

# HOUSE BILL No. 1082

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 33-39-8-7.

**Synopsis:** High tech crimes unit program. Establishes the high tech crimes unit fund for the purpose of establishing up to 10 high tech crimes units that collectively represent the north, south, east, west, and central geographic areas of Indiana to enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to investigate, collect evidence, and prosecute high tech crimes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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**Steuerwald, McNamara, Young J**

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January 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

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

1           SECTION 1. IC 33-39-8-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "high tech crime" refers**  
4 **to a criminal act that is either:**  
5           **(1) committed with; or**  
6           **(2) assisted by;**  
7 **digital evidence, network, or communications technology.**  
8           **(b) The high tech crimes unit fund is established. The council**  
9 **shall administer the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be**  
10 **made only in accordance with appropriations made by the general**  
11 **assembly.**  
12           **(c) The council shall establish high tech crimes units to assist**  
13 **prosecuting attorneys in investigating, collecting evidence, and**  
14 **prosecuting high tech crimes. The council shall issue a request for**  
15 **proposals to select up to ten (10) counties that collectively**  
16 **represent the north, south, east, west, and central geographic areas**  
17 **of Indiana to establish high tech crimes units in the prosecuting**



- 1 attorneys' offices in those counties.
- 2 (d) The council may use money from the fund to provide
- 3 assistance to prosecuting attorneys to:
- 4 (1) provide personnel costs, training, technical assistance, and
- 5 technical support to established high tech crimes units; and
- 6 (2) enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to investigate,
- 7 collect evidence, and prosecute high tech crimes.
- 8 (e) The council may allocate not more than five percent (5%) of
- 9 the money available from the fund to reimburse expenses incurred
- 10 in the administration of the fund.
- 11 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
- 12 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 13 manner as other public funds may be invested.
- 14 (g) Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year does not
- 15 revert to the state general fund.

