

HOUSE BILL No. 1583

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-51.5.

Synopsis: Climate change studies. Establishes a task force to study the impact of climate change in Indiana and annually report findings to the general assembly and the governor from December 1, 2025, to December 1, 2028.

Effective: Upon passage.

Hamilton

January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

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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 2-5-51.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:
4 **Chapter 51.5. Task Force on Climate Resilience and Economic
5 Growth**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the task
7 force on climate resilience and economic growth established by
8 section 2 of this chapter.**
9 **Sec. 2. The task force on climate resilience and economic growth
10 is established.**
11 **Sec. 3. The task force 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 department of
4 environmental management, appointed by the governor.

5 (5) One (1) member who represents the department of natural
6 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 task force 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 task force.

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 task force.

26 **Sec. 5. (a) A member of the task force appointed under section**
27 **3(1) through 3(7) of this chapter serves until July 1, 2029.**

28 **(b) A member of the task force 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 task force shall be filled by the original**
32 **appointing authority.**

33 **Sec. 6. (a) Six (6) members of the task force constitute a quorum.**

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

37 **(c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs as**
38 **follows:**

39 (1) At least two (2) times in 2025.

40 (2) At least four (4) times per calendar year in 2026, 2027, and
41 2028.

42 **Sec. 7. The task force is responsible for making all policy**



1 decisions relating to the duties and powers of the task force.

2 **Sec. 8. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state**
 3 **employee is entitled to the following:**

4 (1) A minimum salary per diem provided by
 5 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

6 (2) Reimbursement for mileage.

7 (3) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 8 IC 4-13-1-4.

9 (4) Reimbursement for other expenses actually incurred in
 10 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
 11 policies and procedures established by the Indiana
 12 department of administration and approved by the budget
 13 agency.

14 (b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee but
 15 not a member of the general assembly is entitled to the following:

16 (1) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 17 IC 4-13-1-4.

18 (2) Reimbursement for other expenses actually incurred in
 19 connection with the member's duties as provided in the state
 20 policies and procedures established by the Indiana
 21 department of administration and approved by the budget
 22 agency.

23 (c) Each member of the task force who is a member of the
 24 general assembly is entitled to receive the same:

25 (1) per diem;

26 (2) mileage; and

27 (3) travel allowances;

28 paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study
 29 committees established by the legislative council.

30 **Sec. 9. (a) The task force shall do the following:**

31 (1) Identify existing research, manufacturing, technology, and
 32 other competencies in Indiana that address the risks and
 33 opportunities posed by a changing climate.

34 (2) Identify opportunities to ensure Indiana's communities
 35 and economy, including the agricultural sector, are resilient
 36 to the effects of a changing climate.

37 (3) Identify opportunities to grow Indiana's economy,
 38 including the manufacturing and technology sectors, in light
 39 of increasing demand for low-carbon technologies, goods, and
 40 services.

41 (4) Identify opportunities to support carbon reduction and
 42 climate resilience investments throughout Indiana's



- 1 communities and economy.
- 2 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), the task force shall
- 3 submit an annual report in an electronic format, not later than
- 4 December 1 of each year, to the following:
- 5 (1) The executive director of the legislative services agency for
- 6 distribution to the members of the general assembly in an
- 7 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
- 8 (2) The governor.
- 9 (c) The report must address the topics described in subsection
- 10 (a) and include a description of all activities undertaken by the task
- 11 force during the prior state fiscal year.
- 12 (d) The task force shall submit its last annual report no sooner
- 13 than January 1, 2028, but not later than December 1, 2028.
- 14 Sec. 10. Funds necessary to carry out this chapter shall be
- 15 allotted to the task force from funds appropriated to the legislative
- 16 council or the legislative services agency.
- 17 Sec. 11. The legislative services agency shall provide staff to
- 18 support the task force.
- 19 Sec. 12. This chapter expires December 31, 2029.
- 20 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

