

Adopted Rejected

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

YES: 19 NO: 0

## MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on <u>Ways and Means</u>, to which was referred <u>House Bill 1260</u>, 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:

1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new 2 paragraph and insert: 3 "SECTION 1. IC 4-12-1-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2021, 4 SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 5 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 18. Except for allotment stipulations provided 6 in IC 4-12-18, federal funds received by an instrumentality are 7 appropriated for purposes specified by the federal government and the 8 general assembly, if that body elects to appropriate federal funds, 9 subject to allotment by the budget agency. The provisions of this 10 chapter and other laws concerning the acceptance, disbursement, 11 review, and approval of grants, loans, and gifts made by the federal 12 government or any other source to the state or its agencies apply to 13 instrumentalities. 14 SECTION 2. IC 4-12-18-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.64-2021,

SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. (a) There is created the economic stimulus fund. Within the economic stimulus fund The auditor of state shall create a one (1) or more separate account economic stimulus funds for each separate federal stimulus legislation enacted. All discretionary funds received by the state must be deposited in the a corresponding account within the economic stimulus fund unless prohibited by federal law.

- (b) The economic stimulus fund is Economic stimulus funds are separate from the state general fund and all other state funds and accounts.
- (c) For purposes of SECTION 26 of P.L.165-2021, "deposit" means to comply with the purposes, eligible uses, and stipulations of the statutory fund referenced unless federal law or regulations conflict with the statutory fund purposes, eligible uses, and stipulations.

SECTION 3. IC 4-12-18-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.64-2021, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 5. Discretionary funds deposited into the an economic stimulus fund during a period in which the general assembly is convened in a regular session, an emergency session under IC 2-2.1-1.2, or a special session may not be allotted or expended unless appropriated by the general assembly or reviewed by the budget committee. Appropriations made by the general assembly do not revert until the end of the biennium in which they are appropriated.

SECTION 4. IC 4-12-18-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.64-2021, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 6. Before discretionary funds deposited into the an economic stimulus fund during a period in which the general assembly is not convened in a regular session, an emergency session under IC 2-2.1-1.2, or a special session may be allotted to or expended by a state agency or instrumentality, the allotment or expenditure must be reviewed by the budget committee. Money is considered continuously appropriated for the period of the federal award after budget committee review.

SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-3-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.108-2019, SECTION 101, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1	[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in
2	subsections (b), and (c), and (f), a taxpayer shall, on or before the filing
3	date of each year, file a personal property return with:
4	(1) the assessor of each township in which the taxpayer's personal
5	property is subject to assessment;
6	(2) the county assessor if there is no township assessor for a
7	township in which the taxpayer's personal property is subject to
8	assessment; or
9	(3) after 2020, the personal property online submission portal
10	developed and maintained by the department under section 26 of
11	this chapter.
12	(b) The township assessor or county assessor may grant a taxpayer
13	an extension of not more than thirty (30) days to file the taxpayer's
14	return if:
15	(1) the taxpayer submits a written or an electronic application for
16	an extension prior to the filing date; and
17	(2) the taxpayer is prevented from filing a timely return because
18	of sickness, absence from the county, or any other good and
19	sufficient reason.
20	(c) If a taxpayer:
21	(1) has personal property subject to assessment in more than one
22	(1) township in a county; or
23	(2) has personal property that is subject to assessment and that is
24	located in two (2) or more taxing districts within the same
25	township;
26	the taxpayer shall file a single return with the county assessor and
27	attach a schedule listing, by township, all the taxpayer's personal
28	property and the property's assessed value. The taxpayer shall provide
29	the county assessor with the information necessary for the county
30	assessor to allocate the assessed value of the taxpayer's personal
31	property among the townships listed on the return and among taxing
32	districts, including the street address, the township, and the location of
33	the property. The taxpayer may, in the alternative, submit the taxpayer's
34	personal property information and the property's assessed value
35	through the personal property online submission portal developed
36	under section 26 of this chapter.
37	(d) The county assessor shall provide to each affected township

assessor (if any) in the county all information filed by a taxpayer under

subsection (c) that affects the township.

(e) The county assessor may refuse to accept a personal property tax return that does not comply with subsection (c). For purposes of IC 6-1.1-37-7, a return to which subsection (c) applies is filed on the date it is filed with the county assessor with the schedule required by subsection (c) attached.

## (f) This subsection applies to a church that:

(1) has filed a personal property tax return under this section for each of the five (5) years preceding a particular year; and (2) on each of the returns described in subdivision (1) has not owed any tax liability due to exemptions under IC 6-1.1 for which the church has been deemed eligible.

Notwithstanding any other law, a church is not required to file a personal property tax return for a year under this section unless there is a change in ownership of any personal property included on a return described in subdivision (1), or any other change that results in the personal property no longer being eligible for an exemption under IC 6-1.1, or the church would otherwise be liable for property tax imposed on personal property owned by the church."

Page 1, line 1, delete "JULY 1," and insert "UPON PASSAGE].".

Page 1, line 2, delete "2022].".

Page 3, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 8. IC 6-1.1-8-25.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 25.5. The department of local government finance shall notify a company subject to taxation under this chapter if any of the company's property that was previously assessed by the department of local government finance under this chapter will instead be assessed by the township assessor, or the county assessor if there is not a township assessor for the township, under this chapter."

Page 3, line 16, delete "JULY 1, 2022]:" and insert "UPON PASSAGE]:".

Page 6, between lines 19 and 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-12-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020,
SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE]

JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 9. (a) An individual may obtain a deduction from

1	the assessed value of the individual's real property, or mobile home or
2	manufactured home which is not assessed as real property, if:
3	(1) the individual is at least sixty-five (65) years of age on or
4	before December 31 of the calendar year preceding the year in
5	which the deduction is claimed;
6	(2) for assessment dates before January 1, 2020, the combined
7	adjusted gross income (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal
8	Revenue Code) of:
9	(A) the individual and the individual's spouse; or
10	(B) the individual and all other individuals with whom:
11	(i) the individual shares ownership; or
12	(ii) the individual is purchasing the property under a
13	contract;
14	as joint tenants or tenants in common;
15	for the calendar year preceding the year in which the deduction is
16	claimed did not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);
17	(3) for assessment dates after December 31, 2019:
18	(A) the individual had, in the case of an individual who filed
19	a single return, adjusted gross income (as defined in Section
20	62 of the Internal Revenue Code) not exceeding thirty
21	thousand dollars (\$30,000);
22	(B) the individual had, in the case of an individual who filed
23	a joint income tax return with the individual's spouse,
24	combined adjusted gross income (as defined in Section 62 of
25	the Internal Revenue Code) not exceeding forty thousand
26	dollars (\$40,000); or
27	(C) the combined adjusted gross income (as defined in Section
28	62 of the Internal Revenue Code) of the individual and all
29	other individuals with whom:
30	(i) the individual shares ownership; or
31	(ii) the individual is purchasing the property under a
32	contract;
33	as joint tenants or tenants in common did not exceed forty
34	thousand dollars (\$40,000);
35	for the calendar year preceding by two (2) years the calendar year
36	in which the property taxes are first due and payable;
37	(4) the individual has owned the real property, mobile home, or
38	manufactured home for at least one (1) year before claiming the

1	deduction; or the individual has been buying the real property,
2	mobile home, or manufactured home under a contract that
3	provides that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the real
4	property, mobile home, or manufactured home for at least one (1)
5	year before claiming the deduction, and the contract or a
6	memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's
7	office;
8	(5) for assessment dates:
9	(A) before January 1, 2020, the individual and any individuals
10	covered by subdivision (2)(B) reside on the real property,
11	mobile home, or manufactured home; or
12	(B) after December 31, 2019, the individual and any
13	individuals covered by subdivision (3)(C) reside on the real
14	property, mobile home, or manufactured home;
15	(6) except as provided in subsection (i), the assessed value of the
16	real property, mobile home, or manufactured home does not
17	exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).
18	(7) the individual receives no other property tax deduction for the
19	year in which the deduction is claimed, except the deductions
20	provided by sections 1, 37, (for assessment dates after February
21	28, 2008) 37.5, and 38 of this chapter; and
22	(8) the person:
23	(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
24	home; or
25	(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
26	home under contract;
27	on the date the statement required by section 10.1 of this chapter
28	is filed.
29	(b) Except as provided in subsection (h), in the case of real property,
30	an individual's deduction under this section equals the lesser of:
31	(1) one-half $(1/2)$ of the assessed value of the real property; or
32	(2) fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000).
33	(c) Except as provided in subsection (h) and section 40.5 of this
34	chapter, in the case of a mobile home that is not assessed as real
35	property or a manufactured home which is not assessed as real
36	property, an individual's deduction under this section equals the lesser
37	of:
38	(1) one-half (1/2) of the assessed value of the mobile home or

1	manufactured home; or
2	(2) fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000).
3	(d) An individual may not be denied the deduction provided under
4	this section because the individual is absent from the real property,
5	mobile home, or manufactured home while in a nursing home or
6	hospital.
7	(e) For purposes of this section, if real property, a mobile home, or
8	a manufactured home is owned by:
9	(1) tenants by the entirety;
10	(2) joint tenants; or
11	(3) tenants in common;
12	only one (1) deduction may be allowed. However, the age requirement
13	is satisfied if any one (1) of the tenants is at least sixty-five (65) years
14	of age.
15	(f) A surviving spouse is entitled to the deduction provided by this
16	section if:
17	(1) the surviving spouse is at least sixty (60) years of age on or
18	before December 31 of the calendar year preceding the year in
19	which the deduction is claimed;
20	(2) the surviving spouse's deceased husband or wife was at least
21	sixty-five (65) years of age at the time of a death;
22	(3) the surviving spouse has not remarried; and
23	(4) the surviving spouse satisfies the requirements prescribed in
24	subsection (a)(2) through (a)(8).
25	(g) An individual who has sold real property to another person
26	under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the
27	property taxes on the real property may not claim the deduction
28	provided under this section against that real property.
29	(h) In the case of tenants covered by subsection (a)(2)(B) or
30	(a)(3)(C), if all of the tenants are not at least sixty-five (65) years of
31	age, the deduction allowed under this section shall be reduced by an
32	amount equal to the deduction multiplied by a fraction. The numerator
33	of the fraction is the number of tenants who are not at least sixty-five
34	(65) years of age, and the denominator is the total number of tenants.
35	(i) For purposes of determining the assessed value of the real
36	property, mobile home, or manufactured home under subsection (a)(6)
37	for an individual who has received a deduction under this section in a

particular previous year, increases in assessed value that occur after

1 the later of: 2 (1) December 31, 2019; or 3 (2) the first year that the individual has received the deduction; 4 are not considered unless the increase in assessed value is attributable 5 to physical improvements to the property. substantial renovation or 6 new improvements. Where there is an increase in assessed value 7 for purposes of the deduction under this section, the assessor shall 8 provide a report to the county auditor describing the substantial 9 renovation or new improvements, if any, that were made to the 10 property prior to the increase in assessed value. 11 SECTION 12. IC 6-1.1-12-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020, 12 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE 13 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) and 14 except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may 15 have the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) deducted from the 16 assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real 17 property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the 18 individual owns (or the real property, mobile home not assessed as real 19 property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the 20 individual is buying under a contract that provides that the individual 21 is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or 22 manufactured home if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is 23 recorded in the county recorder's office) if: 24 (1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the 25 United States for at least ninety (90) days; 26 (2) the individual received an honorable discharge; 27 (3) the individual either: 28 (A) has a total disability; or 29 (B) is at least sixty-two (62) years old and has a disability of at 30 least ten percent (10%); 31 (4) the individual's disability is evidenced by: 32 (A) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued 33 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or 34 (B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the 35 Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana

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deduction under this section; and

department of veterans' affairs has determined that the

individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a

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1	(5) the individual:
2	(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
3	home; or
4	(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
5	home under contract;
6	on the date the statement required by section 15 of this chapter is
7	filed.
8	(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the surviving
9	spouse of an individual may receive the deduction provided by this
10	section if:
11	(1) the individual satisfied the requirements of subsection (a)(1)
12	through (a)(4) at the time of death; or
13	(2) the individual:
14	(A) was killed in action;
15	(B) died while serving on active duty in the military or naval
16	forces of the United States; or
17	(C) died while performing inactive duty training in the military
18	or naval forces of the United States; and
19	the surviving spouse satisfies the requirement of subsection (a)(5) at
20	the time the deduction statement is filed. The surviving spouse is
21	entitled to the deduction regardless of whether the property for which
22	the deduction is claimed was owned by the deceased veteran or the
23	surviving spouse before the deceased veteran's death.
24	(c) Except as provided in subsection (f), no one is entitled to the
25	deduction provided by this section if the assessed value of the
26	individual's Indiana real property, Indiana mobile home not assessed as
27	real property, and Indiana manufactured home not assessed as real
28	property, as shown by the tax duplicate, exceeds the assessed value
29	limit specified in subsection (d).
30	(d) Except as provided in subsection (f), for the:
31	(1) January 1, 2017, January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019,
32	assessment dates, the assessed value limit for purposes of
33	subsection (c) is one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
34	(\$175,000); and
35	(2) January 1, 2020, assessment date and for each assessment date
36	thereafter, the assessed value limit for purposes of subsection (c)
37	is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).
38	(e) An individual who has sold real property a mobile home not

- assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section against that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.
- (f) For purposes of determining the assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under subsection (d) for an individual who has received a deduction under this section in a particular previous year, increases in assessed value that occur after the later of:
  - (1) December 31, 2019; or

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- (2) the first year that the individual has received the deduction; are not considered unless the increase in assessed value is attributable to physical improvements to the property. substantial renovation or new improvements. Where there is an increase in assessed value for purposes of the deduction under this section, the assessor shall provide a report to the county auditor describing the substantial renovation or new improvements, if any, that were made to the property prior to the increase in assessed value."
- Page 6, line 30, delete "JULY" and insert "UPON PASSAGE].".
- Page 6, line 31, delete "1, 2022].".
- Page 6, line 41, delete "JULY" and insert "UPON PASSAGE].".
- 24 Page 6, line 42, delete "1, 2022].".
- Page 8, line 3, delete "JULY" and insert "UPON PASSAGE].".
- 26 Page 8, line 4, delete "1, 2022].".
- Page 8, line 24, delete "JULY" and insert "UPON PASSAGE]:".
- 28 Page 8, line 25, delete "1, 2022]:".
- Page 8, line 33, delete "value." and insert "value, and the assessing official has the burden to present probative evidence sufficient to substantiate the true tax value."
- Page 23, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 33 "SECTION 25. IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5, AS AMENDED BY 34 P.L.159-2020, SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 8.5. (a) This section
- applies to an individual who:
- 37 (1) qualified for a standard deduction granted under 38 IC 6-1.1-12-37 for the individual's homestead property in the

1	immediately preceding calendar year (or was married at the time
2	of death to a deceased spouse who qualified for a standard
3	deduction granted under IC 6-1.1-12-37 for the individual's
4	homestead property in the immediately preceding calendar year);
5	(2) qualifies for a standard deduction granted under
6	IC 6-1.1-12-37 for the same homestead property in the current
7	calendar year;
8	(3) is or will be at least sixty-five (65) years of age on or before
9	December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the
10	current calendar year; and
11	(4) had:
12	(A) in the case of an individual who filed a single return,
13	adjusted gross income (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal
14	Revenue Code) not exceeding thirty thousand dollars
15	(\$30,000); or
16	(B) in the case of an individual who filed a joint income tax
17	return with the individual's spouse, combined adjusted gross
18	income (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue
19	Code) not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000);
20	for the calendar year preceding by two (2) years the calendar year
21	in which property taxes are first due and payable.
22	(b) Except as provided in subsection (g), this section does not apply
23	if:
24	(1) for an individual who received a credit under this section
25	before January 1, 2020, the gross assessed value of the homestead
26	on the assessment date for which property taxes are imposed is at
27	least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); or
28	(2) for an individual who initially applies for a credit under this
29	section after December 31, 2019, the assessed value of the
30	individual's Indiana real property is at least two hundred thousand
31	dollars (\$200,000).
32	(c) An individual is entitled to an additional credit under this section
33	for property taxes first due and payable for a calendar year on a
34	homestead if:
35	(1) the individual and the homestead qualify for the credit under
36	subsection (a) for the calendar year;
37	(2) the homestead is not disqualified for the credit under
38	subsection (b) for the calendar year: and

1	(3) the filing requirements under subsection (e) are met.
2	(d) The amount of the credit is equal to the greater of zero (0) or the
3	result of:
4	(1) the property tax liability first due and payable on the
5	homestead property for the calendar year; minus
6	(2) the result of:
7	(A) the property tax liability first due and payable on the
8	qualified homestead property for the immediately preceding
9	year after the application of the credit granted under this
10	section for that year; multiplied by
11	(B) one and two hundredths (1.02).
12	However, property tax liability imposed on any improvements to or
13	expansion of the homestead property after the assessment date for
14	which property tax liability described in subdivision (2) was imposed
15	shall not be considered in determining the credit granted under this
16	section in the current calendar year.
17	(e) Applications for a credit under this section shall be filed in the
18	manner provided for an application for a deduction under
19	IC 6-1.1-12-9. However, an individual who remains eligible for the
20	credit in the following year is not required to file a statement to apply
21	for the credit in the following year. An individual who receives a credit
22	under this section in a particular year and who becomes ineligible for
23	the credit in the following year shall notify the auditor of the county in
24	which the homestead is located of the individual's ineligibility not later
25	than sixty (60) days after the individual becomes ineligible.
26	(f) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a
27	credit provided under this section to each individual who received the
28	credit in the preceding year unless the auditor determines that the
29	individual is no longer eligible for the credit.
30	(g) For purposes of determining the:
31	(1) assessed value of the homestead on the assessment date for
32	which property taxes are imposed under subsection (b)(1); or
33	(2) assessed value of the individual's Indiana real property under
34	subsection (b)(2);
35	for an individual who has received a credit under this section in a
36	particular previous year, increases in assessed value that occur after
37	the later of December 31, 2019, or the first year that the individual has
38	received the credit are not considered unless the increase in assessed

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value is attributable to physical improvements to the property. substantial renovation or new improvements. Where there is an increase in assessed value for purposes of the credit under this section, the assessor shall provide a report to the county auditor describing the substantial renovation or new improvements, if any, that were made to the property prior to the increase in assessed value."

Page 94, after line 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 51. IC 36-9-27-48, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017, SECTION 339, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 48. (a) Whenever, in the construction or reconstruction of a regulated drain, the county surveyor determines that:

- (1) the proposed drain will cross a pipeline, cable, or similar equipment of a public utility; and
- (2) the equipment will interfere with the proper operation of the drain;

the county surveyor shall include in the county surveyor's plans the relocation requirements of the equipment. The county surveyor shall, by registered mail **or certified mail**, send a copy of the requirements to the public utility owning the equipment.

- (b) If requested by the public utility, the county surveyor shall meet with the public utility at a time and place to be fixed by the county surveyor and hear objections to the requirements. After the hearing, the county surveyor may change the requirements as justice may require.
- (c) If the board finds that the relocation of a pipeline, cable, or similar equipment owned by a public utility is necessary in the construction or reconstruction of a regulated drain, the cost of relocation shall be paid by the public utility.

SECTION 52. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022] (a) IC 6-1.1-12-9, IC 6-1.1-12-14, and IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5, all as amended by this act, apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.

SECTION 53. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, the budget agency shall augment from the state general fund the amount appropriated for the secretary of state's administration fund by an amount not to exceed three million two hundred

1	thousand dollars (\$3,200,000), the amount necessary to meet the
2	secretary of state's obligation for election security consultant
3	services.
4	(b) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June
5	30, 2023, if the office of management and budget determines that
6	fundsappropriatedforthecareeracceleratorfundinP.L.1652021
7	are an ineligible use of funds under the United States Treasury's
8	guidance on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, then the
9	budget agency shall augment from the state general fund the
10	amount appropriated for the career accelerator fund in
11	P.L.165-2021 by an amount not to exceed ten million dollars
12	(\$10,000,000).
13	(c) For the state fiscal year:
14	(1) beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; and
15	(2) beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023;
16	the budget agency may augment from the state general fund as
17	necessary the amounts appropriated for local law enforcement
18	training grants in P.L.165-2021 by an amount not to exceed the
19	amount necessary to fully fund the grants awarded by the criminal
20	justice institute during each state fiscal year.
21	(d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2024.
22	SECTION 54. An emergency is declared for this act.".
23	Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
	(Reference is to HB 1260 as introduced).

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

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