

HOUSE BILL No. 1478

DIGEST OF HB 1478 (Updated February 6, 2023 11:47 am - DI 77)

Citations Affected: IC 15-11; noncode.

Synopsis: Meat expansion and development program. Establishes the meat processing investment grant program fund to provide grants to eligible applicants. Provides that the fund is administered by the Indiana state department of agriculture. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

Mayfield, Baird, Prescott

January 17, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural

Development.

February 7, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.



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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

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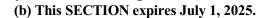
1	SECTION 1. IC 15-11-5.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2	AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2023]:
4	Chapter 5.1. Indiana Meat Processing Expansion and
5	Development Grant Program
6	Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible applicant" means a
7	business engaged or proposing to engage in commercial meat or
8	poultry processing projects that has:
9	(1) fewer than five hundred (500) employees and is classified
0	as either a very small establishment or a small establishment
1	as provided in 61 FR 38806; and
2	(2) a:
3	(A) federally inspected;
4	(B) state inspected; or
5	(C) custom exempt;
6	processing plant licensed in good standing by the Indiana
7	state board of animal health.



I	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the meat
2	processing investment grant fund established by section 4 of this
3	chapter.
4	Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "qualified purchase" means
5	any of the following:
6	(1) Purchasing and developing land.
7	(2) Constructing a new facility.
8	(3) Modernizing or expanding an existing facility.
9	(4) Developing, installing, or modernizing equipment and
10	technology.
11	(5) Ensuring compliance with occupational and other safety
12	requirements.
13	(6) Modernizing equipment or facilities to ensure food safety.
14	(7) Conducting feasability studies for meat and processing
15	facilities.
16	(8) Undertaking pollution control and abatement.
17	(9) Handling waste management.
18	(10) Offsetting start-up costs, working capital fees, and other
19	expenses related to federal inspection.
20	(b) Ineligible grant expenditures include expenses that have
21	been or will be reimbursed under any:
22	(1) federal;
23	(2) state; or
24	(3) local;
25	government funding.
26	Sec. 4. (a) The meat processing investment grant program fund
27	is established to provide grants under this chapter. The fund shall
28	be administered by the department.
29	(b) The fund consists of:
30	(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;
31	(2) donations;
32	(3) gifts; and
33	(4) money received from any other source, including transfers
34	from other:
35	(A) funds; or
36	(B) accounts.
37	(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
38	currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
39	manner as other public funds may be invested.
40	(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
41	revert to the state general fund.
42	(e) Not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)



1	of the money appropriated to the fund may be used for the
2	administration of the fund.
3	Sec. 5. (a) Subject to subsection (d), the department may award
4	a grant under this chapter to an eligible applicant to make a
5	qualified purchase.
6	(b) Subject to subsection (c) and section 7 of this chapter, the
7	maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded under this
8	chapter to an eligible applicant is five hundred thousand dollars
9	(\$500,000), which must be used to reimburse up to fifty percent
10	(50%) of a qualified purchase.
11	(c) A recipient of a grant awarded under this chapter must
12	comply with any guidelines developed by the department in
13	connection with grants awarded under this chapter.
14	(d) The department may not award more than one (1) grant
15	under this chapter to any one (1) eligible applicant.
16	Sec. 6. The department shall do the following:
17	(1) Adopt guidelines to determine standards for awarding
18	grants under this chapter.
19	(2) Prepare and supervise the issuance of information to
20	eligible applicants concerning the grant program established
21	under this chapter.
22	(3) Prescribe the form for and regulate the submission of
23	applications for grants under this chapter.
24	(4) Determine an applicant's eligibility for a grant under this
25	chapter.
26	Sec. 7. The total amount of grants awarded under this chapter
27	to any one (1) eligible applicant may not exceed one hundred fifty
28	thousand dollars (\$150,000).
29	SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) There is
30	appropriated to the Indiana state department of agriculture ten
31	million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the state general fund for the
32	meat processing investment grant program fund established by



July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

IC 15-11-5.1-4, as added by this act, for the biennium beginning



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred House Bill 1478, 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, line 6, delete "an" and insert "a business engaged or proposing to engage in commercial meat or poultry processing projects".

Page 1, line 7, delete "existing business".

Page 2, delete lines 5 through 42, begin a new line block indented and insert:

- "(1) Purchasing and developing land.
- (2) Constructing a new facility.
- (3) Modernizing or expanding an existing facility.
- (4) Developing, installing, or modernizing equipment and technology.
- (5) Ensuring compliance with occupational and other safety requirements.
- (6) Modernizing equipment or facilities to ensure food safety.
- (7) Conducting feasability studies for meat and processing facilities.
- (8) Undertaking pollution control and abatement.
- (9) Handling waste management.
- (10) Offsetting start-up costs, working capital fees, and other expenses related to federal inspection.
- (b) Ineligible grant expenditures include expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any:
 - (1) federal;
 - (2) state; or
 - (3) local;

government funding.".

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 3, delete lines 21 through 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(e) Not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of the money appropriated to the fund may be used for the administration of the fund."

Page 3, line 28, delete "one hundred fifty thousand" and insert "**five hundred thousand dollars**".



Page 3, line 29, delete "dollars (\$150,000)," and insert "(\$500,000),".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1478 as introduced)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

