

HOUSE BILL No. 1172

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-54.

Synopsis: Committee on climate resilience and economic growth. Establishes a committee to study the impact of climate change in Indiana and annually report findings to the general assembly and the governor from December 1, 2024, to December 1, 2027.

Effective: Upon passage.

Hamilton

January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.



Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-54 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 54. Committee on Climate Resilience and Economic**
5 **Growth**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**
7 **committee on climate resilience and economic growth established**
8 **by section 2 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. The committee on climate resilience and economic**
10 **growth is established. The committee is a temporary committee.**

11 **Sec. 3. The committee consists of the following eleven (11)**
12 **members, appointed as follows:**

13 **(1) One (1) member who represents Purdue University's**
14 **Institute for a Sustainable Future, appointed by the governor.**

15 **(2) One (1) member who represents Indiana University's**
16 **Environmental Resilience Institute, appointed by the**
17 **governor.**



1 (3) One (1) member who represents the Indiana economic
2 development corporation, appointed by the governor.

3 (4) One (1) member who represents the Indiana department
4 of environmental management, appointed by the governor.

5 (5) One (1) member who represents the Indiana department
6 of natural resources, appointed by the governor.

7 (6) One (1) member who represents the agricultural sector,
8 appointed by the governor.

9 (7) One (1) member who represents the manufacturing sector,
10 appointed by the governor.

11 (8) Four (4) members of the general assembly who are
12 appointed under section 4 of this chapter.

13 Sec. 4. Four (4) members of the general assembly shall be
14 appointed as members of the committee as follows:

15 (1) Two (2) members of the senate, appointed as follows:

16 (A) One (1) member appointed by the president pro
17 tempore, who shall serve as co-chair of the committee.

18 (B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of
19 the senate.

20 (2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives,
21 appointed as follows:

22 (A) One (1) member appointed by the speaker.

23 (B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of
24 the house of representatives, who shall serve as co-chair of
25 the committee.

26 Sec. 5. (a) A member of the committee appointed under section
27 3(1) through 3(7) of this chapter serves until July 1, 2028.

28 (b) A member of the committee appointed under section 4 of this
29 chapter serves until the member's current term of office as a
30 member of the general assembly expires.

31 (c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the original
32 appointing authority.

33 Sec. 6. (a) Six (6) members of the committee constitute a
34 quorum.

35 (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members at a
36 meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the
37 committee to take official action other than to meet and take
38 testimony.

39 (c) The committee shall meet at the call of the co-chairs as
40 follows:

41 (1) At least four (4) times in 2024.

42 (2) At least six (6) times per calendar year in 2025, 2026, and



- 1 **2027.**
 2 **Sec. 7. The committee is responsible for making all policy**
 3 **decisions relating to the duties and powers of the committee.**
 4 **Sec. 8. (a) Each member of the committee who is not a state**
 5 **employee is entitled to the following:**
 6 (1) A minimum salary per diem provided by
 7 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).
 8 (2) Reimbursement for mileage.
 9 (3) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 10 IC 4-13-1-4.
 11 (4) Reimbursement for other expenses actually incurred in
 12 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
 13 policies and procedures established by the Indiana
 14 department of administration and approved by the budget
 15 agency.
 16 **(b) Each member of the committee who is a state employee but**
 17 **not a member of the general assembly is entitled to the following:**
 18 (1) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 19 IC 4-13-1-4.
 20 (2) Reimbursement for other expenses actually incurred in
 21 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
 22 policies and procedures established by the Indiana
 23 department of administration and approved by the budget
 24 agency.
 25 **(c) Each member of the committee who is a member of the**
 26 **general assembly is entitled to receive the same:**
 27 (1) per diem;
 28 (2) mileage; and
 29 (3) travel allowances;
 30 **paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study**
 31 **committees established by the legislative council.**
 32 **Sec. 9. (a) The committee shall do the following:**
 33 (1) Evaluate the risks posed by a changing climate, including
 34 extreme weather events, to Indiana's economy.
 35 (2) Evaluate the risks posed by a changing climate, including
 36 extreme weather events, to Indiana communities.
 37 (3) Identify existing research, manufacturing, technology, and
 38 other competencies in Indiana that address the risks and
 39 opportunities posed by a changing climate.
 40 (4) Identify opportunities to ensure Indiana's communities
 41 and economy, including the agricultural sector, are resilient
 42 to the effects of a changing climate.



- 1 **(5) Identify opportunities to grow Indiana's economy,**
 2 **including the manufacturing and technology sectors, in light**
 3 **of increasing demand for low-carbon technologies, goods, and**
 4 **services.**
- 5 **(6) Identify opportunities to support carbon reduction and**
 6 **climate resilience investments throughout Indiana's**
 7 **communities and economy.**
- 8 **(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), the committee shall**
 9 **submit an annual report in an electronic format, not later than**
 10 **December 1 of each year, to the following:**
- 11 **(1) The executive director of the legislative services agency for**
 12 **distribution to the members of the general assembly.**
- 13 **(2) The governor.**
- 14 **(c) The report must address the topics described in subsection**
 15 **(a) and include a description of all activities undertaken by the**
 16 **committee during the prior state fiscal year.**
- 17 **(d) The committee shall submit its last annual report no sooner**
 18 **than January 1, 2027, but not later than December 1, 2027.**
- 19 **Sec. 10. Funds necessary to carry out this chapter shall be**
 20 **allotted to the committee from funds appropriated to the legislative**
 21 **council or the legislative services agency.**
- 22 **Sec. 11. The legislative services agency shall provide staff to**
 23 **support the committee.**
- 24 **Sec. 12. This chapter expires July 1, 2028.**
- 25 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

