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SENATE BILL No. 179

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Road funding distributions. Provides that a county may not budget or designate any funds distributed to the county from the motor vehicle highway account and the local road and street account for a project to be selected by an individual member of the county council. Provides that a transfer from the local road and bridge matching grant fund to the consolidated city in Marion County (consolidated city) will continue until the consolidated city is no longer able to match the distribution. Provides that a match by the consolidated city must be new revenue each year and the amount of the match may not be met with revenue that was previously used for a match.

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 8-14-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The funds allocated to the respective
4 counties of the state from the motor vehicle highway account shall
5 annually be budgeted as provided by law, and, when distributed shall
6 be used for construction, reconstruction, preservation, and maintenance
7 of the highways of the respective counties, including highways which
8 traverse the streets of incorporated towns, the cost of the repair and
9 maintenance of which prior to the tenth day of September, 1932, was
10 paid from the county gravel road repair fund excepting where the
11 department is charged by law with the maintenance or construction of
12 any such highway so traversing such streets. Subject to subsection (b),
13 any surplus existing in the funds at the end of the year shall thereafter
14 continue as a part of the highway funds of the said counties and shall
15 be rebudgeted and used as already provided in this chapter. The

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1 purchase, rental and repair of highway equipment, painting of bridges
 2 and acquisition of grounds for erection and construction of storage
 3 buildings, acquisition of rights of way and the purchase of fuel oil, and
 4 supplies necessary to the performance of construction, reconstruction,
 5 preservation, and maintenance of highways, shall be paid out of the
 6 highway account of the various counties.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) and section 4.1 of this
 8 chapter, for funds distributed to a county from the motor vehicle
 9 highway account, the county shall use at least fifty percent (50%) of the
 10 money for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation of the
 11 county's highways.

12 (c) This subsection applies to a county containing a consolidated
 13 city. For funds distributed to a county from the motor vehicle highway
 14 account, the county shall use at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the
 15 money for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation of the
 16 county's highways.

17 (d) A county, including a county containing a consolidated city,
 18 may not budget or designate any funds that are distributed to the
 19 county from the motor vehicle highway account for a project to be
 20 selected by an individual member of the county council.

21 SECTION 2. IC 8-14-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,
 22 SECTION 292, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The state comptroller shall
 24 establish a special account to be called the "local road and street
 25 account" and credit this account monthly with thirty-seven percent
 26 (37%) of the money deposited in the highway, road and street fund.

27 (b) The state comptroller shall distribute to units of local
 28 government money from this account each month. Before making any
 29 other distributions under this chapter, the state comptroller shall
 30 distribute E85 incentive payments to all political subdivisions entitled
 31 to a payment under section 8 of this chapter.

32 (c) After distributing E85 incentive payments required under
 33 section 8 of this chapter, the state comptroller shall allocate to each
 34 county the remaining money in this account on the basis of the ratio of
 35 each county's passenger car registrations to the total passenger car
 36 registrations of the state. The state comptroller shall further determine
 37 the suballocation between the county and the cities within the county
 38 as follows:

39 (1) In counties having a population of more than fifty thousand
 40 (50,000), sixty percent (60%) of the money shall be distributed
 41 on the basis of the population of the city or town as a percentage
 42 of the total population of the county and forty percent (40%)

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1 distributed on the basis of the ratio of city and town street
2 mileage to county road mileage.

14 (4) Money allocated under the provisions of this section to
15 counties containing a consolidated city shall be credited or
16 allocated to the department of transportation of the consolidated
17 city.

18 (d) Each month the state comptroller shall inform the department
19 of the amounts allocated to each unit of local government from the
20 local road and street account.

1 SECTION ~~43~~3. IC 8-23-2-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.1. (a) The department may**
4 **assume the responsibilities of the United States Department of**
5 **Transportation with respect to the United States Department of**
6 **Transportation's duties under the federal National Environmental**
7 **Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other federal**
8 **environmental laws. The department may:**

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

42 (B) the federal surface transportation project delivery

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program for the delivery of transportation projects, including highway, railroad, public transportation, and multimodal projects, as provided in 23 U.S.C. 327.

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

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

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

SECTION ~~4~~ [4]. IC 8-23-2-12.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.7. (a) As used in this section, "construction engineering inspection services" means services performed during the construction of a project to ensure the project is built in accordance with the plans and specifications for the project. The term does not include the design or engineering of a project.

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

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

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

(1) death or bodily injury;

(2) property damage;

(3) design defects; or

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

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

SECTION ~~5~~²⁸ [5]. IC 8-23-30-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2025, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The local

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1 road and bridge matching grant fund is established to provide matching
 2 grants to local units for eligible projects.

3 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

4 (c) The fund consists of the following:

5 (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.

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

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

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

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

15 (f) Not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall report to the
 16 state comptroller the amount of matching grants awarded by the
 17 department from the fund in the state fiscal year beginning July 1,
 18 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, that the department will not distribute
 19 before July 1, 2025.

20 (g) The state comptroller shall determine the balance of the money
 21 in the fund on June 15, 2025, and on June 15 of each year thereafter.
 22 After determining the balance of money in the fund under this
 23 subsection, the money in the fund must be allocated in accordance with
 24 subsection (h), transferred in accordance with subsections (i) and (j),
 25 and distributed in accordance with subsection (k).

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

28 (1) On June 30, 2025, the department must allocate the total of
 29 the amount determined under subsection (f) plus one hundred
 30 million dollars (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make
 31 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
 32 and ending June 30, 2026, to all local units. The department may
 33 not award more than ~~one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)~~
 34 **one hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000)** of
 35 matching grants in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
 36 and ending June 30, 2026. **The department may not award a**
 37 **local unit more than one (1) matching grant in the state fiscal**
 38 **year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**

39 (2) On June 30, 2026, and June 30 of each year thereafter, the
 40 department must allocate the first one hundred million dollars
 41 (\$100,000,000) of money in the fund to make matching grants in
 42 the next state fiscal year to all local units.

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

5 (A) to the state general fund, the total amount of the state
6 tax credits certified for 2025 by the department of state
7 revenue 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)
10 for 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 (2) On June 30, 2027, a transfer of:

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

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

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

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

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

34 (4) On June 30, 2029, a transfer of twenty million dollars
35 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
36 road construction and improvement fund established under
37 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad
38 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

39 (5) On June 30, 2030, a transfer of twenty million dollars
40 (\$20,000,000) to the department for deposit in the state highway
41 road construction and improvement fund established under
42 IC 8-14-10 for the department's use in financing a railroad

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1 crossing upgrade project as described in IC 8-14.5-8.

2 (j) Beginning on June 30, 2027, and on June 30 of each year
3 thereafter, until the consolidated city is no longer able to match the
4 distribution as required under this subsection, after the department
5 allocates the money under subsection (h) and the state comptroller
6 makes a transfer under subsection (i), when applicable, the state
7 comptroller shall transfer fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) of money
8 in the fund to the consolidated city in Marion County for the
9 construction, reconstruction, and preservation of the consolidated city's
10 local streets (as defined in IC 8-14-2-1(9)). The consolidated city in
11 Marion County shall not use these revenues for:

12 (1) reducing the capacity of existing roads and streets;
13 (2) greenways;
14 (3) bike lanes;
15 (4) bike trails; and
16 (5) sidewalks.

17 One hundred percent (100%) of the money distributed to the
18 consolidated city under this subsection shall be matched with an
19 appropriation by the consolidated city. The appropriation required
20 under this subsection must be new revenue each year and may not
21 include revenue allocated to public safety purposes under IC 6-3.6-6 [
22 or revenue that was previously used for a match under this
23 subsection.])

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

31 (A) adopted a wheel tax; and
32 (B) provided the local technical assistance program at
33 Purdue University with an updated transportation asset
34 management plan within the last twelve (12) months.

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

42 A local unit may use a distribution made under this subsection only for

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1 eligible projects.

2 (l) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose
3 of the fund.

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION ~~↔~~[7]. IC 8-23-30-6, AS AMENDED BY
23 P.L.173-2025, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. If the department
25 approves a grant to a local unit under this chapter, the required local
26 matching amount by the local unit is equal to the following applicable
27 percentage of the total cost of the eligible project:

28 (1) For a county applicant, the following:

29 (A) Fifty percent (50%), if the county has a population
30 greater than or equal to fifty-five thousand (55,000).

31 (B) Twenty percent (20%), if the county has a population of
32 less than fifty-five thousand (55,000).

33 (2) For a city or town applicant, the following:

34 (A) Fifty percent (50%), if the city or town has a population
35 greater than or equal to ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ twelve
36 thousand five hundred (12,500).

37 (B) Twenty percent (20%), if the city or town has a
38 population of less than ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ twelve
39 thousand five hundred (12,500).

40 SECTION ~~↔~~[8]. IC 9-20-4-1, AS AMENDED BY
41 P.L.198-2016, SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as

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1 provided in subsections (b) and (c), a person may not operate or cause
 2 to be operated upon a highway a vehicle or combination of vehicles
 3 having 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
 14 two (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load
 15 of thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the
 16 overall distance between the first and last axles of the
 17 consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more.
 18 The overall gross weight limit, calculated under this subdivision,
 19 may not exceed 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
 24 in a tandem group.

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

29 (b) The enforcement of weight limits under this section is subject
 30 to 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
 3 limitations established under IC 9-20-5.

4 (4) Vehicles operated on toll road facilities are subject to rules
 5 of weight adopted for toll road facilities by the Indiana
 6 department of transportation under IC 8-15-2 and are not subject
 7 to 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
 14 by two thousand (2,000) pounds.

15 (c) The greater of the weight limits imposed under subsection (a)
 16 or 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
 23 a 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
 26 or with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch
 27 width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle
 28 weight 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
 32 electricity 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 ~~⇨~~[9]. IC 9-20-6-2, AS AMENDED BY
 42 P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 290, IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana
 2 department of 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**
 21 **valid 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 ~~8~~¹⁰ IC 32-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 39 CODE AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

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

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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
10 Plane Coordinate System, as described in IC 32-19.5-2-1.****11 Sec. 3. As used in this article, "LDP" means low distortion
12 map projections and refers to a zone yielding minimized
13 differences 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
22 constituted in Indiana to be portrayed by a specified conformal
23 map projection and its defining parameters.****24 Chapter 2. Designation of the Indiana Plane Coordinate
25 System; 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

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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
 15 the 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
 32 description extends from one (1) zone into other adjacent zones, the
 33 positions of all points on the boundaries of the tract being defined
 34 must be referred to by the zone that is specifically named in the
 35 description.

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

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

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1 surveys, other original pertinent surveys, or subdivisions:

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

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

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

15 SECTION 1~~↔~~[\[2\]](#). An emergency is declared for this act.

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