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SENATE BILL No. 230

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Indiana FFA. Removes provisions from the current bill that would have required the state department of agriculture to support, staff, and aid the Indiana FFA in promoting school based agricultural education in Indiana.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-32-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The governing body of a district consists of
4 five (5) supervisors as follows:
5 (1) Two (2) who are appointed.
6 (2) Three (3) who are elected.
7 (b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:
8 (1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is located within
9 the district;
10 (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within
11 the district; **and**
12 (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the
13 duties that this article imposes on supervisors; **and**
14 (4) **must complete training provided by the division of soil**
15 **conservation within a year of being placed on the governing**
16 **body of a district.**
17 (c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, an individual:
18 (1) must be of voting age;
19 (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within

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1 the district; **and**
 2 (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the
 3 duties that this article imposes on supervisors; **and**
 4 **(4) must complete training provided by the division of soil**
 5 **conservation within a year of being placed on the governing**
 6 **body of a district.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 14-32-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011,
 8 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) During the first quarter of each calendar
 10 year, each district shall hold an annual meeting of all land occupiers in
 11 the district. The meeting shall be held on a date designated by the
 12 supervisors. The supervisors shall give due notice of the time and place
 13 of the meeting.

14 (b) At the meeting:

15 (1) the supervisors shall make a full and an accurate report of the
 16 activities and financial affairs of the district since the previous
 17 annual meeting; and
 18 (2) an election shall be conducted by the land occupiers present
 19 to elect one (1) supervisor to a three (3) year term of office
 20 beginning on the date of the meeting.

21 (c) **The supervisors shall provide a copy of the annual report**
 22 **presented at the meeting to the board and; Each district shall provide**
 23 **a copy of its annual report to the local governing body, the public,**
 24 **and the division of soil conservation at the district's annual**
 25 **meeting. A district shall also make the report available, upon**
 26 **request, to:**

27 (1) other cooperating agencies;
 28 (2) residents of the district; and
 29 (3) any other individual or entity that requests a copy of the
 30 annual report.

31 SECTION 3. IC 14-32-4-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The election held
 33 at the annual meeting of land occupiers shall be conducted by an
 34 election committee appointed under this section.

35 (b) **In Not later than October 31,** the district chairman shall do the
 36 following:

37 (1) Appoint an election committee made up of a supervisor as
 38 chairman and two (2) **interested citizens who reside in the**
 39 **county.**
 40 (2) Submit the names of the committee members to the board by
 41 November 1.

42 **Associate supervisors and staff of the division of soil conservation**

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1 **shall not serve on the election committee.**

2 SECTION 4. IC 14-32-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011,
 3 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. **(a)** The election committee appointed under
 5 section 7 of this chapter shall do the following:

6 (1) Select qualified individuals as prospective nominees to fill
 7 any vacancies that exist among the elected supervisors of the
 8 district.

9 (2) Contact and ascertain the willingness and ability of each
 10 individual to serve if elected.

11 (3) Submit the list of nominees with the qualifications for
 12 certification and printing of a sample ballot to the board by
 13 December 1.

14 (4) Place the names of the prospective nominees selected under
 15 subdivisions (1) and (2) in nomination at the meeting and
 16 provide an opportunity for additional nominations to be made
 17 from the floor.

18 (5) After nominations are closed:

19 (A) if only one (1) candidate is nominated, allow for the
 20 election of the sole candidate by the land occupiers by a
 21 show of hands; and

22 (B) if more than one (1) candidate is nominated, distribute
 23 a ballot to each land occupier present at the meeting.

24 (6) If a ballot is distributed, collect and count the ballots after
 25 each land occupier present at the meeting has had an opportunity
 26 to vote.

27 (7) Report the results of the election to the chairman.

28 **(b) If an election committee does not fulfill the requirements
 29 of subsection (a):**

30 **(1) no election shall be held; and**

31 **(2) the governing body of a district shall fill the positions in
 32 the manner described by section 13 of this chapter.**

33 SECTION 5. IC 14-32-4-10.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.175-2006,
 34 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.5. **(a)** The ~~board~~ **governing body of a district**
 36 may appoint associate supervisors to assist in performing duties in each
 37 district.

38 **(b)** Associate supervisors are nonvoting members of the ~~board~~
 39 **governing body of a district** and may not hold officer positions on
 40 the ~~board~~ **governing body of a district**.

41 **(c)** Associate supervisors may be reimbursed for approved
 42 expenses but are not entitled to per diem.

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1 SECTION 6. IC 14-32-4-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in
 3 the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating
 4 year:

5 (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the
 6 vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or
 7 more individuals qualified to fill the position;

8 (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a
 9 recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon
 10 the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill
 11 the vacancy; and

12 (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment
 13 made by the board.

14 (b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under
 15 subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

16 (c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment
 17 of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's
 18 position, the position shall be filled through the regular election
 19 procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

20 (d) **If three (3) or more vacant unexpired terms occur
 21 simultaneously in the district, the board shall make appointments
 22 to fill the vacancies.**

23 SECTION 7. IC 14-32-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2008,
 24 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "landfill" means a
 26 facility where solid waste is to be disposed of through placement on or
 27 beneath the surface of the ground. However, the term does not include
 28 any of the following:

29 (1) A land application operation regulated under 327 IAC 6.

30 (2) A surface impoundment.

31 (3) An injection well.

32 (4) A facility for the disposal of solid waste other than sludge
 33 from a municipal wastewater treatment plant that is:

34 (A) generated at the site of the facility; or

35 (B) generated by the owner or operator of the facility.

36 (5) An operation permitted under IC 14-34.

37 (b) As used in this section, "underground injection" means the
 38 subsurface emplacement of fluids through:

39 (1) a bored, drilled, or driven shaft; or

40 (2) a dug hole, the depth of which is greater than the hole's
 41 largest surface dimension.

42 (c) A district shall inspect every landfill located within the

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1 boundaries of the district for compliance with rules adopted under
 2 IC 13-18 or IC 13-19 concerning erosion and sediment control. Each
 3 landfill shall be inspected under this section at least two (2) times each
 4 calendar year as follows:

5 (1) One (1) time before July 1.

6 (2) One (1) time after June 30 and before December 31.

7 (d) Not later than ten (10) days after an inspection of a landfill
 8 under this section, the individual who conducted the inspection on
 9 behalf of the district shall prepare a written report on the results of the
 10 inspection and send the report to the following:

11 (1) The executive of the county.

12 (2) The commissioner of the department of environmental
 13 management.

14 ~~(3) The director of the division of soil conservation established
 15 within the Indiana state department of agriculture by
 16 IC 15-11-4-1.~~

17 SECTION 8. IC 14-32-8-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.95-2016,
 18 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) In addition to funds provided to a district
 20 under section 7 of this chapter or from any other source, the division of
 21 soil conservation shall pay to the district one dollar (\$1) for every one
 22 dollar (\$1) the district receives:

23 (1) from a political subdivision; or

24 (2) if a district receives no funding from a political subdivision,
 25 from any other funding source.

26 The board shall consider funds received from a source referred to in
 27 subdivision (2) as qualifying for matching payments under this
 28 subsection.

29 (b) Except as provided in section 8.2 of this chapter, the state is
 30 not obligated to match more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) under
 31 this section.

32 (c) In order to receive funding under this section each year, a
 33 district must certify to the division of soil conservation the amount of
 34 money the district received from all sources described in subsection
 35 (a)(1) or (a)(2) during the one (1) year period beginning January 1 of
 36 the previous year. The information prepared under this subsection must
 37 be part of the annual financial statement prepared and provided to the
 38 board under IC 14-32-4-22. The division of soil conservation shall
 39 make distributions under this section not later than July 15 of each
 40 year.

41 (d) Before making distributions under this section, the division of
 42 soil conservation shall determine the total amount of money that has

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1 been certified by all districts as having been provided by sources
 2 described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2). If the cumulative amount to be
 3 distributed to all districts exceeds the amount appropriated to the fund,
 4 the division of soil conservation shall reduce the distribution to each
 5 district proportionately.

6 (e) A district must spend money received under this section for the
 7 purposes of the district.

8 **(f) If a district fails to provide a copy of its annual financial
 9 statement to the board by March 1, the district's funding shall be
 10 withheld until the financial statement is received by the board.**

11 SECTION 9. IC 15-11-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2018,
 12 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "biomass" means
 14 agriculturally based sources of renewable energy, including the
 15 following:

- 16 (1) Agricultural crops.
- 17 (2) Agricultural wastes and residues.
- 18 (3) Wood and wood byproducts, including the following:
 - 19 (A) Wood residue.
 - 20 (B) Forest thinning.
 - 21 (C) Mill residue wood.
- 22 (4) Animal wastes.
- 23 (5) Animal byproducts.
- 24 (6) Aquatic plants.
- 25 (7) Algae.

26 The term does not include waste from construction and demolition.

27 (b) The department shall do the following:

- 28 (1) Provide administrative and staff support for the following:
 - 29 (A) The state fair board for purposes of carrying out the
 30 director's duties under IC 15-13-5.
 - 31 (B) The Indiana corn marketing council for purposes of
 32 administering the duties of the director under IC 15-15-12.
 - 33 (C) The Indiana dairy industry development board for
 34 purposes of administering the duties of the director under
 35 IC 15-18-5.

36 ~~IC 15-12-5. The Indiana land resources council under
 37 IC 15-12-5. The Indiana FFA under IC 15-11-17.~~

38 ~~IC 15-12-5. The Indiana land resources council under
 39 IC 15-12-5. The Indiana FFA under IC 15-11-17.~~ The Indiana grain buyers and warehouse
 40 licensing agency under IC 26-3-7.

41 ~~IC 15-12-5. The Indiana land resources council under
 42 IC 15-12-5. The Indiana FFA under IC 15-11-17.~~ The Indiana grain indemnity corporation under
 43 IC 26-4-3.

44 ~~IC 15-12-5. The Indiana land resources council under
 45 IC 15-12-5. The Indiana FFA under IC 15-11-17.~~ The division.



- (2) Administer the election of state fair board members under IC 15-13-5.
- (3) Administer state programs and laws promoting agricultural trade.
- (4) Administer state livestock or agriculture marketing grant programs.
- (5) Administer economic development efforts for agriculture by doing the following:
 - (A) Promoting value added agricultural resources.
 - (B) Marketing Indiana agriculture to businesses internationally.
 - (C) Assisting Indiana agricultural businesses with developing partnerships with the Indiana economic development corporation.
 - (D) Soliciting private funding for selective economic development and trade initiatives.
 - (E) Providing for the orderly economic development and growth of Indiana's agricultural economy.
 - (F) Facilitating the use of biomass and algae production systems to generate renewable energy.
- (6) Carry out the department's duties under IC 23-15-12.

← SECTION 10.1C15-11-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026].

Chapter 17. School Based Agricultural Education

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Indiana FFA" is:

— (1) a nonprofit organization established to provide resources and programming in school-based agricultural education; and

(2) a state-recognized career and technical student organization

~~Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "Indiana Foundation" means a nonprofit organization whose mission is to:~~

— (1) support;
— (2) feedback.

- (2) fund, and
- (3) promote.

~~the programs and objectives of the Indiana FFA.~~

— Sec. 3. (a) The general assembly declares that it is the policy of the state to encourage the development and growth of school based agricultural education and to provide support for the Indiana FFA.

(b) The department shall promote the development and growth of school-based agricultural education in Indiana by doing

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1 **the following:**
2 —— (1) Provide staff and administrative support for the Indiana
3 FFA;
4 —— (2) Work collaboratively, including entering into grant
5 agreements, with:
6 —— (A) the Indiana FFA; and
7 —— (B) the Indiana FFA Foundation;
8 —— to promote, support, and develop the Indiana FFA and its
9 local chapters;
10 —— (3) Serve as a liaison with the:
11 —— (A) Indiana FFA;
12 —— (B) Indiana FFA Foundation;
13 —— (C) department of education;
14 —— (D) department of workforce development; and
15 —— (E) commission for higher education;
16 —— to promote, support, and develop school based agricultural
17 education in Indiana.
18 > SECTION 1~~leftrightarrow~~[0]. IC 15-12-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]. (Indiana Land Resources Council).
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