

SENATE BILL No. 106

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-2.1-12.

Synopsis: Rights of public safety officers. Permits a public safety officer to bring a claim against a police department or fire department for a violation of the rights of public safety officers.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



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

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 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-8-2.1-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 12. (a) Notwithstanding defenses available and**
4 **immunity provided in IC 34-13-3, if a department violates the**
5 **rights of a public safety officer provided by this chapter, the public**
6 **safety officer may bring a claim against the department.**
7 **(b) A public safety officer who prevails in an action brought**
8 **under this section is entitled to:**
9 **(1) compensatory relief;**
10 **(2) declaratory and injunctive relief; and**
11 **(3) court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and other**
12 **reasonable expenses of litigation, including expert witness**
13 **fees.**

