



SENATE BILL No. 78

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Citations Affected: IC 6-3.6.

Synopsis: Distributions of public safety income tax revenue. Requires that part of a certified distribution allocated to a county (other than Marion County), subject to a qualified township's application, be allocated among the qualified townships in the county. Provides the calculation for the amount of the allocation. Provides that a qualified township and various fire entities may apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue. Provides that the county adopting body shall review an application and shall, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution requiring tax revenue to be distributed to a qualified applicant or applicants. Provides that the county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance. Provides that an adopted (Continued next page)

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January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy. January 26, 2023, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass. February 9, 2023, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



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resolution submitted in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified applicant in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified applicant rescinds the application. Provides that a qualified applicant that wishes to rescind its application under this subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing. Provides that if the county adopting body receives a qualified applicant's written notice to rescind its application, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified applicant's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

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

SECTION 1. IC 6-3.6-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.247-2017
SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies to the allocation of
additional revenue from a tax under this chapter to public safety
purposes. Funding dedicated for a PSAP under a former tax continues
to apply under this chapter until it is rescinded or modified. If funding
was not dedicated for a PSAP under a former tax, the adopting body
may adopt a resolution providing that all or part of the additional
revenue allocated to public safety is to be dedicated for a PSAP. The
resolution first applies in the following year and then thereafter until it
is rescinded or modified. Funding dedicated for a PSAP shall be
allocated and distributed as provided in IC 6-3.6-11-4.

- (b) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection district" means a fire protection district established under IC 36-8-11.
- (c) As used in this section, "qualified fire protection territory" means a fire protection territory as described in IC 36-8-19-5 whose boundaries are entirely contained within a single county



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other than Marion County.

- (d) As used in this section, "qualified township" of a county refers to any township with a fire levy in a county (other than Marion County) that operates or contracts with a fire department, a volunteer fire department, or an emergency medical services provider.
- (b) (e) Except as provided in subsection (e), (g), the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to public safety purposes, and after making allocations under IC 6-3.6-11, shall be allocated to the county and to each municipality in the county that is carrying out or providing at least one (1) public safety purpose. For purposes of this subsection, in the case of a consolidated city, the total property taxes imposed by the consolidated city include the property taxes imposed by the consolidated city and all special taxing districts (except for a public library district, a public transportation corporation, and a health and hospital corporation), and all special service districts. The amount allocated under this subsection to a county or municipality is equal to the result of:
 - (1) the amount of the remaining certified distribution that is allocated to public safety purposes; multiplied by
 - (2) a fraction equal to:
 - (A) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county or municipality for the calendar year preceding the distribution year, divided by the sum of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county and each municipality in the county that is entitled to a distribution under this section for that calendar year; or
 - (B) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or a county that did not impose a rate for public safety under either IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the attributed allocation amount of the county or municipality for the calendar year preceding the distribution year, divided by the sum of the attributed allocation amounts of the county and each municipality in the county that is entitled to a distribution under this section for that calendar year.
- (f) Part of the certified distribution allocated to a county (other than Marion County) under subsection (e) shall, subject to the qualified township's application to the county adopting body under this subsection, be allocated among the qualified townships in the



county. The amount allocated under this subsection to each qualified township is equal to the result of:

- (1) the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to the county under subsection (e); multiplied by
- (2) a fraction equal to:

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- (A) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the qualified township for the calendar year, divided by the sum of the total property taxes imposed in the county by the county and each qualified township in the county; or
- (B) in the case of a county that initially imposed a rate for public safety under IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or a county that did not impose a rate for public safety under either IC 6-3.5-1.1 (repealed) or IC 6-3.5-6 (repealed), the result of the attributed allocation amount of the qualified township for the calendar year, divided by the sum of the attributed allocation amounts of the county and each qualified township in the county.

A qualified township may, before July 1 of a year, apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under this section. The county adopting body shall review an application submitted by a qualified township under this subsection and shall, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution requiring tax revenue to be distributed to the qualified township under this section. The county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified township in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified township rescinds its application under this subsection. A qualified township that wishes to rescind its application under this subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing before July 1 of a year. If the county adopting body receives a qualified township's written notice to rescind its application for a distribution of tax revenue under this subsection, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified township's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance



not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted.

- (e) (g) A fire department, volunteer fire department, qualified fire protection territory provider unit, qualified fire protection district, or emergency medical services provider that:
 - (1) provides fire protection or emergency medical services within the county; and
 - (2) is operated by or serves a political subdivision that is not otherwise entitled to receive a distribution of tax revenue under this section;

may, before July 1 of a year, apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue under this section during the following calendar year. The county adopting body shall review an application submitted by a qualified fire protection territory provider unit or qualified fire protection district under this subsection and may, shall, before September 1 of a year, adopt a resolution requiring that one (1) or more of the applicants shall receive a specified amount of the tax revenue to be distributed to the qualified applicant under this section. during the following calendar year. The county adopting body shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted. A resolution adopted under this subsection and provided in a timely manner to the county auditor and the department applies only to distributions in the following calendar year. Any amount of tax revenue distributed under this subsection to a fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider shall be distributed before the remainder of the tax revenue is allocated under subsection (b). the department of local government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified applicant in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified applicant rescinds its application under this subsection. A qualified applicant that wishes to rescind its application under this subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing before July 1 of a year. If the county adopting body receives a qualified applicant's written notice to rescind its application for a distribution of tax revenue under this subsection, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified applicant's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 78, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 39, after "shall" insert ", subject to the qualified township's application to the county adopting body under this subsection,".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 78 as introduced.)

HOLDMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 78 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 3, after "township" insert "with a fire levy".

Page 4, line 2, after "territory" insert "provider unit".

Page 4, line 9, after "to the" insert "county".

Page 4, line 11, after "The" insert "county".

Page 4, line 11, after "submitted" insert "by a qualified fire protection territory provider unit or qualified fire protection district".

Page 4, line 12, strike "may," and insert "shall,".

Page 4, line 13, strike "that one (1) or more of the applicants shall receive".

Page 4, line 14, strike "a specified amount of the".

Page 4, line 14, after "distributed" insert "to the qualified applicant".

Page 4, line 15, after "section" insert ".".

Page 4, line 15, strike "during the following calendar year.".

Page 4, line 15, after "year. The" insert "county".

Page 4, strike lines 20 through 23.

Page 4, line 24, strike "revenue is allocated under subsection".

Page 4, line 24, delete "(e)." and insert "the department of local



government finance applies to distributions of tax revenue to the qualified applicant in the following calendar year and each calendar year thereafter until the qualified applicant rescinds its application under this subsection. A qualified applicant that wishes to rescind its application under this subsection must notify the county adopting body in writing before July 1 of a year. If the county adopting body receives a qualified applicant's written notice to rescind its application for a distribution of tax revenue under this subsection, the county adopting body shall adopt a resolution rescinding the qualified applicant's distribution before September 1 of a year and shall provide a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the department of local government finance not more than fifteen (15) days after the resolution is adopted."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 78 as printed January 27, 2023.)

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