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## SENATE BILL No. 179

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**Citations Affected:** IC 5-35.7; IC 8-23; IC 9-20; IC 32-19.5; IC 34-30.

**Synopsis:** Indiana department of transportation. Adds exceptions to certain state contract reporting requirements for contracts entered into by the Indiana department of transportation (department) for the construction, repair, or maintenance of a highway, street, road, or bridge. Allows the department to assume the responsibilities and duties of the United States Department of Transportation with respect to certain federal environmental laws. Provides that the department waives its civil immunity and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts for responsibilities and duties assumed under certain federal environmental laws. Provides that a contractor who provides construction engineering inspection services for a project to the department is not civilly or criminally liable for certain claims made by a third party arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurs within a worksite of the project. Amends provisions regarding the distribution of funds from the local road and bridge matching grant fund. Provides that an overweight truck permit issued for a single trip is valid for five days from the date the permit is issued. Provides for the use of the Indiana Plane Coordinate System as a means to describe real property.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2026.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.

## SENATE BILL No. 179

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

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

1       SECTION 1. IC 5-35.7-5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2025,  
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a)** This chapter applies to a contract between  
4 a state agency and a contractor that is entered into, renewed, or  
5 amended after June 30, 2025.

6       **(b) This chapter does not apply to a contract entered into by the**  
7 **Indiana department of transportation for the construction, repair,**  
8 **or maintenance of a highway, street, road, or bridge.**

9       SECTION 2. IC 5-35.7-7-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.182-2025,  
10 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- 12       (1) A contract solely entered into for licensed legal counsel.
- 13       (2) A purchase subject to the small purchase policies established  
14       by a state agency under IC 5-22-8.
- 15       (3) A contract for services provided by a bank holding company  
16       or its subsidiaries or for investments, investment services, or  
17       financial services entered into by the treasurer of state under

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1 IC 4-8.1, IC 5-13, or IC 10-12.

2 (4) A contract entered into with a program established under  
3 IC 11-10-7-2.

4 **(5) A contract entered into by the Indiana department of  
5 transportation for the construction, repair, or maintenance of  
6 a highway, street, road, or bridge.**

7 SECTION 3. IC 8-23-2-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
9 1, 2026]: Sec. 6.1. (a) The department may assume the  
10 responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation  
11 with respect to the United States Department of Transportation's  
12 duties under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969  
13 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other federal environmental laws. The  
14 department may:

15 (1) assume responsibility under 23 U.S.C. 326 and 23 U.S.C.  
16 327; and

17 (2) enter into one (1) or more agreements, including  
18 memoranda of understanding, with the United States  
19 Department of Transportation related to:

20 (A) designating categorical exclusions from federally  
21 required environmental assessments or impact statements  
22 for highway projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 326; and

23 (B) the federal surface transportation project delivery  
24 program for the delivery of transportation projects,  
25 including highway, railroad, public transportation, and  
26 multimodal projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 327.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the department waives  
28 its immunity from civil liability, including immunity from suit in  
29 federal court, and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts  
30 over its civil liability with regard to the compliance, discharge, or  
31 enforcement of the responsibilities assumed by the department  
32 under subsection (a).

33 (c) Subsection (b) applies only to those actions that are  
34 authorized under subsection (a) and does not create liability for the  
35 department that exceeds the liability created under 23 U.S.C. 326  
36 and 23 U.S.C. 327.

37 (d) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
38 implement this section. The department may adopt the relevant  
39 federal environmental standards as the standards for a program  
40 described in subsection (a)(2).

41 SECTION 4. IC 8-23-2-12.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
42 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



1, 2026]: **Sec. 12.7.** (a) As used in this section, "construction  
2 engineering inspection services" means services performed during  
3 the construction of a project to ensure the project is built in  
4 accordance with the plans and specifications for the project. The  
5 term does not include the design or engineering of a project.

6 (b) As used in this section, "contractor" means a person who  
7 provides construction engineering inspection services for a project  
8 under a contract with the department.

9 (c) As used in this section, "third party" means a person who is  
10 not an employee of a contractor.

11 (d) A contractor is not civilly or criminally liable for a claim  
12 made by a third party concerning:

13 (1) death or bodily injury;

14 (2) property damage;

15 (3) design defects; or

16 (4) any other loss, damage, or expense;

17 arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurs within a worksite  
18 (as defined in IC 9-13-2-200) of a project for which the contractor  
19 provided construction engineering inspection services.

20 SECTION 5. IC 8-23-30-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,  
21 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
22 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The local road and bridge matching  
23 grant fund is established to provide matching grants to local units for  
24 eligible projects.

25 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

26 (c) The fund consists of the following:

27 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.

28 (2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (d).

29 (3) Money deposited in or transferred to the fund from any other  
30 source.

31 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest money in the fund not  
32 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
33 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues  
34 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

35 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert  
36 to the state general fund.

37 (f) Not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall report to the  
38 state comptroller the amount of matching grants awarded by the  
39 department from the fund in the state fiscal year beginning July 1,  
40 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, that the department will not distribute  
41 before July 1, 2025.

42 (g) The state comptroller shall determine the balance of the money



1 in the fund on June 15, 2025, and on June 15 of each year thereafter.  
2 After determining the balance of money in the fund under this  
3 subsection, the money in the fund must be allocated in accordance with  
4 subsection (h), transferred in accordance with subsections (i) and (j),  
5 and distributed in accordance with subsection (k).

6 (h) After determining the balance of the money in the fund under  
7 subsection (g), the money in the fund must first be allocated as follows:

8 (1) On June 30, 2025, the department must allocate the total of  
9 the amount determined under subsection (f) plus one hundred  
10 million dollars (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make  
11 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,  
12 and ending June 30, 2026, to all local units. The department may  
13 not award more than ~~one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)~~  
14 **one hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000)** of  
15 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,  
16 and ending June 30, 2026. **The department may not award a**  
17 **local unit more than one (1) matching grant in the state fiscal**  
18 **year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**

19 (2) On June 30, 2026, and June 30 of each year thereafter, the  
20 department must allocate the first one hundred million dollars  
21 (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make matching grants in  
22 the next state fiscal year to all local units.

23 (i) After the department allocates the money in the fund under  
24 subsection (h), the state comptroller shall make the following five (5)  
25 transfers:

26 (1) On June 30, 2026, a transfer of:

27 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax  
28 credits certified for 2025 by the department of state revenue  
29 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and

30 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million  
31 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for  
32 deposit in the state highway road construction and  
33 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the  
34 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade  
35 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

36 (2) On June 30, 2027, a transfer of:

37 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax  
38 credits certified for 2026 by the department of state revenue  
39 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and

40 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million  
41 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for  
42 deposit in the state highway road construction and



1 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the  
2 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade  
3 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

4 (3) On June 30, 2028, a transfer of:

5 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state tax  
6 credits certified for 2027 by the department of state revenue  
7 under IC 6-3.1-38.1-8(c); and

8 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million  
9 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A) for  
10 deposit in the state highway road construction and  
11 improvement fund established under IC 8-14-10 for the  
12 department's use in financing a railroad crossing upgrade  
13 project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

14 (4) On June 30, 2029, a transfer of twenty million dollars  
15 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway  
16 road construction and improvement fund established under  
17 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad  
18 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

19 (5) On June 30, 2030, a transfer of twenty million dollars  
20 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway  
21 road construction and improvement fund established under  
22 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad  
23 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

24 (j) Beginning on June 30, 2027, and on June 30 of each year  
25 thereafter, after the department allocates the money under subsection  
26 (h) and the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection (i),  
27 when applicable, the state comptroller shall transfer fifty million  
28 dollars (\$50,000,000) of money in the fund to the consolidated city in  
29 Marion County for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation  
30 of the consolidated city's local streets (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1(9)).  
31 The consolidated city in Marion County shall not use these revenues  
32 for:

33 (1) reducing the capacity of existing roads and streets;  
34 (2) greenways;  
35 (3) bike lanes;  
36 (4) bike trails; and  
37 (5) sidewalks.

38 One hundred percent (100%) of the money distributed to the  
39 consolidated city under this subsection shall be matched with an  
40 appropriation by the consolidated city. The appropriation required  
41 under this subsection must be new revenue and may not include  
42 revenue allocated to public safety purposes under IC 6-3.6-6.



(k) Beginning On June 30, 2027, 2026, after the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection (i), and on June 30 of each year thereafter, after the state comptroller makes a transfer under subsection (j), the state comptroller shall distribute the remainder of the money in the fund, as follows:

(1) To be eligible to receive a distribution under this subsection, a local unit must have:

(A) adopted a wheel tax; and

(B) provided the local technical assistance program at Purdue University with an updated transportation asset management plan within the last twelve (12) months.

(2) The distribution to a local unit eligible to receive a distribution under subdivision (1) must be proportional to the local unit's share of the total lane mileage for all local units eligible to receive a distribution under subdivision (1). The department shall provide to the state comptroller the total lane mileage for purposes of making the distribution under this subsection.

A local unit may use a distribution made under this subsection only for eligible projects.

(I) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose of the fund.

(m) Money in the fund may not be transferred, assigned, or otherwise removed from the fund by the state board of finance, the budget agency, or any other agency until after budget committee review, except for either or both of the following purposes:

(1) The department may distribute funds to a local unit that has been approved for a grant under this chapter without budget committee review.

(2) To transfer money in the fund under subsections (i) and (j) and to make a distribution under subsection (k) without budget committee review.

SECTION 6. IC 8-23-30-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2025, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. In each state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2027, 2026, a local unit that receives a distribution under section 2(k) of this chapter may not apply for a grant under section 2(h) of this chapter in an amount that is greater than the maximum grant amount set under section 8 of this chapter minus the amount the local unit received from a distribution under section 2(k) of this chapter.

SECTION 7. IC 9-20-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.198-2016, SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in



1 subsections (b) and (c), a person may not operate or cause to be  
 2 operated upon a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles having  
 3 weight in excess of one (1) or more of the following limitations:

4 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of any vehicle or  
 5 combination of vehicles may not exceed an overall gross weight  
 6 on a group of two (2) or more consecutive axles produced by  
 7 application of the following formula:

$$8 W = 500 \{ [(LN) \div (N-1)] + 12N + 36 \}$$

9 where W equals the overall gross weight on any group of two (2)  
 10 or more consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred (500)  
 11 pounds, L equals the distance in feet between the extreme of any  
 12 group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N equals the  
 13 number of axles in the group under consideration, except that two  
 14 (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of  
 15 thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the overall  
 16 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of  
 17 tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more. The overall gross  
 18 weight limit, calculated under this subdivision, may not exceed  
 19 eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.

20 (2) The weight concentrated on the roadway surface from any  
 21 tandem axle group may not exceed the following:

22 (A) Thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds total weight.  
 23 (B) Twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on an individual axle in  
 24 a tandem group.

25 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or  
 26 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width  
 27 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim or an axle weight  
 28 in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds.

29 (b) The enforcement of weight limits under this section is subject to  
 30 the following:

31 (1) It is lawful to operate within the scope of a permit, under  
 32 weight limitations established by the Indiana department of  
 33 transportation and in effect on July 1, 1956, as provided in  
 34 IC 9-20-6.

35 (2) It is lawful to operate or cause to be operated a vehicle or  
 36 combination of vehicles on a heavy duty highway or an extra  
 37 heavy duty highway designated by the Indiana department of  
 38 transportation if operated within the imposed limitations.

39 (3) Subsection (a) does not apply to any highway, road, street, or  
 40 bridge for which a lesser weight limit is imposed by local  
 41 authorities under IC 9-20-1-3 or IC 9-20-7-2. However, the local  
 42 authority may by appropriate action establish and designate a



1 county or city highway, road, or street or part of a highway, road,  
2 or street as a heavy duty highway subject to the weight limitations  
3 established under IC 9-20-5.

4 (4) Vehicles operated on toll road facilities are subject to rules of  
5 weight adopted for toll road facilities by the Indiana department  
6 of transportation under IC 8-15-2 and are not subject to  
7 subsection (a) when operated on a toll road facility.

8 (5) For purposes of a heavy duty vehicle that is equipped with an  
9 auxiliary power unit, the weight limitations provided in  
10 subsection (a) are increased by four hundred (400) pounds.

11 (6) For purposes of a vehicle that uses natural gas as a motor fuel  
12 **or is powered primarily by means of electric battery power**,  
13 the weight limitations provided in subsection (a) are increased by  
14 two thousand (2,000) pounds.

15 (c) The greater of the weight limits imposed under subsection (a) or  
16 this subsection applies to vehicles operated upon a highway. The  
17 weight limits in effect on January 4, 1975, for any highway that is not  
18 designated as a heavy duty highway under IC 9-20-5 are the following:

19 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of a vehicle or  
20 combination of vehicles may not exceed seventy-three thousand  
21 two hundred eighty (73,280) pounds.

22 (2) The total weight concentrated on the roadway surface from a  
23 tandem axle group may not exceed sixteen thousand (16,000)  
24 pounds for each axle of a tandem assembly.

25 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or  
26 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width  
27 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle weight  
28 greater than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.

29 (d) For purposes of this section, "auxiliary power unit" means an  
30 integrated system that:

31 (1) provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming, or electricity  
32 to components on a heavy duty vehicle; and

33 (2) is certified by the administrator of the United States  
34 Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 89 as meeting  
35 applicable emission standards.

36 (e) For purposes of this section, "heavy duty vehicle" means a  
37 vehicle that:

38 (1) has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than eight thousand  
39 five hundred (8,500) pounds; and

40 (2) is powered by a diesel engine.

41 SECTION 8. IC 9-20-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss),  
42 SECTION 290, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana department of  
2 transportation or local authority that:

3 (1) has jurisdiction over a highway or street; and  
4 (2) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the highway  
5 or street;

6 may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause shown,  
7 grant a permit for transporting heavy vehicles and loads or other  
8 objects not conforming to this article, including a vehicle transporting  
9 an ocean going container, if the department or authority finds that other  
10 traffic will not be seriously affected and the highway or bridge will not  
11 be seriously damaged.

12 (b) The permit granted under subsection (a) must authorize the  
13 operation of a tractor-semitrailer and load that:

14 (1) exceeds the maximum length limitation under this chapter;  
15 and  
16 (2) is subject to regulation under this chapter;

17 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after  
18 sunset.

19 (c) A permit may be issued under this section for the following:

20 (1) A single trip. **A permit issued under this subdivision is valid**  
21 **for five (5) days from the date it is issued.**  
22 (2) A definite time not exceeding thirty (30) days.  
23 (3) A ninety (90) day period.  
24 (4) A one (1) year period.

25 (d) This subsection applies to the transportation of ocean going  
26 containers that:

27 (1) have been sealed at the place of origin and have not been  
28 opened except by an agent of the federal government that may  
29 inspect the contents; and  
30 (2) are being transported to or from a distribution facility.

31 The total gross weight, with load of a vehicle or combination of  
32 vehicles transporting an ocean going container may not exceed  
33 ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. A permit issued under this  
34 section must be issued on an annual basis. A permit issued under this  
35 subsection may not impose a limit on the number of movements  
36 generated by the applicant or operator of a vehicle granted a permit  
37 under this subsection.

38 SECTION 9. IC 32-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
39 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
40 2026]:

41 **ARTICLE 19.5. DESCRIBING REAL PROPERTY; INDIANA**  
42 **PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM**



1                   **Chapter 1. Applicability and Definitions**

2                   **Sec. 1. Nothing in this article prohibits a person from using:**

3                   (1) the most recent or a prior version of the SPCS established  
 4                   by the NGS; or  
 5                   (2) the Indiana Coordinate System of 1983, as provided in  
 6                   IC 32-19;

7                   **to state the geographic positions or locations of points above, on, or  
 8                   below the surface of the earth within Indiana.**

9                   **Sec. 2. As used in this article, "INPCS" means the Indiana Plane  
 10                  Coordinate System, as described in IC 32-19.5-2-1.**

11                  **Sec. 3. As used in this article, "LDP" means low distortion map  
 12                  projections and refers to a zone yielding minimized differences  
 13                  between ground-measured horizontal distances and the  
 14                  corresponding grid coordinate distances.**

15                  **Sec. 4. As used in this article, "NGS" means the National  
 16                  Geodetic Survey or its successors.**

17                  **Sec. 5. As used in this article, "NSRS" means the National  
 18                  Spatial Reference System or its successors.**

19                  **Sec. 6. As used in this article, "SPCS" means the State Plane  
 20                  Coordinate System or its successors.**

21                  **Sec. 7. As used in this article, "zone" means the area constituted  
 22                  in Indiana to be portrayed by a specified conformal map projection  
 23                  and its defining parameters.**

24                  **Chapter 2. Designation of the Indiana Plane Coordinate System;  
 25                  Zones**

26                  **Sec. 1. The most recent system of plane coordinates established  
 27                  by the NGS, based on the NSRS, and known as the SPCS, for  
 28                  defining and stating the geographic positions or locations of points  
 29                  on the surface of earth within Indiana shall be known as the  
 30                  "Indiana Plane Coordinate System".**

31                  **Sec. 2. (a) For purposes of the use of the INPCS, the state of  
 32                  Indiana is divided into a statewide zone layer and a multizone  
 33                  layer.**

34                  **(b) The statewide zone layer:**

35                  (1) consists of a single zone, which is constituted by the total  
 36                  area included in Indiana;

37                  (2) should generally be used for applications such as:

38                   (A) a statewide digital orthoimagery;

39                   (B) a statewide geographic information system; and

40                   (C) emergency management and preparedness mapping;  
 41                   and

42                  (3) should generally not be used for applications such as:



**Sec. 3. The use of the term "Indiana Plane Coordinate System" or INPCS on any map, report of survey, or other document must be limited to coordinates based on the INPCS as described in this article.**

## Chapter 3. Coordinates; Geodetic Control; Recording Requirements

**Sec. 1. (a)** The plane coordinates of a point to be used in expressing the geographic position or location of the point in the appropriate zone of the INPCS must consist of two (2) distances, expressed in feet and decimals of a foot or meters and decimals of a meter. When a value is expressed in feet, it must be expressed in international feet (1 foot = 0.3048 meters).

(b) The distance described in subsection (a) that gives the distance east of the Y axis is the "east or x-coordinate". The distance described in subsection (a) that gives the distance north of the X axis is the "north or y-coordinate".

(c) The Y axis of any zone must be parallel with the central median of that zone. The X axis of any zone must be at right angles to the central median of that zone.

**Sec. 2. To locate the position of the coordinate systems on the surface of the earth within Indiana, the position of the INPCS must be established by geodetic control points or positioning systems, such as the Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) that are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**



1       **Administration CORS Network, or similar points and systems**  
2       **whose positions have been established from those points and**  
3       **systems.**

4       **Sec. 3. Coordinates based on the Indiana coordinate system of**  
5       **1927 (as described in IC 32-19), the Indiana coordinate system of**  
6       **1983 (as described in IC 32-19), the INPCS, or any other**  
7       **coordinate system published by an agency of the federal**  
8       **government or the state, including the Indiana Geospatial**  
9       **Coordinate System, purporting to define the position of a point on**  
10       **a land boundary map may not be presented to be recorded in any**  
11       **public land records or deed records unless the recording document**  
12       **contains the following:**

13       (1) The method used to relate the coordinates to the NSRS.  
14       (2) The name and zone of the coordinate system, including the  
15       following metadata:  
16           (A) Reference frame or datum.  
17           (B) Datum realization.  
18           (C) Epoch.  
19           (D) Units.

20       **Sec. 4. The official geodetic datums to which geodetic**  
21       **coordinates are referenced within Indiana must be as defined for**  
22       **the NSRS.**

23       **Chapter 4. Descriptions of Land Using the Indiana Plane**  
24       **Coordinate System**

25       **Sec. 1. As established for use in any of the zones within the**  
26       **multizone layer, the INPCS:**

27           (1) must be named; and  
28           (2) in any land description in which it is used, must be  
29           designated by the official name promulgated by the National  
30           Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's NGS.

31       **Sec. 2. When a tract of land to be defined by a single description**  
32       **extends from one (1) zone into other adjacent zones, the positions**  
33       **of all points on the boundaries of the tract being defined must be**  
34       **referred to by the zone that is specifically named in the description.**

35       **Sec. 3. (a) Descriptions of tracts of land by reference to the**  
36       **United States public land surveys, other original pertinent surveys,**  
37       **or subdivisions are recognized as the basic and prevailing method**  
38       **for describing such tracts.**

39       **(b) If coordinates of the INPCS are used to describe a tract of**  
40       **land that, in the same document, is also described by reference to**  
41       **any subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land**  
42       **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions:**



**(1) the description by coordinates must be construed as supplemental to the basic description of the subdivision, line, or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed of record; and**

**(2) in the event of any conflict, the description by reference to the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States land surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions prevails over the description by coordinates.**

9 SECTION 10. IC 34-30-2.1-87.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
10 CODE AS A NEW SECTIONLS6725 TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 87.2. IC 8-23-2-12.7 (Concerning**  
12 **contractors providing construction engineering inspection services**  
13 **to the Indiana department of transportation).**

## **SECTION 11. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 179, 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 3, line 19, delete "services, except for" and insert "**services.**".

Page 3, delete line 20.

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

(Reference is to SB 179 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

