

HOUSE BILL No. 1568

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-16.

Synopsis: Veteran and military benefits for PFAS exposure. Establishes the PFAS chemical blood testing program under the Indiana department of veterans' affairs (department) for the purpose of blood testing: (1) veterans; (2) current members of the armed forces of the United States or of active or reserve components of the Indiana National Guard or Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) civilian personnel on certain military bases in Indiana; to determine whether there is a higher concentration of PFAS chemicals in the blood of those persons. Provides that not later than November 1 of each year, the Indiana veterans' affairs commission shall report to the legislative council on the results of the PFAS blood testing program with respect to the most recent state fiscal year.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.



First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

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 public safety.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2021]:

4 **Chapter 16. PFAS Chemical Blood Testing Program.**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to the PFAS**
6 **chemical blood testing program coordinator designated under**
7 **section 8 of this chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
9 **Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by**
10 **IC 10-17-1-2.**

11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director**
12 **of veterans' affairs.**

13 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "eligible person" means an**
14 **individual who is:**

- 15 (1) a veteran;
- 16 (2) a current member of the armed forces of the United States
- 17 or of active or reserve components of the Indiana National



- 1 **Guard or Indiana Air National Guard; or**
 2 **(3) civilian personnel on a military base under section 9 of this**
 3 **chapter;**
 4 **who may have been exposed to higher concentrations of PFAS**
 5 **chemicals due to exposure on a military base under section 9 of this**
 6 **chapter.**
 7 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "PFAS chemical" has the**
 8 **meaning set forth in IC 36-8-10.7-3.**
 9 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the PFAS**
 10 **chemical blood testing program established by section 7 of this**
 11 **chapter.**
 12 **Sec. 7. The PFAS chemical blood testing program is established**
 13 **within the department. The program must be funded using the**
 14 **available resources of the department.**
 15 **Sec. 8. The director may designate a coordinator who is**
 16 **responsible for the administration of the program under the**
 17 **direction and supervision of the director. The department may set**
 18 **the salary of the coordinator using only the available resources of**
 19 **the department.**
 20 **Sec. 9. The program shall provide PFAS blood testing for**
 21 **eligible persons who may have been exposed to higher**
 22 **concentrations of PFAS chemicals on the following military bases:**
 23 **(1) ANG Fort Wayne located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.**
 24 **(2) Grissom Air Force Base located in Grissom, Indiana.**
 25 **(3) Hulman International Airport located in Terre Haute,**
 26 **Indiana.**
 27 **(4) NSWC Crane located in Martin County, Indiana.**
 28 **(5) Shelbyville Army Aviation Support Facility located in**
 29 **Shelbyville, Indiana.**
 30 **Sec. 10. The program has the following purposes and duties:**
 31 **(1) To identify additional potential sites in Indiana where**
 32 **PFAS chemicals may be in higher concentrations by starting**
 33 **with the military bases under section 9 of this chapter.**
 34 **(2) To estimate the possible date the military bases under**
 35 **section 9 of this chapter may have become exposed to higher**
 36 **concentrations of PFAS chemicals.**
 37 **(3) To identify the cause of the higher concentrations of PFAS**
 38 **chemicals on the military bases under section 9 of this**
 39 **chapter.**
 40 **(4) To identify the estimated number of individuals who may**
 41 **be eligible persons.**
 42 **(5) To make reasonable efforts to notify eligible persons of**



- 1 **their potential exposure to PFAS chemicals.**
- 2 **(6) To perform PFAS blood tests for eligible persons upon the**
- 3 **request of the eligible person.**
- 4 **(7) To establish a data base and record the results of the PFAS**
- 5 **blood tests in that data base.**
- 6 **Sec. 11. (a) Not later than November 1 of each year, the**
- 7 **commission shall report to the legislative council on the results of**
- 8 **the PFAS blood testing program with respect to the most recent**
- 9 **state fiscal year.**
- 10 **(b) A report to the legislative council under this section must be**
- 11 **in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- 12 **Sec. 12. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2:**
- 13 **(1) regarding establishing the concentration of PFAS**
- 14 **chemicals in a persons blood that would qualify as elevated;**
- 15 **and**
- 16 **(2) to otherwise implement this chapter.**

