

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 37 # 7

DIGEST

Oversight of convention and visitor bureau. Deletes a provision triggering oversight by the county council only after an increase in the innkeeper's tax rate.

- 1 Page 2, delete lines 8 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "(b) All expenses of the bureau shall be paid from funds established
3 by the bureau. Before December 20 of each year, the bureau shall
4 prepare a budget for expenditures during the following year, taking into
5 consideration the recommendations made by a corporation qualified
6 under subsection (a)(6) **and submit the budget to the county council**
7 **for its review and approval. An expenditure may not be made**
8 **under this chapter unless it is in accordance with an appropriation**
9 **made by the county council in the manner provided by law. A**
10 budget prepared **by the bureau and approved by the county council**
11 under this section must be:
12 (1) submitted to the department of local government finance;
13 (2) published on the department's interactive and searchable
14 ~~Internet web site~~ **website** containing local government
15 information (the Indiana gateway for governmental units); and
16 (3) placed on file with the county auditor.
17 (c) All money in the bureau's funds shall be deposited, held,
18 secured, invested, and paid in accordance with statutes relating to the
19 handling of public funds. The handling and expenditure of money in
20 the bureau's funds are subject to audit and supervision by the state
21 board of accounts.
22 SECTION 2. IC 6-9-2-4.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.204-2016,
23 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4.3. (a) The Lake County convention and visitor
25 bureau shall establish a convention, tourism, and visitor promotion
26 alternate revenue fund (referred to in this chapter as the "alternate
27 revenue fund"). The bureau may deposit in the alternate revenue fund

1 all money received by the bureau after June 30, 2005, that is not
2 required to be deposited in the promotion fund under section 2 of this
3 chapter or a fund established by the bureau, including appropriations,
4 gifts, grants, membership dues, and contributions from any public or
5 private source.

6 (b) The bureau may ~~without appropriation by the county council,~~
7 expend money from the alternate revenue fund to promote and
8 encourage conventions, trade shows, visitors, special events, sporting
9 events, and exhibitions in the county. Money may be paid from the
10 alternate revenue fund by claim in the same manner as municipalities
11 may pay claims under IC 5-11-10-1.6.

12 (c) All money in the alternate revenue fund shall be deposited, held,
13 secured, invested, and paid in accordance with statutes relating to the
14 handling of public funds. The handling and expenditure of money in
15 the alternate revenue fund is subject to audit and supervision by the
16 state board of accounts.

17 (d) Money derived from the taxes imposed under IC 4-33-13 may
18 not be transferred to the alternate revenue fund."

19 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 18.

20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 37 as reprinted January 24, 2024.)