

SENATE BILL No. 31

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-2.1; IC 2-5-1.1-1; IC 3-3-2-1; IC 15-13-6-2; IC 21-18-16-2.

Synopsis: Sessions of the general assembly. Changes the legislative session cycle beginning in 2026 to: (1) eliminate the second regular session of the general assembly; and (2) require a regular session of the general assembly to adjourn sine die not later than May 15 of any odd-numbered year thereafter. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.



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

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 2-2.1-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,
2 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~first~~ regular session of each term of
4 the general assembly shall convene on the third Tuesday after the first
5 Monday of November of each even-numbered year to do the following:
6 (1) Organize itself.
7 (2) Elect its officers.
8 (3) Receive the oath of office.
9 (b) If a special session is called before the date set in subsection (a),
10 then the organization, election, and receiving the oath of office shall be
11 held on the first day of the special session.
12 (c) The general assembly shall then adjourn until a day:
13 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or
14 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
15 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
16 fixed.
17 (d) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than



1 the fourth Monday in January of the following year.

2 (e) The ~~first~~ regular session of each term of the general assembly
3 shall adjourn sine die not later than **the following:**

4 (1) April 29 in any odd-numbered year beginning after December
5 31, 2022, and ending before January 1, 2026.

6 (2) **May 15 in any odd-numbered year beginning after**
7 **December 31, 2026.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,
9 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The ~~first~~ regular technical session of
11 the general assembly shall convene on the second Tuesday after the
12 first Monday in June of each odd-numbered year.

13 (b) Only the following may be considered and acted upon during a
14 ~~first~~ regular technical session:

15 (1) Bills enacted during the ~~first~~ regular session vetoed by the
16 governor.

17 (2) Bills to correct conflicts among bills enacted during the ~~first~~
18 regular session.

19 (3) Bills to correct technical errors in bills enacted during the ~~first~~
20 regular session.

21 (c) The ~~first~~ regular technical session must adjourn sine die before
22 midnight after it convenes.

23 (d) The ~~first~~ regular technical session is not required to convene if
24 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro
25 tempore of the senate jointly issue an order finding that the purposes
26 for which a regular technical session may meet under subsection (b) do
27 not justify the cost and inconvenience of meeting in a regular technical
28 session.

29 (e) If the general assembly does not meet in a regular technical
30 session under this section, the general assembly shall consider and act
31 upon vetoes of bills enacted during the ~~first~~ regular session at the next
32 ~~second~~ regular session.

33 (f) For purposes of Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the
34 State of Indiana, the ~~first~~ regular technical session is not considered a
35 regular session if the general assembly does not consider or act upon
36 vetoes of bills enacted during the ~~first~~ regular session under this
37 section.

38 SECTION 3. IC 2-2.1-1-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
39 PASSAGE]. Sec. 3: (a) The ~~second~~ regular session of each term of the
40 general assembly shall convene on the third Tuesday after the first
41 Monday of November of each odd-numbered year. The general
42 assembly shall then adjourn until a day:



- 1 (1) certain fixed by a concurrent resolution; or
 2 (2) when the gavel of each house falls in the presence of a quorum
 3 whether or not a day certain to reconvene in session has been
 4 fixed.

5 (b) The general assembly shall reconvene in session no later than
 6 the fourth Monday in January of the following year. The second regular
 7 session of each term of the general assembly shall adjourn sine die not
 8 later than March 14 in any even-numbered year.

9 SECTION 4. IC 2-2.1-1-3.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON
 10 PASSAGE]. Sec. 3.5: (a) The second regular technical session of the
 11 general assembly shall convene on the second Tuesday after the first
 12 Monday in May of each even-numbered year.

13 (b) Only the following may be considered and acted upon during a
 14 second regular technical session:

- 15 (1) Bills enacted during the second regular session vetoed by the
 16 governor.
 17 (2) Bills to correct conflicts among bills enacted during the
 18 second regular session.
 19 (3) Bills to correct technical errors in bills enacted during the
 20 second regular session.

21 (c) The second regular technical session must adjourn sine die
 22 before midnight after it convenes.

23 (d) The second regular technical session is not required to convene
 24 if the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro
 25 tempore of the senate jointly issue an order finding that the purposes
 26 for which a regular technical session may meet under subsection (b) do
 27 not justify the cost and inconvenience of meeting in a regular technical
 28 session.

29 (e) If the general assembly does not meet in a regular technical
 30 session under this section, the general assembly may consider and act
 31 upon vetoes of bills enacted during the second regular session at the
 32 next first regular session.

33 (f) For purposes of Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of the
 34 State of Indiana, the second regular technical session is not considered
 35 a regular session if the general assembly does not consider or act upon
 36 vetoes of bills enacted during the second regular session under this
 37 section.

38 SECTION 5. IC 2-2.1-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. Procedures:
 40 Standing Committee Appointments: (a) By not later than ten (10) days
 41 after the election of officers as provided in sections 6 and 7 of this
 42 chapter, the appointments to the standing committees of the two (2)



1 houses of the General Assembly shall be made and announced by the
 2 Speaker **of the House of Representatives** and the President Pro
 3 Tempore **of the Senate**, respectively.

4 (b) At the reconvening in January of the **first regular session, of the**
 5 **term**, the lists of appointments to the standing committees shall be read
 6 in their respective houses and recorded in the journals thereof.

7 (c) The members of the standing committees shall serve for the term
 8 of the General Assembly in which they are appointed, unless removed,
 9 suspended, or unable to serve.

10 SECTION 6. IC 2-2.1-4-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.229-2011,
 11 SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "final day of
 13 session" means **either of the following:**

14 (1) **In the case of a regular session ending in a calendar year**
 15 **ending before January 1, 2026**, April 29 in odd-numbered years
 16 and March 14 in even-numbered years **or**

17 **(2) a date earlier than April 29 in odd-numbered years and March**
 18 **14 in even-numbered years; if unless** the presiding officers of
 19 each body have:

20 (A) jointly agreed; and

21 (B) publicly announced;

22 that ~~the an~~ earlier date will be the final day of session.

23 (2) **In the case of a regular session beginning after October 31,**
 24 **2026, May 15 in each odd-numbered year unless the presiding**
 25 **officers of each body have:**

26 (A) jointly agreed; and

27 (B) publicly announced;

28 that an earlier date will be the final day of session.

29 SECTION 7. IC 2-5-1.1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. There is hereby
 31 created a legislative council which shall be composed of sixteen (16)
 32 members of the general assembly as follows:

33 (a) From the senate: The president pro tempore, the minority leader,
 34 the majority caucus chairman, the minority caucus chairman, three (3)
 35 members appointed by the president pro tempore, and one (1) member
 36 appointed by the minority leader.

37 (b) From the house of representatives: The speaker of the house, the
 38 majority leader, the minority leader, the majority caucus chairman, the
 39 minority caucus chairman, two (2) members appointed by the speaker,
 40 and one (1) member appointed by the minority leader.

41 (c) The president of the senate may serve as an ex officio ~~non-voting~~
 42 **nonvoting** member of the council.



1 (d) The members of the council who serve by virtue of their office
2 shall serve until their successors are selected.

3 (e) The appointed members shall serve from the date of their
4 appointment until the next general election at which they run for
5 reelection, or until the convening of the ~~first~~ regular session of the next
6 general assembly, whichever is first to occur. The president pro
7 tempore, speaker, and minority leaders shall appoint their members not
8 later than five (5) days after the close of a ~~first~~ regular session of a
9 general assembly.

10 SECTION 8. IC 3-3-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. Congressional districts shall
12 be established by law at the ~~first~~ regular session of the general
13 assembly convening immediately following the United States decennial
14 census.

15 SECTION 9. IC 15-13-6-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION
16 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
17 PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The advisory committee consists of the
18 following members **appointed after the first day of each regular**
19 **session of the general assembly and before January 1 of the ensuing**
20 **calendar year:**

21 (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of
22 whom are members of the same political party, appointed by the
23 president pro tempore of the senate.

24 (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more
25 than two (2) of whom are members of the same political party,
26 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

27 (b) A member appointed under subsection (a) **begins serving on**
28 **January 1 and** serves until the first day of the ~~first~~ regular session of
29 the next general assembly following the member's appointment.

30 (c) A vacancy on the advisory committee shall be filled for the
31 unexpired term by the appointing authority who appointed the member
32 whose position is vacant.

33 (d) After appointment of the members of the advisory committee
34 under subsection (a), the:

35 (1) speaker of the house of representatives shall name one (1) of
36 the members as chairperson; and

37 (2) president pro tempore of the senate shall name another
38 member as vice chairperson.

39 The chairperson and the vice chairperson serve until ~~the first day of the~~
40 ~~second regular session of that general assembly.~~ **January 1 of the**
41 **calendar year following the calendar year in which the terms of the**
42 **members of the advisory committee began under subsection (a).**



1 The vice chairperson during the first ~~session year of the members'~~
 2 **term** then becomes the chairperson **for the second year**, and the
 3 chairperson during the first ~~session year of the members' term~~
 4 becomes the vice chairperson **for the second year**. The appointing
 5 authority may name a different chairperson or vice chairperson at any
 6 time.

7 SECTION 10. IC 21-18-16-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,
 8 SECTION 226, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall
 10 create a higher educational operating funding outcomes based formula
 11 that aligns with the goals outlined in the commission's long range plan
 12 for postsecondary education under IC 21-18-8.

13 (b) The commission shall create a separate higher educational
 14 operating funding outcomes based formula for Ivy Tech Community
 15 College that:

16 (1) aligns with the goals outlined in the commission's long range
 17 plan for postsecondary education under IC 21-18-8; and

18 (2) focuses on employer needs, positive wage outcomes, and
 19 stackable credentials.

20 (c) An outcomes based funding formula must be created and
 21 approved by the commission at a meeting of the commission on or
 22 before October 1 of each even-numbered year. ~~prior to each~~
 23 ~~odd-numbered year in which the general assembly will reconvene in a~~
 24 ~~first regular session and consider a state budget bill.~~

25 (d) The commission shall approve the metrics used for an outcomes
 26 based funding formula created under this chapter.

27 SECTION 11. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

