

SENATE BILL No. 223

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-56.

Synopsis: Construction workforce task force. Establishes the building Indiana's construction workforce task force (task force). Establishes quorum and voting rules for the task force. Provides that the task force is otherwise subject to the law governing study committees and the policies and rules of the legislative council. Specifies topics for the task force to review. Provides that the task force expires December 31, 2027.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-56 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 56. Building Indiana's Construction Workforce Task**
5 **Force**

6 **Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in IC 2-5-1.2 apply to this**
7 **chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**
9 **building Indiana's construction workforce task force established by**
10 **section 3 of this chapter.**

11 **Sec. 3. The building Indiana's construction workforce task force**
12 **is established.**

13 **Sec. 4. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the task**
14 **force is subject to IC 2-5-1.2 and the policies and rules of the**
15 **legislative council.**

16 **Sec. 5. The task force consists of the following fifteen (15)**
17 **members:**



- 1 **(1) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president**
 2 **pro tempore of the senate.**
 3 **(2) A member of the senate appointed by the minority leader**
 4 **of the senate.**
 5 **(3) Two (2) members of the house appointed by the speaker.**
 6 **(4) A member of the house appointed by the minority leader**
 7 **of the house.**
 8 **(5) An employee of the department of labor appointed by the**
 9 **governor.**
 10 **(6) A member representing counties appointed by the**
 11 **governor after considering the recommendation of the**
 12 **Association of Indiana Counties.**
 13 **(7) A member representing municipalities appointed by the**
 14 **governor after considering the recommendation of Accelerate**
 15 **Indiana Municipalities.**
 16 **(8) A member representing construction workers appointed**
 17 **by the governor after considering the recommendation of the**
 18 **Indiana State Building and Construction Trades Council.**
 19 **(9) A member representing plumbing, heating, and cooling**
 20 **contractors appointed by the governor after considering the**
 21 **recommendation of the Indiana Association of Plumbing**
 22 **Heating Cooling Contractors.**
 23 **(10) A member representing builders and contractors**
 24 **appointed by the governor after considering the**
 25 **recommendation of the Associated Builders and Contractors**
 26 **of Indiana/Kentucky and the Indiana Building Contractors**
 27 **Alliance.**
 28 **(11) A member representing high school career and technical**
 29 **education educators appointed by the governor after**
 30 **considering the recommendation of the Indiana Association**
 31 **of Career and Technical Education Districts.**
 32 **(12) The president of Ivy Tech Community College or the**
 33 **president's designee.**
 34 **(13) The president of Vincennes University or the president's**
 35 **designee.**
 36 **A member appointed under subdivisions (5) through (13) may not**
 37 **be a member of the general assembly.**
 38 **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the initial term of a**
 39 **legislative member of the task force expires June 30, 2025. A**
 40 **legislative member may be reappointed to a successive term. Each**
 41 **successive term expires December 31, 2027.**
 42 **(b) Subject to subsection (c), the term of a member of the task**



1 force appointed by the governor expires December 31, 2027.

2 (c) A member of the task force serves at the pleasure of the
3 appointing authority.

4 Sec. 7. The appropriate appointing authority shall fill a vacancy
5 on the task force in accordance with IC 2-5-1.2-9.

6 Sec. 8. Eight (8) members of the task force constitute a quorum.
7 The affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a task
8 force meeting is necessary for the task force to take official action
9 other than to meet and take testimony.

10 Sec. 9. Subject to IC 2-5-1.2, the task force shall meet at the call
11 of the chair.

12 Sec. 10. (a) A lay or legislative member of the task force is
13 entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel
14 allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees
15 established by the legislative council.

16 (b) A member of the task force who is:

17 (1) a state employee; and

18 (2) not a member of the general assembly;

19 is not entitled to a per diem. However, the member is entitled to
20 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
21 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
22 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
23 procedures established by the Indiana department of
24 administration and approved by the budget agency.

25 (c) Amounts paid under this section shall be paid from
26 appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative
27 services agency.

28 Sec. 11. The task force shall review the following:

29 (1) Construction workforce trends in rural, suburban, and
30 urban communities in Indiana.

31 (2) Wages of and wage trends affecting construction workers
32 in Indiana.

33 (3) Methods and resources available for workforce
34 development in the construction industry.

35 (4) The availability of construction workforce training in K-12
36 schools.

37 (5) The availability of construction workforce training in
38 postsecondary educational institutions.

39 (6) The available capacity of construction training programs.

40 (7) Recruiting efforts to increase participation in the available
41 programs.

42 Sec. 12. The task force shall annually report its findings and



1 **recommendations concerning the topics reviewed under section 11**
2 **of this chapter to the legislative council in an electronic format**
3 **under IC 5-14-6 before November 1 of each year.**
4 **Sec. 13. This chapter expires December 31, 2027.**
5 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

