

HOUSE BILL No. 1016

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-21-1-12.

Synopsis: School safety commission. Provides for the appointment of a fire chief, or the fire chief's designee, to a county school safety commission.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Commons, Davis

January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-21-1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2024,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 12. (a) Not later than December 31, 2023, a
4 county shall establish a county school safety commission. Unless
5 otherwise specified in subsection (b)(1) through ~~(b)(11)~~, **(b)(12)**, the
6 members described in subsection (b) are appointed by the school
7 corporation having the largest ADM (as defined in IC 20-18-2-2), as
8 determined in the fall count of ADM in the school year ending in the
9 current calendar year.

10 (b) The members of the commission are as follows:
11 (1) A school safety specialist for each school corporation located
12 in whole or in part in the county.
13 (2) The judge of the court having juvenile jurisdiction in the
14 county or the judge's designee.
15 (3) The sheriff of the county or the sheriff's designee.
16 (4) The chief officer of every other law enforcement agency in the
17 county, or the chief officer's designee.



- 1 (5) A representative of the juvenile probation system, appointed
 2 by the judge described in subdivision (2).
 3 (6) Representatives of community agencies that work with
 4 children within the county.
 5 (7) A representative of the Indiana state police district that serves
 6 the county, appointed by the Indiana state police.
 7 (8) A prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney who
 8 specializes in the prosecution of juveniles, appointed by the
 9 prosecuting attorney.
 10 (9) A school safety specialist of a charter school representing the
 11 interests and viewpoints of charter schools within the
 12 commission's jurisdiction if at least one (1) charter school within
 13 the commission's jurisdiction requests to participate.
 14 (10) A school safety specialist of an accredited nonpublic school
 15 representing the interests and viewpoints of accredited nonpublic
 16 schools within the commission's jurisdiction if at least one (1)
 17 accredited nonpublic school requests to participate.
 18 **(11) The fire chief of a fire department in the county, or the**
 19 **fire chief's designee.**
 20 **(+)(12) Other appropriate individuals selected by the**
 21 **commission.**
 22 (c) Once a commission is established, the school safety specialist of
 23 the school corporation having the largest ADM (as defined in
 24 IC 20-18-2-2), as determined in the fall count of ADM in the school
 25 year ending in the current calendar year, in the county shall convene
 26 the initial meeting of the commission.
 27 (d) The members shall annually elect a chairperson.
 28 (e) A commission shall perform the following duties:
 29 (1) Periodically perform a cumulative analysis of school safety
 30 needs within the county.
 31 (2) Coordinate and make recommendations for the following:
 32 (A) Prevention of juvenile offenses and improving the
 33 reporting of juvenile offenses within the schools.
 34 (B) Proposals for identifying and assessing children who are
 35 at high risk of experiencing a mental health or behavioral
 36 health crisis or becoming juvenile offenders.
 37 (C) Methods to meet the educational needs of children who
 38 have been detained as juvenile offenders.
 39 (D) Methods to improve communications among agencies that
 40 work with children.
 41 (E) Methods to improve school security and emergency
 42 preparedness.



- 1 (F) Additional equipment or personnel that are necessary to
 2 carry out school safety plans.
- 3 (G) Pooling resources, combining purchases, using shared
 4 administrative services, or collaborating among participating
 5 school corporations, school corporation career and technical
 6 education schools described in IC 20-37-1-1, and charter
 7 schools to improve the maintenance of safe schools.
- 8 (H) Implementing best practices and procedures to use critical
 9 incidence digital mapping in the event of an emergency within
 10 the county.
- 11 (I) Any other topic the commission considers necessary to
 12 improve school safety within the commission's jurisdiction.
- 13 (3) Provide assistance to school safety specialists and school
 14 resource officers within the commission's jurisdiction in
 15 developing and:
- 16 (A) implementing school safety plans; and
 17 (B) requesting grants from the fund.
- 18 (4) Assist accredited nonpublic schools within the commission's
 19 jurisdiction that voluntarily submit a school safety plan or a local
 20 school safety and emergency plan (described in IC 20-34-3-23) to
 21 the commission seeking assistance in carrying out the school
 22 safety plan.
- 23 (f) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the
 24 commission are required for the commission to take action on a
 25 measure.
- 26 (g) A commission shall receive the school safety plans for the
 27 school corporations and charter schools located in the county.
- 28 (h) A commission may receive from an accredited nonpublic school
 29 within the commission's jurisdiction a school safety plan or a local
 30 school safety and emergency plan described in IC 20-34-3-23.
- 31 (i) The commission shall keep the school safety plans compiled and
 32 retained under this section confidential and shall withhold the
 33 information from public disclosure.
- 34 (j) The commission may share the school safety plans under
 35 subsections (g) and (h) with law enforcement and first responder
 36 agencies that have jurisdiction over the school corporation, charter
 37 school, or accredited nonpublic school. For the purposes of IC 5-14-3,
 38 the entities receiving a school safety plan under this subsection shall
 39 keep information compiled and retained under subsections (g) and (h)
 40 confidential and shall withhold the information from public disclosure.
- 41 (k) A commission shall annually submit to the board on a date
 42 established by the board:



- 1 (1) meeting minutes;
- 2 (2) any meeting agenda materials directly related to taking action
- 3 on a measure under this section; and
- 4 (3) a brief annual summary of its activities and accomplishments.

