

SENATE BILL No. 218

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-20.

Synopsis: Township homeless assistance. Beginning July 1, 2022: (1) requires (rather than allows) a township trustee to place a homeless individual temporarily in a county home or provide temporary township assistance; and (2) requires the township trustees within a county to collaborate and prepare a list of public and private resources available to the homeless population that is distributed and published on the county's Internet web site not later than March 1 of each year.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.



First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

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 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-20-17-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.73-2005,
2 SECTION 84, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. If an individual who is determined to be eligible
4 for township assistance and entitled to temporary relief is in a township
5 in which the individual does not have legal residence **and is homeless**,
6 the township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, ~~may~~,
7 **shall**, if the trustee considers advisable:
8 (1) place the individual temporarily in the county home, if any,
9 where the individual, if capable, is to be employed; **or**
10 (2) **provide temporary township assistance under this article.**
11 SECTION 2. IC 12-20-28-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
13 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. (a) **Each township trustee within a county shall**
14 **collaborate together annually to prepare a written comprehensive**
15 **list of assistance. The list shall include assistance that is available:**
16 (1) **to the homeless population for each township; and**
17 (2) **from both public and known private resources, including**



- 1 **township assistance.**
- 2 **(b) Not later than March 1 of each year, the list prepared under**
- 3 **this section shall be:**
- 4 **(1) distributed to each city, town, and township within a**
- 5 **county; and**
- 6 **(2) published and maintained on the county's Internet web**
- 7 **site.**

