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SENATE BILL No. 284

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Civilian oversight boards. Provides that the bill applies to a civilian oversight board in existence on July 1, 2026, or established after June 30, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-29.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 29.1. Law Enforcement Civilian Oversight Boards
5 and Commissions**

6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to all units.**

7 **Sec. 2. This chapter does not apply to a merit board or
8 commission established under IC 36-8-3.5.**

9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "law enforcement agency" has
10 the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-183.**

11 **Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, any type
12 of law enforcement civilian oversight board or commission or any
13 other entity established by a unit to provide civilian oversight over
14 a law enforcement agency in existence on July 1, 2026, or
15 established after June 30, 2026,] may operate only in an advisory
16 capacity to the applicable law enforcement agency and does not
17 have binding authority over the law enforcement agency.I**

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