

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6553
BILL NUMBER: SB 148

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 23, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Indiana Crime Guns Task Force.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Pol
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Jeter

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: Beginning July 1, 2027, this bill 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 Date: July 1, 2027.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Expanding the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force to LaPorte County and Porter County could increase expenditures and workload for the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force starting in FY 2028 if LaPorte County and Porter County law enforcement agencies participate in the Task Force. The Task Force is funded through the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force Fund, which is administered through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Expenditure increases would come from the additional staffing, training, and equipment needed to cover the additional county. The bill is silent on the funding for adding the additional counties. Current funds would need to be redistributed to cover LaPorte County and Porter County if they decide to participate in the Task Force. The Task Force received General Fund appropriations of \$2 M for FY 2026.

Explanation of State Revenues: If LaPorte County and Porter County law enforcement agencies participate in the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force, the Memorandum of Understanding required by the Task Force may require the law enforcement agencies to contribute money to the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill could increase expenditures and workload for law enforcement agencies within LaPorte County and Porter County if the law enforcement agencies within LaPorte County and Porter County participate in the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force starting in FY 2028.

Additional Information - Under current law, Indiana Crime Guns Task Force addresses violent crime in Allen, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, Johnson, and Shelby counties by delivering, in cooperation with state and federal officials, a uniform strategy to trace firearms used to commit crimes. HEA 1095–2025 added Lake County to the list of areas that may participate in the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies in LaPorte County and Porter County.

Information Sources: Peoplesoft Financial Data.

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