

HOUSE BILL No. 1549

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-8-2-77; IC 14-14-3.

Synopsis: Division of outdoor recreation. Establishes responsibilities for the director of the division of outdoor recreation concerning the following: (1) Coordination of outdoor recreation policy. (2) Promotion of economic development. (3) Recommending to the governor and general assembly policies and initiatives to enhance recreational amenities and experiences in Indiana. (4) Preparation of an annual report on the economic, social, and community impact of the outdoor recreation industry across Indiana. (5) Developing strategies to increase the number of new jobs related to outdoor recreation and to address workforce issues. Creates the outdoor recreation grant program.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 17, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.



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

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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 14-8-2-77, AS AMENDED BY P.L.167-2011,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 77. "Division" has the following meaning:
4 (1) For purposes of IC 14-9-8, the meaning set forth in
5 IC 14-9-8-2.
6 **(2) For purposes of IC 14-14-3, the meaning set forth in**
7 **IC 14-14-3-1.**
8 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** For purposes of IC 14-21, the division of historic
9 preservation and archeology.
10 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** For purposes of IC 14-22, the division of fish and wildlife.
11 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** For purposes of IC 14-24, the division of entomology and
12 plant pathology.
13 ~~(5)~~ **(6)** For purposes of IC 14-25.5, the division of water.
14 ~~(6)~~ **(7)** For purposes of IC 14-31-2, the meaning set forth in
15 IC 14-31-2-4.
16 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** For purposes of IC 14-32, the division of soil conservation
17 of the Indiana state department of agriculture established by



1 IC 15-11-4-1.

2 ~~(8)~~ **(9)** For purposes of IC 14-37, the division of oil and gas.

3 SECTION 2. IC 14-14-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
4 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2019]:

6 **Chapter 3. Division of Outdoor Recreation**

7 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "division" refers to the division**
8 **of outdoor recreation.**

9 **Sec. 2. The director of the division shall do the following:**

10 **(1) Coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and**
11 **promotion.**

12 **(2) Promote economic development by coordinating with**
13 **individuals or entities involved in the outdoor recreation**
14 **industry to:**

15 **(A) improve Indiana's outdoor recreation activities; and**

16 **(B) cultivate outdoor recreation businesses.**

17 **(3) Recommend to the governor and general assembly policies**
18 **and initiatives to enhance recreational amenities and**
19 **experiences in Indiana and help implement those policies and**
20 **initiatives.**

21 **(4) Prepare an annual report on the economic, social, and**
22 **community impact of the outdoor recreation industry across**
23 **Indiana.**

24 **(5) Develop strategies to increase the number of new jobs**
25 **directly or indirectly related to outdoor recreation and to**
26 **address workforce issues.**

27 **Sec. 3. The responsibilities of the director as described in section**
28 **2 of this chapter are in addition to any of the director's**
29 **responsibilities under any other law.**

30 **Sec. 4. (a) The outdoor recreation grant program is established**
31 **to provide grants to public agencies, private nonprofit**
32 **organizations, schools, after school programs, and community**
33 **based programs that provide opportunities for outdoor**
34 **environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource**
35 **based education and recreation programs.**

36 **(b) The department shall administer the program and establish**
37 **a written application and procedure for providing grants under**
38 **this section, including criteria to select recipients of the grant**
39 **considering the following:**

40 **(1) Schools with high numbers of students determined to be at**
41 **risk of academic failure in suburban, rural, and urban areas**
42 **of Indiana.**



- 1 **(2) Schools with high numbers of students who qualify for free**
 2 **and reduced price lunch in suburban, rural, and urban areas**
 3 **of Indiana.**
- 4 **(3) Schools with high numbers of students who have the**
 5 **greatest potential to drop out of school in suburban, rural,**
 6 **and urban areas of Indiana.**
- 7 **(4) Programs that contribute to the reduction of academic**
 8 **failure and drop out rates.**
- 9 **(5) Programs that make use of research based, effective**
 10 **environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural**
 11 **resource based education curriculum.**
- 12 **(6) Programs that contribute to healthy lifestyles through**
 13 **outdoor recreation and sound nutrition.**
- 14 **(7) Programs that maximize the number of participants that**
 15 **can be served.**
- 16 **(8) Programs that create partnerships with public and private**
 17 **entities.**
- 18 **(9) Programs that make use of various state parks as venues**
 19 **and use of the department as a resource.**
- 20 **(10) Programs that include ongoing program evaluation,**
 21 **assessment, and reporting of their effectiveness.**
- 22 **(11) Programs that use veterans for at least fifty percent**
 23 **(50%) of program implementation or administration.**
- 24 **Programs that provide outdoor education opportunities to schools**
 25 **must be aligned with the state academic standards.**
- 26 **(c) The outdoor recreation grant program fund is established to**
 27 **provide grants under this section. The department shall administer**
 28 **the fund.**
- 29 **(d) The fund consists of the following:**
- 30 **(1) Appropriations from the general assembly.**
- 31 **(2) Gifts to the fund.**
- 32 **(3) Grants, including grants from private entities.**
- 33 **(4) Other state funds that are transferred to the fund.**
- 34 **(e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 35 **money in the fund.**
- 36 **(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 37 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 38 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
 39 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited into the fund.**
- 40 **(g) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the**
 41 **purposes of the fund.**
- 42 **(h) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**



1 revert to the state general fund.
2 (i) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
3 implement this section.

