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## 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, 2026]: 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, 2026]: 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:

(1) the chief of police of the Indianapolis metropolitan police department or the chief's designee, who serves as the chairperson 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.

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

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:

32 (2) reimbursement for traveling and other expenses as provided  
33 under JC 4-13-1-4.

34 SECTION 3. IC 36-8-25.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2021,  
35 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. Personnel assigned to the task force by a  
37 participating law enforcement agency remain employees of the  
38 participating agency and not of the task force. The following apply to  
39 personnel assigned to the task force by a participating law enforcement  
40 agency:

41 (1) The participating agency is responsible for the conduct of



1 personnel it assigned to the task force.  
2 (2) The participating agency is responsible for:  
3       (A) worker's compensation; and  
4       (B) medical expenses;  
5 of personnel it assigned to the task force.  
6 (3) For purposes of tort liability, including liability under the  
7 Indiana tort claims act, personnel from a participating agency  
8 remain, while rendering assistance or aid to the task force, or  
9 while en route to or from rendering assistance or aid to the task  
10 force, employees of the participating law enforcement agency.  
11 (4) Except as otherwise provided in a memorandum of  
12 understanding entered into by the participating law enforcement  
13 agency under section 6 of this chapter, a participating law  
14 enforcement agency is responsible for providing for the payment  
15 of compensation and benefits to its participating employee.  
16 **However, in the case of Porter County and LaPorte County,**  
17 **a memorandum of understanding entered into by the**  
18 **participating law enforcement agency under section 6 of this**  
19 **chapter shall not provide for reimbursement to a law**  
20 **enforcement agency for the payment of compensation and**  
21 **benefits to a participating employee before July 1, 2027.**  
22 (5) The task force is not responsible, in whole or in part, for any  
23 loss, damage, expense, or cost the participating law enforcement  
24 agency incurs while participating in the task force.

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