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SENATE BILL No. 211

DIGEST OF SB 211 (Updated January 13, 2025 4:12 pm - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 14-32.

Synopsis: Clean water Indiana program. Permits the use of funds from the clean water Indiana fund to manage invasive plant species.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 14, 2025, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-32-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.175-2006,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. The purpose of the program is to provide
4 financial assistance to:

5 (1) soil and water conservation districts;
6 (2) land occupiers; and
7 (3) conservation groups;
8 to implement conservation practices to reduce nonpoint sources of
9 water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and
10 cost sharing programs **and to manage invasive plant species.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 14-32-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2011,
12 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 7. Money in the fund may be spent in the
14 following ways:

15 (1) To increase district technical assistance in local conservation
16 efforts.
17 (2) To develop an environmental stewardship program to assist

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- 1 land occupiers in complying with environmental regulations
2 voluntarily.
- 3 (3) To qualify for federal matching funds.
- 4 (4) To provide for the following cost sharing programs:
5 (A) A program to encourage land occupiers to implement
6 conservation practices to reduce nutrient, pesticide, and
7 sediment runoff.
8 (B) Programs that encourage land occupiers to implement
9 nutrient management programs by sharing the cost of any of
10 the following:
11 (i) Fencing for intensive grazing systems.
12 (ii) Purchasing nutrient management equipment.
13 (iii) Voluntary environmental audits.
14 (iv) Other similar expenditures related to nutrient
15 management.
- 16 (5) To provide matching grants to districts for the following:
17 (A) Professional watershed coordinators to facilitate and
18 administer local watershed protection projects.
19 (B) District managers to administer district conservation
20 policies and programs.
- 21 (6) To increase state technical and capacity building assistance to
22 districts and local conservation efforts by providing for the
23 following:
24 (A) Capacity building specialists to train district personnel in
25 grant writing, grant administration, and leadership
26 development.
27 (B) Conservation education specialists to help implement
28 district conservation education efforts.
29 (C) Urban storm water specialists to provide technical
30 assistance to developers to contain soil erosion on construction
31 sites.
- 32 (7) To make distributions as provided under section 8 of this
33 chapter.
- 34 (8) Implementation of geographic information systems (GIS) or
35 similar technology.
- 36 **(9) To provide for the management of invasive plant species.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 211, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 211 as introduced.)

GLICK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

