

# SENATE BILL No. 407

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** State agency management. Establishes the economic and regulatory policy task force. Provides for members of the task force and duties of the task force. Requires the task force to prepare a report and recommendations.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning state offices and administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] (a) **As used in this**  
2 **SECTION, "task force" means the economic and regulatory policy**  
3 **task force established by subsection (b).**  
4 **(b) The economic and regulatory policy task force is established.**  
5 **(c) The task force consists of the following members:**  
6 **(1) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro tempore**  
7 **of the senate. The members appointed under this subdivision**  
8 **may be legislators. At least one (1) member appointed under**  
9 **this subdivision must be experienced in the field of finance or**  
10 **business management.**  
11 **(2) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the**  
12 **senate. The members appointed under this subdivision may be**  
13 **legislators. At least one (1) member appointed under this**  
14 **subdivision must be experienced in the field of finance or**  
15 **business management.**  
16 **(3) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the house of**  
17 **representatives. The members appointed under this**  
18 **subdivision may be legislators. At least one (1) member**



1 appointed under this subdivision must be experienced in the  
2 field of finance or business management.

3 (4) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of the  
4 house of representatives. The members appointed under this  
5 subdivision may be legislators. At least one (1) member  
6 appointed under this subdivision must be experienced in the  
7 field of finance or business management.

8 (5) The director of the office of management and budget, or  
9 the director's designee.

10 (6) The director of the budget agency, or the director's  
11 designee.

12 (7) The state examiner, or the state examiner's designee.

13 (8) The auditor of state, or the auditor of state's designee.

14 (9) The treasurer of state, or the treasurer of state's designee.

15 (10) Two (2) members appointed by the governor. At least one  
16 (1) member appointed under this subdivision must be  
17 experienced in the field of finance or business management.

18 (d) The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson from  
19 among the members.

20 (e) Each member of the task force who is not a state employee  
21 is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided under  
22 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to  
23 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
24 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
25 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
26 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
27 administration and approved by the budget agency.

28 (f) Each member of the task force who is a state employee but  
29 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to  
30 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
31 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
32 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
33 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
34 administration and approved by the budget agency.

35 (g) Each member of the task force who is a member of the  
36 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,  
37 and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study  
38 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,  
39 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be  
40 paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the  
41 legislative services agency.

42 (h) The task force shall meet upon the call of the chairperson.



1 (i) A quorum of the task force must be present to conduct  
2 business. A quorum consists of a majority of the voting members  
3 appointed to the task force.

4 (j) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members  
5 appointed to the task force are required for the task force to take  
6 action on any measure, including adopting a final report.

7 (k) The chairperson may establish and appoint task force  
8 members to subcommittees as the chairperson considers  
9 appropriate to carry out the task force's duties under subsection

10 (l). The chairperson shall name the chairperson of each  
11 subcommittee.

12 (l) The task force shall do the following:

13 (1) Assess the analysis and approval procedures for federal  
14 grant applications by state agencies and local governments  
15 and make recommendations for reducing dependency on  
16 federal funds.

17 (2) Evaluate and make recommendations to improve state  
18 agencies' financial management, risk management,  
19 performance management, and internal controls framework,  
20 including improvements to better align those systems with  
21 core government functions.

22 (3) Make recommendations to enhance financial and  
23 performance audit procedures.

24 (4) Make recommendations to enhance legislative oversight of  
25 economic and regulatory policies, including submission of  
26 reports on implementation of prescribed policies.

27 (5) Evaluate economic and occupational regulatory  
28 framework at the state and local levels and make  
29 recommendations to enhance market competition and  
30 eliminate barriers of entry for small businesses.

31 (6) Assess ways to enhance transparency and simplify the  
32 reporting of public information by state and local government  
33 using resources of the management performance hub  
34 established by IC 4-3-26-8 and the office of technology  
35 established by IC 4-13.1-2-1.

36 (7) Make recommendations to strengthen financial and  
37 reporting functions of local governments.

38 (m) The office of the governor shall provide staff support to the  
39 task force.

40 (n) The task force shall provide its final recommendations  
41 before October 1, 2020, to the governor and to the legislative  
42 council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.



- 1       **(o) The governor shall:**
- 2           **(1) review the recommendations made by the task force under**
- 3           **subsection (l); and**
- 4           **(2) before December 1, 2020, submit a report to the legislative**
- 5           **council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6**
- 6           **recommending legislation necessary to carry out those**
- 7           **recommendations that the governor determines will improve**
- 8           **the economic and regulatory framework of Indiana.**
- 9       **(p) The legislative council shall:**
- 10           **(1) review; and**
- 11           **(2) determine what legislation should be prepared for**
- 12           **introduction in the 2021 regular session of the general**
- 13           **assembly with respect to;**
- 14       **recommendations made under subsection (l).**
- 15       **(q) This SECTION expires December 31, 2020.**

