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BILL NUMBER: SB 227

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 26, 2026

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Counter Action Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Baldwin

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Bartels

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the State Police Department is the statewide coordinating agency for counter-UAS activities authorized under federal law. It 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.

The bill 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. It 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. It also provides that mitigation activities may not be performed unless expressly authorized under federal law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana State Police (ISP):* The bill would increase the workload and expenditures of ISP to coordinate counter-UAS activities and adopt rules if there is a federal law enacted. Coordination includes entering into agreements, administering a statewide program, maintaining records, overseeing federal audits and compliance reviews, and applying to appropriate federal agencies for authorization of equipment, training, and operation of counter-UAS systems. Any expenditures and resources for these activities would be offset by federal grant funds. Currently, there is no federal law enacted that authorizes this action.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Grant Revenue:* ISP may have an increase in federal grant revenue if ISP applies and receives funds for counter-UAS activities. These funds would be restricted for counter-UAS activities such as training and administration costs.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Participating Agencies:* Certain local law enforcement agencies would have an increased workload and expenditures if the ISP designates them as a participating agency for

counter-UAS activities. Any expenditures and resources would be offset from federal grant funds. [The ISP may designate Indianapolis as a pilot location.]

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Grant Revenue:* Local law enforcement agencies may have an increase in revenue from federal grants if the local agency applies and receives funds from federal grants for counter-UAS activities. These funds would be restricted for counter-UAS activities such as training and administration costs.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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