

# HOUSE BILL No. 1330

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-19-12.

**Synopsis:** Certification of volunteer canine search teams. Establishes the canine team certification program (program) administered by the department of homeland security (department). Allows, but does not require, a volunteer canine team to be tested and certified as to the team's competency in locating live persons, human remains, and objects. Allows the department to set a fee by rule for participation in the program to be deposited in the canine team program fund.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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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 10-19-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2017]:

4 **Chapter 12. Canine Team Certification Program**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "canine team" refers to a**  
6 **volunteer canine team consisting of a handler and a specific canine.**  
7 **The term does not include a canine team that is part of a canine**  
8 **unit of a law enforcement agency.**

9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the canine team**  
10 **program fund established under section 12 of this chapter.**

11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "handler" means the individual**  
12 **who trains and controls the specific canine member of the team.**

13 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the canine**  
14 **team certification program established by this chapter.**

15 **Sec. 5. (a) The canine team certification program is established.**

16 **(b) The department shall:**  
17 **(1) administer the program;**



1 (2) establish standards and testing to evaluate a canine team's  
2 performance of the activities described in section 8 of this  
3 chapter; and

4 (3) certify a canine team that successfully completes the  
5 program.

6 **Sec. 6. This chapter does not do the following:**

7 (1) Create a requirement under state law that a volunteer  
8 canine team must be certified by the department to perform  
9 any of the activities described in section 8 of this chapter for  
10 a local law enforcement agency. However, a local law  
11 enforcement agency may establish its own requirements for  
12 volunteer canine teams used by the local law enforcement  
13 agency.

14 (2) Establish a certification program or affect any training  
15 requirements for a canine team that is part of a canine unit of  
16 a law enforcement agency.

17 **Sec. 7. A canine team that wants to be certified by the**  
18 **department must meet the program requirements established by**  
19 **the department.**

20 **Sec. 8. The program may test a canine team's competency in**  
21 **performing any of the following activities:**

22 (1) Searching for and locating human remains located on  
23 land.

24 (2) Searching for and locating human remains located in  
25 water.

26 (3) Searching for and locating a live human being.

27 (4) Trailing or tracking a live human being.

28 (5) Searching for and locating objects.

29 (6) Searching for and locating a live human being located in  
30 a disaster environment.

31 **Sec. 9. The department shall issue a certificate to a canine team**  
32 **if the canine team:**

33 (1) successfully completes the tests and other requirements of  
34 the department; and

35 (2) has paid the fee set by the department under section 11 of  
36 this chapter.

37 **Sec. 10. The certification of a canine team by the department**  
38 **expires two (2) years after the date the certification is issued.**

39 **Sec. 11. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
40 **establish a program fee. The amount of the fee may not be more**  
41 **than is considered necessary to recover the cost of operating the**  
42 **program.**



- 1           **Sec. 12. (a) The canine team program fund is established.**
- 2           **(b) The proceeds of the program fee established pursuant to**
- 3 **section 11 of this chapter shall be deposited in the fund and shall be**
- 4 **used to pay the cost of administering the program.**
- 5           **Sec. 13. (a) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid**
- 6 **from the money in the fund.**
- 7           **(b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
- 8 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
- 9 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
- 10 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**
- 11           **(c) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
- 12 **revert to the state general fund.**
- 13           **(d) The sources of money for the fund are the following:**
- 14               **(1) Program fees.**
- 15               **(2) Appropriations made by the general assembly.**
- 16               **(3) Gifts and donations intended for deposit in the fund.**

