

SENATE BILL No. 33

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Citations Affected: IC 6-3.6; IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Distributions of public safety income tax revenue. Provides that a qualified township and various fire entities may apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of local income tax revenue that is allocated to public safety purposes. Requires the county adopting body to review a submitted application at a public hearing at which the qualified township or entity must present and explain its application. Provides that after the public hearing on the application, and before September 1, the county adopting body may adopt a resolution approving the application and requiring that tax revenue be distributed to the qualified township or entity. Provides the calculation for the amount of the allocation to a qualified township. Repeals certain provisions enacted in the 2023 session in HB 1454 regarding distribution of tax revenue allocated to public safety to township fire departments, volunteer fire departments, fire protection territories, or fire protection districts. Makes certain changes to provisions regarding the local income tax rate for local costs of the state judicial system in the county.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2024.

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January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy. January 30, 2024, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass. February 1, 2024, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed. February 2, 2024, engrossed. February 5, 2024, technical correction pursuant to Rule 35(c). Read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.



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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 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL No. 33

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

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

1	SECTION 1. IC 6-3.6-6-2.9, AS ADDED BY P.L.193-2023,
2	SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.9. (a) For purposes of this section,
4	"courtroom costs" includes staffing costs only for the court
5	reporter, court bailiff, or court administrator.
6	(b) A county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax
7	rate for:
8	(1) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section before
9	January 1, 2024, county staff expenses of the state judicial
10	system in the county; or
11	(2) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section after
12	December 31, 2023, courtroom costs of the state judicial
13	system in the county.
14	The tax rate must be in increments of one-hundredth of one percent
15	(0.01%) and may not exceed two-tenths of one percent $(0.2%)$. The tax
16	rate may not be in effect for more than twenty-five (25) years.
17	(b) (c) The revenue generated by a tax rate imposed under this



1	section must be distributed directly to the county before the remainder
2	of the expenditure rate revenue is distributed. The revenue shall be
3	maintained in a separate dedicated county fund. The revenue shall be
4	and used by the county:
5	(1) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section before
6	January 1, 2024, only for paying for county staff expenses of the
7	state judicial system in the county; and
8	(2) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section after
9	December 31, 2023, only for paying the courtroom costs of the
10	state judicial system in the county.
11	(c) (d) This subsection applies to a tax rate adopted under
12	subsection (b)(1). The local income tax revenue budgeted and spent
13	under this section by each county may not comprise more than fifty
14	percent (50%) of the county's total budgeted operational staffing
15	expenses related to the state judicial system in any given year.
16	(e) This subsection applies to a tax rate adopted under
17	subsection (b)(2). The local income tax revenue spent under this
18	section by each county may not comprise more than fifty percent
19	(50%) of the county's total operational staffing expenses related to
20	the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in any given year.
21	(d) (f) Counties that enact an ordinance to impose a tax rate under
22	this section shall annually report the following information for the prior
23	calendar year by May 1 to the justice reinvestment advisory council
24	established by IC 33-38-9.5-2:
25	(1) The types of court positions paid with local income tax
26	revenue generated by this section.
27	(2) The number of court positions by type paid for with local
28	income tax revenue generated by this section.
29	(3) The average salary by type of court position paid for with local
30	income tax revenue generated by this section.
31	(4) The county's total budgeted and actual staffing expenses or
32	courtroom costs, whichever is applicable, related to the state
33	judicial system.
34	(5) The county's portion of local income tax revenue that was
35	(A) budgeted for staffing expenses related to the state judicial
36	system; and
37	(B) actually spent on staffing expenses or courtroom costs,
38	whichever is applicable, related to the state judicial system.
39	(e) (g) The justice reinvestment advisory council shall annually
40	compile and report to the legislative council prior to July 1 of each year
41	the information required in subsection (d) (f) for each county. The
42	report must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.



SECTION 2. IC 6-3.6-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2023, SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies to the allocation of additional revenue from a tax under this chapter to public safety purposes. Funding dedicated for a PSAP under a former tax continues to apply under this chapter until it is rescinded or modified. If funding was not dedicated for a PSAP under a former tax, the adopting body may adopt a resolution providing that all or part of the additional revenue allocated to public safety is to be dedicated for a PSAP. The resolution first applies in the following year and then thereafter until it is rescinded or modified. Funding dedicated for a PSAP shall be allocated and distributed as provided in IC 6-3.6-11-4.

- (b) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection district" means a fire protection district established under IC 36-8-11.
- (c) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection territory" means a fire protection territory as described in IC 36-8-19-5 whose boundaries are entirely contained within a single county other than Marion County.
- (d) As used in this section, "qualified township" of a county refers to any township with a firefighting levy in a county (other than a township located in Marion County) that operates or contracts with a fire department, a volunteer fire department, or an emergency medical services provider.
- (b) (e) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), subsection (g), the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to public safety purposes, and after making allocations under IC 6-3.6-11, shall be allocated to the county and to each municipality in the county that is carrying out or providing at least one (1) public safety purpose. For purposes of this subsection, in the case of a consolidated city, the total property taxes imposed by the consolidated city include the property taxes imposed by the consolidated city and all special taxing districts (except for a public library district, a public transportation corporation, and a health and hospital corporation), and all special service districts. The amount allocated under this subsection to a county or municipality is equal to the result of:
 - (1) the amount of the remaining certified distribution that is allocated to public safety purposes; multiplied by
 - (2) a fraction equal to:
 - (A) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county or municipality for the calendar year preceding the distribution



1	year, divided by the sum of the total property taxes imposed in
2	the county by the county and each municipality in the county
3	that is entitled to a distribution under this section for that
4	calendar year; or
5	(B) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for
6	public safety under IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or a county that did
7	not impose a rate for public safety under either IC 6-3.5-1.1
8	(repealed) or IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the attributed
9	allocation amount of the county or municipality for the
10	calendar year preceding the distribution year, divided by the
11	sum of the attributed allocation amounts of the county and
12	each municipality in the county that is entitled to a distribution
13	under this section for that calendar year.
14	(f) A qualified township may, before July 1 of a year, apply to
15	the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under
16	this section. The county adopting body shall review an application
17	submitted by a qualified township at a public hearing, after giving
18	notice under IC 5-3-1, at which the qualified township must
19	present and explain its application. Not later than ten (10) days
20	after the public hearing, and before September 1 of a year, the
21	county adopting body may adopt a resolution approving the
22	application and requiring that tax revenue be distributed to the
23	qualified township under this subsection. If a resolution is adopted,
24	part of the certified distribution allocated to the county under
25	subsection (e) shall be allocated to the qualified township (or
26	qualified townships if more than one (1) qualified township applies)
27	in an amount equal to the result of:
28	(1) the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to
29	the county under subsection (e); multiplied by
30	(2) a fraction equal to:
31	(A) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for
32	public safety under IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the
33	total property taxes imposed in the county by the qualified
34	township for the calendar year, divided by the sum of the
35	total property taxes imposed in the county by the county
36	and each qualified township in the county; or
37	(B) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for
38	public safety under IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or a county that
39	did not impose a rate for public safety under either

did not impose a rate for public safety under either

IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result

of the attributed allocation amount of the qualified

township for the calendar year, divided by the sum of the



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attributed allocation amounts of the county and each qualified township in the county.

The county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified township in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified township rescinds its application under subsection (h).

- (e) (g) A fire department, volunteer fire department, qualified fire protection territory provider unit, qualified fire protection district, or emergency medical services provider that:
 - (1) provides fire protection or emergency medical services within the county; and
 - (2) is operated by or serves a political subdivision that is not otherwise entitled to receive a distribution of tax revenue under this section;

may, before July 1 of a year, apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under this section during the following calendar year. The county adopting body shall review an application submitted by a qualified fire protection territory provider unit or qualified fire protection district under this subsection at a public hearing, after giving notice under IC 5-3-1, at which the qualified applicant must present and explain its application. Not later than ten (10) days after the public hearing, and the county adopting body may, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution approving the application and requiring that one (1) or more of the applicants shall receive a specified amount of the tax revenue to be distributed to the qualified applicant under this section. during the following calendar year. The county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department applies only to distributions in the following calendar year. Any amount of tax revenue distributed under this subsection to a fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider shall be distributed before the remainder of the tax revenue is allocated under subsection (b). the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified applicant in



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the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified applicant rescinds its application under subsection (h).

(d) From the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to public safety purposes, and after making allocations under IC 6-3.6-11, the adopting body may adopt a resolution that one (1) or more township fire departments, volunteer fire departments, fire protection territories, or fire protection districts shall receive an amount of the tax revenue to be distributed under this section during the following calendar year up to the amount of revenue that is attributable to five one-hundredths of one percent (0.05%) of the tax rate imposed for allocations to public safety purposes. A resolution adopted under this subsection must include information on the service area for each township fire department, volunteer fire department, fire protection territory, or fire protection district, as applicable. Any distribution under this subsection must be based on the assessed value of real property, not including land, that is served by each township fire department, volunteer fire department, fire protection territory, or fire protection district, as applicable. The adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department applies only to distributions in the following calendar year. Any amount of tax revenue distributed under this subsection to a township fire department, volunteer fire department, fire protection territory, or fire protection district, as applicable, shall be distributed before the remainder of the tax revenue is allocated under subsection (b).

(h) A qualified township under subsection (f) or qualified applicant under subsection (g) that wishes to rescind its application under the applicable subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing before July 1 of a year. If the county adopting body receives a qualified township's or qualified applicant's written notice to rescind its application for a distribution of tax revenue under this subsection, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified township's or qualified applicant's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted.

SECTION 3. IC 36-8-19-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2023, SECTION 209, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS



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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 8. (a) Upon the adoption of identical ordinances or resolutions, or both, by the participating units under section 6 of this chapter, the designated provider unit must establish a fire protection territory fund from which all expenses of operating and maintaining the fire protection services within the territory, including repairs, fees, salaries, depreciation on all depreciable assets, rents, supplies, contingencies, and all other expenses lawfully incurred within the territory shall be paid. The purposes described in this subsection are the sole purposes of the fund, and money in the fund may not be used for any other expenses. Except as allowed in subsections (d) and (e) and section 8.5 of this chapter, the provider unit is not authorized to transfer money out of the fund at any time.

- (b) The fund consists of the following:
 - (1) All receipts from the tax imposed under this section.
 - (2) Any money transferred to the fund by the provider unit as authorized under subsection (d).
 - (3) Any receipts from a false alarm fee or service charge imposed by the participating units under IC 36-8-13-4.
 - (4) Any money transferred to the fund by a participating unit under section 8.6 of this chapter.
 - (5) Any receipts from a distribution made under IC 6-3.6-6-8(d), IC 6-3.6-6-8(g), which shall be deposited in the fund.
- (c) The provider unit, with the assistance of each of the other participating units, shall annually budget the necessary money to meet the expenses of operation and maintenance of the fire protection services within the territory. The provider unit may maintain a reasonable balance, not to exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the budgeted expenses. Except as provided in IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.5, and subject to section 7(c) of this chapter, after estimating expenses and receipts of money, the provider unit shall establish the tax levy required to fund the estimated budget. Subject to IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.5(c), the amount budgeted under this subsection shall be considered a part of each of the participating unit's budget.
- (d) If the amount levied in a particular year is insufficient to cover the costs incurred in providing fire protection services within the territory, the provider unit may transfer from available sources to the fire protection territory fund the money needed to cover those costs. In this case:
 - (1) the levy in the following year shall be increased by the amount required to be transferred; and
 - (2) the provider unit is entitled to transfer the amount described



in subdivision (1) from the fund as reimbursement to the provider
unit.

- (e) If the amount levied in a particular year exceeds the amount necessary to cover the costs incurred in providing fire protection services within the territory, the levy in the following year shall be reduced by the amount of surplus money that is not transferred to the equipment replacement fund established under section 8.5 of this chapter. The amount that may be transferred to the equipment replacement fund may not exceed five percent (5%) of the levy for that fund for that year. Each participating unit must agree to the amount to be transferred by adopting an ordinance (if the unit is a county or municipality) or a resolution (if the unit is a township) that specifies an identical amount to be transferred.
- (f) The tax under this section is subject to the tax levy limitations imposed under IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.5.

SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 33, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 6-3.6-6-2.9, AS ADDED BY P.L.193-2023, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.9. (a) For purposes of this section, "courtroom costs" includes staffing costs only for the court reporter, court bailiff, or court administrator.

- **(b)** A county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax rate for county staff expenses courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county. The tax rate must be in increments of one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%) and may not exceed two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). The tax rate may not be in effect for more than twenty-five (25) years.
- (b) (c) The revenue generated by a tax rate imposed under this section must be distributed directly to the county before the remainder of the expenditure rate revenue is distributed. The revenue shall be maintained in a separate dedicated county fund and used by the county only for paying for county staff expenses courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county.
- (c) (d) The local income tax revenue budgeted and spent under this section by each county may not comprise more than fifty percent (50%) of the county's total budgeted operational staffing expenses related to the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in any given year.
- (d) (e) Counties that enact an ordinance to impose a tax rate under this section shall annually report the following information for the prior calendar year by May 1 to the justice reinvestment advisory council established by IC 33-38-9.5-2:
 - (1) The types of court positions paid with local income tax revenue generated by this section.
 - (2) The number of court positions by type paid for with local income tax revenue generated by this section.
 - (3) The average salary by type of court position paid for with local income tax revenue generated by this section.
 - (4) The county's total budgeted and actual staffing expenses courtroom costs related to the state judicial system.
 - (5) The county's portion of local income tax revenue that was



- (A) budgeted for staffing expenses related to the state judicial system; and
- (B) actually spent on staffing expenses. courtroom costs related to the state judicial system.
- (e) (f) The justice reinvestment advisory council shall annually compile and report to the legislative council prior to July 1 of each year the information required in subsection (d) for each county. The report must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6."
 - Page 3, line 4, delete "shall" and insert "may".
 - Page 4, line 10, strike "and" and insert "the county adopting body".
 - Page 4, line 10, reset in roman "may,".
 - Page 4, line 11, delete "the county adopting body shall".
 - Page 6, after line 40, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 - "SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 33 as introduced.)

HOLDMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 33 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 1. IC 6-3.6-6-2.9, AS ADDED BY P.L.193-2023, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.9. (a) For purposes of this section, "courtroom costs" includes staffing costs only for the court reporter, court bailiff, or court administrator.

- **(b)** A county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax rate for:
 - (1) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section before January 1, 2024, county staff expenses of the state judicial system in the county; or
 - (2) in the case or a tax rate adopted under this section after December 31, 2023, courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county.

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The tax rate must be in increments of one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%) and may not exceed two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). The tax rate may not be in effect for more than twenty-five (25) years.

- (b) (c) The revenue generated by a tax rate imposed under this section must be distributed directly to the county before the remainder of the expenditure rate revenue is distributed. The revenue shall be maintained in a separate dedicated county fund. The revenue shall be and used by the county:
 - (1) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section before January 1, 2024, only for paying for county staff expenses of the state judicial system in the county; and
 - (2) in the case of a tax rate adopted under this section after December 31, 2023, only for paying the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county.
- (c) (d) This subsection applies to a tax rate adopted under subsection (b)(1). The local income tax revenue budgeted and spent under this section by each county may not comprise more than fifty percent (50%) of the county's total budgeted operational staffing expenses related to the state judicial system in any given year.
- (e) This subsection applies to a tax rate adopted under subsection (b)(2). The local income tax revenue spent under this section by each county may not comprise more than fifty percent (50%) of the county's total operational staffing expenses related to the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in any given year.
- (d) (f) Counties that enact an ordinance to impose a tax rate under this section shall annually report the following information for the prior calendar year by May 1 to the justice reinvestment advisory council established by IC 33-38-9.5-2:
 - (1) The types of court positions paid with local income tax revenue generated by this section.
 - (2) The number of court positions by type paid for with local income tax revenue generated by this section.
 - (3) The average salary by type of court position paid for with local income tax revenue generated by this section.
 - (4) The county's total budgeted and actual staffing expenses or courtroom costs, whichever is applicable, related to the state judicial system.
 - (5) The county's portion of local income tax revenue that was (A) budgeted for staffing expenses related to the state judicial system; and
 - (B) actually spent on staffing expenses or courtroom costs, whichever is applicable, related to the state judicial system.



(e) (g) The justice reinvestment advisory council shall annually compile and report to the legislative council prior to July 1 of each year the information required in subsection (d) (f) for each county. The report must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.".

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 25.

(Reference is to SB 33 as printed January 31, 2024.)

HOLDMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure reports that pursuant to Senate Rule 35(c), the following technical corrections are to be made to Engrossed Senate Bill 33:

Page 1, line 11, delete "or" and insert "of".

(Reference is to ESB 33 as reprinted February 2, 2024.)

BRAY

