

# HOUSE BILL No. 1066

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-19-3-10.

**Synopsis:** Public safety personnel health studies. Establishes the public safety research fund. Provides that \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund and disbursed to the public safety research fund on July 1 of each year. Requires money appropriated to the public safety research fund to be used for research studies designed to understand and improve the physical health, safety, and psychological well-being of public safety personnel. Requires the department of homeland security to enter into a contract with the National Institute for Public Safety Health (NIPSH) for the NIPSH to conduct the research studies. Requires the NIPSH to provide a report of ongoing or performed research studies to the executive director of the department of homeland security before December 31 of each year. Provides that money not used for research studies reverts to the state general fund at the end of each state fiscal year.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-19-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2019]: **Sec. 10. (a) The following definitions apply to this section:**  
4 (1) "Fund" refers to the public safety research fund  
5 established by subsection (b).  
6 (2) "Institute" means the National Institute of Public Safety  
7 Health.  
8 (3) "Public safety personnel" means:  
9 (A) a member of a fire department (as defined in  
10 IC 36-8-1-8); or  
11 (B) a member of a police department (as defined in  
12 IC 36-8-1-9).  
13 (b) The public safety research fund is established. The purpose  
14 of the fund is to provide resources for the research of risk factors  
15 that:  
16 (1) impact the physical and psychological health of public  
17 safety personnel; and



- 1           (2) are responsible for early and preventable death and  
2           disability amongst public safety personnel.
- 3           (c) Research conducted under this section must attempt to  
4           provide a greater understanding of the physical and psychological  
5           health of public safety personnel. Potential research topics include  
6           the following:
- 7           (1) Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, elevated cholesterol,  
8           and noninvasive identification of left ventricular hypertrophy  
9           and cardiomegaly.
- 10          (2) Metabolic disease.
- 11          (3) Cancer and exposures to risk factors for cancer.
- 12          (4) Causes of death and mortality studies.
- 13          (5) Impact of diet and weight management programs.
- 14          (6) Impact of preventative or rehabilitative programs on  
15          physical or psychological health.
- 16          (7) Job ability assessments.
- 17          (8) Lifestyle risk factors.
- 18          (9) Mental health indicators for depression, posttraumatic  
19          stress disorder, and suicide.
- 20          (10) Occupational stress experiences and coping skills.
- 21          (11) Physical injuries.
- 22          (12) Worker's compensation claims and rates of occupational  
23          injury and disability.
- 24          (13) Workplace risk factors.
- 25          (14) Any other topic related to the health, safety, or well-being  
26          of public safety personnel.
- 27          (d) The fund consists of appropriations to the fund, gifts, grants,  
28          devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve the purpose of the  
29          fund.
- 30          (e) The department shall administer the fund. The expenses of  
31          administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.
- 32          (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
33          currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
34          manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from these  
35          investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 36          (g) On July 1 of each year, five hundred thousand dollars  
37          (\$500,000) from the state general fund is appropriated to the fund  
38          to carry out the purposes of the fund.
- 39          (h) Money appropriated under this section shall be used by the  
40          department for the purpose of financing the research studies  
41          described in subsection (c).
- 42          (i) The department shall enter into a contract with the Institute



1 for the Institute to conduct all research studies performed under  
2 this section.

3 (j) Before December 31 of each year, the Institute shall provide  
4 a report of the research studies performed under this section to the  
5 executive director of the legislative services agency in an electronic  
6 format under IC 5-14-6.

7 (k) Money not used by the department for research studies  
8 reverts to the state general fund at the end of each state fiscal year.

