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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 164

DIGEST OF SB 164 (Updated February 19, 2026 8:55 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 15-11.

Synopsis: Study of community or urban microfarming. Requires the department of agriculture (department) to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of establishing community or urban microfarm zones statewide. Requires the department to submit a report to the general assembly containing certain findings and recommendations not later than December 1, 2027.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — OLTHOFF, HARRIS, CASH, BARTLETT)

January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.
January 27, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 28, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 29, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 44, nays 4.

HOUSE ACTION

February 2, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.
February 19, 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~~.

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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 164

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 15-11-2-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. (a) The department shall conduct a study to
4 evaluate the feasibility of establishing community or urban
5 microfarm zones statewide.**
6 **(b) The study conducted under subsection (a) must include the
7 following:**
8 **(1) A summary of existing studies and literature regarding the
9 feasibility of establishing community or urban microfarm
10 zones statewide.**
11 **(2) Identification of zoning templates and best practices for
12 community or urban microfarm management.**
13 **(3) Opportunities for partnerships with the Purdue University
14 cooperative extension service, local health departments,
15 health care providers, and educational institutions.**
16 **(c) Not later than December 1, 2027, the department shall
17 submit a report to the general assembly, in an electronic format**

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- 1 under IC 5-14-6, with the following information:
2 (1) The findings regarding subsection (b)(1) through (b)(3).
3 (2) A specific finding as to:
4 (A) whether and how community or urban microfarm
5 zones could work in Indiana; and
6 (B) what options are available for future pilot programs or
7 technical assistance.
8 (3) A recommendation for:
9 (A) standards to ensure safety and compatibility; and
10 (B) future legislation to implement community or urban
11 microfarm zones.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 164, 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 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 15-11-2-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. (a) The department shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of establishing community or urban microfarm zones statewide.**

(b) The study conducted under subsection (a) must include the following:

(1) A summary of existing studies and literature regarding the feasibility of establishing community or urban microfarm zones statewide.

(2) Identification of zoning templates and best practices for community or urban microfarm management.

(3) Opportunities for partnerships with the Purdue University cooperative extension service, local health departments, health care providers, and educational institutions."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 5.

Page 2, line 6, delete "July 1, 2027," and insert "**December 1, 2027,**".

Page 2, line 9, delete "(b)(4)." and insert "**(b)(3).**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 164 as introduced.)

LEISING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred Senate Bill 164, 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 164 as printed January 27, 2026.)

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AYLESWORTH

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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