

SENATE BILL No. 150

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 33-39-11.

Synopsis: Witness protection pilot program. Authorizes the establishment of a three-year witness protection pilot program in Marion County and in Vanderburgh County to provide protection for victims of and witnesses to crime. Appropriates \$200,000 in each of three fiscal years to the Indiana criminal justice institute to fund the pilot programs.

Effective: July 1, 2018.

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.



Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-39-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2018]:

4 **Chapter 11. Witness Protection Pilot Program**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" means a witness**
6 **protection pilot program established under section 2 of this**
7 **chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. The prosecuting attorneys of:**
9 **(1) Vanderburgh County; and**
10 **(2) Marion County;**
11 **may each establish a three (3) year witness protection pilot**
12 **program to provide protection for victims of and witnesses to**
13 **crime, with particular emphasis on gang related crimes and crimes**
14 **of domestic violence.**

15 **Sec. 3. A pilot program established under this chapter may be**
16 **funded by:**
17 **(1) funds and other grants from the Indiana criminal justice**



- 1 institute;
 2 (2) gifts and donations; and
 3 (3) any other available source of funding.

4 **Sec. 4. A pilot program established under this chapter may**
 5 **provide:**

- 6 (1) physical protection;
 7 (2) threat intelligence gathering and analysis;
 8 (3) witness and victim assistance programs, in collaboration
 9 with appropriate community based advocacy agencies,
 10 including:
 11 (A) treatment;
 12 (B) counseling;
 13 (C) continuing education;
 14 (D) career counseling; and
 15 (E) life skills training;
 16 (4) relocation services, including temporary and transitional
 17 housing and transportation and storage of personal
 18 possessions;
 19 (5) appropriate identification documents; and
 20 (6) other services as necessary and approved by the
 21 prosecuting attorney.

22 **Sec. 5. The Indiana criminal justice institute:**

- 23 (1) shall provide funding to each pilot program established
 24 under this chapter from money appropriated to the institute
 25 for that purpose; and
 26 (2) may provide additional grants to the pilot programs.

27 Funding provided under subdivision (1) must be equally
 28 distributed between Marion County and Vanderburgh County.

29 **Sec. 6. This chapter expires July 1, 2021.**

30 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018] (a) The following funds
 31 are appropriated to the Indiana criminal justice institute from the
 32 state general fund for its use in funding the witness protection pilot
 33 programs established under IC 33-39-11-2, as added by this act:

- 34 (1) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the state
 35 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.
 36 (2) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the state
 37 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.
 38 (3) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the state
 39 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

40 (b) The appropriations described in subsection (a) must be
 41 equally distributed between the witness protection pilot program
 42 in Marion County and the witness protection pilot program in



- 1 **Vanderburgh County.**
- 2 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.**

