

SENATE BILL No. 582

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-2-1-2; IC 16-18-4.

Synopsis: Hospital police departments. Allows the governing board of a county hospital, the Marion County health and hospital corporation, a municipal hospital, or private hospital to establish a hospital police department.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 15, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

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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 health.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-2-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2011,
2 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. For the purposes of this chapter, and unless the
4 context clearly denotes otherwise, the following definitions apply
5 throughout this chapter:

6 (1) "Law enforcement officer" means an appointed officer or
7 employee hired by and on the payroll of the state, any of the
8 state's political subdivisions, or a public or private postsecondary
9 educational institution whose board of trustees has established a
10 police department under IC 21-17-5-2 or IC 21-39-4-2 who is
11 granted lawful authority to enforce all or some of the penal laws
12 of the state of Indiana and who possesses, with respect to those
13 laws, the power to effect arrests for offenses committed in the
14 officer's or employee's presence. However, the following are
15 expressly excluded from the term "law enforcement officer" for
16 the purposes of this chapter:

17 (A) A constable.



- 1 (B) A special officer whose powers and duties are described
 2 in IC 36-8-3-7 or a special deputy whose powers and duties are
 3 described in IC 36-8-10-10.6.
 4 (C) A county police reserve officer who receives compensation
 5 for lake patrol duties under IC 36-8-3-20(f)(4).
 6 (D) A conservation reserve officer who receives compensation
 7 for lake patrol duties under IC 14-9-8-27.
 8 (E) An employee of the gaming commission whose powers
 9 and duties are described in IC 4-32.2-9.
 10 (F) A correctional police officer described in IC 11-8-9.
 11 **(G) A hospital police officer described in IC 16-18-4.**
 12 (2) "Board" means the law enforcement training board created by
 13 this chapter.
 14 (3) "Executive training program" means the police chief executive
 15 training program developed by the board under section 9 of this
 16 chapter.
 17 (4) "Law enforcement training council" means one (1) of the
 18 confederations of law enforcement agencies recognized by the
 19 board and organized for the sole purpose of sharing training,
 20 instructors, and related resources.
 21 (5) "Training regarding the lawful use of force" includes
 22 classroom and skills training in the proper application of hand to
 23 hand defensive tactics, use of firearms, and other methods of:
 24 (A) overcoming unlawful resistance; or
 25 (B) countering other action that threatens the safety of the
 26 public or a law enforcement officer.
 27 (6) "Hiring or appointing authority" means:
 28 (A) the chief executive officer, board, or other entity of a
 29 police department or agency with authority to appoint and hire
 30 law enforcement officers; or
 31 (B) the governor, mayor, board, or other entity with the
 32 authority to appoint a chief executive officer of a police
 33 department or agency.
 34 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 35 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 36 1, 2013]:
 37 **Chapter 4. Hospital Police Departments**
 38 **Sec. 1. This section applies to the following:**
 39 (1) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 that is established
 40 and operated under IC 16-22-2, IC 16-22-8, or IC 16-23.
 41 (2) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 that is not:
 42 (A) a unit of state or local government; or

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1 **(B) owned or operated by a unit of state or local**
2 **government.**
3 **Sec. 2. The governing board of a hospital may establish a**
4 **hospital police department under this chapter.**
5 **Sec. 3. The governing board of a hospital may do the following**
6 **for the hospital police department:**
7 **(1) Appoint hospital police officers.**
8 **(2) Prescribe the duties and direct the conduct of hospital**
9 **police officers.**
10 **(3) Prescribe distinctive uniforms.**
11 **(4) Provide emergency vehicles.**
12 **Sec. 4. An individual appointed as a hospital police officer under**
13 **this chapter must successfully complete at least:**
14 **(1) the pre-basic training course established under**
15 **IC 5-2-1-9(f); and**
16 **(2) the minimum basic training and educational requirements**
17 **as approved by the governing board of the hospital and the**
18 **law enforcement training board;**
19 **within one (1) year after the individual is appointed as a hospital**
20 **police officer.**
21 **Sec. 5. A hospital police officer appointed under this chapter:**
22 **(1) must take an appropriate oath of office in a form and**
23 **manner prescribed by the governing board of a hospital;**
24 **(2) serves at the governing board's pleasure; and**
25 **(3) performs the duties that the governing board assigns.**
26 **Sec. 6. (a) A hospital police officer appointed under this chapter**
27 **has the following powers:**
28 **(1) General police powers, including the power to arrest,**
29 **without process, all persons who commit any offense within**
30 **the view of the police officer.**
31 **(2) The same common law and statutory powers, privileges,**
32 **and immunities as sheriffs and constables. However, the**
33 **police officer is empowered to serve civil process only to the**
34 **extent authorized by the governing board of a hospital.**
35 **(3) The duty to enforce and to assist the officials of the**
36 **hospital in the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the**
37 **hospital.**
38 **(4) The duty to assist and cooperate with other law**
39 **enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers.**
40 **(b) The governing board of a hospital employing a hospital**
41 **police officer may expressly forbid the police officer from**
42 **exercising any powers otherwise granted to the police officer by**

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Sec. 7. A hospital police officer appointed under this chapter may exercise the powers granted under this chapter only upon any property owned, leased, or occupied by the hospital, including the streets passing through and adjacent to the hospital property. Additional jurisdiction may be established by agreement with the chief of police of the municipality, the sheriff of the county, or the appropriate law enforcement agency where the property is located, dependent upon the jurisdiction involved.

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