

HOUSE BILL No. 1285

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-8-2-159.5; IC 14-25-17.

Synopsis: Wabash, White, and Ohio Rivers aquifer study. Requires the department of natural resources (department) to: (1) identify, study, and gather information about the aquifers directly connected with the Wabash River, the White River, and the Ohio River; (2) establish and maintain a common data base containing the information gathered about those aquifers; (3) submit to the water resources study committee a status report concerning the study conducted and the information gathered; and (4) develop water conservation measures for the river basins of the Wabash River, the White River, and the Ohio River that are consistent with water conservation measures developed by the department for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin. Requires the water resources study committee to study issues concerning water distribution systems relevant to the river basins of the Wabash River, the White River, and the Ohio River and identify and examine measures necessary to the development of a plan to create a stable grid linking those water distribution systems.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.



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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 natural and cultural resources.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-159.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 159.5. "Measures", for purposes**
4 **of IC 14-25-17, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-17-1.**
5 SECTION 2. IC 14-25-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2014]:
8 **Chapter 17. Department Study of the Wabash River Basin,**
9 **White River Basin, and Ohio River Basin**
10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "measures" means any**
11 **legislation, law, rule, directive, requirement, guideline, program,**
12 **policy, administrative practice, or procedure.**
13 **Sec. 2. The department shall do the following:**
14 **(1) Not later than December 31, 2014, identify, study, and**
15 **gather information about the aquifers directly connected**
16 **with:**



- 1 (A) the Wabash River;
 2 (B) the White River; and
 3 (C) the Ohio River.

4 The information gathered under this subdivision must include
 5 an assessment of the potential of the aquifers to produce
 6 water for public water supply purposes.

7 (2) Establish and maintain a common data base containing the
 8 information gathered under subdivision (1).

9 Sec. 3. Not later than October 31, 2014, the department shall
 10 submit to the water resources study committee established by
 11 IC 2-5-25-1 a status report concerning the study conducted and the
 12 information gathered under section 2 of this chapter.

13 Sec. 4. The department shall identify and develop water
 14 conservation measures for the river basins of the Wabash River,
 15 the White River, and the Ohio River that are consistent with water
 16 conservation measures developed by the department for the Great
 17 Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin.

18 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014] (a) As used in this
 19 SECTION, "committee" refers to the water resources study
 20 committee established by IC 2-5-25-1.

21 (b) As used in this SECTION, "measures" means any
 22 legislation, law, rule, directive, requirement, guideline, program,
 23 policy, administrative practice, or procedure.

24 (c) The committee shall, during the 2014 legislative interim:

25 (1) study issues concerning; and

26 (2) identify and examine measures necessary to the
 27 development of a plan to create a stable grid linking;

28 the water distribution systems relevant to the river basins of the
 29 Wabash River, the White River, and the Ohio River.

30 (d) This SECTION expires December 31, 2014.

