

# HOUSE BILL No. 1259

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5-36.

**Synopsis:** Fund for the children's commission. Establishes the commission on improving the status of children fund to support the staffing and operations of the commission. Provides that the fund consists of funds appropriated, grants, and donations. Provides that the fund is nonreverting. Allows the treasurer to invest money in the fund not being used in the same manner as other public funds are invested. Appropriates \$350,000 annually to the fund.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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~~.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-36-10.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.13-2017,  
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10.5. (a) The commission may appoint an  
4 individual to serve as executive director of the commission as provided  
5 by section 8 of this chapter.

6 (b) The executive director shall perform the duties assigned to the  
7 executive director by the commission.

8 (c) To serve as an executive director, an individual must, at a  
9 minimum, meet the following qualifications:

10 (1) Possess a degree from a college or university (as defined in  
11 IC 21-7-13-10).

12 (2) Have any other qualifications the commission considers  
13 necessary.

14 (d) Compensation of the executive director shall be paid by ~~the~~  
15 ~~office of judicial administration created by IC 33-24-6-1.~~ **from the**  
16 **fund established in section 13 of this chapter.**

17 SECTION 2. IC 2-5-36-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,



1 2023]. Sec. 12: The commission and this chapter expire January 1,  
2 2029:

3 SECTION 3. IC 2-5-36-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
5 1, 2023]: **Sec. 13. (a) The commission on improving the status of  
6 children fund is established to support the staffing and operations  
7 of the commission.**

8 **(b) The fund consists of the following:**

9 **(1) Appropriations from the state general fund.**

10 **(2) Grants.**

11 **(3) Donations.**

12 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
13 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
14 manner as other public funds may be invested.**

15 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
16 revert to the state general fund but remains in the fund to be used  
17 exclusively for purposes of this chapter.**

18 **(e) There is annually appropriated to the commission on  
19 improving the status of children fund established under this section  
20 three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) from the state  
21 general fund for its use in carrying out the purposes of the fund.**

