



January 17, 2020

SENATE BILL No. 237

DIGEST OF SB 237 (Updated January 16, 2020 12:35 pm - DI 135)

Citations Affected: IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Care of city police officers and firefighters. Requires a city to pay for the care of a police officer or firefighter who suffers an injury while on duty.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 9, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 16, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 2019 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 36-8-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) A city shall pay for the care
3 of a police officer or firefighter who suffers an injury while ~~performing~~
4 ~~the person's on~~ duty or contracts illness caused by the performance of
5 the person's duty, including an injury or illness that results in a
6 disability or death presumed incurred in the line of duty under
7 IC 5-10-13. This care includes:
8 (1) medical and surgical care;
9 (2) medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents and
10 means;
11 (3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including during
12 the recovery period; and
13 (4) hospital and special nursing care if the physician or surgeon
14 in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.
15 (b) Expenditures required by subsection (a) shall be paid from the
16 general fund of the city.
17 (c) A city that has paid for the care of a police officer or firefighter

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1 under subsection (a) has a cause of action for reimbursement of the
2 amount paid under subsection (a) against any third party against whom
3 the police officer or firefighter has a cause of action for an injury
4 sustained because of or an illness caused by the third party. The city's
5 cause of action under this subsection is in addition to, and not in lieu
6 of, the cause of action of the police officer or firefighter against the
7 third party.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 237, 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 237 as introduced.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

