

HOUSE BILL No. 1028

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-19-3-10.

Synopsis: Public safety personnel health studies. Establishes the public safety research fund. Provides that \$500,000 shall be appropriated from the state general fund and disbursed to the public safety research fund on July 1 of each year. Requires money disbursed to the public safety research fund to be used for research studies designed to understand and improve the physical health, safety, and psychological well-being of public safety personnel. Requires research studies to be performed by the national institute for public safety and health (NIPSH). Requires NIPSH to provide a report of ongoing or performed research studies to the executive director of the department of homeland security before December 31 of each year. Provides that money not allotted for research studies reverts to the state general fund at the end of each state fiscal year.

Effective: July 1, 2018.

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Second Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2018)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-19-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 10. (a) The following terms are defined for this**
4 **section:**
5 (1) "Fund" refers to the public safety research fund
6 established by subsection (b).
7 (2) "Institute" means the national institute of public safety
8 and health.
9 (3) "Public safety personnel" means:
10 (A) a member of a fire department (as defined in
11 IC 36-8-1-8); or
12 (B) a member of a police department (as defined in
13 IC 36-8-1-9).
14 (b) The public safety research fund is established. The purpose
15 of the fund is to provide resources for the research of risk factors
16 that:
17 (1) impact the physical and psychological health of public



- 1 safety personnel; and
2 (2) are responsible for early and preventable death and
3 disability amongst public safety personnel.
4 (c) Research conducted under this section must attempt to
5 provide a greater understanding of the physical and psychological
6 health of public safety personnel. Potential research topics include
7 the following:
8 (1) Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, elevated cholesterol,
9 and noninvasive identification of left ventricular hypertrophy
10 and cardiomegaly.
11 (2) Metabolic disease.
12 (3) Cancer and exposures to risk factors for cancer.
13 (4) Causes of death and mortality studies.
14 (5) Impact of diet and weight management programs.
15 (6) Impact of preventative or rehabilitative programs on
16 physical or psychological health.
17 (7) Job ability assessments.
18 (8) Lifestyle risk factors.
19 (9) Mental health indicators for depression, posttraumatic
20 stress disorder, and suicide.
21 (10) Occupational stress experiences and coping skills.
22 (11) Physical injuries.
23 (12) Worker's compensation claims and rates of occupational
24 injury and disability.
25 (13) Workplace risk factors.
26 (14) Any other topic related to the health, safety, or well-being
27 of public safety personnel.
28 (d) The fund shall consist of appropriations to the fund, gifts,
29 grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve the
30 purpose of the fund.
31 (e) The department shall administer the fund. The expenses of
32 administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.
33 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
34 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
35 manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from these
36 investments shall be deposited in the fund.
37 (g) On July 1 of each year, five hundred thousand dollars
38 (\$500,000) from the state general fund shall be appropriated to the
39 fund.
40 (h) Money disbursed under this section shall be allotted by the
41 department for the purpose of financing the research studies
42 described in subsection (c).



1 **(i) The institute shall conduct all research studies performed**
2 **under this section.**

3 **(j) Before December 31 of each year, the institute shall provide**
4 **a report of the research studies performed under this section to the**
5 **executive director in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

6 **(k) Money not allotted by the department for research studies**
7 **shall revert to the state general fund at the end of each state fiscal**
8 **year.**

