

# SENATE BILL No. 401

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-4-39.

**Synopsis:** Workforce housing task force. Establishes the workforce housing task force. Provides that the task force consists of nine voting members appointed by the lieutenant governor and four nonvoting members of the general assembly. Requires the task force to study and report on the operations of workforce and affordable housing programs in other states. Requires the task force to develop recommendations to increase access to safe and affordable rental housing, create more pathways to home ownership, and improve housing stability and opportunity through the study of certain topics. Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority to support the task force. Provides that the task force law expires June 30, 2021.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-39 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 39. Workforce Housing Task Force**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "authority" refers to the Indiana**  
6 **housing and community development authority created by**  
7 **IC 5-20-1-3.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the Indiana**  
9 **workforce housing task force established by section 4 of this**  
10 **chapter.**

11 **Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "workforce housing" means**  
12 **either of the following:**

13 **(1) Housing that is intended for sale and which is affordable**  
14 **to a household with an income of not more than one hundred**  
15 **percent (100%) of the median income for a four (4) person**  
16 **household for the metropolitan area or county in which the**  
17 **housing is located as published annually by the United States**



1 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2 (2) Rental housing that is affordable to a household with an  
3 income of not more than sixty percent (60%) of the median  
4 income for a three (3) person household for the metropolitan  
5 area or county in which the housing is located as published  
6 annually by the United States Department of Housing and  
7 Urban Development.

8 (b) The term does not include a housing development:

9 (1) that excludes minor children from more than twenty  
10 percent (20%) of the units; or

11 (2) in which the percentage of dwelling units that have fewer  
12 than two (2) bedrooms exceeds fifty percent (50%) of all of  
13 the dwelling units in the housing development.

14 Sec. 4. The Indiana workforce housing task force is established.

15 Sec. 5. (a) The membership of the task force consists of the  
16 following:

17 (1) The following nine (9) voting members appointed by the  
18 lieutenant governor:

19 (A) One (1) member representing the authority.

20 (B) One (1) member representing industry.

21 (C) One (1) member representing homebuilders.

22 (D) One (1) member representing veterans.

23 (E) One (1) member representing a nonprofit organization  
24 that serves the homeless.

25 (F) One (1) member representing the building and  
26 construction trades.

27 (G) One (1) member representing higher education.

28 (H) One (1) member representing realtors.

29 (I) One (1) member representing city and town  
30 government.

31 (2) The following four (4) nonvoting members:

32 (A) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the  
33 president pro tempore of the senate.

34 (B) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the  
35 minority leader of the senate.

36 (C) One (1) member of the house of representatives  
37 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

38 (D) One (1) member of the house of representatives  
39 appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
40 representatives.

41 (b) Each member appointed under subsection (a)(1) serves at  
42 the pleasure of the lieutenant governor. A legislative member of the



1 task force may be removed at any time by the appointing authority  
2 who appointed the legislative member.

3 (c) If a vacancy exists on the task force, the appointing authority  
4 who appointed the former member whose position has become  
5 vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

6 (d) A member of the task force may not receive a salary for  
7 serving on the task force. However, each member of the task force  
8 is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel  
9 allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and lay  
10 members, respectively, of interim study committees established by  
11 the legislative council.

12 Sec. 6. (a) At the first meeting of the task force, the members of  
13 the task force shall select a chairperson from the voting members.

14 (b) The task force shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of  
15 the chairperson.

16 (c) The task force shall deliver a status report at each regularly  
17 scheduled meeting of the authority during the duration of the task  
18 force's existence.

19 Sec. 7. (a) A quorum of the task force consists of five (5) voting  
20 members.

21 (b) The affirmative vote of at least five (5) voting members of  
22 the task force is necessary for any action to be taken, including the  
23 approval of a report submitted under section 8 of this chapter.

24 Sec. 8. The task force shall do the following:

25 (1) Study the operating structure of workforce housing and  
26 affordable housing programs in other states, including the  
27 following:

28 (A) Whether these workforce housing and affordable  
29 housing programs use public-private partnerships.

30 (B) The level of state funding provided to state workforce  
31 housing and affordable housing programs.

32 (C) The relationship between state funding of a state's  
33 workforce housing and affordable housing programs and  
34 the economic impact of workforce housing and affordable  
35 housing programs on the state.

36 (2) Develop recommendations to increase access to safe and  
37 affordable rental housing, create more pathways to home  
38 ownership, and improve housing stability and opportunity  
39 through the following:

40 (A) Review of existing strategies that serve Indiana well  
41 and identify gaps in the housing system.

42 (B) Consideration of new practices that will better serve



- 1           **Indiana and provide greater housing stability.**  
 2           **(C) Development of innovative solutions to ensure that**  
 3           **families, individuals, and communities have safe and stable**  
 4           **housing.**  
 5           **(D) Engaging with individuals and organizations to affirm**  
 6           **that the task force's recommendations align with**  
 7           **community experiences, needs, and priorities.**  
 8           **(E) Recommendation of specific policy proposals and**  
 9           **actions that can be taken by the executive and legislative**  
 10           **branches of state government, local government, and the**  
 11           **private sector to improve housing stability in the state.**  
 12           **(3) Before November 1, 2020, submit a report setting forth the**  
 13           **task force's findings and recommendations under this chapter**  
 14           **to the following:**  
 15               **(A) The governor.**  
 16               **(B) The authority.**  
 17               **(C) The legislative council in an electronic format under**  
 18               **IC 5-14-6.**  
 19           **Sec. 9. (a) The task force may form the following working**  
 20           **groups to develop and review proposals:**  
 21               **(1) A rental housing to home ownership work group.**  
 22               **(2) A workforce housing development work group.**  
 23               **(3) A work group to study housing for the homeless.**  
 24               **(4) A work group to study housing issues affecting veterans.**  
 25           **(b) If a work group is formed under this section, the chairperson**  
 26           **of the task force shall appoint the:**  
 27               **(1) members of the work group from among the members of**  
 28               **the task force; and**  
 29               **(2) chair of the work group.**  
 30           **A nonvoting member on the task force is a nonvoting member on**  
 31           **a work group.**  
 32           **(c) A work group formed under this section may submit**  
 33           **recommendations to the task force.**  
 34           **(d) The expenses of a work group must be paid by the authority**  
 35           **under section 10 of this chapter.**  
 36           **Sec. 10. (a) The authority shall:**  
 37               **(1) pay the expenses of;**  
 38               **(2) staff; and**  
 39               **(3) provide administrative support to;**  
 40           **the task force.**  
 41           **(b) Expenses of the task force include the purchase or licensing**  
 42           **of data or systems necessary to create the report submitted under**



1 **section 8 of this chapter.**

2 **Sec. 11. All state agencies shall fully cooperate with the task**  
3 **force and provide data and other information to assist the task**  
4 **force in carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter.**

5 **Sec. 12. This chapter expires June 30, 2021.**

6 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

