

SENATE BILL No. 145

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-33.

Synopsis: Office of outdoor recreation development. Establishes the office of outdoor recreation development (office) within the Indiana destination development corporation. Establishes certain purposes for the office, including increasing outdoor recreation-based economic development, tourism, and ecotourism, promoting the growth of the outdoor recreation economy, and promoting the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation. Provides for the appointment by the governor of an individual as director of the office and for the director of the office to appoint an outdoor recreation industry advisory council (council) to provide guidance to the director. Provides that individuals appointed as members of the council must represent a variety of outdoor recreation industries.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 6, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.



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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 5-33-2-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2020]: **Sec. 3.5. "Council", for purposes of IC 5-33-7, has the**
- 4 **meaning set forth in IC 5-33-7-1.**
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 5-33-2-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 7 1, 2020]: **Sec. 5. "Office", for purposes of IC 5-33-7, has the**
- 8 **meaning set forth in IC 5-33-7-2.**
- 9 SECTION 3. IC 5-33-2-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 10 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 11 1, 2020]: **Sec. 6. "Outdoor recreation", for purposes of IC 5-33-7,**
- 12 **has the meaning set forth in IC 5-33-7-3.**
- 13 SECTION 4. IC 5-33-2-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 14 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 15 1, 2020]: **Sec. 7. "Outdoor recreation industries", for purposes of**
- 16 **IC 5-33-7-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 5-33-7-7(a).**
- 17 SECTION 5. IC 5-33-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS



1 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 2020]:

3 **Chapter 7. Office of Outdoor Recreation Development**

4 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the outdoor**
5 **recreation industry advisory council appointed under section 6 of**
6 **this chapter.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of**
8 **outdoor recreation development established by section 4 of this**
9 **chapter.**

10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "outdoor recreation" means a**
11 **recreational activity that occurs outdoors in a natural**
12 **environment, including the use of:**

- 13 (1) trails;
14 (2) the natural landscape;
15 (3) water resources;
16 (4) snow resources; and
17 (5) other natural resources.

18 **Sec. 4. (a) There is established within the corporation an office**
19 **of outdoor recreation development.**

20 **(b) The governor shall appoint an individual as director of the**
21 **office.**

22 **(c) The director of the office:**

- 23 (1) reports to the director of the corporation; and
24 (2) may appoint the staff of the office.

25 **Sec. 5. (a) The purposes of the office are to do the following:**

26 (1) Increase outdoor recreation-based economic development,
27 tourism, and ecotourism in Indiana by:

- 28 (A) attracting outdoor recreation industries to Indiana;
29 (B) developing the growth of new business opportunities in
30 Indiana; and
31 (C) marketing, advertising, and securing media
32 opportunities that reflect the opportunities for outdoor
33 recreation in Indiana.

34 (2) Promote the growth of the outdoor recreation economy in
35 Indiana to support:

- 36 (A) economic growth; and
37 (B) stewardship and conservation of natural resources in
38 Indiana.

39 (3) Coordinate with federal and state agencies and local
40 government entities in Indiana on matters related to the
41 purposes set forth in this section when the director of the
42 office determines that coordination is necessary or beneficial.



1 (4) Recommend to the governor policies and initiatives to
 2 enhance recreational amenities and experiences in Indiana,
 3 help implement those policies and initiatives, and report on
 4 the impacts of implemented policies and initiatives,
 5 developing and supporting the development of data regarding
 6 the impacts of outdoor recreation in Indiana while ensuring
 7 national data are used as a benchmark factor in agency
 8 decisionmaking.

9 (5) Promote the health and social benefits of outdoor
 10 recreation.

11 (6) Advocate on behalf of Indiana for federal funding and
 12 participation in federal programs, including any funding
 13 opportunities that are available through:

14 (A) the Land and Water Conservation Fund established by
 15 54 U.S.C. 200302;

16 (B) the Sport Fish Restoration Program; and

17 (C) the National Forest System Trail Stewardship
 18 Partnership Funding Program.

19 (7) Create and maintain a statewide list of lands to be
 20 conserved, enhanced, and publicized for outdoor recreation.

21 (b) The director of the office shall ensure that the purposes of
 22 the office are fulfilled.

23 Sec. 6. (a) The director shall appoint an outdoor recreation
 24 industry advisory council to provide guidance to the director in
 25 carrying out the purposes set forth in section 5(a) of this chapter.

26 (b) The director of the office shall publish a public notice
 27 soliciting applicants for positions on the council.

28 (c) The council may not include more than twenty (20)
 29 members.

30 (d) The director of the office may appoint:

31 (1) one (1) representative of the department of natural
 32 resources created by IC 14-9-1-1; and

33 (2) one (1) representative of the office of tourism development
 34 established by IC 5-29-2-1;

35 as members of the council.

36 Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "outdoor recreation
 37 industries" includes industries that support and promote the
 38 following:

39 (1) Hunting.

40 (2) Fishing.

41 (3) Boating.

42 (4) Hiking.



- 1 **(5) Running and other fitness activities.**
- 2 **(6) Bicycling.**
- 3 **(7) Horseback riding.**
- 4 **(8) Winter and water sports and recreation.**
- 5 **(9) Recreation vehicles and campgrounds.**
- 6 **(10) Motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized**
- 7 **recreation.**
- 8 **(11) Trails and other outdoor recreation infrastructure.**
- 9 **(12) Guides, outfitters, and other outdoor businesses that**
- 10 **depend upon public lands.**
- 11 **(13) Lodging and other visitors' services.**
- 12 **(14) Conservation and stewardship.**
- 13 **(15) Real estate and community development.**
- 14 **(16) Public health and wellness.**
- 15 **(17) Education and workforce training.**
- 16 **(18) Financial and digital institutions and services.**
- 17 **(b) Individuals appointed as members of the council must**
- 18 **represent:**
- 19 **(1) interests that:**
- 20 **(A) conduct business in Indiana; and**
- 21 **(B) share the goal of promoting the growth of the outdoor**
- 22 **recreation economy and outdoor recreation activities; and**
- 23 **(2) a variety of outdoor recreation industries that contribute**
- 24 **to Indiana's economy.**

