



Adopted

Rejected

## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 9  
NO: 0

### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development, to which was referred House Bill 1521, 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 8, after line 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 2. IC 35-45-19-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.47-2019,
- 3 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "human remains"
- 5 means any part of the body of a deceased human being:
- 6 (1) in any:
- 7 (A) stage of decomposition; or
- 8 (B) state of preservation; **or**
- 9 (2) **that indicate unique deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA).**
- 10 SECTION 3. IC 35-45-19-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.47-2019,
- 11 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. A person who:  
 2 (1) **observes**, discovers, or handles human remains when it  
 3 appears the deceased person died:  
 4 (A) by violence, suicide, or accident;  
 5 (B) suddenly, while in apparent good health;  
 6 (C) while unattended;  
 7 (D) from poisoning or an overdose of drugs;  
 8 (E) as the result of a disease that may constitute a threat to  
 9 public health;  
 10 (F) as the result of:  
 11 (i) a disease;  
 12 (ii) an injury;  
 13 (iii) a toxic effect; or  
 14 (iv) unusual exertion;  
 15 incurred within the scope of the deceased person's  
 16 employment;  
 17 (G) due to sudden infant death syndrome;  
 18 (H) as the result of a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure; or  
 19 (I) under any other suspicious or unusual circumstances; and  
 20 (2) knowingly or intentionally fails to report the **observation**,  
 21 discovery, or handling of the human remains to a:  
 22 (A) public safety officer;  
 23 (B) coroner;  
 24 (C) funeral director;  
 25 (D) physician; or  
 26 (E) 911 telephone call center;  
 27 within three (3) hours after finding the human remains;  
 28 commits failure to report the **observation**, discovery, or handling of  
 29 human remains, a Class A misdemeanor."  
 (Reference is to HB 1521 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Representative Morris