

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 148

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Citations Affected: IC 5-4; IC 31-14; IC 33-37; IC 33-39.

Synopsis: Prosecuting attorneys. Permits a prosecuting attorney to purchase a crime insurance policy instead of executing a surety bond. Permits the department of child services or a prosecuting attorney to file a paternity action in certain cases. Renames the drug prosecution fund as the substance abuse prosecution fund. Requires a prosecuting attorney to investigate information received about the commission of certain criminal offenses. Allows a prosecuting attorney to issue or request a subpoena, search warrant, or other process necessary to aid an investigation. Broadens the types of expenses a county auditor shall pay the prosecuting attorney in connection with a criminal case. Allows a prosecuting attorney to appoint employees with the approval of the county council. Allows the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana to call two conferences each year and specifies who may attend the conferences. Requires the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana to conduct certain training. Provides a prosecuting attorney with defense and indemnification in a disciplinary action for conduct that occurred within the scope of employment.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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(HOUSE SPONSOR — STEUERWALD)

January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary. January 20, 2022, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on

January 24, 2022, reassigned to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure pursuant to Rule 68(b). Committee Report: Without recommendation, adopted.

January 27, 2022, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
February 1, 2022, read third time, passed. Yeas 40, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

February 7, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code. February 17, 2022, amended, reported — Do Pass.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

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

1	SECTION 1. IC 5-4-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 2. (a) The oath required by section
3	1 of this chapter, except in the case of a notary public or in those cases
4	specified in section 3 of this chapter, shall be endorsed on or attached
5	to the:
6	(1) commission;
7	(2) certificate if a certificate was issued under IC 3-10-7-34,
8	IC 3-12-4, or IC 3-12-5; or
9	(3) certificate of appointment pro tempore under IC 3-13-11-11;
10	signed by the person taking the oath, and certified to by the officer
11	before whom the oath was taken, who shall also deliver to the person
12	taking the oath a copy of the oath.
13	(b) A copy of the oath of office of a prosecuting attorney shall be
14	(1) recorded on the bond required by section 20 of this chapter; or
15	(2) attached to the commission of the prosecuting attorney.



1	SECTION 2. IC 5-4-1-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 20. (a) This section does not apply
3	if the person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney has
4	purchased a crime insurance policy to which all of the following
5	apply:
6	(1) The crime insurance policy:
7	(A) provides coverage for criminal acts or omissions
8	committed by:
9	(i) the prosecuting attorney; and
0	(ii) any employees of the prosecuting attorney, including
1	investigators, who are covered under an endorsement
2	described in clause (D);
3	(B) includes aggregate coverage sufficient to provide
4	coverage amounts specified for:
5	(i) the prosecuting attorney; and
6	(ii) any employees of the prosecuting attorney, including
7	investigators, who are covered under an endorsement
8	described in clause (D);
9	(C) is endorsed to cover the faithful performance of the
20	duties of the prosecuting attorney; and
21	(D) may be endorsed to cover the faithful performance of
22	the duties of employees of the prosecuting attorney,
22 23 24	including investigators.
	(2) The cost of the crime insurance policy is paid by:
25 26	(A) the county; or
26	(B) if the judicial circuit is composed of more than one (1)
27	county, each county in the judicial circuit in the manner
8	provided by IC 33-38-5-3.
.9	(3) The state is, for the sole purpose of recovering public
0	funds on behalf of a local government unit, named on the
1	crime insurance policy and any endorsements as a named
2	insured.
3	(b) A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney shall
4	execute an individual surety bond for the faithful performance of the
5	duties of the office. The amount of the bond must be at least eight
6	thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500).
7	(b) (c) A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney may
8	not take office until that person has filed a bond:
9	(1) in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the
0	person resides; and
1	(2) within ten (10) days after the bond is issued.
-2	(c) (d) The cost of a bond shall be paid by the county. For multiple



1	county judicial circuits, the cost shall be paid by each county in the
2	judicial circuit in the manner provided by IC 33-38-5-3.
3	(d) (e) A bond must be:
4	(1) executed by the person elected prosecuting attorney and one
5	(1) or more freehold sureties; and
6	(2) payable to the state as provided in section 10 of this chapter.
7	(e) (f) A bond is not void on first recovery, and suits may be brought
8	on the bond until the penalty is exhausted.
9	(f) (g) If a bond has been legally certified, any of the following have
10	the same effect in evidence as the bond:
11	(1) A copy of the bond.
12	(2) A record of the bond.
13	(3) A copy of a record of the bond.
14	(g) (h) The county recorder of the county in which the person
15	elected prosecuting attorney resides shall record the bond in an official
16	bond register.
17	SECTION 3. IC 31-14-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.206-2015,
18	SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19	JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 3. (a) The department or a prosecuting attorney
20	operating under an agreement or contract described in IC 31-25-4-13.1,
21	may file a paternity action as next friend of the child if:
22	(1) the mother;
23	(2) the person with whom the child resides; or
24	(3) the department; or
25	(4) the alleged father;
26	has executed an assignment of support rights or applied for IV-D
27	services under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
28	651 through 669) and IC 31-25-4-19.
29	(b) A filing under subsection (a) by the department or
30	prosecuting attorney must be made within the period that would
31	apply if the child were filing on the child's own behalf under
32	IC 31-14-5-2.
33	SECTION 4. IC 33-37-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2018,
34	SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35	JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. (a) The treasurer of state shall distribute
36	semiannually one million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars
37	(\$1,288,000) of the amounts transferred to the state fund under section
38	3 of this chapter as follows:
39	(1) Fourteen and ninety-eight hundredths percent (14.98%) shall
40	be deposited into the alcohol and drug countermeasures fund
41	established by IC 9-27-2-11.
42	(2) Eight and forty-two hundredths percent (8.42%) shall be



1	deposited into the drug interdiction fund established by
2	IC 10-11-7-1.
3	(3) Four and sixty-eight hundredths percent (4.68%) shall be
4	deposited into the drug substance abuse prosecution fund
5	established by IC 33-39-8-6.
6	(4) Five and sixty-two hundredths percent (5.62%) shall be
7	deposited into the corrections drug abuse fund established by
8	IC 11-8-2-11.
9	(5) Twenty-two and forty-seven hundredths percent (22.47%)
10	shall be deposited into the state drug free communities fund
11	established by IC 5-2-10-2.
12	(6) Seven and ninety-eight hundredths percent (7.98%) shall be
13	distributed to the Indiana department of transportation for use
14	under IC 8-23-2-15.
15	(7) Twenty and thirty-two hundredths percent (20.32%) shall be
16	deposited in the family violence and victim assistance fund
17	established by IC 5-2-6.8-3.
18	(8) Fifteen and fifty-three hundredths percent (15.53%) shall be
19	deposited in the Indiana safe schools fund established by
20	IC 5-2-10.1.
21	(b) The treasurer of state shall distribute semiannually the amount
22	remaining after the distributions are made under subsection (a) to the
23	court technology fund established by IC 33-24-6-12.
24	SECTION 5. IC 33-39-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
25	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 3. A person elected to
26	the office of prosecuting attorney, before entering upon the duties of
27	the office, shall execute a bond or crime insurance policy in the
28	manner prescribed by IC 5-4-1.
29	SECTION 6. IC 33-39-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2016,
30	SECTION 152, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
31	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. (a) When a prosecuting attorney
32	receives information or an allegation of the commission of a felony,
33	or misdemeanor, act of delinquency, or infraction the prosecuting
34	attorney: shall cause process to issue from a court having jurisdiction
35	to issue the process to the proper officer, directing the officer to
36	subpoena the persons named in the process who are likely to have
37	information concerning the commission of the felony or misdemeanor.
38	The prosecuting attorney shall examine a person subpoenaed before the
39	court that issued the process concerning the offense.
40	(1) shall cause an investigation of the information or

(2) may issue subpoenas ad testificandum; and



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allegation;

1	(3) may cause a court having jurisdiction to issue:
2	(A) subpoenas;
3	(B) subpoenas duces tecum;
4	(C) search warrants; and
5	(D) other process necessary to support or aid the
6	investigation.
7	(b) If the facts elicited under subsection (a) are sufficient to
8	establish a reasonable presumption of guilt against the party charged,
9	the court shall:
10	(1) cause the testimony that amounts to a charge of a felony or
11	misdemeanor to be reduced to writing and subscribed and sworn
12	to by the witness; and
13	(2) issue process for the apprehension of the accused, as in other
14	cases.
15	SECTION 7. IC 33-39-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. Except as provided
17	in section 2 of this chapter and upon the order of a judge trying a
18	criminal case, the county auditor shall pay to a prosecuting attorney,
19	from funds in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated and as a
20	part of the costs of the trial, an amount equal to the expenses
21	necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney in traveling to attend the
22	taking of any deposition in connection with the criminal action.
23	SECTION 8. IC 33-39-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
24	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) The prosecuting
25	attorney of any judicial circuit of Indiana may appoint one (1) or more
26	investigators an employee, including an investigator, with the
27	approval of the county council or councils. An investigator An
28	employee appointed under this section
29	(1) works under the direction of the prosecuting attorney. and
30	(2) may conduct investigations and assist in collecting and
31	assembling evidence that, in the judgment of the prosecuting
32	attorney, may be necessary for the successful prosecution of any
33	of the criminal offenders of the judicial circuit.
34	(b) An investigator appointed under this section who is not covered
35	by a crime insurance policy described in IC 5-4-1-20 shall give bond
36	in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). and
37	(c) An investigator appointed under this section has the same
38	police powers within the county authorized by law to all police officers.
39	(c) (d) In each judicial circuit the salary or other compensation to be
40	paid an investigator appointed under this section shall be set by the
41	county council or councils. A county council or councils may not

reduce the number of investigators or compensation of any investigator



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without approval of the prosecuting attorney.

 SECTION 9. IC 33-39-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) Prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys are entitled to receive the compensation provided in this chapter. The minimum compensation of the prosecuting attorneys shall be paid in the manner prescribed in section 5 of this chapter. The compensation of the deputy prosecuting attorneys shall be paid in the manner prescribed in section 2 of this chapter.

- (b) Upon the allowance of an itemized and verified claim by the board of county commissioners, the auditor of the county shall issue a warrant to a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney who filed the claim to pay any part of the compensation of a prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney that exceeds the amount that the state is to pay.
- (c) A deputy prosecuting attorney who knowingly divides compensation with the prosecuting attorney or any other officer or person in connection with employment commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- (d) A prosecuting attorney or any other officer or person who knowingly accepts any division of compensation described in subsection (c) commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- (e) The attorney general prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana shall call at least one (1) and not more than two (2) conferences of the prosecuting attorneys, each year, to consider, discuss, and develop coordinated plans for the enforcement of the laws of Indiana. The conferences of the prosecuting attorneys are subject to the following:
 - (1) The date or dates upon which the conferences are held shall be fixed by the attorney general. prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana.
 - (2) The expenses necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney in attending a conference, including the actual expense of transportation to and from the place where the conference is held, together with meals and lodging, shall be paid from the general fund of the county upon the presentation of an itemized and verified claim, filed as required by law, and by warrant issued by the county auditor.
 - (3) If there is more than one (1) county in any judicial circuit, the expenses of the prosecuting attorneys incurred by virtue of this subsection shall be paid from the general fund of the respective counties constituting the circuit in the same proportion that the



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35 according to the following schedule:	
36 CLASSIFICATION FACTORS	
37 HIGH LOW	CLASS
38 NO LIMIT 8.00	1
39 ALL UNDER 8.00 2.25	2
40 ALL UNDER 2.25 1.25	3
41 ALL UNDER 1.25 .85	4
42 ALL UNDER .85 .70	7



1	ALL UNDER	.70	.60	6
2	ALL UNDER	.60	.50	7
3	ALL UNDER	.50	.35	8
4	ALL UNDER	.35	No limit	9

SECTION 12. IC 33-39-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 8. (a) The compensation provided in this chapter for prosecuting attorneys and their deputies is in full for all services required by law. Prosecuting attorneys shall appear in all courts and in all cases where the law provides that they shall appear.

- (b) Prosecuting attorneys, deputy prosecuting attorneys, and investigators, and other employees of prosecuting attorneys are entitled to a sum for mileage for the miles necessarily traveled in the discharge of their duties. The sum for mileage provided by this subsection must:
 - (1) equal the sum per mile paid to state officers and employees, with the rate changing each time the state government changes its rate per mile;
 - (2) be allowed by the board of county commissioners on a claim duly filed monthly by the prosecutor, deputy prosecuting attorneys, and investigators, and other employees itemizing the specific mileage traveled; and
 - (3) be paid by the county in which the duty arose that necessitated the travel.
- (c) This chapter does not prohibit the payment of other expenses as may be allowed by law.
- (d) If a board of county commissioners does not furnish the prosecuting attorney with office space, the county council shall appropriate a reasonable amount of money per year to the prosecuting attorney for office space.

SECTION 13. IC 33-39-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.237-2015, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 5. The council shall do the following:

- (1) Assist in the coordination of the duties of the prosecuting attorneys of the state and their staffs.
- (2) Prepare manuals of procedure.
- (3) Give assistance in preparation of the trial briefs, forms, and instructions.
- (4) Conduct training for prosecuting attorneys and the staff of prosecuting attorneys.
- (4) (5) Conduct research and studies that would be of interest and value to all prosecuting attorneys and their staffs.



1	(5) (6) Maintain liaison contact with study commissions and
2	agencies of all branches of local, state, and federal government
3	that will be of benefit to law enforcement and the fair
4	administration of justice in Indiana.
5	(6) (7) Adopt guidelines for the expenditure of funds derived from
6	a deferral program or a pretrial diversion program.
7	(7) (8) The council shall:
8	(A) compile forfeiture data received under IC 34-24-1-4.5; and
9	(B) annually submit a report to the legislative council
10	containing the compiled data.
11	The council shall submit the report to the legislative council before
12	July 15 of every year. The report must be in an electronic format under
13	IC 5-14-6. The council may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
14	this subdivision.
15	SECTION 14. IC 33-39-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 6. (a) The drug
17	substance abuse prosecution fund is established. The council shall
18	administer the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be made only in
19	accordance with appropriations made by the general assembly.
20	(b) The council may use money from the fund to provide assistance
21	to prosecuting attorneys to:
22	(1) investigate and prosecute violations of IC 35-48;
23	(2) bring actions for forfeiture, law enforcement costs, and
24	correction costs under IC 34-24-1;
25	(3) bring actions for civil and criminal remedies for a violation of
26	IC 35-45-6; and
27	(4) obtain training, equipment, and technical assistance that
28	would enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to reduce
29	illegal drug activity.
30	(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
31	currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
32	manner as other public funds may be invested.
33	(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to
34	the state general fund.
35	SECTION 15. IC 33-39-9-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
36	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not
37	apply to a threatened, pending, or completed action or a proceeding
38	that:
39	(1) results in the criminal conviction of; or
40	(2) is a disciplinary action or proceeding for conduct occurring
41	outside the scope of a prosecuting attorney's employment



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against;

1 a prosecuting attorney.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 148, 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 3, line 19, after "3." insert "(a)".

Page 3, line 21, after "action" insert "as next friend of the child".

Page 3, line 26, delete "child".

Page 3, line 27, delete "support" and insert "IV-D".

Page 3, line 28, delete "669)." and insert "669) and IC 31-25-4-19.".

Page 3, between lines 28 and 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A filing under subsection (a) by the department or prosecuting attorney must be made within the period that would apply if the child were filing on the child's own behalf under IC 31-14-5-2."

Page 11, line 4, delete "grants and" and insert "federal and state grants".

Page 11, line 5, delete "funding from any source".

Page 11, line 9, delete "grant or funding source." and insert "**state or federal grant.**".

Page 11, line 11, delete "funding" and insert "a state or federal grant".

Page 11, line 13, delete "grant funds" and insert "**state or federal grants**".

Page 12, delete lines 20 through 42.

Page 13, delete lines 1 through 15.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 148 as introduced.)

BROWN L, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 5.



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that Senate Bill 148, currently assigned to the Committee on Appropriations, be reassigned to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

BRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill 148, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate without recommendation.

BRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred Senate Bill 148, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, delete lines 33 through 42.

Delete pages 4 through 5.

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 8.

Page 9, line 8, delete "attorney," and insert "attorney".

Page 9, delete line 9.

Page 9, line 10, delete "prosecuting attorney".

Page 9, line 17, delete "attorneys," and insert "attorneys".

Page 9, line 17, delete "deputy prosecuting".

Page 9, line 18, delete "attorneys, and employees of the prosecuting attorneys".

Page 9, delete lines 25 through 42.

Delete page 10.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 21.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

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(Reference is to SB 148 as printed January 25, 2022.)

MCNAMARA

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

