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## HOUSE BILL No. 1558

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DIGEST OF HB 1558 (Updated February 10, 2021 2:59 pm - DI 131)

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-2; IC 36-8.

**Synopsis:** Indiana crime guns task force. Establishes the Indiana crime guns task force (task force) to address violent crime in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, Johnson, and Shelby counties by delivering, in cooperation with state and federal officials, a uniform strategy to trace firearms used to commit crimes. Establishes an executive board to direct and oversee the task force. Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute to establish and administer the task force fund. Makes conforming amendments.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.  
February 11, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-2-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2020,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. The institute is established to do the following:  
4 (1) Evaluate state and local programs associated with:  
5 (A) the prevention, detection, and solution of criminal  
6 offenses;  
7 (B) law enforcement; and  
8 (C) the administration of criminal and juvenile justice.  
9 (2) Participate in statewide collaborative efforts to improve all  
10 aspects of law enforcement, juvenile justice, and criminal justice  
11 in this state.  
12 (3) Stimulate criminal and juvenile justice research.  
13 (4) Develop new methods for the prevention and reduction of  
14 crime.  
15 (5) Prepare applications for funds under the Omnibus Act and the  
16 Juvenile Justice Act.  
17 (6) Administer victim and witness assistance funds.

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- 1 (7) Administer the traffic safety functions assigned to the institute  
2 under IC 9-27-2.
- 3 (8) Compile and analyze information and disseminate the  
4 information to persons who make criminal justice decisions in this  
5 state.
- 6 (9) Serve as the criminal justice statistical analysis center for this  
7 state.
- 8 (10) Identify grants and other funds that can be used by the  
9 department of correction to carry out its responsibilities  
10 concerning sex or violent offender registration under IC 11-8-8.
- 11 (11) Administer the application and approval process for  
12 designating an area of a consolidated or second class city as a  
13 public safety improvement area under IC 36-8-19.5.
- 14 (12) Administer funds for the support of any sexual offense  
15 services.
- 16 (13) Administer funds for the support of domestic violence  
17 programs.
- 18 (14) Administer funds to support assistance to victims of human  
19 sexual trafficking offenses as provided in IC 35-42-3.5-4.
- 20 (15) Administer the domestic violence prevention and treatment  
21 fund under IC 5-2-6.7.
- 22 (16) Administer the family violence and victim assistance fund  
23 under IC 5-2-6.8.
- 24 (17) Monitor and evaluate criminal code reform under  
25 IC 5-2-6-24.
- 26 (18) Administer the enhanced enforcement drug mitigation area  
27 fund and pilot program established under IC 5-2-11.5.
- 28 (19) Administer the ignition interlock inspection account  
29 established under IC 9-30-8-7.
- 30 (20) Identify any federal, state, or local grants that can be used to  
31 assist in the funding and operation of regional holding facilities  
32 under IC 11-12-6.5.
- 33 (21) Coordinate with state and local criminal justice agencies for  
34 the collection and transfer of data from sheriffs concerning jail:  
35 (A) populations; and  
36 (B) statistics;  
37 for the purpose of providing jail data to the management  
38 performance hub established by IC 4-3-26-8.
- 39 **(22) Establish and administer the Indiana crime guns task**  
40 **force fund under IC 36-8-25.5-8.**
- 41 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-25.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
42 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2021]:

2 **Chapter 25.5. Indiana Crime Guns Task Force**

3 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

4 (1) "Executive board" means the task force executive board  
5 established by section 3 of this chapter.

6 (2) "Task force" means the Indiana crime guns task force  
7 established by section 2 of this chapter.

8 (3) "Task force area" means one (1) or more of the following  
9 counties:

10 (A) Boone County.

11 (B) Hamilton County.

12 (C) Hancock County.

13 (D) Hendricks County.

14 (E) Marion County.

15 (F) Morgan County.

16 (G) Johnson County.

17 (H) Shelby County.

18 **Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana crime guns task force is established. The**  
19 **task force shall be hosted by the Indianapolis metropolitan police**  
20 **department, which shall administratively support the task force.**

21 **(b) The purpose of the task force is to reduce violent crime and**  
22 **bring violent criminals to justice by delivering, in cooperation with**  
23 **state and federal officials, a uniform strategy to trace firearms**  
24 **used to commit crimes.**

25 **(c) The task force consists of:**

26 (1) the executive board;

27 (2) an executive director;

28 (3) law enforcement officers assigned to the task force by a  
29 law enforcement agency located in the task force area; and

30 (4) other employees and staff, whether assigned to the task  
31 force by a law enforcement agency or employed directly by  
32 the task force.

33 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force executive board is established to**  
34 **oversee and direct the operations of the task force.**

35 **(b) The executive board consists of:**

36 (1) the chief of police of the Indianapolis metropolitan police  
37 department or the chief's designee, who serves as the  
38 chairperson of the executive board;

39 (2) the superintendent of the Indiana state police department  
40 or the superintendent's designee, who serves as the vice  
41 chairperson of the executive board; and

42 (3) a sheriff or chief of police from each department in the



- 1           task force area which has assigned an officer to the task force.
- 2           (c) The executive board shall hold meetings at the call of the
- 3 chairperson. The executive board may establish rules governing
- 4 meetings.
- 5           (d) Five (5) executive board members constitute a quorum for
- 6 the transaction of business. Each member has one (1) vote, and
- 7 action by the executive board may be taken only upon the
- 8 affirmative votes of the majority of attending members. If a vote
- 9 is a tie, the position for which the chairperson voted prevails, as
- 10 long as that position has received the affirmative votes of at least
- 11 three (3) members.
- 12           (e) A member of the executive board is not entitled to:
- 13           (1) the minimum salary per diem provided by
- 14 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b); or
- 15           (2) reimbursement for traveling and other expenses as
- 16 provided under IC 4-13-1-4.
- 17           Sec. 4. (a) The Indianapolis metropolitan police department
- 18 shall appoint an executive director to assist the executive board in
- 19 the efficient administration of its powers and duties. The person
- 20 appointed as executive director must have at least ten (10) years of
- 21 experience as a law enforcement officer, with at least five (5) years
- 22 of command experience.
- 23           (b) The executive director:
- 24           (1) shall oversee the day to day operations of the task force,
- 25 including supervision of task force divisions;
- 26           (2) is the executive agent of the executive board in the
- 27 administration of the executive board's policies; and
- 28           (3) has the other powers and duties delegated to the executive
- 29 director by the executive board.
- 30           (c) Subject to the approval of the executive board, the executive
- 31 director shall:
- 32           (1) employ; and
- 33           (2) determine the qualifications, compensation, and duties of;
- 34 employees and staff necessary to carry out the operations of the
- 35 task force. For purposes of this subsection, "employees and staff"
- 36 does not include law enforcement officers assigned to the task
- 37 force.
- 38           Sec. 5. (a) The chairperson is the presiding officer at the
- 39 meetings of the executive board. The chairperson, together with the
- 40 executive director, shall prepare, certify, and authenticate all
- 41 proceedings, minutes, records, rules, and regulations of the
- 42 executive board.



1           (b) The executive board has the general power to organize its  
2 work and to enforce and administer this chapter.

3           **Sec. 6. The executive board shall do the following:**

4           (1) Work with the executive director to develop a  
5 memorandum of understanding to be used with participating  
6 law enforcement agencies. The memorandum of  
7 understanding must include:

8           (A) staffing and personnel requirements;

9           (B) standard operating procedures for investigating crimes  
10 involving firearms; and

11           (C) a requirement that all participating law enforcement  
12 agencies use the National Integrated Ballistic Information  
13 Network (NIBIN).

14           A memorandum of understanding must comply with section  
15 7 of this chapter.

16           (2) Provide a quarterly report to the governor and the  
17 legislative council concerning the activities of the task force.  
18 The report to the legislative council must be in an electronic  
19 format under IC 5-14-6.

20           **Sec. 7. Personnel assigned to the task force by a participating**  
21 **law enforcement agency remain employees of the participating**  
22 **agency and not of the task force. The following apply to personnel**  
23 **assigned to the task force by a participating law enforcement**  
24 **agency:**

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26 personnel it assigned to the task force.

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32 Indiana tort claims act, personnel from a participating agency  
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35 task force, employees of the participating law enforcement  
36 agency.

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38 providing for the payment of compensation and benefits to its  
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41 any loss, damage, expense, or cost the participating law  
42 enforcement agency incurs while participating in the task



- 1           **force.**
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- 3 **the Indiana crime guns task force fund for the purpose of**
- 4 **providing support for the operations of the task force.**
- 5           **(b) The fund is a nonreverting fund that consists of the**
- 6 **following:**
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- 9 **memorandum of understanding.**
- 10           **(3) Money appropriated to fund the task force.**
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- 13 **fund.**
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- 15 **expenditures and claims for payment made by the executive board.**
- 16           **(f) The Indiana criminal justice institute shall annually**
- 17 **appropriate all money in the fund to support the operations of the**
- 18 **task force.**
- 19           **(g) The Indiana criminal justice institute has no authority to**
- 20 **de-appropriate or reallocate any money from the Indiana crime**
- 21 **guns task force fund for any purpose outside of the mission of the**
- 22 **task force as determined by the executive board of the task force.**





## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1558, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

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Delete pages 2 through 8.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1558 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

