## **SENATE BILL No. 171**

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-22-5-8.5; IC 5-28-28-4; IC 6-1.1; IC 6-3.1; IC 6-3.5-9; IC 6-6-6.5; IC 21-47-4-1.

**Synopsis:** Repeal of certain tax incentives. Repeals the coal conversion system property tax deduction, the coal combustion product property tax deduction, the recycled coal combustion byproduct personal property tax deduction, the aircraft property tax deduction, the intrastate aircraft property tax deduction, the Hoosier alternative fuel vehicle manufacturer investment income tax credit, and the local income tax option hiring incentive credit.

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## SENATE BILL No. 171

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

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

1	SECTION 1. IC 5-22-5-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.277-2013,
2	SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this section, "clean
4	energy vehicle" means any of the following:
5	(1) A vehicle that operates on one (1) or more of the following
6	energy sources:
7	(A) A rechargeable energy storage system.
8	(B) Hydrogen.
9	(C) Compressed air.
0	(D) Compressed or liquid natural gas.
11	(E) Solar energy.
12	(F) Liquefied petroleum gas.
13	(G) Any other alternative fuel (as defined in IC 6-3.1-31.9-1).
14	(G) Methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols.
15	(H) Mixtures containing eighty-five percent (85%) or more
16	by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other
17	alcohols with gasoline or other fuel.



1	(I) Natural gas.
2	(J) Coal-derived liquid fuels.
3	(K) Non-alcohol fuels derived from biological material.
4	(L) P-Series fuels.
5	(M) Electricity.
6	(N) Biodiesel or ultra low sulfur diesel fuel.
7	(2) A vehicle that operates on gasoline and one (1) or more of the
8	energy sources listed in subdivision (1).
9	(3) A vehicle that operates on diesel fuel and one (1) or more of
10	the energy sources listed in subdivision (1).
1	(b) As used in this section, "state entity" means the following:
12	(1) A state agency.
13	(2) Any other authority, board, branch, commission, committee,
14	department, division, or other instrumentality of the executive
15	(including the administrative), legislative, or judicial department
16	of state government.
17	The term includes a state elected official's office and excludes a state
18	educational institution.
19	(c) As used in this section, "vehicle" includes the following:
20	(1) An automobile.
21	(2) A truck.
22 23	(3) A tractor.
23	(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a state entity purchases
24	or leases a vehicle, it must purchase or lease a clean energy vehicle
25	unless the Indiana department of administration determines that the
26	purchase or lease of a clean energy vehicle:
27	(1) is inappropriate because of the purposes for which the vehicle
28	will be used; or
29	(2) would cost at least twenty percent (20%) more than the
30	purchase or lease of a vehicle that:
31	(A) is not a clean energy vehicle; and
32	(B) is designed and equipped comparably to the clean energy
33	vehicle.
34	(e) The requirements of subsection (d) do not apply to the:
35	(1) purchase or lease of vehicles by or for the state police
36	department; and
37	(2) short term or temporary lease of vehicles.
38	(f) The Indiana department of administration shall adopt rules or
39	guidelines to provide a preference for the purchase or lease by state
10	entities of clean energy vehicles manufactured wholly or partially in
<b>1</b> 1	Indiana or containing parts manufactured in Indiana.
12	(g) Before August 1, each state entity shall annually submit to the



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1	Indiana department of administration information regarding the use o
2	clean energy vehicles by the state entity. The information must specify
3	the following for the preceding state fiscal year:
4	(1) The amount of alternative fuels energy sources described in
5	subsection (a)(1) purchased by the state entity.
6	(2) The amount of conventional fuels purchased by the state
7	entity.
8	(3) The average price per gallon paid by the state entity for each
9	type of fuel purchased by the state entity.
10	(4) The total number of vehicles purchased or leased by the state
11	agency that were clean energy vehicles and the total number of
12	vehicles purchased or leased by the state agency that were no
13	clean energy vehicles.
14	(5) Any other information required by the Indiana department of
15 16	administration.
	(h) Before September 1, the Indiana department of administration
l7 l8	shall annually submit to the general assembly in an electronic forma
	under IC 5-14-6 and to the governor a report that lists the information
19 20	required under subsection (g) for each state entity and for all state agencies in the aggregate.
20 21	SECTION 2. IC 5-28-28-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2017
22	SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23	JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "tax credit" means
23 24	a state tax liability credit under any of the following:
25	(1) IC 6-3.1-7 (before its expiration).
26	(2) IC 6-3.1-13.
27	(3) IC 6-3.1-26.
28	(4) IC 6-3.1-20.
29	(1) IC 0 3.1 30. (5) IC 6-3.1-31.9.
30	SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-12-31 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
31	JANUARY 1, 2020]. Sec. 31. (a) For purposes of this section, "coa
32	conversion system" means tangible property directly used to conver
33	coal into a gaseous or liquid fuel or char. This definition includes coa
34	liquification, gasification, pyrolysis, and a fluid bed combustion system
35	designed for pollution control.
36	(b) For each ealendar year which begins after December 31, 1979
37	and before January 1–1988, the owner of a coal conversion system

which is used to process coal is entitled to a deduction from the

assessed value of the system. The amount of the deduction for a

particular calendar year equals the product of (1) ninety-five percent

(95%) of the assessed value of the system, multiplied by (2) a fraction.

The numerator of the fraction is the amount of Indiana coal converted



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by the system during the immediately preceding calendar year and the
denominator of the fraction is the total amount of coal converted by the
system during the immediately preceding calendar year.

- (c) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the property owner:
  - (1) owns the property; or

(2) is buying the property under contract; on the assessment date for which the deduction applies.

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-12-34.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]. Sec. 34.5. (a) As used in this section, "coal combustion product" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-1.1-44-1.

- (b) As used in this section, "qualified building" means a building designed and constructed to systematically use qualified materials throughout the building.
- (e) For purposes of this section, building materials are "qualified materials" if at least sixty percent (60%) of the materials' dry weight consists of coal combustion products.
- (d) The owner of a qualified building, as determined by the center for coal technology research, is entitled to a property tax deduction for not more than three (3) years. The amount of the deduction equals the product of:
  - (1) the assessed value of the qualified building; multiplied by
  - (2) five percent (5%).
- (e) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the building owner:
  - (1) owns the building; or
- (2) is buying the building under contract; on the assessment date for which the deduction applies.

SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-12-35.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2014, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 35.5. (a) Except as provided in section 36 or 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 31, 33 or 34 or 34.5 of this chapter must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance and proof of certification under subsection (b) or (f) with the auditor of the county in which the property for which the deduction is claimed is subject to assessment. Except as provided in subsection (e), with respect to property that is not assessed under IC 6-1.1-7, The person must complete and date the certified statement in the calendar year for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction and file the certified statement with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the



immediately succeeding calendar year. With respect to a property which is assessed under IC 6-1.1-7, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. On verification of the statement by the assessor of the township in which the property for which the deduction is claimed is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

- (b) This subsection does not apply to an application for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter. The department of environmental management, upon application by a property owner, shall determine whether a system or device qualifies for a deduction provided by section 31, 33 or 34 of this chapter. If the department determines that a system or device qualifies for a deduction, it shall certify the system or device and provide proof of the certification to the property owner. The department shall prescribe the form and manner of the certification process required by this subsection.
- (c) This subsection does not apply to an application for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter. If the department of environmental management receives an application for certification, the department shall determine whether the system or device qualifies for a deduction. If the department fails to make a determination under this subsection before December 31 of the year in which the application is received, the system or device is considered certified.
- (d) A denial of a deduction claimed under section 31, 33 or 34 or 34.5 of this chapter may be appealed as provided in IC 6-1.1-15. The appeal is limited to a review of a determination made by the township assessor county property tax assessment board of appeals, or department of local government finance.
- (e) A person who timely files a personal property return under IC 6-1.1-3-7(a) for an assessment year and who desires to claim the deduction provided in section 31 of this chapter for property that is not assessed under IC 6-1.1-7 must file the statement described in subsection (a) during the year in which the personal property return is filed.
- (f) This subsection applies only to an application for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter. The center for coal technology research established by IC 21-47-4-1, upon receiving an application from the owner of a building, shall determine whether the building qualifies for a deduction under section 34.5 of this chapter. If the center



1	determines that a building qualifies for a deduction, the center shall
2	certify the building and provide proof of the certification to the owner
3	of the building. The center shall prescribe the form and procedure for
4	certification of buildings under this subsection. If the center receives
5	an application for certification of a building under section 34.5 of this
6	<del>chapter:</del>
7	(1) the center shall determine whether the building qualifies for
8	a deduction; and
9	(2) if the center fails to make a determination before December 31
10	of the year in which the application is received, the building is
11	considered certified.
12	SECTION 6. IC 6-1.1-12-36, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2005,
13	SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14	JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 36. (a) A person who receives a deduction
15	provided under section 26, 29, 33, 34, 34.5, or 38 of this chapter for a
16	particular year and who remains eligible for the deduction for the
17	following year is not required to file a statement to apply for the
18	deduction for the following year.
19	(b) A person who receives a deduction provided under section 26,
20	29, 33, 34, <del>34.5,</del> or 38 of this chapter for a particular year and who
21	becomes ineligible for the deduction for the following year shall notify
22	the auditor of the county in which the real property or mobile home for
23	which the person received the deduction is located of the person's
24	ineligibility before March 31 of the year for which the person becomes
25	ineligible.
26	(c) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a
27	deduction provided under section 26, 29, 33, 34, 34.5, or 38 of this
28	chapter to each person who received the deduction in the preceding
29	year unless the auditor determines that the person is no longer eligible
30	for the deduction.
31	SECTION 7. IC 6-1.1-12-43, AS AMENDED BY P.L.250-2015,
32	SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33	JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 43. (a) For purposes of this section:
34	(1) "benefit" refers to a deduction under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14,
35	16, 17.4 (before its expiration), 26, 29, <del>31,</del> 33, 34, 37, or 37.5 of
36	this chapter;
37	(2) "closing agent" means a person that closes a transaction;
38	(3) "customer" means an individual who obtains a loan in a
39	transaction; and
40	(4) "transaction" means a single family residential:

(A) first lien purchase money mortgage transaction; or

(B) refinancing transaction.



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1	(b) Before closing a transaction after December 31, 2004, a closing
2	agent must provide to the customer the form referred to in subsection
3	(c).
4	(c) Before June 1, 2004, the department of local government finance
5	shall prescribe the form to be provided by closing agents to customers
6	under subsection (b). The department shall make the form available to
7	closing agents, county assessors, county auditors, and county treasurers
8	in hard copy and electronic form. County assessors, county auditors,
9	and county treasurers shall make the form available to the general
10	public. The form must:
11	(1) on one (1) side:
12	(A) list each benefit;
13	(B) list the eligibility criteria for each benefit; and
14	(C) indicate that a new application for a deduction under
15	section 1 of this chapter is required when residential real
16	property is refinanced;
17	(2) on the other side indicate:
18	(A) each action by and each type of documentation from the
19	customer required to file for each benefit; and
20	(B) sufficient instructions and information to permit a party to
21	terminate a standard deduction under section 37 of this chapter
22	on any property on which the party or the spouse of the party
23	will no longer be eligible for the standard deduction under
24	section 37 of this chapter after the party or the party's spouse
25	begins to reside at the property that is the subject of the
26	closing, including an explanation of the tax consequences and
27	applicable penalties, if a party unlawfully claims a standard
28	deduction under section 37 of this chapter; and
29	(3) be printed in one (1) of two (2) or more colors prescribed by
30	the department of local government finance that distinguish the
31	form from other documents typically used in a closing referred to
32	in subsection (b).
33	(d) A closing agent:
34	(1) may reproduce the form referred to in subsection (c);
35	(2) in reproducing the form, must use a print color prescribed by
36	the department of local government finance; and
37	(3) is not responsible for the content of the form referred to in
38	subsection (c) and shall be held harmless by the department of
39	local government finance from any liability for the content of the
40	form.
41	(e) This subsection applies to a transaction that is closed after
42	December 31, 2009. In addition to providing the customer the form



1	described in subsection (c) before closing the transaction, a closing
2	agent shall do the following as soon as possible after the closing, and
3	within the time prescribed by the department of insurance under
4	IC 27-7-3-15.5:
5	(1) To the extent determinable, input the information described in
6	IC 27-7-3-15.5(c)(2) into the system maintained by the
7	department of insurance under IC 27-7-3-15.5.
8	(2) Submit the form described in IC 27-7-3-15.5(c) to the data
9	base described in IC 27-7-3-15.5(c)(2)(D).
10	(f) A closing agent to which this section applies shall document the
11	closing agent's compliance with this section with respect to each
12	transaction in the form of verification of compliance signed by the
13	customer.
14	(g) Subject to IC 27-7-3-15.5(d), a closing agent is subject to a civi
15	penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each instance in which the
16	closing agent fails to comply with this section with respect to a
17	customer. The penalty:
18	(1) may be enforced by the state agency that has administrative
19	jurisdiction over the closing agent in the same manner that the
20	agency enforces the payment of fees or other penalties payable to
21	the agency; and
22	(2) shall be paid into:
23	(A) the state general fund, if the closing agent fails to comply
24	with subsection (b); or
25	(B) the home ownership education account established by
26	IC 5-20-1-27, if the closing agent fails to comply with
27	subsection (e) in a transaction that is closed after December
28	31, 2009.
29	(h) A closing agent is not liable for any other damages claimed by
30	a customer because of:
31	(1) the closing agent's mere failure to provide the appropriate
32	document to the customer under subsection (b); or
33	(2) with respect to a transaction that is closed after December 31
34	2009, the closing agent's failure to input the information or submi
35	the form described in subsection (e).
36	(i) The state agency that has administrative jurisdiction over a
37	closing agent shall:
38	(1) examine the closing agent to determine compliance with this
39	section; and
40	(2) impose and collect penalties under subsection (g).
41	SECTION 8. IC 6-1.1-12.2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
42	JANUARY 1, 2020]. (Deduction for Aircraft).



SECTION	9.	IC	6-1.1-12.3	IS	REPEALED	EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1,	202	0]. (	Intrastate Air	rcraf	t Deduction).	

SECTION 10. IC 6-1.1-44 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]. (Deduction for Purchases of Investment Property by Manufacturers of Recycled Components).

SECTION 11. IC 6-3.1-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2018(ss), SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) A taxpayer (as defined in the following laws), pass through entity (as defined in the following laws), or shareholder, partner, or member of a pass through entity may not be granted more than one (1) tax credit under the following laws for the same project:

- (1) IC 6-3.1-10 (enterprise zone investment cost credit) (before its expiration).
- (2) IC 6-3.1-11 (industrial recovery tax credit).
- (3) IC 6-3.1-19 (community revitalization enhancement district tax credit).
- (4) IC 6-3.1-24 (venture capital investment tax credit).
- (5) IC 6-3.1-26 (Hoosier business investment tax credit).
- (6) IC 6-3.1-31.9 (Hoosier alternative fuel vehicle manufacturer tax eredit).

If a taxpayer, pass through entity, or shareholder, partner, or member of a pass through entity has been granted more than one (1) tax credit for the same project, the taxpayer, pass through entity, or shareholder, partner, or member of a pass through entity must elect to apply only one (1) of the tax credits in the manner and form prescribed by the department.

- (b) A taxpayer (as defined in the following laws), pass through entity (as defined in the following laws), or shareholder, partner, or member of a pass through entity that is entitled to one (1) or more tax credits under the following laws for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2016, and ending before January 1, 2018, may elect to carry forward all or any portion of one (1) or more of those tax credits to the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2017, and ending before January 1, 2019:
  - (1) IC 6-3.1-10 (enterprise zone investment cost credit) (before its expiration).
  - (2) IC 6-3.1-11 (industrial recovery tax credit).
  - (3) IC 6-3.1-19 (community revitalization enhancement district tax credit).
  - (4) IC 6-3.1-24 (venture capital investment tax credit).
- (5) IC 6-3.1-26 (Hoosier business investment tax credit).



1 2	(6) IC 6-3.1-31.9 (Hoosier alternative fuel vehicle manufacturer tax credit).
3	A taxpayer, pass through entity, or shareholder, partner, or member of
4	a pass through entity that wishes to carry forward all or any portion of
5	a tax credit under this subsection must make an election to do so in the
6	manner and form prescribed by the department on or before the
7	taxpayer's due date for filing a return for the taxable year ending after
8	December 31, 2017. This subsection does not affect the limitation set
9	forth in subsection (a) for the taxable year beginning after December
10	31, 2017, and ending before January 1, 2019. This subsection expires
11	on January 1, 2023.
12	SECTION 12. IC 6-3.1-31.9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
13	JANUARY 1, 2020]. (Hoosier Alternative Fuel Vehicle Manufacturer
14	Tax Credit).
15	SECTION 13. IC 6-3.5-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY]
16	1, 2020]. (Local Option Hiring Incentive).
17	SECTION 14. IC 6-6-6.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2011,
18	SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19	JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 9. (a) The provisions of this chapter
20	pertaining to registration and taxation shall not apply to any of the
21	following:
22	(1) An aircraft owned by and used exclusively in the service of:
23	(A) the United States government;
24	(B) a state (except Indiana), territory, or possession of the
25	United States;
26	(C) the District of Columbia; or
27	(D) a political subdivision of an entity listed in clause (A), (B),
28	or (C).
29	(2) An aircraft owned by a resident of another state and registered
30	in accordance with the laws of that state. However, the aircraft
31	shall not be exempt under this subdivision if a nonresident
32	establishes a base for the aircraft inside this state and the base is
33	used for a period of sixty (60) days or more.
34	(3) An aircraft which this state is prohibited from taxing under
35	this chapter by the Constitution or the laws of the United States.
36	(4) An aircraft owned or operated by a person who is either an air
37	carrier certificated under Federal Air Regulation Part 121 or a
38	scheduled air taxi operator certified under Federal Air Regulation

Part 135, unless such person is a corporation incorporated under

the laws of the state of Indiana, an individual who is a resident of

Indiana, or a domestic corporation with Indiana corporate

headquarters (as defined in IC 6-1.1-12.2-6). having a physical



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- presence in Indiana that results in Indiana being the regular or principal place of business of its chief executive, operating, and financial officers.
  - (5) An aircraft which has been scrapped, dismantled, or destroyed, and for which the airworthiness certificate and federal certificate of registration have been surrendered to the Federal Aviation Administration by the owner.
  - (6) An aircraft owned by a resident of this state that is not a dealer and that is not based in this state at any time, if the owner files the required form not later than thirty-one (31) days after the date of purchase; and furnishes the department with evidence, satisfactory to the department, verifying where the aircraft is based during the year.
  - (7) An aircraft owned by a dealer for not more than five (5) days if the ownership is part of an ultimate sale or transfer of an aircraft that will not be based in this state at any time. However, the dealer described in this subdivision is required to file a report of the transaction within thirty-one (31) days after the ultimate sale or transfer of ownership of the aircraft. The report is not required to identify the seller or purchaser but must list the aircraft's origin, destination, N number, date of each transaction, and ultimate sales price.
  - (8) An aircraft owned by a registered nonprofit museum, if the owner furnishes the department with evidence satisfactory to the department not later than thirty-one (31) days after the purchase date. The aircraft must be reported for registration, but the department shall issue the registration without charge.
- (b) The provisions of this chapter pertaining to taxation shall not apply to an aircraft owned by and used exclusively in the service of Indiana or a political subdivision of Indiana or any university or college supported in part by state funds. That aircraft must be reported for registration, but the department will issue the registration without charge.

SECTION 15. IC 6-6-6.5-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 12. (a) Effective January 1, 1976, there is hereby imposed an annual license excise tax upon taxable aircraft, which tax shall be in lieu of the ad valorem property tax levied for state or local purposes. No taxable aircraft shall be assessed as personal property for the purpose of the assessment and levy of personal property or shall be subject to ad valorem taxes. beginning with taxes for the year of 1975 payable in 1976 and thereafter.



1	(b) Eligibility of aircraft for a deduction under IC 6-1.1-12.3 does
2	not exempt a taxpayer from the tax imposed under this chapter on the
3	aircraft.
4	SECTION 16. IC 21-47-4-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
5	SECTION 288, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6	[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. The center for coal
7	technology research is established to perform the following duties:
8	(1) Develop technologies that can use Indiana coal in an
9	environmentally and economically sound manner.
10	(2) Investigate the reuse of clean coal technology byproducts
11	including fly ash and coal bed methane.
12	(3) Generate innovative research in the field of coal use.
13	(4) Develop new, efficient, and economical sorbents for effective
14	control of emissions.
15	(5) Investigate ways to increase coal combustion efficiency.
16	(6) Develop materials that withstand higher combustion
17	temperatures.
18	(7) Carry out any other duty concerning coal technology research,
19	including public education, as determined by the center.
20	(8) Administer the Indiana coal research grant fund under
21	IC 4-23-5.5-16.
22	(9) Investigate the use of coal bed methane in the production of
23	renewable or alternative fuels and renewable energy sources.
24	(10) Determine whether a building is a qualified building for
25	purposes of a property tax deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-34.5.

