

HOUSE BILL No. 1192

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Citations Affected: IC 10-12; IC 33-38; IC 33-39; IC 35-43; IC 36-8.

Synopsis: Theft by public servants. Specifies that in the case of a public servant who criminally exerts unauthorized control over public funds of the public servant's employer, the employer may be reimbursed from the public servant's public pension fund contributions and benefits. Provides that assets of the judges' retirement system and the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund are exempt from levy, sale, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process. (Current law provides similar exemptions for certain funds administered by the Indiana public retirement system.)

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 8, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code. February 7, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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 criminal law and procedure.

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

1	SECTION 1. IC 10-12-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. (a) A person
3	entitled to, having an interest in, or sharing a pension or benefit from
4	the trust funds does not, before the actual payment of the pension or
5	benefit, have the right to anticipate, sell, assign, pledge, mortgage, or
6	otherwise dispose of or encumber the pension or benefit.
7	(b) A person's interest, share, pension, or benefit, before the actual
8	payment of the interest, share, pension, or benefit, may not be:
9	(1) used to satisfy the debts or liabilities of the person entitled to
10	the interest, share, pension, or benefit;
11	(2) subject to attachment, garnishment, execution, or levy or sale
12	on judicial proceedings; or
13	(3) transferred by any means, voluntarily or involuntarily.
14	(c) The trustee may pay from the trust fund the amounts that the
15	trustee determines are proper and necessary expenses of the trust fund.

(d) However, the person's contributions or benefits, or both,

may be transferred to reimburse the person's employer for loss



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resulting from the person's criminal taking of the employer's property by the trustee if the trustee receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the person's criminal taking of the employer's property must be proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.

- (e) The trustee may withhold payment of the person's contributions and interest if the employer of the person notifies the trustee that felony or misdemeanor charges accusing the person of the criminal taking of the employer's property have been filed.
- (f) The trustee may withhold payment of a person's contributions and interest under subsection (e) until the final resolution of the criminal charges.

SECTION 2. IC 33-38-6-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 19.5. (a) All assets in the fund are exempt from levy, sale, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process. However, the participant's contributions or benefits, or both, may be transferred to reimburse the participant's employer for loss resulting from the participant's criminal taking of the employer's property by the board if the board receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the participant's criminal taking of the participant's employer's property must be proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.

- (b) The board may withhold payment of a participant's contributions and interest if the employer of the participant notifies the board that felony or misdemeanor charges accusing the participant of the criminal taking of the employer's property have been filed.
- (c) The board may withhold payment of a participant's contributions and interest under subsection (b) until the final resolution of the criminal charges.

SECTION 3. IC 33-39-7-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10.5. (a) All assets in the fund are exempt from levy, sale, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process. However, a participant's contributions or benefits, or both, may be transferred to reimburse the participant's employer for loss resulting from the participant's criminal taking of the employer's property by the board if the board receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the participant's criminal



l	taking of the participant's employer's property must be proven by
2	an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the
3	sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.
4	(b) The board may withhold payment of a participant's
5	contributions and interest if the employer of the participant
6	notifies the board that felony or misdemeanor charges accusing the
7	participant of the criminal taking of the employer's property have
8	been filed.
9	(c) The board may withhold payment of a participant's
10	contributions and interest under subsection (b) until the final
11	resolution of the criminal charges.
12	SECTION 4. IC 35-43-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-2018,
13	SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14	JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally
15	exerts unauthorized control over property of another person, with intent
16	to deprive the other person of any part of its value or use, commits
17	theft, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is:
18	(1) a Level 6 felony if:
19	(A) the value of the property is at least seven hundred fifty
20	dollars (\$750) and less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
21	(B) the property is a:
22	(i) firearm;
23	(ii) motor vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-105(a)); or
24	(iii) component part (as defined in IC 9-13-2-34) of a motor
25	vehicle; or
26	(C) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for
27	(i) theft under this section; or
28	(ii) criminal conversion under section 3 of this chapter; and
29	(2) a Level 5 felony if:
30	(A) the value of the property is at least fifty thousand dollars
31	(\$50,000);
32	(B) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable
33	metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:
34	(i) relates to transportation safety;
35	(ii) relates to public safety; or
36	(iii) is taken from a hospital or other health care facility,
37	telecommunications provider, public utility (as defined in
38	IC 32-24-1-5.9(a)), or key facility;
39	and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of
40	bodily injury to a person; or
41	(C) the property is a:
42	(i) motor vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-105(a)); or



1	(ii) component part (as defined in IC 9-13-2-34) of a motor
2	vehicle; and
3	the person has a prior unrelated conviction for theft of a motor
4	vehicle (as defined in IC 9-13-2-105(a)) or theft of a
5	component part (as defined in IC 9-13-2-34).
6	(b) For purposes of this section, "the value of property" means:
7	(1) the fair market value of the property at the time and place the
8	offense was committed; or
9	(2) if the fair market value of the property cannot be satisfactorily
10	determined, the cost to replace the property within a reasonable
11	time after the offense was committed.
12	A price tag or price marking on property displayed or offered for sale
13	constitutes prima facie evidence of the value of the property.
14	(c) If the offense described in subsection (a) is committed by a
15	public servant who exerted unauthorized control over public funds
16	(as defined by IC 5-22-2-23) from the public servant's employer,
17	the employer may be reimbursed in accordance with IC 2-3.5-4-11,
18	IC 2-3.5-5-9, IC 5-10-5.5-19, IC 5-10.3-8-9, IC 5-10.4-5-14,
19	IC 10-12-2-10, IC 33-38-6-19.5, IC 33-39-7-10.5, IC 36-8-6-14,
20	IC 36-8-7-22, IC 36-8-7.5-19, or IC 36-8-8-17.
21	SECTION 5. IC 36-8-6-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017,
22	SECTION 245, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
23	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14. (a) If there is not sufficient
24	money to the credit of the 1925 fund to pay all claims against it in full,
25	claims arising from the death of members of the department shall be
26	paid in full first with as little delay as possible, after which an equal
27	percentage shall be paid upon all other claims to the full extent of the
28	money on hand, until the fund is replenished.
29	(b) All pensions shall be paid by the treasurer of the local board at
30	the treasurer's office at the same time and in the same installments as
31	the members of the police department are paid.
32	(c) All pensions payable out of the 1925 fund are exempt from
33	seizure or levy upon attachment, execution, supplemental process, and
34	all other process, whether mesne or final. Except as provided in section
35	21 of this chapter, pensions are not subject to sale, assignment, or
36	transfer by a beneficiary.
37	(d) However, the member's contributions or benefits, or both,
38	may be transferred to reimburse the member's employer for loss
39	resulting from the member's criminal taking of the employer's
40	property by the treasurer of the local board if the treasurer

receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the members's criminal taking of the employer's property must be



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proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.

- (e) The treasurer of the local board may withhold payment of the member's contributions and interest if the employer of the member notifies the treasurer that felony or misdemeanor charges accusing the member of the criminal taking of the employer's property have been filed.
- (f) The treasurer of the local board may withhold payment of a person's contributions and interest under subsection (e) until the final resolution of the criminal charges.

SECTION 6. IC 36-8-7-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 778, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 22. (a) The 1937 fund may not be, either before or after an order for distribution to members of the fire department or to the surviving spouses or guardians of a child or children of a deceased, disabled, or retired member, held, seized, taken, subjected to, detained, or levied on by virtue of an attachment, execution, judgment, writ, interlocutory or other order, decree, or process, or proceedings of any nature issued out of or by a court in any state for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of a debt, damages, demand, claim, judgment, fine, or amercement of the member or the member's surviving spouse or children. The 1937 fund shall be kept and distributed only for the purpose of pensioning the persons named in this chapter. The local board may, however, annually expend an amount from the 1937 fund that it considers proper for the necessary expenses connected with the fund. Notwithstanding any other law, neither the fiscal body, the county board of tax adjustment, nor the department of local government finance may reduce these expenditures.

- (b) However, the member's contributions or benefits, or both, may be transferred to reimburse the member's employer for loss resulting from the member's criminal taking of the employer's property by the local board if the local board receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the members's criminal taking of the employer's property must be proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.
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- (b) However, the member's contributions or benefits, or both, may be transferred to reimburse the member's employer for loss resulting from the member's criminal taking of the employer's property by the local board if the local board receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the members's criminal taking of the employer's property must be proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.
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SECTION 8. IC 36-8-8-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) The benefits of this chapter are exempt from attachment and garnishment and may not be seized, taken, or levied upon by any execution or process. However, a fund member's contributions or benefits, or both, may be transferred to reimburse the fund member's employer for loss resulting from the fund member's criminal taking of the employer's property by the system board if the system board receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the fund member's criminal taking of the employer's property must be proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.

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- (b) (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) (e) and section 17.2 of this chapter, a person receiving a benefit under this chapter may not transfer, assign, or sell the benefit.
- (e) (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent required by Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(31), as added by the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1992 (P.L.102-318), and any amendments and regulations related to Section 401(a)(31), the 1977 fund shall allow participants and qualified beneficiaries to elect a direct rollover of eligible distributions to another eligible retirement plan.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1192, 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, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

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Page 2, delete lines 28 through 38, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) If the offense described in subsection (a) is committed by a public servant who exerted unauthorized control over public funds (as defined by IC 5-22-2-23) from the public servant's employer, the employer may be reimbursed in accordance with IC 2-3.5-4-11, IC 2-3.5-5-9, IC 5-10-5.5-19, IC 5-10.3-8-9, IC 5-10.4-5-14,



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execution, judgment, writ, interlocutory or other order, decree, or process, or proceedings of any nature issued out of or by a court in any state for the payment or satisfaction, in whole or in part, of a debt, damages, demand, claim, judgment, fine, or amercement of the member or the member's surviving spouse or children. The 1937 fund shall be kept and distributed only for the purpose of pensioning the persons named in this chapter. The local board may, however, annually expend an amount from the 1937 fund that it considers proper for the necessary expenses connected with the fund. Notwithstanding any other law, neither the fiscal body, the county board of tax adjustment, nor the department of local government finance may reduce these expenditures.

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SECTION 8. IC 36-8-8-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) The benefits of this chapter are exempt from attachment and garnishment and may not be seized, taken, or levied upon by any execution or process. However, a fund member's contributions or benefits, or both, may be transferred to reimburse the fund member's employer for loss resulting from the fund member's criminal taking of the employer's property by the system board if the system board receives adequate proof of the loss. The loss resulting from the fund member's criminal taking of the employer's property must be proven by an order for restitution in favor of the employer issued by the sentencing court following a felony or misdemeanor conviction.

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- (b) (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) (e) and section 17.2 of this chapter, a person receiving a benefit under this chapter may not transfer, assign, or sell the benefit.
- (c) (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, to the extent required by Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(31), as added by the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1992 (P.L.102-318), and any amendments and regulations related to Section



401(a)(31), the 1977 fund shall allow participants and qualified beneficiaries to elect a direct rollover of eligible distributions to another eligible retirement plan.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1192 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

