

HOUSE BILL No. 1310

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

Synopsis: Public safety officer 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 be used for longitudinal research studies related to the health, safety, and well-being of public safety officers. Requires longitudinal 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 longitudinal research studies to the executive director of the department of homeland security before December 31 of each year. Provides that money not allotted for a longitudinal research study reverts to the state general fund at the end of each state fiscal year.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

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 2016 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, 2017]: **Sec. 10. (a) As used in this section, "fund" refers to the**
4 **public safety research fund established by subsection (e).**
5 **(b) As used in this section, "institute" means the national**
6 **institute of public safety and health.**
7 **(c) As used in this section, "longitudinal research study" or**
8 **"longitudinal research studies" means observational research**
9 **performed using data collected for the same subject or subjects**
10 **over a period of time.**
11 **(d) As used in this section, "public safety officer" means:**
12 **(1) a member of a fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-1-8);**
13 **or**
14 **(2) a member of a police department (as defined in**
15 **IC 36-8-1-9).**
16 **(e) The public safety research fund is established. The purpose**
17 **of the fund is to provide resources for the longitudinal research**



1 study of risk factors that impact the health of public safety officers.
2 Potential topics for a longitudinal research study under this section
3 may include research or studies concerning the following topics:

4 (1) Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, elevated cholesterol,
5 and noninvasive identification of left ventricular hypertrophy
6 and cardiomegaly.

7 (2) Cancer and exposures to risk factors for cancer.

8 (3) Causes of death and mortality studies.

9 (4) Impact of diet and weight management programs.

10 (5) Impact of preventative or rehabilitative programs on
11 physical or psychological health.

12 (6) Job ability assessments.

13 (7) Lifestyle risk factors.

14 (8) Mental health indicators for depression, posttraumatic
15 stress disorder, and suicide.

16 (9) Occupational stress experiences and coping skills.

17 (10) Physical injuries.

18 (11) Worker's compensation claims and rates of occupational
19 injury and disability.

20 (12) Workplace risk factors.

21 (13) Any other topic related to the health, safety, or well-being
22 of a public safety officer.

23 (f) The fund shall consist of appropriations to the fund, gifts,
24 grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve the
25 purpose of the fund.

26 (g) The department shall administer the fund. The expenses of
27 administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

28 (h) The treasurer of the state shall invest the money in the fund
29 not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
30 manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from these
31 investments shall be deposited in the fund.

32 (i) On July 1 of each year, five hundred thousand dollars
33 (\$500,000) from the state general fund shall be appropriated to the
34 fund.

35 (j) Money disbursed under this section shall be allotted by the
36 department for the purpose of financing the longitudinal research
37 studies described in subsection (e).

38 (k) All longitudinal research studies performed under this
39 section shall be conducted by the institute.

40 (l) Before December 31 of each year, the institute shall provide
41 a report of the longitudinal research studies performed under this
42 section to the executive director in an electronic format under



1 **IC 5-14-6.**
2 **(m) Money not allotted by the department for a longitudinal**
3 **research study shall revert to the state general fund at the end of**
4 **each state fiscal year.**

