

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6826
BILL NUMBER: SB 249

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 13, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 15, 2026

SUBJECT: State Chemist.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill codifies animal food administrative rules. The bill defines or amends certain terms. It codifies certain requirements and processes for commercial feed and pet food with respect to: (1) label format; (2) label information; (3) express guarantees; (4) suitability; (5) ingredients; (6) directions for use and precautionary statements; (7) nonprotein nitrogen; (8) drug and feed additives; (9) adulterants; (10) good manufacturing practices; (11) payment of inspection fees; (12) interstate exclusion; and (13) commercial feed licenses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill authorizes the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) to review a label for pet food or specialty pet food using the requirements of the Model Bill of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) as published in the 2026 Official Publication of the AAFCO under certain conditions, potentially increasing workload. This bill may also minimally increase workload for the OISC to account for any minor differences between rules and operating procedures previously established in Indiana Administrative Code, and those now established in Indiana Code. All changes are expected to be implemented with existing staff and resources. *[The OISC is integrated into the Purdue University budget. The OISC does not receive direct General Fund appropriations.]*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of Indiana State Chemist.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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