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ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL No. 148

DIGEST OF SB 148 (Updated February 18, 2026 10:58 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Indiana crime guns task force. Beginning July 1, 2027, adds LaPorte County and Porter County to the task force area of the Indiana crime guns task force (task force), and specifies the number required for a quorum and to take official action in the event of a tie vote.

Effective: July 1, 2027.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

January 13, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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

January 26, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 27, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 46, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

January 29, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.
February 18, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 148

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-25.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.16-2025,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this
4 chapter:

- 5 (1) "Executive board" means the task force executive board
6 established by section 3 of this chapter.
7 (2) "Task force" means the Indiana crime guns task force
8 established by section 2 of this chapter.
9 (3) "Task force area" means one (1) or more of the following
10 counties:
11 (A) Boone County.
12 (B) Hamilton County.
13 (C) Hancock County.
14 (D) Hendricks County.
15 (E) Marion County.
16 (F) Morgan County.
17 (G) Johnson County.

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- 1 (H) Shelby County.
- 2 (I) Allen County.
- 3 (J) Lake County.
- 4 **(K) LaPorte County.**
- 5 **(L) Porter County.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-25.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.16-2025,
 7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. (a) The task force executive board is
 9 established to oversee and direct the operations of the task force.

10 (b) The executive board consists of:

- 11 (1) the chief of police of the Indianapolis metropolitan police
- 12 department or the chief's designee, who serves as the chairperson
- 13 of the executive board;
- 14 (2) the superintendent of the Indiana state police department or
- 15 the superintendent's designee, who serves as the vice chairperson
- 16 of the executive board; and
- 17 (3) a sheriff or chief of police from each department in the task
- 18 force area which has assigned an officer to the task force.

19 (c) The executive board shall hold meetings at the call of the
 20 chairperson. The executive board may establish rules governing
 21 meetings.

22 (d) ~~Seven (7)~~ **A majority of the** executive board members
 23 **constitute from agencies actively participating constitutes** a quorum
 24 for the transaction of business. Each member has one (1) vote, and
 25 action by the executive board may be taken only upon the affirmative
 26 votes of the majority of attending members. If a vote is a tie, the
 27 position for which the chairperson voted prevails, as long as that
 28 position has received the affirmative votes of at least four (4) members.

29 (e) A member of the executive board is not entitled to:

- 30 (1) the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b);
- 31 or
- 32 (2) reimbursement for traveling and other expenses as provided
- 33 under IC 4-13-1-4.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 148, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 22, delete "Eight (8)" and insert "**A majority of the**".

Page 2, line 22, strike "constitute" and insert "**from agencies actively participating constitutes**".

Page 2, line 27, reset in roman "four (4)".

Page 2, line 27, delete "five".

Page 2, line 28, delete "(5)".

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 148 as introduced.)

FREEMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 148, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Replace the effective dates in SECTIONS 1 through 2 with "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 148 as printed January 14, 2026.)

GARTEN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred Senate Bill 148, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 148 as printed January 23, 2026.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0

