

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 186

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Citations Affected: IC 5-4; IC 31-11; 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. Allows a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney to solemnize a marriage. Permits the department of child services (DCS) or a prosecuting attorney to file a paternity action if the mother, the person with whom the child resides, the alleged father, or DCS has applied for services under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act. Requires a prosecuting attorney to investigate information received about the commission of a felony, a misdemeanor, acts of delinquency, or an infraction. Allows a prosecuting attorney to issue subpoenas or ask a court with jurisdiction to issue subpoenas, search warrants, or any other process necessary to support or aid an investigation. Broadens the types of expenses a county auditor pays for 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 (council) to call two conferences each year and specifies who may attend the conferences. Requires the council to conduct training for prosecuting attorneys and their staffs. Renames the drug prosecution fund as the substance abuse prosecution fund. Makes other changes and conforming amendments.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

Koch, Freeman

(HOUSE SPONSOR — STEUERWALD)

January 5, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal

February 18, 2021, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass. February 22, 2021, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed. February 23, 2021, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

March 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code. March 25, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.



First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

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 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 186

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

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, 2021]: 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.



SECTION 2. IC 5-4-1-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 20. (a) This section does not apply
if the person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney has
purchased a crime insurance policy that is endorsed to cover the
faithful performance of the duties of the prosecuting attorney. A
crime insurance policy may also cover other employees of the
prosecuting attorney, including an investigator. The cost of the
crime insurance policy shall be paid by the county. For multiple
county judicial circuits, the cost shall be paid by each county in the
judicial circuit in the manner provided by IC 33-38-5-3. For the
sole purpose of recovering public funds on behalf of a local
government unit, the state is considered to be an additional named
insured on all crime insurance policies and endorsements obtained
under this subsection.

- **(b)** A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney shall execute an individual surety bond for the faithful performance of the duties of the office. The amount of the bond must be at least eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500).
- (b) (c) A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney may not take office until that person has filed a bond:
 - (1) in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the person resides; and
 - (2) within ten (10) days after the bond is issued.
- (c) (d) The cost of a bond shall be paid by the county. For multiple county judicial circuits, the cost shall be paid by each county in the judicial circuit in the manner provided by IC 33-38-5-3.
 - (d) (e) A bond must be:
 - (1) executed by the person elected prosecuting attorney and one
 - (1) or more freehold sureties; and
 - (2) payable to the state as provided in section 10 of this chapter.
- (e) (f) A bond is not void on first recovery, and suits may be brought on the bond until the penalty is exhausted.
- (f) (g) If a bond has been legally certified, any of the following have the same effect in evidence as the bond:
 - (1) A copy of the bond.
 - (2) A record of the bond.
- (3) A copy of a record of the bond.
- (g) (h) The county recorder of the county in which the person elected prosecuting attorney resides shall record the bond in an official bond register.
- SECTION 3. IC 31-11-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2017, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1	JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) Marriages may be solemnized by any of the
2	following:
3	(1) A member of the clergy of a religious organization (even if the
4	cleric does not perform religious functions for an individual
5	congregation), such as a minister of the gospel, a priest, a bishop,
6	an archbishop, or a rabbi.
7	(2) A judge.
8	(3) A prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney.
9	(3) (4) A mayor, within the mayor's county.
10	(4) (5) A clerk or a clerk-treasurer of a city or town, within a
11	county in which the city or town is located.
12	(5) (6) A clerk of the circuit court.
13	(6) (7) The governor.
14	(7) (8) The lieutenant governor.
15	(8) (9) A member of the general assembly.
16	(9) (10) The Friends Church, in accordance with the rules of the
17	Friends Church.
18	(10) (11) The German Baptists, in accordance with the rules of
19	their society.
20	(11) (12) The Bahai faith, in accordance with the rules of the
21	Bahai faith.
22	(12) (13) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in
23	accordance with the rules of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
24	Day Saints.
25	(13) (14) An imam of a masjid (mosque), in accordance with the
26	rules of the religion of Islam.
27	(b) The governor, the lieutenant governor, or a member of the
28	general assembly may not accept any money for solemnizing a
29	marriage.
30	SECTION 4. IC 31-14-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.206-2015,
31	SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32	JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. The department or a prosecuting attorney
33	operating under an agreement or contract described in IC 31-25-4-13.1,
34	may file a paternity action if:
35	(1) the mother;
36	(2) the person with whom the child resides; or
37	(3) the department; or
38	(4) the alleged father;
39	has executed an assignment of support rights or applied for services
40	under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651
41	through 669).
42	SECTION 5. IC 33-37-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2018,



SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. (a) The treasurer of state shall distribute
semiannually one million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars
(\$1,288,000) of the amounts transferred to the state fund under section
3 of this chapter as follows:

- (1) Fourteen and ninety-eight hundredths percent (14.98%) shall be deposited into the alcohol and drug countermeasures fund established by IC 9-27-2-11.
- (2) Eight and forty-two hundredths percent (8.42%) shall be deposited into the drug interdiction fund established by IC 10-11-7-1.
- (3) Four and sixty-eight hundredths percent (4.68%) shall be deposited into the drug substance abuse prosecution fund established by IC 33-39-8-6.
- (4) Five and sixty-two hundredths percent (5.62%) shall be deposited into the corrections drug abuse fund established by IC 11-8-2-11.
- (5) Twenty-two and forty-seven hundredths percent (22.47%) shall be deposited into the state drug free communities fund established by IC 5-2-10-2.
- (6) Seven and ninety-eight hundredths percent (7.98%) shall be distributed to the Indiana department of transportation for use under IC 8-23-2-15.
- (7) Twenty and thirty-two hundredths percent (20.32%) shall be deposited in the family violence and victim assistance fund established by IC 5-2-6.8-3.
- (8) Fifteen and fifty-three hundredths percent (15.53%) shall be deposited in the Indiana safe schools fund established by IC 5-2-10.1.
- (b) The treasurer of state shall distribute semiannually the amount remaining after the distributions are made under subsection (a) to the court technology fund established by IC 33-24-6-12.

SECTION 6. IC 33-39-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall execute a bond **or crime insurance policy** in the manner prescribed by IC 5-4-1.

SECTION 7. IC 33-39-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2016, SECTION 152, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. (a) When a prosecuting attorney receives information of the commission of a felony or misdemeanor, the prosecuting attorney shall cause process to issue from a court



1	having jurisdiction to issue the process to the proper officer, directing
2	the officer to subpoena the persons named in the process who are likely
3	to have information concerning the commission of the felony or
4	misdemeanor. The prosecuting attorney shall examine a person
5	subpoenaed before the court that issued the process concerning the
6	offense.
7	(a) When a prosecuting attorney receives information or an
8	allegation of the commission of a felony, a misdemeanor, an act of
9	delinquency, or an infraction, the prosecuting attorney:
10	(1) shall cause an investigation of the information or
11	allegation;
12	(2) may issue subpoenas ad testificandum; and
13	(3) may cause a court having jurisdiction to issue:
14	(A) subpoenas;
15	(B) subpoenas duces tecum;
16	(C) search warrants; or
17	(D) any other process necessary to support or aid the
18	investigation.
19	(b) If the facts elicited under subsection (a) are sufficient to
20	establish a reasonable presumption of guilt against the party charged,
21	the court shall:
22	(1) cause the testimony that amounts to a charge of a felony or
23	misdemeanor to be reduced to writing and subscribed and sworn
24	to by the witness; and
25	(2) issue process for the apprehension of the accused, as in other
26	cases.
27	SECTION 8. IC 33-39-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. A prosecuting
29	attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney may:
30	(1) take acknowledgments of deeds or other instruments in
31	writing;
32	(2) administer oaths;
33	(3) protest notes and checks;
34	(4) take the deposition of a witness;
35	(5) take and certify affidavits and depositions; and
36	(6) perform any duty now conferred upon a notary public by a
37	statute; and
38	(7) solemnize a marriage under IC 31-11-6-1.
39	An acknowledgment of a deed or another instrument taken by a
40	prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney may be recorded
41	in the same manner as though a deed or another instrument were
42	acknowledged before a notary public.



SECTION 9. IC 33-39-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter and upon the order of a judge trying a criminal case, the county auditor shall pay to a prosecuting attorney, from funds in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated and as a part of the costs of the trial, an amount equal to the expenses necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney in traveling to attend the taking of any deposition in connection with the criminal action.

SECTION 10. IC 33-39-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) The prosecuting attorney of any judicial circuit of Indiana may appoint one (1) or more investigators employees, including investigators, with the approval of the county council or councils. An investigator Employees appointed under this section work under the direction of the prosecuting attorney.

- (1) works under the direction of the prosecuting attorney; and
- (2) may conduct investigations and assist in collecting and assembling evidence that, in the judgment of the prosecuting attorney, may be necessary for the successful prosecution of any of the criminal offenders of the judicial circuit.
- (b) An investigator appointed under this section shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). However, an investigator is not required to give a bond if the investigator is covered by a crime insurance policy, including a crime insurance policy described in IC 5-4-1-20. An investigator and has the same police powers within the county authorized by law to all police officers.
- (c) In each judicial circuit the salary or other compensation to be paid an investigator appointed under this section shall be set by the county council or councils. A county council or councils may not reduce the number of investigators or compensation of any investigator without approval of the prosecuting attorney.

SECTION 11. IC 33-39-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: 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



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- 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 date or dates upon which the conferences are held shall be fixed by the attorney general prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana. The expenses necessarily incurred by a prosecuting attorney, a deputy prosecuting attorney, or employee of 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. If there is more than one (1) county in any judicial circuit, the expenses of the prosecuting attorneys, deputy prosecuting attorneys, and employees 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 classification factor of each county bears to the classification factor of the judicial circuit as determined according to law by the state board of accounts. as the population of the county.
- SECTION 12. IC 33-39-6-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: 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	(1) equal the sum per mile paid to state officers and employees
2 3	with the rate changing each time the state government changes its
<i>3</i>	rate per mile; (2) be allowed by the board of county commissioners on a claim
5	duly filed monthly by the prosecutor, deputy prosecuting
6	attorneys, and investigators, and other employees itemizing the
7	specific mileage traveled; and
8	(3) be paid by the county in which the duty arose that necessitated
9	the travel.
10	(c) This chapter does not prohibit the payment of other expenses as
11	may be allowed by law.
12	(d) If a board of county commissioners does not furnish the
13	prosecuting attorney with office space, the county council shall
14	appropriate a reasonable amount of money per year to the prosecuting
15	attorney for office space.
16	SECTION 13. IC 33-39-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.237-2015
17	SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18	JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. The council shall do the following:
19	(1) Assist in the coordination of the duties of the prosecuting
20	attorneys of the state and their staffs.
21	(2) Prepare manuals of procedure.
22	(3) Give assistance in preparation of the trial briefs, forms, and
23	instructions.
23 24	(4) Conduct training for prosecuting attorneys and their
2 4 25	staffs.
2 <i>5</i> 26	(4) (5) Conduct research and studies that would be of interest and
20 27	value to all prosecuting attorneys and their staffs.
28	(5) (6) Maintain liaison contact with study commissions and
28 29	agencies of all branches of local, state, and federal governmen
30	that will be of benefit to law enforcement and the fair
31	administration of justice in Indiana.
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33	(6) (7) Adopt guidelines for the expenditure of funds derived from
33 34	a deferral program or a pretrial diversion program. (7) (8) The council shall:
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	(A) compile forfeiture data received under IC 34-24-1-4.5; and
36 37	(B) annually submit a report to the legislative counci
	containing the compiled data.
38	The council shall submit the report to the legislative council before
39 40	July 15 of every year. The report must be in an electronic format under
40 41	IC 5-14-6. The council may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this subdivision

SECTION 14. IC 33-39-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 6. (a) The drug
2	substance abuse prosecution fund is established. The council shall
3	administer the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be made only in
4	accordance with appropriations made by the general assembly.
5	(b) The council may use money from the fund to provide assistance
6	to prosecuting attorneys to:
7	(1) investigate and prosecute violations of IC 35-48;
8	(2) bring actions for forfeiture, law enforcement costs, and
9	correction costs under IC 34-24-1;
10	(3) bring actions for civil and criminal remedies for a violation of
1	IC 35-45-6; and
12	(4) obtain training, equipment, and technical assistance that
13	would enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to reduce
14	illegal drug activity.
15	(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
16	currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
17	manner as other public funds may be invested.
18	(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to
19	the state general fund.
20	SECTION 15. IC 33-39-9-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
21	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not
22	apply to a threatened, pending, or completed action or a proceeding
23	that:
24	(1) results in the criminal conviction of; or
25	(2) is a disciplinary action or proceeding outside the scope of
26	employment against;
7	a prosecuting attorney



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 186, 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, delete lines 1 through 27, begin a new paragraph, and insert: "SECTION 2. IC 5-4-1-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 20. (a) This section does not apply if the person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney has purchased a crime insurance policy that is endorsed to cover the faithful performance of the duties of the prosecuting attorney. A crime insurance policy may also cover other employees of the prosecuting attorney, including an investigator. The cost of the crime insurance policy shall be paid by the county. For multiple county judicial circuits, the cost shall be paid by each county in the judicial circuit in the manner provided by IC 33-38-5-3. For the sole purpose of recovering public funds on behalf of a local government unit, the state is considered to be an additional named insured on all crime insurance policies and endorsements obtained under this subsection.

- **(b)** A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney shall execute an individual surety bond for the faithful performance of the duties of the office. The amount of the bond must be at least eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500).
- (b) (c) A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney may not take office until that person has filed a bond:
 - (1) in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the person resides; and
 - (2) within ten (10) days after the bond is issued.
- (e) (d) The cost of a bond shall be paid by the county. For multiple county judicial circuits, the cost shall be paid by each county in the judicial circuit in the manner provided by IC 33-38-5-3.
 - (d) (e) A bond must be:
 - (1) executed by the person elected prosecuting attorney and one
 - (1) or more freehold sureties; and
 - (2) payable to the state as provided in section 10 of this chapter.
- (e) (f) A bond is not void on first recovery, and suits may be brought on the bond until the penalty is exhausted.
- (f) (g) If a bond has been legally certified, any of the following have the same effect in evidence as the bond:
 - (1) A copy of the bond.



- (2) A record of the bond.
- (3) A copy of a record of the bond.
- (g) (h) The county recorder of the county in which the person elected prosecuting attorney resides shall record the bond in an official bond register.".

Page 3, line 23, strike "or".

Page 3, line 24, after "department;" insert "or

(4) the alleged father;".

Page 4, delete lines 19 through 22, begin a new paragraph, and insert:

"SECTION 6. IC 33-39-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. A person elected to the office of prosecuting attorney, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall execute a bond **or crime insurance policy** in the manner prescribed by IC 5-4-1."

Page 6, line 6, reset in roman "shall give bond in".

Page 6, line 7, reset in roman "the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)".

Page 6, line 7, after "(\$5,000)" insert ". However, an investigator is not required to give a bond if the investigator is covered by a crime insurance policy, including a crime insurance policy described in IC 5-4-1-20. An investigator".

Page 7, delete lines 15 through 42.

Delete pages 8 through 10.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 34.

Page 12, delete lines 19 through 22.

Page 14, delete lines 15 through 42.

Page 15, delete lines 1 through 10.

Page 15, line 13, reset in roman "(a)".

Page 15, line 17, delete "statute." and insert "statute".

Page 15, line 17, reset in roman "subject to subsection".

Page 15, line 18, reset in roman "(b).".

Page 15, after line 21, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) The county fiscal body may make an appropriation described in subsection (a) to increase the minimum salary for each judge or full-time prosecuting attorney in any calendar year. However, the county fiscal body may not reduce an appropriation made under this section during the previous calendar year without the consent of the judge or full-time prosecuting attorney."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.



(Reference is to SB 186 as introduced.)

YOUNG M, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred Senate Bill 186, 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 6, line 28, reset in roman "an investigator".

Page 6, line 28, delete "to employees".

Page 6, line 30, reset in roman "investigators".

Page 6, line 30, delete "employees".

Page 6, line 31, reset in roman "investigator".

Page 6, line 31, delete "employee".

Page 9, delete lines 29 through 42.

Delete page 10.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 186 as printed February 19, 2021.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

