

SENATE BILL No. 58

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-13-5; IC 10-18-8-1; IC 21-41-10-10.

Synopsis: Local appropriations for Memorial Day expenses. Removes an outdated list of veterans organizations from the statute authorizing counties, townships, cities, and towns to appropriate money to veterans organizations to defray the expenses of Memorial Day. Makes conforming changes. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on military and veterans affairs.)

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 6, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.



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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
- 2 SECTION 83, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. The commission consists of the following
- 4 members:
- 5 (1) Seven (7) members appointed by the governor. The governor
- 6 shall consider the following when making appointments under
- 7 this subdivision:
- 8 (A) Membership ~~in:~~ **in**
- 9 (i) a veterans association established under IC 10-18-6. ~~or~~
- 10 (ii) a veterans organization listed in ~~IC 10-18-8-1.~~
- 11 (B) Service in the armed forces of the United States (as
- 12 defined in IC 5-9-4-3) or the national guard (as defined in
- 13 IC 5-9-4-4).
- 14 (C) Experience in education, including higher education,
- 15 vocational education, or adult education.
- 16 (D) Experience in investment banking or finance.



1 The governor shall designate one (1) member appointed under
2 this subdivision to serve as chairperson of the commission.

3 (2) The director of veterans' affairs appointed under IC 10-17-1-5
4 or the director's designee.

5 (3) The adjutant general of the military department of the state
6 appointed under IC 10-16-2-6 or the adjutant general's designee.

7 (4) Four (4) members of the general assembly appointed as
8 follows:

9 (A) Two (2) members of the senate, one (1) from each political
10 party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate
11 with advice from the minority leader of the senate.

12 (B) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, one (1)
13 from each political party, appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives with advice from the minority leader
15 of the house of representatives.

16 Members appointed under this subdivision are nonvoting,
17 advisory members and must serve on a standing committee of the
18 senate or house of representatives that has subject matter
19 jurisdiction over military and veterans affairs.

20 SECTION 2. IC 10-18-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.15-2008,
21 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. ~~(a)~~ The respective authorities of counties,
23 townships, cities, and towns each may appropriate annually to one (1)
24 or more posts, garrisons, or camps of ~~each of the following~~
25 ~~organizations~~ **a military service organization or veterans service**
26 **organization** in the respective counties, townships, cities, or towns a
27 sum to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

28 (1) ~~Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States:~~

29 (2) ~~United Spanish War Veterans:~~

30 (3) ~~Disabled American Veterans of the World War:~~

31 (4) ~~The American Legion:~~

32 (5) ~~The Army and Navy Union of the United States of America:~~

33 (6) ~~Marine Corps League:~~

34 (7) ~~Veterans of World War I, Inc:~~

35 (8) ~~American Veterans of World War II:~~

36 (9) ~~Catholic War Veterans:~~

37 (10) ~~Jewish War Veterans:~~

38 (11) ~~American Ex-Prisoners of War:~~

39 (12) ~~American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam~~
40 ~~(AMVETS):~~

41 (13) ~~American War Mothers:~~

42 (14) ~~Blinded Veterans Association:~~



- 1 (15) Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States
 2 of America:
 3 (16) Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
 4 (17) Legion of Valor of the U.S.A., Inc.
 5 (18) Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc.
 6 (19) Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA):
 7 (20) Paralyzed Veterans of America:
 8 (21) Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.
 9 (22) Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA:
 10 (23) Regular Veterans Association:
 11 (24) The Retired Enlisted Association:
 12 (25) U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II:
 13 (26) Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
 14 (27) Women's Army Corps Veterans Association:

15 (b) In a county in which one (1) of the organizations listed in
 16 subsection (a) coordinates the Memorial Day celebration for the
 17 county, the county council may annually appropriate to the organization
 18 coordinating the celebration a sum to defray the expenses of the
 19 Memorial Day celebration:

20 (c) In a county in which there is a county Memorial Day society,
 21 county veterans' council, or any other county Memorial Day association
 22 not listed in subsection (a) that coordinates the Memorial Day
 23 celebration for the county instead of one (1) of the organizations listed
 24 in subsection (a), the county council may annually appropriate to one
 25 (1) society, council, or association, instead of the appropriations to the
 26 various organizations listed in subsection (a), a sum to aid in defraying
 27 the expenses of the Memorial Day celebration:

28 (d) An appropriation under subsection (b) or (c) is in addition to any
 29 appropriation under subsection (a):

30 SECTION 3. IC 21-41-10-10, AS ADDED BY SEA 24-2014,
 31 SECTION 98, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 10. (a) Each state educational institution shall
 33 designate a program coordinator.

34 (b) The duties of the coordinator include the following:

- 35 (1) Develop programs to create a positive educational
 36 environment for veteran students while the veteran student is
 37 enrolled at the state educational institution.
 38 (2) Develop training programs for the state educational
 39 institution's personnel relating to:
 40 (A) issues associated with identifying and assisting veteran
 41 students with posttraumatic stress disorder;
 42 (B) veteran benefits; and



- 1 (C) any issue that the coordinator determines will educate a
2 state educational institution's faculty or staff of the special
3 needs of veteran students.
- 4 (3) Make recommendations to the commission for higher
5 education established under IC 21-18-2 concerning ways to
6 improve the education of veteran students.
- 7 (4) Coordinate access to stress management, counseling
8 programs, and other resources available to a veteran student at the
9 state educational institution.
- 10 (5) Coordinate with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs
11 established by IC 10-17-1-2 to educate veteran students about
12 state benefits available to Indiana veterans.
- 13 (6) Coordinate with the United States Department of Veterans
14 Affairs to educate veteran students about federal benefits
15 available to veterans.
- 16 (7) Coordinate with the adjutant general or the adjutant general's
17 designee to educate veteran students about benefits and programs
18 available to veteran students who served or are currently serving
19 in the national guard.
- 20 (8) Coordinate activities, seminars, and programs for veteran
21 students presented by a veterans organization. ~~listed in~~
22 ~~IC 10-18-8-1.~~
- 23 (9) Coordinate campus activities and social events designed for
24 veteran students.
- 25 (10) Develop programs to assist a veteran student to locate
26 employment.
- 27 (11) Develop internship programs designed specifically for
28 veteran students.
- 29 (12) Develop an Internet web site to provide veteran students
30 access to veteran resources.

