

HOUSE BILL No. 1408

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-23-2.5.

Synopsis: INDOT citizen advisory committee. Establishes the citizen advisory committee for the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT) for the purpose of advising INDOT on transportation needs in Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 17, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.



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~~.

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 transportation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-23-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2023]:
- 4 **Chapter 2.5. Citizen Advisory Committee**
- 5 **Sec. 1. The citizen advisory committee for the Indiana**
- 6 **department of transportation is established.**
- 7 **Sec. 2. The citizen advisory committee shall advise the**
- 8 **department on transportation needs in Indiana.**
- 9 **Sec. 3. (a) The citizen advisory committee consists of the**
- 10 **following nine (9) members appointed by the governor:**
- 11 **(1) Two (2) members who are farmers.**
- 12 **(2) Two (2) members who are engaged in business.**
- 13 **(3) Two (2) members who have experience in manufacturing,**
- 14 **energy development, mining, or other heavy industry.**
- 15 **(4) One (1) member who is employed by a county.**
- 16 **(5) One (1) member who is employed by a municipality.**
- 17 **(6) One (1) member who has experience in the transportation**



1 sector of the Indiana economy.

2 (b) Each member of the citizen advisory committee must be a
3 resident of Indiana.

4 (c) Not more than five (5) members of the citizen advisory
5 committee may be affiliated with the same political party.

6 (d) An elected official may not be a member of the citizen
7 advisory committee.

8 Sec. 4. The governor shall appoint a chairperson and a vice
9 chairperson from among the members of the citizen advisory
10 committee appointed under section 3 of this chapter. The
11 chairperson shall call the first meeting of the citizen advisory
12 committee before September 1, 2023.

13 Sec. 5. The citizen advisory committee shall do the following:

14 (1) Study the subjects and problems specified by the
15 department and recommend to the department additional
16 problems in need of study and discussion.

17 (2) Coordinate with the department in holding public hearings
18 on transportation issues and transportation planning.

19 (3) Before November 1, submit an annual report summarizing
20 the activity of the citizen advisory committee and containing
21 any findings or recommendations made by the committee to
22 the following:

23 (A) The department.

24 (B) The governor.

25 (C) The legislative council in an electronic format under
26 IC 5-14-6.

27 Sec. 6. The citizen advisory committee may choose to study and
28 report on matters that are not specified by the department if the
29 committee determines a study is warranted.

30 Sec. 7. (a) The citizen advisory committee must meet at least
31 four (4) times each year. The citizen advisory committee must
32 conduct at least one (1) regularly scheduled public meeting before
33 reporting to the department on any matter.

34 (b) The opportunity to make public comments must be provided
35 at each citizen advisory committee meeting.

36 (c) Each citizen advisory committee meeting is subject to
37 IC 5-14-1.5 (open door law).

38 (d) All records of the citizen advisory committee are subject to
39 the requirements of IC 5-14-3.

40 Sec. 8. (a) Each member of the citizen advisory committee who
41 is not a state employee is entitled to receive both of the following:

42 (1) The minimum salary per diem provided by



1 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).**
2 **(2) Reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses**
3 **actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as**
4 **provided in the state travel policies and procedures**
5 **established by the Indiana department of administration and**
6 **approved by the budget agency.**
7 **(b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is**
8 **entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses**
9 **actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as**
10 **provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by**
11 **the Indiana department of administration and approved by the**
12 **budget agency.**
13 **Sec. 9. Expenses of the citizen advisory committee must be paid**
14 **from amounts appropriated to the department.**
15 **Sec. 10. The department shall provide staff support for the**
16 **citizen advisory committee.**

