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## SENATE BILL No. 183

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DIGEST OF SB 183 (Updated February 18, 2025 2:49 pm - DI 151)

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-9.

**Synopsis:** Rural intersection safety. Provides that a person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of agricultural land at an intersection of two county, municipal, or township roads that is not controlled by a traffic signal shall maintain a line of sight triangle at the intersection. Provides that the land contained within the line of sight triangle must not contain any: (1) crops that typically exceed a height of three feet; or (2) other: (A) vegetation; or (B) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of the property owner; that exceed a height of three feet. Provides that trees may be planted and maintained within the line of sight triangle area if all branches are trimmed to maintain a clear vision for a vertical height of six feet above the roadway surface. Provides that if a unit receives information that a landowner or lessee is not compliant or determines that a landowner or lessee is not compliant, the unit shall provide notice to the landowner or lessee of the noncompliance. Provides that a person involved in an automobile accident resulting from the landowner's or lessee's failure to maintain the line of sight triangle has a cause of action against the landowner or lessee for damages resulting from the accident. Provides that certain provisions do not apply to critical infrastructure.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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### Crider, Charbonneau

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

February 4, 2025, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 18, 2025, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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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 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## SENATE BILL No. 183

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-9-44.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2025]:

4 **Chapter 44.3. Road Intersection Safety**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a parcel of land that is:**

- 6 (1) **used for agricultural purposes; and**  
7 (2) **located at an intersection of two (2) county, municipal, or**  
8 **township roads that is not controlled by a traffic signal.**

9 **Sec. 2. A person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of land**  
10 **described in section 1 of this chapter shall maintain a line of sight**  
11 **triangle at the intersection with an unobstructed sight distance as**  
12 **described in this section. The line of sight triangle shall consist of**  
13 **the area formed at the intersection of the public roads, whose two**  
14 **(2) legs are each fifty-five (55) feet in length measured along the**  
15 **roadway centerline from the intersection of the roadway center**  
16 **lines and a hypotenuse connecting the two (2) legs.**

17 **Sec. 3. (a) This section does not apply to a structure erected**

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1 within a line of sight triangle before July 1, 2025, or critical  
2 infrastructure (as defined in IC 1-1-16-3).

3 (b) The land contained within the line of sight triangle described  
4 in section 2 of this chapter must not contain any:

5 (1) crops that typically exceed a height of three (3) feet; or

6 (2) other:

7 (A) vegetation; or

8 (B) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are  
9 owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of  
10 the property owner;

11 that exceed a height of three (3) feet.

12 (c) Trees within the line of sight triangle described in section 2  
13 of this chapter may be planted and maintained within the line of  
14 sight triangle area if all branches are trimmed to maintain a clear  
15 vision for a vertical height of six (6) feet above the roadway  
16 surface.

17 Sec. 4. If a unit:

18 (1) receives information that a landowner or lessee is not  
19 compliant with section 2 of this chapter; or

20 (2) determines that a landowner or lessee is not compliant  
21 with section 2 of this chapter;

22 the unit shall provide notice to the landowner or lessee of the  
23 noncompliance.

24 Sec. 5. A person involved in an automobile accident resulting  
25 from a landowner's or lessee's failure to maintain the line of sight  
26 triangle described in section 2 of this chapter in the manner  
27 prescribed in section 3 of this chapter has a cause of action against  
28 the landowner or lessee for damages resulting from the accident.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 183, 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 1, delete "2025." and insert "**2025, or critical infrastructure (as defined in IC 1-1-16-3).**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 183 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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 SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 183 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 11, delete "feet;" and insert "**feet.**".

Page 2, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 4. If a unit:**

**(1) receives information that a landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 2 of this chapter; or**

**(2) determines that a landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 2 of this chapter;**

**the unit shall provide notice to the landowner or lessee of the noncompliance."**

Page 2, line 17, delete "Sec. 4." and insert "**Sec. 5.**".

(Reference is to SB 183 as printed February 5, 2025.)

CRIDER

