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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1097

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**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44.1.

**Synopsis:** Criminal penalties. Provides that a person who uses a vehicle to commit the offense of resisting law enforcement or interfering with public safety, and has a prior conviction for either offense that involved the use of a vehicle, commits a Level 5 felony.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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**Abbott, McNamara, Carbaugh,  
Morris**

(SENATE SPONSORS — GLICK, KOCH, SANDLIN)

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.  
February 16, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
February 18, 2021, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.  
February 19, 2021, engrossed.  
February 22, 2021, read third time, passed. Yeas 76, nays 17.

SENATE ACTION

February 24, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.  
April 8, 2021, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
April 12, 2021, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 35-44.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY THE  
2 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2021 GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who knowingly or  
5 intentionally:  
6 (1) forcibly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a law enforcement  
7 officer or a person assisting the officer while the officer is  
8 lawfully engaged in the execution of the officer's duties;  
9 (2) forcibly resists, obstructs, or interferes with the authorized  
10 service or execution of a civil or criminal process or order of a  
11 court; or  
12 (3) flees from a law enforcement officer after the officer has, by  
13 visible or audible means, including operation of the law  
14 enforcement officer's siren or emergency lights, identified himself  
15 or herself and ordered the person to stop;  
16 commits resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor, except as  
17 provided in subsection (c).

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1 (b) A person who, having been denied entry by an emergency  
 2 medical services provider or a law enforcement officer, knowingly or  
 3 intentionally enters an area that is marked off with barrier tape or other  
 4 physical barriers, commits interfering with public safety, a Class B  
 5 misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (c) or (k).

6 (c) The offense under subsection (a) or (b) is a:

7 (1) Level 6 felony if:

8 (A) the person uses a vehicle to commit the offense; or

9 (B) while committing the offense, the person:

10 (i) draws or uses a deadly weapon;

11 (ii) inflicts bodily injury on or otherwise causes bodily injury  
 12 to another person; or

13 (iii) operates a vehicle in a manner that creates a substantial  
 14 risk of bodily injury to another person;

15 (2) Level 5 felony if:

16 (A) while committing the offense, the person operates a  
 17 vehicle in a manner that causes serious bodily injury to another  
 18 person; or

19 **(B) the person uses a vehicle to commit the offense and the**  
 20 **person has a prior unrelated conviction under this section**  
 21 **involving the use of a vehicle in the commission of the**  
 22 **offense.**

23 (3) Level 3 felony if, while committing the offense, the person  
 24 operates a vehicle in a manner that causes the death or  
 25 catastrophic injury of another person; and

26 (4) Level 2 felony if, while committing any offense described in  
 27 subsection (a), the person operates a vehicle in a manner that  
 28 causes the death or catastrophic injury of an emergency medical  
 29 services provider or a law enforcement officer while the  
 30 emergency medical services provider or law enforcement officer  
 31 is engaged in the emergency medical services provider's or  
 32 officer's official duties.

33 (d) The offense under subsection (a) is a Level 6 felony if, while  
 34 committing an offense under:

35 (1) subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2), the person:

36 (A) creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to the person or  
 37 another person; and

38 (B) has two (2) or more prior unrelated convictions under  
 39 subsection (a); or

40 (2) subsection (a)(3), the person has two (2) or more prior  
 41 unrelated convictions under subsection (a).

42 (e) If a person uses a vehicle to commit a felony offense under



1 subsection (c)(1)(B), (c)(2), (c)(3), or (c)(4), as part of the criminal  
 2 penalty imposed for the offense, the court shall impose a minimum  
 3 executed sentence of at least:

- 4 (1) thirty (30) days, if the person does not have a prior unrelated  
 5 conviction under this section;  
 6 (2) one hundred eighty (180) days, if the person has one (1) prior  
 7 unrelated conviction under this section; or  
 8 (3) one (1) year, if the person has two (2) or more prior unrelated  
 9 convictions under this section.

10 (f) Notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-2.2 and IC 35-50-3-1, the mandatory  
 11 minimum sentence imposed under subsection (e) may not be  
 12 suspended.

13 (g) If a person is convicted of an offense involving the use of a  
 14 motor vehicle under:

- 15 (1) subsection (c)(1)(A), if the person exceeded the speed limit by  
 16 at least twenty (20) miles per hour while committing the offense;  
 17 (2) subsection (c)(2); or  
 18 (3) subsection (c)(3);

19 the court may notify the bureau of motor vehicles to suspend or revoke  
 20 the person's driver's license and all certificates of registration and  
 21 license plates issued or registered in the person's name in accordance  
 22 with ~~IC 9-30-4-6.1(b)(3)~~ **IC 9-30-4-6.1(b)** for the period described in  
 23 IC 9-30-4-6.1(d)(1) or IC 9-30-4-6.1(d)(2). The court shall inform the  
 24 bureau whether the person has been sentenced to a term of  
 25 incarceration. At the time of conviction, the court may obtain the  
 26 person's current driver's license and return the license to the bureau of  
 27 motor vehicles.

28 (h) A person may not be charged or convicted of a crime under  
 29 subsection (a)(3) if the law enforcement officer is a school resource  
 30 officer acting in the officer's capacity as a school resource officer.

31 (i) A person who commits an offense described in subsection (c)  
 32 commits a separate offense for each person whose bodily injury,  
 33 serious bodily injury, catastrophic injury, or death is caused by a  
 34 violation of subsection (c).

35 (j) A court may order terms of imprisonment imposed on a person  
 36 convicted of more than one (1) offense described in subsection (c) to  
 37 run consecutively. Consecutive terms of imprisonment imposed under  
 38 this subsection are not subject to the sentencing restrictions set forth in  
 39 IC 35-50-1-2(c) through IC 35-50-1-2(d).

40 (k) As used in this subsection, "family member" means a child,  
 41 grandchild, parent, grandparent, or spouse of the person. It is a defense  
 42 to a prosecution under subsection (b) that the person reasonably



1 believed that the person's family member:  
2 (1) was in the marked off area; and  
3 (2) had suffered bodily injury or was at risk of suffering bodily  
4 injury;  
5 if the person is not charged as a defendant in connection with the  
6 offense, if applicable, that caused the area to be secured by barrier tape  
7 or other physical barriers.  
8 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1097, 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:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 1 with "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

Replace the effective date in SECTION 3 with "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

Page 3, delete lines 32 through 42.

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 13.

Page 5, line 6, delete "creates a substantial risk".

Page 5, line 7, delete "of bodily injury to another person or otherwise".

Page 6, after line 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1097 as introduced.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 3.

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 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1097 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 31.

Page 4, line 17, delete "person;" and insert "person,".

Page 4, line 17, reset in roman "or operates a vehicle in a".

Page 4, line 18, reset in roman "manner that creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to".

Page 4, line 19, reset in roman "another person;".

Page 4, line 21, delete "creates a substantial risk of".

Page 4, line 22, delete "bodily injury to another person or otherwise".

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Page 4, line 23, delete "person;" and insert "person **or the person has a prior conviction under this section;**".

Page 4, delete lines 24 through 27.

Page 4, line 28, reset in roman "(3)".

Page 4, line 28, delete "(4)".

Page 4, line 31, reset in roman "(4)".

Page 4, line 31, delete "(5)".

Page 5, line 6, after "(c)(3)," reset in roman "or".

Page 5, line 6, delete "or (c)(5)".

Page 5, line 22, reset in roman "or".

Page 5, line 23, delete "or".

Page 5, delete line 24.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1097 as printed February 16, 2021.)

ABBOTT

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred House Bill No. 1097, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 14, delete "if," and insert "if:

**(A)**".

Page 2, delete line 16 and insert "another person; **or**

**(B) the person uses a vehicle to commit the offense and the person has a prior unrelated conviction under this section involving the use of a vehicle in the commission of the offense.**".

Page 2, delete line 17.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1097 as reprinted February 19, 2021.)

YOUNG M, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

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## SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1097 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 7 through 13, begin a new line block indented, and insert:

"(1) Level 6 felony if:

(A) the person uses a vehicle to commit the offense; or

(B) while committing the offense, the person:

(i) draws or uses a deadly weapon;

(ii) inflicts bodily injury on or otherwise causes bodily injury to another person; or

(iii) operates a vehicle in a manner that creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to another person;".

(Reference is to EHB 1097 as printed April 9, 2021.)

YOUNG M

