- 13 calling services), as set forth in IC 24-5-27-27.
- 14 (42) A violation of IC 15-21 (concerning sales of dogs by retail
- 15 pet stores), as set forth in IC 15-21-7-4.
- 16 (43) A violation of IC 24-4-23 (concerning the security of
- 17 information collected and transmitted by an adult oriented website
- 18 operator), as set forth in IC 24-4-23-14.
- 19 *(44) A violation of IC 28-8-7 (concerning virtual currency*
- 20 *kiosks), as set forth in IC 28-8-7-9.*
- 21 ~~(44)~~ **(45)** *A violation of IC 24-4-27.5 (concerning proxy*
- 22 *advisors), as set forth in IC 24-4-27.5-12.*
- 23 (c) Any representations on or within a product or its packaging or
- 24 in advertising or promotional materials which would constitute a
- 25 deceptive act shall be the deceptive act both of the supplier who places
- 26 such representation thereon or therein, or who authored such materials,
- 27 and such other suppliers who shall state orally or in writing that such
- 28 representation is true if such other supplier shall know or have reason
- 29 to know that such representation was false.
- 30 (d) If a supplier shows by a preponderance of the evidence that an
- 31 act resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of
- 32 procedures reasonably adopted to avoid the error, such act shall not be
- 33 deceptive within the meaning of this chapter.
- 34 (e) It shall be a defense to any action brought under this chapter that
- 35 the representation constituting an alleged deceptive act was one made
- 36 in good faith by the supplier without knowledge of its falsity and in
- 37 reliance upon the oral or written representations of the manufacturer,
- 38 the person from whom the supplier acquired the product, any testing
- 39 organization, or any other person provided that the source thereof is
- 40 disclosed to the consumer.
- 41 (f) For purposes of subsection (b)(12), a supplier that provides
- 42 estimates before performing repair or replacement work for a customer
- 43 shall give the customer a written estimate itemizing as closely as
- 44 possible the price for labor and parts necessary for the specific job
- 45 before commencing the work.
- 46 (g) For purposes of subsection (b)(15) and (b)(16), a telephone
- 47 company or other provider of a telephone directory or directory
- 48 assistance service or its officer or agent is immune from liability for
- 49 publishing the listing of an alternate business name or assumed
- 50 business name of a supplier in its directory or directory assistance data

1 base unless the telephone company or other provider of a telephone
2 directory or directory assistance service is the same person as the
3 supplier who has committed the deceptive act.

4 (h) For purposes of subsection (b)(18), it is an affirmative defense
5 to any action brought under this chapter that the product has been
6 altered by a person other than the defendant to render the product
7 completely incapable of serving its original purpose.

8 SECTION 44. IC 12-7-2-96, AS AMENDED BY SEA 285-2026,
9 SECTION 3, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 96:~~
10 ~~"Gravely disabled", for purposes of IC 12-26, means a condition in~~
11 ~~which an individual, as a result of mental illness, is in danger of~~
12 ~~coming to harm because the individual:~~

13 ~~(1) is unable to provide for that individual's food, clothing,~~
14 ~~shelter, or other essential human needs;~~

15 ~~(2) has a substantial impairment or an obvious deterioration of~~
16 ~~that individual's judgment, reasoning, or behavior that results in~~
17 ~~the individual's inability to function independently; or~~

18 ~~(3) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate shelter, resulting in the~~
19 ~~individual remaining outdoors in places not designed for or~~
20 ~~ordinarily used for sleeping during weather conditions that are~~
21 ~~likely to result in death or serious physical injury, if:~~

22 ~~(A) the individual has refused transportation to a shelter or~~
23 ~~mental health service provider; and~~

24 ~~(B) a shelter or mental health service provider was reasonably~~
25 ~~offered and available.~~

26 SECTION 45. IC 35-31.5-2-300, AS AMENDED BY SEA
27 119-2026, SECTION 2, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1303-2026,
28 SECTION 22, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS
29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 300. (a) "Sexual
30 conduct", for purposes of IC 35-42-3.5-0.5, ~~and~~ IC 35-42-4-4, ~~and~~
31 ~~IC 35-42-4-13~~, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-4(a):~~
32 ~~IC 35-42-4-4.~~

33 (b) "Sexual conduct", for purposes of IC 35-49, has the meaning set
34 forth in IC 35-49-1-9.

35 SECTION 46. IC 35-42-4-14, AS AMENDED BY SEA 119-2026,
36 SECTION 5, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1303-2026, SECTION
37 33, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) As used in this section,
39 "serious sex offender" means a person required to register as a sex
40 offender under IC 11-8-8 who is:

41 (1) found to be a sexually violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5;
42 or

43 (2) convicted of one (1) or more of the following offenses:

44 (A) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

45 (B) Child exploitation ~~(IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)):~~
46 ~~(IC 35-42-4-4).~~

47 (C) Possession of child sex abuse material (IC 35-42-4-4(d) or
48 IC 35-42-4-4(e)) ~~(before July 1, 2026), or a child sex abuse~~
49 ~~material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June 30, 2026).~~

50 (D) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5(a) and

- 1 IC 35-42-4-5(b)).
- 2 (E) Performing sexual conduct in the presence of a minor (IC
- 3 35-42-4-5(c)).
- 4 (F) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
- 5 (G) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
- 6 (H) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9).
- 7 (b) A serious sex offender who knowingly or intentionally enters:
- 8 (1) school property; *or*
- 9 (2) a:
- 10 (A) facility; *or*
- 11 (B) location holding an event;
- 12 *that provides entertainment or programming primarily directed*
- 13 *toward a child less than eighteen (18) years of age;*
- 14 commits unlawful entry by a serious sex offender, a Level 6 felony.
- 15 (c) It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (b) that:
- 16 (1) a religious institution or house of worship is located on the
- 17 school property; and
- 18 (2) the person:
- 19 (A) enters the school property or other entity described in
- 20 IC 35-31.5-2-285(1)(A) through IC 35-31.5-2-285(1)(D) when
- 21 classes, extracurricular activities, or any other school activities
- 22 are not being held:
- 23 (i) for the sole purpose of attending worship services or
- 24 receiving religious instruction; and
- 25 (ii) not earlier than thirty (30) minutes before the beginning
- 26 of the worship services or religious instruction; and
- 27 (B) leaves the school property not later than thirty (30)
- 28 minutes after the conclusion of the worship services or
- 29 religious instruction.
- 30 SECTION 47. IC 21-22-6-3, AS AMENDED BY SEA 254-2026,
- 31 SECTION 4, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1408-2026, SECTION
- 32 3, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. The campus board consists of at
- 34 least seven (7) members, including *the respective regional*
- 35 *representative of the state board of trustees appointed under*
- 36 *IC 21-22-3-3, who serves as a nonvoting member, and at least five (5)*
- 37 *members who are representative of ~~the manufacturing, commercial,~~*
- 38 *~~agricultural, labor, and educational groups~~ the knowledge or*
- 39 *experience areas described in IC 21-22-3-3(1) through*
- 40 *IC 21-22-3-3(9) of the campus service area, all appointed by the state*
- 41 *board of trustees. Membership may include a representative from a*
- 42 *school corporation that has part of its district within the campus service*
- 43 *area and at least one (1) Ivy Tech Community College student who is*
- 44 *enrolled at the campus. All members of the campus board must be*
- 45 *residents of the campus service area or represent an employer that*
- 46 *operates within the campus service area. Appointments are for three*
- 47 *(3) year terms, on a staggered basis, and all trustees must be citizens of*
- 48 *Indiana. Members may serve for an unlimited number of terms.*
- 49 SECTION 48. IC 21-22-6-8, AS AMENDED BY SEA 254-2026,
- 50 SECTION 6, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1408-2026, SECTION

1 4, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. A campus board shall do the
 3 following:

4 (1) Make a careful analysis of the educational needs and
 5 opportunities of the campus service area *including an analysis of*
 6 *programs and pathways designed to meet workforce and*
 7 *employer demand; in accordance with IC 21-41-5.*

8 (2) Develop and recommend to the state board of trustees a plan
 9 for providing postsecondary:

10 (A) general education;

11 (B) liberal arts education; and

12 (C) occupational and technical education;

13 programs and appropriate workforce development, assessment,
 14 and training services for the residents of that campus service area.

15 (3) *Develop and recommend to the state board of trustees a plan*
 16 *to:*

17 (A) *align postsecondary academic curriculum with employer*
 18 *needs;*

19 (B) *provide relevant skills training opportunities; and*

20 (C) *ensure college transferability;*

21 *for the residents of a campus service area.*

22 ~~(3) (4) Develop and recommend a~~ Review the budget for campus
 23 programs and operations, and make recommendations to the
 24 campus chancellor for efficiencies in operation and alignment
 25 with campus service area needs.

26 ~~(4) (5)~~ Identify and recommend methods to optimize the use of
 27 facilities and equipment to support programs and pathways
 28 designed to meet workforce and employer demand.

29 ~~(5) (6)~~ Facilitate and develop cooperation with employers,
 30 community leaders, economic development efforts, area career
 31 and technical education centers, and other public and private
 32 education and training entities *in order to provide postsecondary*
 33 *general, liberal arts, and occupational and technical education*
 34 *and training designed to meet to ensure alignment with workforce*
 35 *and employer demand in an efficient and cost effective manner*
 36 *and to avoid duplication of services.*

37 ~~(6) (7)~~ Determine through evaluation, studies, or assessments the
 38 degree to which the established training needs of the campus
 39 service area are being met.

40 ~~(7) (8)~~ Make recommendations to the state board of trustees
 41 concerning policies that appear to substantially affect the campus
 42 board's capacity to deliver effective and efficient programming.

43 ~~(8) (9)~~ Review building utilization data prior to approving
 44 capital requests or requests for proposals to ensure capital
 45 investments are justified by enrollment projections and
 46 operational efficiency data.S

47 SECTION 49. IC 20-20.5-11-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 48 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 49 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 5.5. A policy to provide employer**
 50 **liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage under this**

1 **chapter is subject to the requirements of IC 27-7-19.S**

2 SECTION 50. IC 20-20-38.5-5.5, AS ADDED BY HEA 1098-2026,
3 SECTION 1, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 5-5:~~
4 ~~A policy to provide employer liability and worker's compensation~~
5 ~~insurance coverage under this chapter is subject to the requirements of~~
6 ~~IC 27-7-19.~~

7 SECTION 51. IC 20-20.5-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
8 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

10 **Chapter 11.5. Agreements with Work Based Learning**
11 **Employers**

12 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "intermediary" has the meaning**
13 **set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5.**

14 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "school" means the following:**

- 15 (1) A school maintained by a school corporation.
16 (2) A charter school.

17 **Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "work based learning**
18 **program" refers to:**

- 19 (1) an apprenticeship program (as defined in IC 20-43-8-0.3);
20 (2) a modern youth apprenticeship (as defined in
21 IC 20-51.4-2-9.5);
22 (3) a pre-apprenticeship program that meets the elements of
23 a quality pre-apprenticeship program established by the
24 United States Department of Labor; and
25 (4) a work based learning course (as defined in
26 IC 20-43-8-0.7).

27 **(b) The term does not include the following:**

- 28 (1) A virtual, remote, or online work based learning program
29 in which the student performs activities primarily outside of
30 an employer controlled physical worksite.
31 (2) An activity that does not involve ongoing work
32 responsibilities or recurring placement with an employer,
33 such as a career awareness visit or field trip.

34 **Sec. 4. (a) If an intermediary, an industry talent association, or**
35 **a school connects a student with an employer to obtain work**
36 **experience as part of a work based learning program, the**
37 **intermediary, industry talent association, or school and the**
38 **employer shall enter into a written agreement under which the**
39 **employer assumes responsibility for obtaining worker's**
40 **compensation insurance coverage for any student who performs**
41 **services for the employer as part of the work based learning**
42 **program.**

43 **(b) An intermediary, an industry talent association, or a school**
44 **may comply with subsection (a) by entering into an agreement with**
45 **a third party employer of record.**

46 SECTION 52. IC 20-20-38.6, AS ADDED BY HEA 1098-2026,
47 SECTION 2, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026].
48 (Agreements with Work Based Learning Employers).

49 SECTION 53. IC 20-26-5-40.7, AS AMENDED BY SEA 78-2026,
50 SECTION 1, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1004-2026, SECTION
51 62, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.7. (a) As used in this section,
 2 *"instructional time" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-30-2-1. "school*
 3 *day" means the entirety of the time a student is present on school*
 4 *property for a student instructional day (as defined in IC 20-30-2-2).*

5 (b) As used in this section, "school sanctioned wireless
 6 communication device" means a wireless communication device that:

- 7 (1) is owned by a student or a third party vendor;
- 8 (2) is approved by the school for instructional use;
- 9 (3) is required or permitted by the school for participation in
 10 classroom instruction;
- 11 (4) is subject to school managed network controls, filtering, or
 12 monitoring that restrict access to noninstructional content during
 13 the school day; and
- 14 (5) is not a cellular telephone, gaming device, or smartwatch
 15 described in subsection (c)(5).

16 *This subsection expires July 1, 2028.*

17 ~~(b)~~ (c) As used in this section, "wireless communication device"
 18 means any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide
 19 voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or
 20 more parties, including a:

- 21 (1) cellular telephone;
- 22 (2) tablet computer;
- 23 (3) laptop computer; ~~or~~
- 24 (4) gaming device; or
- 25 (5) smartwatch that is connected to a cellular telephone, a cell
 26 tower, or the Internet.

27 *The term does not include a device described in subsection (i).*

28 ~~(c)~~ (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), each school corporation
 29 and charter school shall adopt and implement a wireless
 30 communication device policy that *does the following:*

- 31 (1) Except as provided in ~~subdivisions (2) and (3);~~ *subdivision*
 32 *(2), and subsection (d);* prohibits a student from using a:
 33 (A) wireless communication device during ~~instructional time;~~
 34 *the school day; and*
 35 (B) school supplied wireless communication device for a
 36 noneducational purpose during the school day;

37 ~~(2)~~ *authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless*
 38 *communication device for educational purposes during*
 39 *instructional time; and*

40 ~~(3)~~ *permits a student to use a wireless communication device in*
 41 *the event of an emergency or to manage the student's health care.*

42 (2) Requires teacher directed use of a wireless communication
 43 device for educational purposes during the school day to occur
 44 only on the following:

45 (A) Before July 1, 2028, on:

- 46 (i) a school supplied wireless communication device; or
- 47 (ii) if the school corporation or charter school does not
 48 provide a school supplied wireless communication device,
 49 a school sanctioned wireless communication device.

50 *This clause expires July 1, 2028.*

- 1 (B) After June 30, 2028, a school supplied wireless
2 communication device.
- 3 (3) Mandates one (1) of the following policies:
- 4 (A) A no device policy under which students are not permitted
5 to bring wireless communication devices to school.
- 6 (B) A storage policy under which wireless communication
7 devices may be brought to school, but must be stored away,
8 powered off, and inaccessible to a student throughout the
9 school day.
- 10 ~~(d)~~ (e) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection ~~(c)~~ (d)
11 may not prohibit a student from using a wireless communication device
12 during *instructional time* the school day if the use of the wireless
13 communication device is: *included in the student's*:
- 14 (1) *included in the student's* individualized education program; ~~or~~
15 (2) *included in the student's* plan developed under Section 504 of
16 the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794;
17 (3) *necessary for the management of a documented medical*
18 *condition pursuant to an order provided by a licensed health care*
19 *provider;*
20 (4) *authorized by the superintendent or the superintendent's*
21 *designee at the appropriate time during an emergency, as*
22 *determined by the superintendent or designee; or*
23 (5) *necessary for language translation to ensure access for*
24 *multi-lingual learners, prioritizing school-managed wireless*
25 *communication devices or applications where available.*
- 26 ~~(e)~~ (f) Each school corporation and charter school shall publish on
27 its website the wireless communication device policy established under
28 subsection ~~(c)~~ (d).
- 29 (g) The department shall publish model policy language and
30 implementation guidance consistent with this section, which may
31 include guidance for how existing lockers and resources can be used
32 to comply with this section.
- 33 (h) A school corporation, a school maintained by a school
34 corporation, a charter school, and personnel of a school corporation,
35 a school maintained by a school corporation, or a charter school, are
36 immune from civil liability for any actions taken in good faith to
37 comply with this section. The civil immunity under this subsection does
38 not apply to an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or
39 willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct.
- 40 (i) Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (g), a student may
41 possess and use an unobtrusive audio recording device solely for the
42 student's individual educational notetaking or personal learning
43 assistance if the device:
- 44 (1) *is designed principally to capture spoken word audio for the*
45 *purpose described in this subsection, including through*
46 *recording, transcription, summarization, or other personal*
47 *assistant functionality;*
48 (2) *does not capture, store, or transmit images or video;*
49 (3) *is visible to the classroom teacher or other appropriate school*
50 *personnel at all times while in use;*

1 (4) is provided to the school for inspection upon request; and
 2 (5) is used in a manner consistent with applicable state and
 3 federal law governing consent to audio recording.

4 (j) Except as provided in subsection (e), nothing in the exemption
 5 under subsection (i) shall be interpreted to limit a school's authority
 6 to adopt and enforce policies to control or restrict the possession or
 7 use of audio recording devices described in subsection (i), including
 8 policies that:

9 (1) restrict where and when such devices may be used while at
 10 school;

11 (2) prohibit the use of the devices during an assessment or other
 12 activity designated by the school;

13 (3) prohibit the real time transmission, broadcasting, or live
 14 streaming of audio recorded by the devices;

15 (4) require advance notification to either a classroom teacher or
 16 building administrator as may be applicable in the school's
 17 policy before use;

18 (5) require that recorded material be stored, retained, or deleted
 19 in a manner consistent with school policy; and

20 (6) require consent requirements consistent with applicable law
 21 for the recording of another student or school employee.

22 (k) A school corporation or charter school that adopts a policy
 23 under this section that permits the possession or use of an audio
 24 recording device under subsection (i) shall include in the policy a
 25 provision that a recording made under subsection (i) may not be used
 26 for a disciplinary, evaluative, or supervisory purpose against a:

27 (1) student; or

28 (2) school employee.

29 SECTION 54. IC 20-30-4-2, AS AMENDED BY SEA 88-2026,
 30 SECTION 3, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1004-2026, SECTION
 31 110, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) In consultation with the
 33 student's school counselor, *after seeking consultation with each*
 34 ~~student's parents~~, and not later than the date on which the student
 35 completes grade 8, each student shall develop a graduation plan that is
 36 a part of the student's permanent school record and accessible to a
 37 parent of the student in accordance with the Family Education Rights
 38 and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g et seq.).

39 (b) The graduation plan developed under subsection (a) must
 40 include the following:

41 (1) A statement of intent to graduate from high school.

42 (2) An acknowledgment of the importance of:

43 (A) good citizenship;

44 (B) school attendance; and

45 (C) diligent study habits.

46 (3) The subject and skill areas of interest to the student.

47 (4) The postsecondary goals of the student aligned with the
 48 graduation pathway requirements under IC 20-32-4-1.5.

49 (5) A program of study under the college/technology preparation
 50 curriculum adopted by the state board under IC 20-30-10-2 for

- 1 grades 10, 11, and 12 that meets the interests, aptitude, and
 2 postsecondary goals of the student.
 3 (6) Assurances that, upon satisfactory fulfillment of the plan, the
 4 student:
 5 (A) is entitled to graduate; and
 6 (B) will have taken at least the minimum variety and number
 7 of courses necessary to gain admittance to a state educational
 8 institution.
 9 (7) An indication of assessments (other than the statewide
 10 assessment program and the graduation examination (before July
 11 1, 2018)) that the student plans to take voluntarily during grade 10
 12 through grade 12 and which may include any of the following:
 13 (A) The SAT Reasoning Test.
 14 (B) The ACT test.
 15 (C) *The Classic Learning Test*.
 16 ~~(C)~~ (D) Advanced placement exams.
 17 ~~(D)~~ (E) College readiness exams approved by the department.
 18 ~~(E)~~ (F) Workforce readiness exams approved by the
 19 department of workforce development established under
 20 IC 22-4.1-2.
 21 ~~(F)~~ (G) Cambridge International examinations.

- 22 (c) *A school corporation shall:*
 23 (1) *provide a copy of a student's graduation plan developed*
 24 *under this section to a parent of the student; and*
 25 (2) *provide the parent described in subdivision (1) an opportunity*
 26 *to consult with the school corporation on the student's graduation*
 27 *plan.*

28 SECTION 55. IC 6-6-6.5-13, AS AMENDED BY SEA 243-2026,
 29 SECTION 27, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1210-2026, SECTION
 30 155, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) As the basis for measuring
 32 the tax imposed by this chapter, the department shall classify every
 33 taxable aircraft in its proper class according to the following
 34 classification plan:

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
A	Piston-driven
B	Piston-driven, and Pressurized
C	Turbine driven or other Powered
D	Homebuilt, Gliders, or Hot Air Balloons

43 (b) The tax imposed under this chapter is based on the age, class,
 44 and maximum landing weight of the taxable aircraft. The amount of tax
 45 imposed on the taxable aircraft is based on the following table:

Age	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
47 0-4	\$.04/lb	\$.065/lb	\$.09/lb	\$.0175/lb
48 5-8	\$.035/lb	\$.055/lb	\$.08/lb	\$.015/lb
49 9-12	\$.03/lb	\$.05/lb	\$.07/lb	\$.0125/lb
50 13-16	\$.025/lb	\$.025/lb	\$.025/lb	\$.01/lb

1	17-25	\$.02/lb	\$.02/lb	\$.02/lb	\$.0075/lb
2	over 25	\$.01/lb	\$.01/lb	\$.01/lb	\$.005/lb

3 (c) An aircraft owner, who sells an aircraft on which the owner has
4 paid the tax imposed under this chapter, is entitled to a credit for the
5 tax paid. The credit equals excise tax paid on the aircraft that was sold,
6 times the lesser of:

- 7 (1) ninety percent (90%); or
- 8 (2) ten percent (10%) times the number of months remaining in
9 the registration year after the sale of the aircraft.

10 The credit may only be used to reduce the tax imposed under this
11 chapter on another aircraft purchased by that owner during the
12 registration year in which the credit accrues. A person may not receive
13 a refund for a credit under this subsection.

14 (d) A person who is entitled to a property tax deduction under
15 IC 6-1.1-12-13 (*before its expiration*) or IC 6-1.1-12-14 is entitled to
16 a credit against the tax imposed on the person's aircraft under this
17 chapter. The credit equals the amount of the property tax deduction to
18 which the person is entitled under IC 6-1.1-12-13 (*before its*
19 *expiration*) and IC 6-1.1-12-14 minus the amount of that deduction
20 used to offset the person's property taxes or vehicle excise taxes, times
21 seven hundredths (.07). ~~The credit~~ *Additionally, a person entitled to a*
22 *property tax deduction under IC 6-1.1-51-10 is also entitled to a credit*
23 *against the tax imposed on the person's aircraft under this chapter.*
24 *Such credit equals the amount of the property tax deduction to which*
25 *the person is entitled under IC 6-1.1-51-10 minus the amount of that*
26 *deduction used to offset the person's property taxes (unless the aircraft*
27 *is subject to both the aircraft excise tax and personal property tax, in*
28 *which case the deduction shall apply to both property taxes and excise*
29 *taxes). The credits in this subsection may not exceed the amount of the*
30 *tax due under this chapter. The county auditor shall, upon the person's*
31 *request, furnish a certified statement showing the credit allowable*
32 *under this subsection. The department may not allow a credit under this*
33 *subsection until the auditor's statement has been filed in the*
34 *department's office.*

35 SECTION 56. IC 36-7.5-7-10, AS AMENDED BY SEA 27-2026,
36 SECTION 28, AND AS AMENDED BY HEA 1210-2026, SECTION
37 267, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. (a) A local county fund
39 known as the Lake County convention and event center reserve fund is
40 established to pay for:

- 41 (1) additions;
- 42 (2) refurbishment; and
- 43 (3) budget shortfalls or other unusual costs;

44 of a convention and event center that is constructed using money from
45 the convention fund under this chapter.

46 (b) The reserve fund consists of:

- 47 (1) transfers under IC 6-9-2-1.5(c) (*as in effect before amendment*
48 *in the 2026 session of the general assembly*); and
- 49 (2) gifts, grants, donations, or other contributions from any other
50 public or private source.

1 (c) *The Lake County commissioners shall administer the reserve*
 2 *fund until the convention center authority is established. Thereafter,*
 3 *the convention center authority shall administer the reserve fund.*

4 SECTION 55. IC 22-3-2-2.6, AS ADDED BY HEA 1098-2026,
 5 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 6 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.6. (a) As used in this section, "work based learning
 7 program" has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 20-20-38.6-3.~~
 8 **IC 20-20.5-11.5-3.**

9 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a student who performs
 10 services for an employer as part of a work based learning program:

11 (1) is entitled to compensation and benefits under IC 22-3-2
 12 through IC 22-3-6; and

13 (2) may not recover any additional benefit otherwise payable as
 14 a result of being less than seventeen (17) years of age under the
 15 definition of a minor in IC 22-3-6-1.

16 (c) The following apply if a student is unpaid for the services
 17 performed for an employer as part of a work based learning program:

18 (1) The student is not entitled to the following compensation:

19 (A) Temporary total disability compensation under
 20 IC 22-3-3-8.

21 (B) Temporary partial disability compensation under
 22 IC 22-3-3-9.

23 (2) In the case that death results from the injury, death benefits in
 24 a lump sum amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
 25 (\$175,000) shall be paid upon agreement or final award to any
 26 dependents of the student under IC 22-3-3-18 through
 27 IC 22-3-3-20, or, if the student has no dependents, to the student's
 28 parents.

29 (d) Except for remedies available under IC 5-2-6.1, recovery under
 30 this section is the exclusive right and remedy for:

31 (1) a student who performs services for an employer as part of a
 32 work based learning program; and

33 (2) the personal representatives, dependents, or next of kin, at
 34 common law or otherwise, of a student who performs services for
 35 an employer as part of a work based learning program;

36 on account of personal injury or death by accident arising out of and in
 37 the course of employment as part of the work based learning program.

38 SECTION 56. IC 22-3-6-1, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1098-2026,
 39 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. In IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6, unless the
 41 context otherwise requires:

42 (a) "Employer" includes the state and any political subdivision, any
 43 municipal corporation within the state, any individual or the legal
 44 representative of a deceased individual, firm, association, limited
 45 liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation or the
 46 receiver or trustee of the same, using the services of another for pay. A
 47 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership
 48 that controls the activities of another corporation, limited liability
 49 company, or limited liability partnership, or a corporation and a limited
 50 liability company or a corporation and a limited liability partnership

1 that are commonly owned entities, or the controlled corporation,
2 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or commonly
3 owned entities, and a parent corporation and its subsidiaries shall each
4 be considered joint employers of the corporation's, the controlled
5 corporation's, the limited liability company's, the limited liability
6 partnership's, the commonly owned entities', the parent's, or the
7 subsidiaries' employees for purposes of IC 22-3-2-6 and IC 22-3-3-31.
8 Both a lessor and a lessee of employees shall each be considered joint
9 employers of the employees provided by the lessor to the lessee for
10 purposes of IC 22-3-2-6 and IC 22-3-3-31. If the employer is insured,
11 the term includes the employer's insurer so far as applicable. However,
12 the inclusion of an employer's insurer within this definition does not
13 allow an employer's insurer to avoid payment for services rendered to
14 an employee with the approval of the employer. The term also includes
15 an employer that employs a student as part of a work based learning
16 program to the extent set forth in IC 22-3-2-2.6. The term does not
17 include a nonprofit corporation that is recognized as tax exempt under
18 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (as defined in
19 IC 6-3-1-11(a)) to the extent the corporation enters into an independent
20 contractor agreement with a person for the performance of youth
21 coaching services on a part-time basis.

22 (b) "Employee" means every person, including a minor, in the
23 service of another, under any contract of hire or apprenticeship, written
24 or implied, except one whose employment is both casual and not in the
25 usual course of the trade, business, occupation, or profession of the
26 employer.

27 (1) An executive officer elected or appointed and empowered in
28 accordance with the charter and bylaws of a corporation, other
29 than a municipal corporation or governmental subdivision or a
30 charitable, religious, educational, or other nonprofit corporation,
31 is an employee of the corporation under IC 22-3-2 through
32 IC 22-3-6. An officer of a corporation who is an employee of the
33 corporation under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 may elect not to
34 be an employee of the corporation under IC 22-3-2 through
35 IC 22-3-6. An officer of a corporation who is also an owner of any
36 interest in the corporation may elect not to be an employee of the
37 corporation under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6. If an officer
38 makes this election, the officer must serve written notice of the
39 election on the corporation's insurance carrier and the board. An
40 officer of a corporation may not be considered to be excluded as
41 an employee under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 until the notice
42 is received by the insurance carrier and the board.

43 (2) An executive officer of a municipal corporation or other
44 governmental subdivision or of a charitable, religious,
45 educational, or other nonprofit corporation may, notwithstanding
46 any other provision of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6, be brought
47 within the coverage of its insurance contract by the corporation by
48 specifically including the executive officer in the contract of
49 insurance. The election to bring the executive officer within the
50 coverage shall continue for the period the contract of insurance is

- 1 in effect, and during this period, the executive officers thus
 2 brought within the coverage of the insurance contract are
 3 employees of the corporation under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6.
- 4 (3) Any reference to an employee who has been injured, when the
 5 employee is dead, also includes the employee's legal
 6 representatives, dependents, and other persons to whom
 7 compensation may be payable.
- 8 (4) An owner of a sole proprietorship may elect to include the
 9 owner as an employee under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 if the
 10 owner is actually engaged in the proprietorship business. If the
 11 owner makes this election, the owner must serve upon the owner's
 12 insurance carrier and upon the board written notice of the
 13 election. No owner of a sole proprietorship may be considered an
 14 employee under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 until the notice has
 15 been received. If the owner of a sole proprietorship:
- 16 (A) is an independent contractor in the construction trades and
 17 does not make the election provided under this subdivision,
 18 the owner must obtain a certificate of exemption under
 19 IC 22-3-2-14.5; or
- 20 (B) is an independent contractor and does not make the
 21 election provided under this subdivision, the owner may obtain
 22 a certificate of exemption under IC 22-3-2-14.5.
- 23 (5) A partner in a partnership may elect to include the partner as
 24 an employee under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 if the partner is
 25 actually engaged in the partnership business. If a partner makes
 26 this election, the partner must serve upon the partner's insurance
 27 carrier and upon the board written notice of the election. No
 28 partner may be considered an employee under IC 22-3-2 through
 29 IC 22-3-6 until the notice has been received. If a partner in a
 30 partnership:
- 31 (A) is an independent contractor in the construction trades and
 32 does not make the election provided under this subdivision,
 33 the partner must obtain a certificate of exemption under
 34 IC 22-3-2-14.5; or
- 35 (B) is an independent contractor and does not make the
 36 election provided under this subdivision, the partner may
 37 obtain a certificate of exemption under IC 22-3-2-14.5.
- 38 (6) Real estate professionals are not employees under IC 22-3-2
 39 through IC 22-3-6 if:
- 40 (A) they are licensed real estate agents;
- 41 (B) substantially all their remuneration is directly related to
 42 sales volume and not the number of hours worked; and
- 43 (C) they have written agreements with real estate brokers
 44 stating that they are not to be treated as employees for tax
 45 purposes.
- 46 (7) A person is an independent contractor and not an employee
 47 under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 if the person is an independent
 48 contractor under the guidelines of the United States Internal
 49 Revenue Service.
- 50 (8) An owner-operator that provides a motor vehicle and the

1 services of a driver under a written contract that is subject to
2 IC 8-2.1-24-23, 45 IAC 16-1-13, or 49 CFR 376 to a motor carrier
3 is not an employee of the motor carrier for purposes of IC 22-3-2
4 through IC 22-3-6. The owner-operator may elect to be covered
5 and have the owner-operator's drivers covered under a worker's
6 compensation insurance policy or authorized self-insurance that
7 insures the motor carrier if the owner-operator pays the premiums
8 as requested by the motor carrier. An election by an
9 owner-operator under this subdivision does not terminate the
10 independent contractor status of the owner-operator for any
11 purpose other than the purpose of this subdivision.

12 (9) A member or manager in a limited liability company may elect
13 to include the member or manager as an employee under
14 IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 if the member or manager is actually
15 engaged in the limited liability company business. If a member or
16 manager makes this election, the member or manager must serve
17 upon the member's or manager's insurance carrier and upon the
18 board written notice of the election. A member or manager may
19 not be considered an employee under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6
20 until the notice has been received.

21 (10) A student who performs services for an employer as part of
22 a work based learning program, either paid or unpaid, is an
23 employee to the extent set forth in IC 22-3-2-2.6.

24 (11) A person who enters into an independent contractor
25 agreement with a nonprofit corporation that is recognized as tax
26 exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (as
27 defined in IC 6-3-1-11(a)) to perform youth coaching services on
28 a part-time basis is not an employee for purposes of IC 22-3-2
29 through IC 22-3-6.

30 (12) An individual who is not an employee of the state or a
31 political subdivision is considered to be a temporary employee of
32 the state for purposes of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 while
33 serving as a member of a mobile support unit on duty for training,
34 an exercise, or a response, as set forth in IC 10-14-3-19(c)(2)(B).

35 (13) A driver providing drive away operations is an independent
36 contractor and not an employee when:

37 (A) the vehicle being driven is the commodity being delivered;
38 and

39 (B) the driver has entered into an agreement with the party
40 arranging for the transportation that specifies the driver is an
41 independent contractor and not an employee.

42 (c) "Minor" means an individual who has not reached seventeen
43 (17) years of age.

44 (1) Unless otherwise provided in this subsection, a minor
45 employee shall be considered as being of full age for all purposes
46 of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6.

47 (2) If the employee is a minor who, at the time of the accident, is
48 employed, required, suffered, or permitted to work in violation of
49 IC 22-2-18-40 (before its expiration on June 30, 2021) and
50 IC 22-2-18.1-23, the amount of compensation and death benefits,

1 as provided in IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6, shall be double the
2 amount which would otherwise be recoverable. The insurance
3 carrier shall be liable on its policy for one-half (1/2) of the
4 compensation or benefits that may be payable on account of the
5 injury or death of the minor, and the employer shall be liable for
6 the other one-half (1/2) of the compensation or benefits. If the
7 employee is a minor who is not less than sixteen (16) years of age
8 and who has not reached seventeen (17) years of age and who at
9 the time of the accident is employed, suffered, or permitted to
10 work at any occupation which is not prohibited by law, this
11 subdivision does not apply.

12 (3) A minor employee who, at the time of the accident, is a
13 student performing services for an employer as part of an
14 approved program under IC 20-37-2-7 or a work based learning
15 program (as defined in ~~IC 20-20-38.6-3~~ **IC 20-20.5-11.5-3**) shall
16 be considered a full-time employee for the purpose of computing
17 compensation for permanent impairment under IC 22-3-3-10. The
18 average weekly wages for such a student shall be calculated as
19 provided in subsection (d)(4).

20 (4) The rights and remedies granted in this subsection to a minor
21 under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 on account of personal injury
22 or death by accident shall exclude all rights and remedies of the
23 minor, the minor's parents, or the minor's personal
24 representatives, dependents, or next of kin at common law,
25 statutory or otherwise, on account of the injury or death. This
26 subsection does not apply to minors who have reached seventeen
27 (17) years of age.

28 (d) "Average weekly wages" means the earnings of the injured
29 employee in the employment in which the employee was working at the
30 time of the injury during the period of fifty-two (52) weeks
31 immediately preceding the date of injury, divided by fifty-two (52),
32 except as follows:

33 (1) If the injured employee lost seven (7) or more calendar days
34 during this period, although not in the same week, then the
35 earnings for the remainder of the fifty-two (52) weeks shall be
36 divided by the number of weeks and parts thereof remaining after
37 the time lost has been deducted.

38 (2) Where the employment prior to the injury extended over a
39 period of less than fifty-two (52) weeks, the method of dividing
40 the earnings during that period by the number of weeks and parts
41 thereof during which the employee earned wages shall be
42 followed, if results just and fair to both parties will be obtained.
43 Where by reason of the shortness of the time during which the
44 employee has been in the employment of the employee's employer
45 or of the casual nature or terms of the employment it is
46 impracticable to compute the average weekly wages, as defined
47 in this subsection, regard shall be had to the average weekly
48 amount which during the fifty-two (52) weeks previous to the
49 injury was being earned by a person in the same grade employed
50 at the same work by the same employer or, if there is no person so

- 1 employed, by a person in the same grade employed in the same
 2 class of employment in the same district.
- 3 (3) Wherever allowances of any character made to an employee
 4 in lieu of wages are a specified part of the wage contract, they
 5 shall be deemed a part of the employee's earnings.
- 6 (4) In computing the average weekly wages to be used in
 7 calculating an award for permanent impairment under
 8 IC 22-3-3-10 for a student employee in an approved training
 9 program under IC 20-37-2-7 or a work based learning program (as
 10 defined in ~~IC 20-20-38.6-3~~, **IC 20-20.5-11.5-3**), the following
 11 formula shall be used. Calculate the product of:
- 12 (A) the student employee's hourly wage rate; multiplied by
 13 (B) forty (40) hours.
- 14 The result obtained is the amount of the average weekly wages for
 15 the student employee.
- 16 (e) "Injury" and "personal injury" mean only injury by accident
 17 arising out of and in the course of the employment and do not include
 18 a disease in any form except as it results from the injury.
- 19 (f) "Billing review service" refers to a person or an entity that
 20 reviews a medical service provider's bills or statements for the purpose
 21 of determining pecuniary liability. The term includes an employer's
 22 worker's compensation insurance carrier if the insurance carrier
 23 performs such a review.
- 24 (g) "Billing review standard" means the data used by a billing
 25 review service to determine pecuniary liability.
- 26 (h) "Community" means a geographic service area based on ZIP
 27 code districts defined by the United States Postal Service according to
 28 the following groupings:
- 29 (1) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 30 three (3) digits 463 and 464.
- 31 (2) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 32 three (3) digits 465 and 466.
- 33 (3) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 34 three (3) digits 467 and 468.
- 35 (4) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 36 three (3) digits 469 and 479.
- 37 (5) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 38 three (3) digits 460, 461 (except 46107), and 473.
- 39 (6) The geographic service area served by the 46107 ZIP code and
 40 ZIP codes with the first three (3) digits 462.
- 41 (7) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 42 three (3) digits 470, 471, 472, 474, and 478.
- 43 (8) The geographic service area served by ZIP codes with the first
 44 three (3) digits 475, 476, and 477.
- 45 (i) "Medical service provider" refers to a person or an entity that
 46 provides services or products to an employee under IC 22-3-2 through
 47 IC 22-3-6. Except as otherwise provided in IC 22-3-2 through
 48 IC 22-3-6, the term includes a medical service facility.
- 49 (j) "Medical service facility" means any of the following that
 50 provides a service or product under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 and

1 uses the CMS 1450 (UB-04) form or the CMS 1500 (HCFA-1500)
2 form for Medicare reimbursement:

3 (1) An ambulatory outpatient surgical center (as defined in
4 IC 16-18-2-14).

5 (2) A hospital (as defined in IC 16-18-2-179).

6 (3) A hospital based health facility (as defined in
7 IC 16-18-2-180).

8 (4) A medical center (as defined in IC 16-18-2-223.4).

9 (k) "Pecuniary liability" means the responsibility of an employer or
10 the employer's insurance carrier for the payment of the charges for each
11 specific service or product for human medical treatment provided
12 under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6, as follows:

13 (1) This subdivision applies before July 1, 2014, to all medical
14 service providers, and after June 30, 2014, to a medical service
15 provider that is not a medical service facility. Payment of the
16 charges in a defined community, equal to or less than the charges
17 made by medical service providers at the eightieth percentile in
18 the same community for like services or products.

19 (2) Payment of the charges in a reasonable amount, which is
20 established by payment of one (1) of the following:

21 (A) The amount negotiated at any time between the medical
22 service facility and any of the following, if an amount has been
23 negotiated:

24 (i) The employer.

25 (ii) The employer's insurance carrier.

26 (iii) A billing review service on behalf of a person described
27 in item (i) or (ii).

28 (iv) A direct provider network that has contracted with a
29 person described in item (i) or (ii).

30 (B) Two hundred percent (200%) of the amount that would be
31 paid to the medical service facility on the same date for the
32 same service or product under the medical service facility's
33 Medicare reimbursement rate, if, after conducting the
34 negotiations described in clause (A), an agreement has not
35 been reached.

36 (l) "Service or product" or "services and products" refers to medical,
37 hospital, surgical, or nursing service, treatment, and supplies provided
38 under IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6.

39 SECTION 57. IC 22-3-7-2.6, AS ADDED BY HEA 1098-2026,
40 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.6. (a) As used in this section, "work based
42 learning program" has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 20-20-38.6-3.~~
43 **IC 20-20.5-11.5-3.**

44 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a student who performs
45 services for an employer as part of a work based learning program:

46 (1) is entitled to compensation and benefits under this chapter;
47 and

48 (2) may not recover any additional benefit otherwise payable as
49 a result of being less than seventeen (17) years of age under the
50 definition of a minor in section 9 of this chapter.

1 (c) The following apply if a student is unpaid for the services
 2 performed for an employer as part of a work based learning program:

3 (1) The student is not entitled to the following compensation:

4 (A) Temporary total disability compensation under section 16
 5 of this chapter.

6 (B) Temporary partial disability compensation under section
 7 16 of this chapter.

8 (2) In the case that death results from the injury, death benefits in
 9 a lump sum amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
 10 (\$175,000) shall be paid upon agreement or final award to any
 11 dependents of the student under sections 11 through 14 of this
 12 chapter, or, if the student has no dependents, to the student's
 13 parents.

14 (d) Except for remedies available under IC 5-2-6.1, recovery under
 15 this section is the exclusive right and remedy for:

16 (1) a student who performs services for an employer as part of a
 17 work based learning program; and

18 (2) the personal representatives, dependents, or next of kin, at
 19 common law or otherwise, of a student who performs services for
 20 an employer as part of a work based learning program;

21 on account of disablement or death by occupational disease arising out
 22 of and in the course of employment as part of the work based learning
 23 program.

24 SECTION 58. IC 27-7-19-5, AS ADDED BY HEA 1098-2026,
 25 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "work based learning
 27 program" has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 20-20-38.6-3.~~
 28 **IC 20-20.5-11.5-3.**

29 SECTION 59. **An emergency is declared for this act."**

30 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

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