

HOUSE BILL No. 1078

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-15-3-13.

Synopsis: Public safety matching grant fund. Provides for the establishment of the Indiana public safety training matching fund for the purpose of encouraging private investment in first responder training and providing financial assistance to public safety training facilities in Indiana that provide first responder integrated, coordinated, and collaborative training to law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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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 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 10-15-3-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 13. (a) The Indiana public safety training matching**
- 4 **fund is established for the purpose of encouraging private**
- 5 **investment in first responder training and providing financial**
- 6 **assistance to public safety training facilities in Indiana that provide**
- 7 **first responder integrated, coordinated, and collaborative training**
- 8 **to law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical services**
- 9 **(EMS) personnel.**
- 10 (b) **The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund by the**
- 11 **general assembly and the investment earnings made on those**
- 12 **funds.**
- 13 (c) **The department shall administer the fund.**
- 14 (d) **The fund shall provide matching funds to eligible public**
- 15 **safety training facilities that submit an application to the**
- 16 **department.**
- 17 (e) **The department shall award a matching grant to an eligible**



1 public safety training facility equal to the amount of money raised
2 by the facility from private sources and used for the construction,
3 renovation, or operation of the eligible public safety training
4 facility.

5 (f) The amount of a matching grant may not exceed five
6 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to any one (1) facility in a
7 state fiscal year.

8 (g) The department shall give preference to facilities that
9 provide training to more than one (1) discipline of public safety
10 personnel and provide deescalation and use of force training at
11 that facility.

12 (h) Facilities that do not meet the criteria described in
13 subsection (g) will be granted matching funds from the remaining
14 funds.

15 (i) Facilities must submit their matching fund applications to the
16 department between May 1 and July 1 of each calendar year.

17 (j) Facilities must include the amount of money contributed to
18 the facility from private sources during the previous calendar year
19 and the proposed use of the requested matching funds.

20 (k) Before September 1 of each year, the department shall
21 review and approve, as appropriate, a grant of matching funds to
22 each eligible facility equal to the amount contributed to the facility
23 from private sources during the previous calendar year to support
24 training at multidiscipline public safety training facilities and
25 deescalation and use of force training.

26 (l) The matching funds the department approves must be
27 disbursed to the eligible facility by the state before October 1 of
28 each calendar year.

29 (m) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
30 money in the fund.

31 (n) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
32 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
33 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
34 accrues from the investments must be deposited in the fund.

35 (o) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
36 revert to the state general fund.

