

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6954**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 227**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 19, 2026  
**BILL AMENDED:**

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

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Baldwin  
**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Bartels

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**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.

**Information Sources:**

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