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## SENATE BILL No. 148

Proposed Changes to January 14, 2026 printing by AM014804

### DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Task force personnel. Provides that, in the case of Porter County and LaPorte County, a memorandum of understanding entered into by a participating law enforcement agency for personnel assigned to the Indiana crime guns task force shall not provide for reimbursement to a law enforcement agency for the payment of compensation and benefits to a participating employee before July 1, 2027.

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.  
18 (H) Shelby County.

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(I) Allen County.

(J) Lake County.

**(K) LaPorte County.**

**(L) Porter County.**

SECTION 2. IC 36-8-25.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.16-2025, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The task force executive board is established to oversee and direct the operations of the task force.

(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;

(2) the superintendent of the Indiana state police department or the superintendent's designee, who serves as the vice chairperson of the executive board; and

(3) a sheriff or chief of police from each department in the task force area which has assigned an officer to the task force.

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

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

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

(1) the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b); or

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

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

(1) The participating agency is responsible for the conduct of personnel it assigned to the task force.

(2) The participating agency is responsible for:

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