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# ENGROSSED

## SENATE BILL No. 227

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DIGEST OF SB 227 (Updated February 19, 2026 8:39 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-22; IC 34-30.

**Synopsis:** Counter action against unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Provides that the state police department is the statewide coordinating agency for counter-UAS activities authorized under federal law. Provides that the bill's provisions apply: (1) if a federal law is enacted that authorizes state or local law enforcement personnel to detect, track, identify, or mitigate a UAS under federal approval, certification, or oversight; and (2) after the governor publishes a notice in the Indiana Register that includes a description of the authorization and identifies the federal statute or program that provides the authorization. Provides that the state police department may designate a law enforcement agency of a political subdivision as a participating agency if the agency satisfies federal requirements for personnel training and operational readiness. Provides that the state police department may designate Indianapolis as a pilot project location due to the concentration of high-risk sites and special event assessment rating events. Provides that mitigation activities may not be performed unless expressly authorized under federal law.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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**Baldwin, Freeman, Carrasco,  
Charbonneau, Schmitt, Koch**

(HOUSE SPONSORS — BARTELS, CULP, LAUER)

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

January 20, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 22, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 26, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 44, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

January 28, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

February 19, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 227

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
3 2026]:  
4 **ARTICLE 22. COUNTER-UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM**  
5 **AUTHORITY**  
6 **Chapter 1. Applicability**  
7 **Sec. 1. This article applies:**  
8 **(1) if a federal law is enacted that authorizes state or local law**  
9 **enforcement personnel to detect, track, identify, or mitigate**  
10 **an unmanned aircraft system under federal approval,**  
11 **certification, or oversight; and**  
12 **(2) after the governor publishes a notice in the Indiana**  
13 **Register that includes a description of this section and**  
14 **identifies the federal statute or program that provides the**  
15 **authorization described in subdivision (1).**  
16 **Chapter 2. Definitions**  
17 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this article:**

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- 1           **(1) "Counter-UAS system" means an unmanned aircraft**
- 2           **detection or mitigation system approved under federal law**
- 3           **and listed on the federal C-UAS Technology List jointly**
- 4           **maintained by the:**
  - 5               **(A) United States Department of Justice;**
  - 6               **(B) United States Department of Homeland Security;**
  - 7               **(C) United States Department of War;**
  - 8               **(D) United States Department of Transportation;**
  - 9               **(E) Federal Communications Commission; and**
  - 10              **(F) National Telecommunications and Information**
  - 11              **Administration.**
- 12           **(2) "High-risk site" includes a large scale public event, a**
- 13           **federally rated special event assessment rating event, critical**
- 14           **infrastructure, a correctional facility, an airport, or any other**
- 15           **location designated by the state police department consistent**
- 16           **with federal requirements.**
- 17           **(3) "Mitigation" means an action authorized by federal law to**
- 18           **disrupt, disable, seize control of, or otherwise neutralize an**
- 19           **unmanned aircraft system.**
- 20           **(4) "Participating agency" means a law enforcement agency**
- 21           **designated under this article to perform counter-UAS**
- 22           **functions in accordance with federal authorization.**
- 23           **(5) "Trained personnel" means individuals who have**
- 24           **completed training and certification at the national**
- 25           **counter-UAS schoolhouse maintained by the United States**
- 26           **Department of Justice and the United States Department of**
- 27           **Homeland Security, as required under federal law.**
- 28           **(6) "Unmanned aircraft system" or "UAS" has the meaning**
- 29           **set forth in 49 U.S.C. 44801.**
- 30           **Chapter 3. Statewide Coordination**
- 31           **Sec. 1. The state police department is the statewide coordinating**
- 32           **agency for counter-UAS activities authorized under federal law.**
- 33           **Sec. 2. Subject to IC 10-22-1, the state police department shall:**
  - 34               **(1) apply to the appropriate federal agencies for authorization**
  - 35               **to acquire, deploy, operate, and train with counter-UAS**
  - 36               **systems;**
  - 37               **(2) enter into agreements required by federal law or federal**
  - 38               **policy;**
  - 39               **(3) ensure all acquired systems are on the federal C-UAS**
  - 40               **Technology List;**
  - 41               **(4) administer a statewide program governing operational**
  - 42               **procedures, reporting, training, and compliance;**



1           (5) oversee federal audits and compliance reviews; and  
2           (6) maintain records of counter-UAS activities required by  
3           federal agencies.

4           **Sec. 3.** The state police department may adopt rules under  
5           IC 4-22-2 to implement this article.

6           **Chapter 4. Participating Agencies and Pilot Project Location**  
7           **Sec. 1.** The state police department may designate a law  
8           enforcement agency of a political subdivision as a participating  
9           agency if the agency satisfies federal requirements for personnel  
10          training and operational readiness.

11          **Sec. 2.** The state police department may designate the city of  
12          Indianapolis as a pilot project location due to the concentration of  
13          high-risk sites and special event assessment rating events. A  
14          location with a pilot project designation must comply with federal  
15          requirements.

16          **Chapter 5. Authorized Activities**  
17          **Sec. 1.** Trained personnel within the scope of federal  
18          authorization may perform detection, identification, tracking,  
19          warning, disruption, control seizure, confiscation, or disabling of  
20          an unmanned aircraft system only to the extent authorized by  
21          federal law and subject to federal approval.

22          **Sec. 2.** Mitigation activities may not be performed under this  
23          article unless expressly authorized under federal law.

24          **Chapter 6. Reporting, Deconfliction, and Revocation**  
25          **Sec. 1.** The state police department shall participate in any  
26          federal drone reporting or deconfliction system applicable to state  
27          or local law enforcement agencies.

28          **Sec. 2.** A participating agency shall submit to the state police  
29          department a post-event report within the time required under  
30          federal law for notification to federal agencies.

31          **Sec. 3.** The superintendent of the state police department shall  
32          suspend or revoke participation if required by federal audit, if a  
33          participating agency fails to comply with federal or state  
34          procedures or if federal authorization is withdrawn.

35          **Chapter 7. Procurement and Funding**  
36          **Sec. 1.** The state police department and participating agencies  
37          may receive federal grants for acquiring counter-UAS systems  
38          listed on the federal approved list, for training at the national  
39          counter-UAS schoolhouse, and for administrative costs.

40          **Sec. 2.** A counter-UAS system may not be purchased or  
41          deployed unless the system appears on the federal C-UAS  
42          Technology List.



1           **Chapter 8. Liability**  
2           **Sec. 1. Activities performed under this article by trained**  
3 **personnel within the scope of federal authorization are actions**  
4 **within the scope of employment for purposes of IC 34-13-3.**  
5           **Chapter 9. Construction**  
6           **Sec. 1. This article shall be interpreted to conform to federal**  
7 **law. If a conflict exists between this article and a federal**  
8 **requirement applicable to counter-UAS activities, the federal**  
9 **requirement controls.**  
10          SECTION 2. IC 34-30-2.1-127.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 127.5. IC 10-22-8-1 (Concerning**  
13 **certain counter-unmanned aircraft system activities).**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 227, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 227 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred Senate Bill 227, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 227 as printed January 21, 2026.)

BARTELS

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

