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SENATE BILL No. 179

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Indiana department of transportation contracts. Removes SECTIONS 1 and 2 of the current bill that would have added exceptions to certain state contract reporting requirements for contracts entered into by the Indiana department of transportation for the construction, repair, or maintenance of a highway, street, road, or bridge.

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]: See. 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~~
7 ~~the Indiana department of transportation for the construction,~~
8 ~~repair, 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]: See. 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~~
18 ~~IC 4-8.1, IC 5-13, or IC 10-12.~~

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

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

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

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

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

19 (A) designating categorical exclusions from federally
20 required environmental assessments or impact
21 statements for highway projects, as provided in 23
22 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
28 waives its immunity from civil liability, including immunity from
29 suit in federal court, and consents to the jurisdiction of the federal
30 courts over its civil liability with regard to the compliance,
31 discharge, or enforcement of the responsibilities assumed by the
32 department 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 ~~↔~~[2] IC 8-23-2-12.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
42 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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

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

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

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

- 14 (1) death or bodily injury;
- 15 (2) property damage;
- 16 (3) design defects; or
- 17 (4) any other loss, damage, or expense;

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

21 SECTION ~~↔~~[3]. IC 8-23-30-2, AS AMENDED BY
 22 P.L.173-2025, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The local
 24 road and bridge matching grant fund is established to provide matching
 25 grants to local units for eligible projects.

26 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

27 (c) The fund consists of the following:

- 28 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- 29 (2) Interest deposited in the fund under subsection (d).
- 30 (3) Money deposited in or transferred to the fund from any other
 31 source.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (B) to the department, an amount equal to twenty million
42 dollars (\$20,000,000) minus the amount under clause (A)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 revenue allocated to public safety purposes under IC 6-3.6-6.

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

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

9 (A) adopted a wheel tax; and

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

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

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

22 (l) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose
 23 of the fund.

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

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

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

34 SECTION ~~4~~[4]. IC 8-23-30-3.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2025,
 35 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3.5. In each state fiscal year beginning after
 37 June 30, 2027, 2026, a local unit that receives a distribution under
 38 section 2(k) of this chapter may not apply for a grant under section 2(h)
 39 of this chapter in an amount that is greater than the maximum grant
 40 amount set under section 8 of this chapter minus the amount the local
 41 unit received from a distribution under section 2(k) of this chapter.

42 SECTION ~~5~~[5]. IC 9-20-4-1, AS AMENDED BY

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1 P.L.198-2016, SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as
 3 provided in subsections (b) and (c), a person may not operate or cause
 4 to be operated upon a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles
 5 having weight in excess of one (1) or more of the following limitations:

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

10
$$W = 500 \{ [(LN) \div (N-1)] + 12N + 36 \}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (3) Subsection (a) does not apply to any highway, road, street, or
 42 bridge for which a lesser weight limit is imposed by local



1 authorities under IC 9-20-1-3 or IC 9-20-7-2. However, the local
2 authority may by appropriate action establish and designate a
3 county or city highway, road, or street or part of a highway, road,
4 or street as a heavy duty highway subject to the weight
5 limitations established under IC 9-20-5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (2) is powered by a diesel engine.

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1 SECTION ~~6~~⁶ IC 9-20-6-2, AS AMENDED BY
 2 P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 290, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana
 4 department of transportation or local authority that:

5 (1) has jurisdiction over a highway or street; and
 6 (2) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the highway
 7 or street;
 8 may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause shown,
 9 grant a permit for transporting heavy vehicles and loads or other
 10 objects not conforming to this article, including a vehicle transporting
 11 an ocean going container, if the department or authority finds that other
 12 traffic will not be seriously affected and the highway or bridge will not
 13 be seriously damaged.

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

16 (1) exceeds the maximum length limitation under this chapter;
 17 and
 18 (2) is subject to regulation under this chapter;
 19 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after
 20 sunset.
 21 (c) A permit may be issued under this section for the following:
 22 (1) A single trip. **A permit issued under this subdivision is**
 23 **valid for five (5) days from the date it is issued.**
 24 (2) A definite time not exceeding thirty (30) days.
 25 (3) A ninety (90) day period.
 26 (4) A one (1) year period.

27 (d) This subsection applies to the transportation of ocean going
 28 containers that:

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

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

40 SECTION ~~9~~⁹₇ IC 32-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 41 CODE AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

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1 ARTICLE 19.5. DESCRIBING REAL PROPERTY;
 2 INDIANA PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM

3 **Chapter 1. Applicability and Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **Chapter 2. Designation of the Indiana Plane Coordinate**
 27 **System; Zones**

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

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

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

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

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

40 **(A) a statewide digital orthoimagery;**

41 **(B) a statewide geographic information system; and**

42 **(C) emergency management and preparedness mapping;**



and

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

- (A) original, retracement, or route surveys, as described in 865 IAC 1-12;
- (B) describing real property; and
- (C) the design and construction of large facilities or massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing plants, bridges, and dams.

(c) The multizone layer:

(1) consists of multiple LDP zones that are constituted by the areas included in individual counties or specified groups of counties; and

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

(A) original, retracement, or route surveys, as described in 865 IAC 1-12;

(B) describing real property;

(C) the design and construction of large facilities or massive civil infrastructure such as manufacturing plants, bridges, and dams; and

(D) city or county geographic information systems.

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,

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1 such as the Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)
 2 that are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
 3 Administration CORS Network, or similar points and systems
 4 whose positions have been established from those points and
 5 systems.

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

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

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

25 **Chapter 4. Descriptions of Land Using the Indiana Plane
 26 Coordinate System**

27 Sec. 1. As established for use in any of the zones within the
 28 multizone layer, the INPCS:

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

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

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

42 (b) If coordinates of the INPCS are used to describe a tract of

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1 **land that, in the same document, is also described by reference to**
2 **any subdivision, line, or corner of the United States public land**
3 **surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions:**

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

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

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

17 **SECTION ~~←11~~[\[9\]](#). An emergency is declared for this act.**

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