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### **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. 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 acouncil of Indiana to call two conferences the prosecuting attorneys acouncil of Indiana to call two conferences the prosecuting attorney acouncil of Indiana to call two 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.

# Koch, Freeman

(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

Appropriations. 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 HOUSE ACTION February 7, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code. February 17, 2022, amended, reported — Do Pass. February 21, 2022, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed. February 22, 2022, returned to second reading. February 24, 2022, re-read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



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## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 148

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	$\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ attached to the commission of the prosecuting attorney.



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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
10	(ii) any employees of the prosecuting attorney, including
11	investigators, who are covered under an endorsement
12	described in clause (D);
13	(B) includes aggregate coverage sufficient to provide
14	coverage amounts specified for:
15	(i) the prosecuting attorney; and
16	(ii) any employees of the prosecuting attorney, including
17	investigators, who are covered under an endorsement
18	described in clause (D);
19	(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,
23	including investigators.
24	(2) The cost of the crime insurance policy is paid by:
25	(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
28	provided by IC 33-38-5-3.
29	(3) The state is, for the sole purpose of recovering public
30	funds on behalf of a local government unit, named on the
31	crime insurance policy and any endorsements as a named
32	insured.
33	(b) A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney shall
34	execute an individual surety bond for the faithful performance of the
35	duties of the office. The amount of the bond must be at least eight
36	thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500).
37	(b) (c) A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney may
38	not take office until that person has filed a bond:
39	(1) in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the
40	person resides; and
41	(2) within ten (10) days after the bond is issued.
42	(c) (d) The cost of a bond shall be paid by the county. For multiple



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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	(c) (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 <b>as next friend of the child</b> 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 established by IC 5-2-10-2. 11 12 (6) Seven and ninety-eight hundredths percent (7.98%) shall be distributed to the Indiana department of transportation for use 13 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 33-39-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. Except as provided 30 31 in section 2 of this chapter and upon the order of a judge trying a 32 criminal case, the county auditor shall pay to a prosecuting attorney, 33 from funds in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated and as a 34 part of the costs of the trial, an amount equal to the expenses 35 necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney in traveling to attend the 36 taking of any deposition in connection with the criminal action. 37 SECTION 7. IC 33-39-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) The prosecuting 39 attorney of any judicial circuit of Indiana may appoint one (1) or more 40 investigators an employee, including an investigator, with the 41 approval of the county council or councils. An investigator An 42 employee appointed under this section



1 (1) works under the direction of the prosecuting attorney. and 2 (2) may conduct investigations and assist in collecting and 3 assembling evidence that, in the judgment of the prosecuting 4 attorney, may be necessary for the successful prosecution of any 5 of the criminal offenders of the judicial circuit. 6 (b) An investigator appointed under this section who is not covered 7 by a crime insurance policy described in IC 5-4-1-20 shall give bond 8 in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). and 9 (c) An investigator appointed under this section has the same 10 police powers within the county authorized by law to all police officers. (c) (d) In each judicial circuit the salary or other compensation to be 11 12 paid an investigator appointed under this section shall be set by the 13 county council or councils. A county council or councils may not 14 reduce the number of investigators or compensation of any investigator without approval of the prosecuting attorney. 15 16 SECTION 8. IC 33-39-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) Prosecuting 18 attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys are entitled to receive the 19 compensation provided in this chapter. The minimum compensation of 20 the prosecuting attorneys shall be paid in the manner prescribed in 21 section 5 of this chapter. The compensation of the deputy prosecuting 22 attorneys shall be paid in the manner prescribed in section 2 of this 23 chapter. 24 (b) Upon the allowance of an itemized and verified claim by the 25 board of county commissioners, the auditor of the county shall issue a 26 warrant to a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney who 27 filed the claim to pay any part of the compensation of a prosecuting 28 attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney that exceeds the amount that 29 the state is to pay. 30 (c) A deputy prosecuting attorney who knowingly divides 31 compensation with the prosecuting attorney or any other officer or 32 person in connection with employment commits a Class B 33 misdemeanor. 34 (d) A prosecuting attorney or any other officer or person who 35 knowingly accepts any division of compensation described in 36 subsection (c) commits a Class B misdemeanor. 37 (e) The attorney general prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana 38 shall call at least one (1) and not more than two (2) conferences of the 39 prosecuting attorneys, each year, to consider, discuss, and develop 40 coordinated plans for the enforcement of the laws of Indiana. The 41 conferences of the prosecuting attorneys are subject to the 42 following:



1	(1) The date or dates upon which the conferences are held shall
2	be fixed by the attorney general. prosecuting attorneys council
3	of Indiana.
4	(2) The expenses necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney
5	in attending a conference, including the actual expense of
6	transportation to and from the place where the conference is held,
7	together with meals and lodging, shall be paid from the general
8	fund of the county upon the presentation of an itemized and
9	verified claim, filed as required by law, and by warrant issued by
10	the county auditor.
11	(3) If there is more than one (1) county in any judicial circuit, the
12	expenses of the prosecuting attorneys incurred by virtue of this
13	subsection shall be paid from the general fund of the respective
14	counties constituting the circuit in the same proportion that the
15	classification factor of each county bears to the classification
16	factor of the judicial circuit as determined according to law by the
17	state board of accounts. as the populations of the counties.
18	SECTION 9. IC 33-39-6-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
19	2022]. Sec. 3. For purposes of fixing the salaries of the various
20	prosecuting attorneys under this chapter, each judicial circuit of the
21	state is:
22	(1) graded on the basis of population and gross assessed
23	valuation; and
24	(2) set up on the percentage ratio it bears to the state, the whole
25	state being considered as one hundred percent (100%).
26	SECTION 10. IC 33-39-6-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
27	2022]. Sec. 4. (a) The nine (9) classes of the several judicial circuits of
28	the state as set out in this chapter are based on a unit factor system. The
29	factors are determined by the relations of the judicial circuit to the state
30	as established and certified to each county auditor by the state board of
31	accounts not later than June 20 of any calendar year. They are as
32	follows:
33	(1) Population.
34	(2) Gross assessed valuation as shown by the last preceding gross
35	assessed valuation as certified by the various counties to the
36	auditor of the state in the calendar year in which the calculation
37	<del>is made.</del>
38	(b) The factors for each of the nine (9) classes set out in this chapter
39	shall be obtained as follows:
40	(1) The population of each judicial circuit shall be divided by the
41	population of the entire state.
42	(2) The gross assessed valuation of each judicial circuit shall be



1	divided by the gross assessed valuation of the entire state.
2	(3) The two (2) results thus obtained shall be added together and
3	the sum thus obtained for each judicial circuit shall be divided by
4	<del>two (2).</del>
5	(4) The final result so obtained, multiplied by one hundred (100),
6	shall determine the classification of each judicial circuit
7	according to the following schedule:
8	CLASSIFICATION FACTORS
9	HIGH LOW CLASS
10	<del>NO LIMIT</del> 8.00 1
11	ALL UNDER 8.00 2.25 2
12	ALL UNDER 2.25 1.25 3
13	ALL UNDER 1.25 .85 4
14	ALL UNDER .85 .70 5
15	ALL UNDER .70 .60 6
16	ALL UNDER .60 .50 7
17	ALL UNDER .50 .35 8
18	ALL UNDER .35 No limit 9
19	SECTION 11. IC 33-39-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
20	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 8. (a) The
21	compensation provided in this chapter for prosecuting attorneys and
22	their deputies is in full for all services required by law. Prosecuting
23	attorneys shall appear in all courts and in all cases where the law
24	provides that they shall appear.
25	(b) Prosecuting attorneys, deputy prosecuting attorneys, and
26	investigators, and other employees of prosecuting attorneys are
27	entitled to a sum for mileage for the miles necessarily traveled in the
28	discharge of their duties. The sum for mileage provided by this
29	subsection must:
30	(1) equal the sum per mile paid to state officers and employees,
31	with the rate changing each time the state government changes its
32	rate per mile;
33	(2) be allowed by the board of county commissioners on a claim
34	duly filed monthly by the prosecutor, deputy prosecuting
35	attorneys, and investigators, and other employees itemizing the
36	specific mileage traveled; and
37	(3) be paid by the county in which the duty arose that necessitated
38	the travel.
39	(c) This chapter does not prohibit the payment of other expenses as
40	may be allowed by law.
41	(d) If a board of county commissioners does not furnish the
42	prosecuting attorney with office space, the county council shall
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1	appropriate a reasonable amount of money per year to the prosecuting
2	attorney for office space.
3	SECTION 12. IC 33-39-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.237-2015,
4	SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5	JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 5. The council shall do the following:
6	(1) Assist in the coordination of the duties of the prosecuting
7	attorneys of the state and their staffs.
8	(2) Prepare manuals of procedure.
9	(3) Give assistance in preparation of the trial briefs, forms, and
10	instructions.
11	(4) Conduct training for prosecuting attorneys and the staff
12	of prosecuting attorneys.
13	(4) (5) Conduct research and studies that would be of interest and
14	value to all prosecuting attorneys and their staffs.
15	(5) (6) Maintain liaison contact with study commissions and
16	agencies of all branches of local, state, and federal government
17	that will be of benefit to law enforcement and the fair
18	administration of justice in Indiana.
19	(6) (7) Adopt guidelines for the expenditure of funds derived from
20	a deferral program or a pretrial diversion program.
21	(7) (8) The council shall:
22	(A) compile forfeiture data received under IC 34-24-1-4.5; and
23	(B) annually submit a report to the legislative council
24	containing the compiled data.
25	The council shall submit the report to the legislative council before
26	July 15 of every year. The report must be in an electronic format under
27	IC 5-14-6. The council may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
28	this subdivision.
29	SECTION 13. IC 33-39-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
30	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 6. (a) The drug
31	substance abuse prosecution fund is established. The council shall
32	administer the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be made only in
33	accordance with appropriations made by the general assembly.
34	(b) The council may use money from the fund to provide assistance
35	to prosecuting attorneys to:
36	(1) investigate and prosecute violations of IC 35-48;
30 37	(1) Investigate and prosecute violations of IC 55-48, (2) bring actions for forfeiture, law enforcement costs, and
38	correction costs under IC 34-24-1;
38 39	(3) bring actions for civil and criminal remedies for a violation of
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40 41	IC 35-45-6; and (4) obtain training againment and technical assistance that
41 42	(4) obtain training, equipment, and technical assistance that
42	would enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to reduce



1 2	illegal drug activity. (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
3	currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
4	manner as other public funds may be invested.
5	(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to
6	the state general fund.
7	SECTION 14. IC 33-39-9-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
8	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not
9	apply to a threatened, pending, or completed action or a proceeding
10	that:
11	(1) results in the criminal conviction of; or
12	(2) is a disciplinary action or proceeding for conduct occurring
13	outside the scope of a prosecuting attorney's employment
14	against;
15	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.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

#### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Senate Bill 148 be returned to the second reading calendar forthwith for the purpose of amendment.

STEUERWALD

#### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 148 be amended to read as follows: Page 4, delete lines 29 through 42.

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 14. Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to ESB 148 as printed February 17, 2022.)

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