

HOUSE BILL No. 1493

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-4-9.7-9.

Synopsis: Grants for refugee assistance organizations. Provides that the office of community and rural affairs may use money in the rural economic development fund to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that assist in refugee resettlement and receive federal funds to assist in refugee resettlement.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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 state offices and administration.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-9.7-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2018,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) The rural economic development fund is
4 established for the purpose of enhancing and developing rural
5 communities **and providing grants to nonprofit organizations that**
6 **assist in refugee resettlement**. The fund shall be administered by the
7 office.
8 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from the
9 money in the fund.
10 (c) Notwithstanding IC 5-13, the treasurer of state shall invest the
11 money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the
12 fund under IC 5-10.3-5. The treasurer of state may contract with
13 investment management professionals, investment advisers, and legal
14 counsel to assist in the management of the fund and may pay the state
15 expenses incurred under those contracts.
16 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
17 to the state general fund.



- 1 (e) Money in the fund may be used for the following purposes:
 2 (1) To create, assess, and assist a pilot project to enhance the
 3 economic and community development in a rural area.
 4 (2) To establish a local revolving loan fund for:
 5 (A) an industrial;
 6 (B) a commercial;
 7 (C) an agricultural; or
 8 (D) a tourist;
 9 venture.
 10 (3) To provide a loan for an economic development project in a
 11 rural area.
 12 (4) To provide technical assistance to a rural organization.
 13 (5) To assist in the development and creation of a rural
 14 cooperative.
 15 (6) To address rural workforce development challenges.
 16 (7) To assist in addressing telecommunications needs in a rural
 17 area, including the awarding of grants under IC 4-4-38.
 18 (8) To provide funding for rural economic development projects
 19 concerning the following issues:
 20 (A) Infrastructure, including water, wastewater, and storm
 21 water infrastructure needs.
 22 (B) Housing.
 23 (C) Health care.
 24 (D) Local planning.
 25 (E) Land use.
 26 (F) Other rural economic development issues, as determined
 27 by the office.
 28 (9) To provide funding for the establishment of new regional rural
 29 development groups and the operation of existing regional rural
 30 development groups.
 31 **(10) To provide grants to nonprofit organizations that:**
 32 **(A) assist in refugee resettlement; and**
 33 **(B) receive federal funds to assist in refugee resettlement.**
 34 (f) Expenditures from the fund are subject to appropriation by the
 35 general assembly and approval by the office.

