

HOUSE BILL No. 1407

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-28-16; IC 6-1.1-10-46.

Synopsis: Indiana nanotechnology initiative. Allows the award of grants or loans from the twenty-first century research and technology fund to support proposals for economic development in nanotechnology. Provides a personal property tax exemption for certain nanotechnology equipment.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-28-16-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "nanotechnology" means**
4 **the sciences and technologies that:**

- 5 (1) **enable understanding, measuring, manipulating, and**
- 6 **manufacturing at the atomic, molecular, and supramolecular**
- 7 **levels; and**
- 8 (2) **are aimed at creating materials, devices, and systems with**
- 9 **fundamentally new molecular organization, properties, and**
- 10 **functions.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 5-28-16-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2007,
12 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana twenty-first century research
14 and technology fund is established within the state treasury to provide
15 grants or loans to support proposals for economic development in one
16 (1) or more of the following areas:



- 1 (1) To increase the capacity of Indiana postsecondary educational
 2 institutions, Indiana businesses, and Indiana nonprofit
 3 corporations and organizations to compete successfully for federal
 4 or private research and development funding.
- 5 (2) To stimulate the transfer of research and technology into
 6 marketable products.
- 7 (3) To assist with diversifying Indiana's economy by focusing
 8 investment in biomedical research and biotechnology, information
 9 technology, **nanotechnology**, development of alternative fuel
 10 technologies, development and production of fuel efficient
 11 vehicles, and other high technology industry clusters requiring
 12 high skill, high wage employees.
- 13 (4) To encourage an environment of innovation and cooperation
 14 among universities and businesses to promote research activity.
- 15 (b) The fund consists of:
- 16 (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 17 (2) proceeds of bonds issued by the Indiana finance authority
 18 under IC 4-4-11.4 for deposit in the fund; and
- 19 (3) loan repayments.
- 20 (c) The corporation shall administer the fund. The following may be
 21 paid from money in the fund:
- 22 (1) Expenses of administering the fund.
- 23 (2) Nonrecurring administrative expenses incurred to carry out the
 24 purposes of this chapter.
- 25 (d) Earnings from loans made under this chapter shall be deposited
 26 in the fund.
- 27 (e) The budget agency shall review each recommendation. The
 28 budget agency, after review by the budget committee, may approve,
 29 deny, or modify grants and loans recommended by the board. Money
 30 in the fund may not be used to provide a recurring source of revenue
 31 for the normal operating expenditures of any project.
- 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 may be invested. Interest that accrues
 35 from these investments shall be deposited in the state general fund.
- 36 (g) The money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 37 revert to the state general fund but remains in the fund to be used
 38 exclusively for the purposes of this chapter.
- 39 SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-10-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 40 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 41 1, 2014]: **Sec. 46. (a) As used in this section, "nanotechnology"**
 42 **means the sciences and technologies that:**



- 1 (1) enable understanding, measuring, manipulating, and
2 manufacturing at the atomic, molecular, and supramolecular
3 levels; and
4 (2) are aimed at creating materials, devices, and systems with
5 fundamentally new molecular organization, properties, and
6 functions.
- 7 (b) Nanotechnology equipment is exempt from property
8 taxation if the equipment is:
- 9 (1) directly related to nanotechnology research; or
10 (2) primarily used in a project, program, or business based on
11 nanotechnology.
- 12 (c) An owner of nanotechnology equipment who wishes to obtain
13 the exemption provided in subsection (b) must claim the exemption
14 on the owner's annual personal property return. On the return, the
15 owner must describe the property and state the assessed value of
16 the property for which the exemption is claimed.
- 17 (d) The township or county assessor shall:
- 18 (1) review the exemption claim; and
19 (2) allow or deny the exemption claim in whole or in part.
- 20 In making the decision on an exemption claim under this
21 subsection, the township or county assessor shall consider the
22 requirements stated in subsection (b).
- 23 (e) A township or county assessor who allows an exemption
24 claim under this section shall reduce the assessed value of the
25 personal property that is subject to the exemption for the year for
26 which the exemption is claimed by the amount of exemption
27 allowed.

