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## SENATE BILL No. 223

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**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.

**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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### Messmer, Doriot, Rogers, Pol Jr.

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January 9, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.  
January 18, 2024, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
January 23, 2024, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 sixteen (16)**  
17 **members:**

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- 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          **(14) A member representing the construction industry**  
 37          **appointed by the governor after considering the**  
 38          **recommendation of the Indiana Construction Roundtable**  
 39          **Foundation.**  
 40          **A member appointed under subdivisions (5) through (14) may not**  
 41          **be a member of the general assembly.**  
 42          **Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the term of a legislative**



1 member of the task force expires June 30 of each odd-numbered  
 2 year. A legislative member of the task force may be reappointed to  
 3 successive terms.

4 (b) Subject to subsection (c), the term of a member of the task  
 5 force appointed by the governor expires December 31, 2027.

6 (c) A member of the task force serves at the pleasure of the  
 7 appointing authority.

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

10 Sec. 8. Nine (9) members of the task force constitute a quorum.  
 11 The affirmative vote of a majority of the members serving on the  
 12 task force on the date of the meeting is necessary for the task force  
 13 to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.

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

16 Sec. 10. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state  
 17 employee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and  
 18 travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and  
 19 lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established  
 20 by the legislative council.

21 (b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is  
 22 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
 23 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
 24 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
 25 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
 26 administration and approved by the budget agency.

27 (c) Each member of the task force who is a member of the  
 28 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,  
 29 and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly  
 30 serving on interim study committees established by the legislative  
 31 council.

32 (d) Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this  
 33 section shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative  
 34 council or the legislative services agency.

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

36 (1) Construction workforce trends in rural, suburban, and  
 37 urban communities in Indiana.

38 (2) Wages of and wage trends affecting construction workers  
 39 in Indiana.

40 (3) Methods and resources available for workforce  
 41 development in the construction industry.

42 (4) The availability of construction workforce training in K-12



1           schools.  
2           **(5) The availability of construction workforce training in**  
3           **postsecondary educational institutions.**  
4           **(6) The available capacity of construction training programs.**  
5           **(7) Recruiting efforts to increase participation in the available**  
6           **programs.**  
7           **Sec. 12. The task force shall annually report its findings and**  
8           **recommendations concerning the topics reviewed under section 11**  
9           **of this chapter to the legislative council in an electronic format**  
10          **under IC 5-14-6 before November 1 of each year.**  
11          **Sec. 13. This chapter expires December 31, 2027.**  
12          **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 223, 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 1, line 16, delete "fifteen (15)" and insert "**sixteen (16)**".

Page 2, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(14) A member representing the construction industry appointed by the governor after considering the recommendation of the Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation."**

Page 2, line 36, delete "(13)" and insert "**(14)**".

Page 3, line 6, delete "Eight (8)" and insert "**Nine (9)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 223 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 223 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, delete line 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the term of a legislative member of the task force expires June 30 of each odd-numbered year. A legislative member of the task force may be reappointed to successive terms."**

Page 3, delete lines 16 through 31, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 10. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state employee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established by the legislative council."**

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(b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(c) Each member of the task force who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study committees established by the legislative council.

(d) Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this section shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency."

(Reference is to SB 223 as printed January 19, 2024.)

MESSMER

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 223 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, line 11, delete "present at a task" and insert "**serving on the task force on the date of the meeting**".

Page 3, line 12, delete "force meeting".

(Reference is to SB 223 as printed January 19, 2024.)

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