
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02-01

(As Adopted July 24, 2002)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INDIANA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. The interim study committees described in SECTION 2 are established. Each committee is composed of twelve (12) voting members, with six (6) appointed from the House by the Chairman of the Council, and six (6) appointed from the Senate by the Vice-Chairman of the Council. Appointments from each chamber shall be divided equally between the two major political parties.

The Chairman of the Council, with the advice of the Vice-Chairman, shall designate the chairman of each committee, and may in the same manner designate a vice-chairman of each committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council may each appoint non-legislators to serve as non-voting members of a committee.

SECTION 2. Each committee shall study and make findings and recommendations concerning the topics assigned to it:

1. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ISSUES

(To be chaired by a member of the House)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. Various education issues, including effects of academic standards and accountability laws on public schools, differences in average achievement levels, resources that would enable students to meet proficiency standards, issues relating to the Graduation Qualifying Exam and Indiana's special education population, and national board certified teachers (HCR 64).

B. Study of ISTEP testing procedures (HR 64).

C. Educational services to expelled students (SR 19).

2. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY BUILDING INITIATIVES

(To be chaired by a member of the House)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Various marriage and family building initiatives, including collection of data on marriage and divorce, communication of the benefits of marriage, social worker and case manager training, and initiatives concerning the early establishment of

paternity (HB 1390).

3. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON LIEN RECOVERY

(To be chaired by a member of the Senate)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Study the merits of establishing a lien recovery fund to protect homeowners by providing a means of redress in the event that all debts owed on a home building or remodeling project are not paid by the general contractor (HR 71).

4. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON LABOR, STATE AND HUMAN AFFAIRS ISSUES

(To be chaired by a member of the Senate)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. Review worker compensation issues as they impact the Amish community (Legislative Council).

B. Study economic development alternatives for French Lick and West Baden (other than: (1) gaming activity or (2) transfer of an existing gaming license) (Legislative Council).

C. Study only matters concerning Native American issues as described in Senate Resolution 7, and review the effectiveness of the Native American Council that currently serves as an advisory body to the Department of Natural Resources (Legislative Council).

SECTION 3. The Legislative Council requests the following entities to study the topics indicated, and if possible to submit findings and recommendations to the Council before November 1, 2002:

1. COMMISSION ON EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. Self-directed care and expansion of personal care services (HR 65).

B. Reduction in number of birth defects (HCR 6).

C. Improving cancer outcomes; health care coverage of costs related to oncology clinical trials (SR 24).

2. NATURAL RESOURCES STUDY COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Domesticated deer farms (SR 3).
- B. Whitetail deer diseases and possession and harvest of deer raised in captivity (SB 301).
- C. Lake management problems and issues associated with public freshwater lakes (SEA 154 (vetoed)).
- D. Investigate and make recommendations concerning a permanent funding source for the "Clean Water Indiana" program (Legislative Council).
- E. Review issues concerning implementation of SEA 508-2002 concerning regulation of dams (Legislative Council).
- F. Review issues associated with active or abandoned railroad and utility rights-of- way. (Legislative Council).

3. CRIMINAL LAW STUDY COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Repeat offender laws concerning probation (HR 22).
- B. Murder sentencing (HB 1320).
- C. Problems concerning criminal history reports (SCR 53).
- D. Interstate compact for adult offender supervision (SR 40).
- E. Drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs for criminal offenders (SCR 38).
- F. Procedures dealing with probation and parole in Indiana's correctional system (SCR 39).
- G. Review impact of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions concerning the death penalty on Indiana death penalty statutes (Legislative Council).

4. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SERVICE COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. State policies and rules on wetlands (SB 141).
- B. Vehicle emission testing in Floyd and Clark Counties (Legislative Council).

C. Vehicle emission testing in Lake and Porter Counties (Legislative Council).

5. WATER RESOURCES STUDY COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Review the status of the State's drought response plan and make recommendations for its implementation (Legislative Council).

6. HEALTH FINANCE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Medicaid policy and planning reorganization (SB 229).

7. COMMISSION ON STATE TAX AND FINANCING POLICY

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. Local government finance (SB 177).

B. Property tax assessment of property owned by educational, religious, and other nonprofit organizations (SEA 19 (vetoed)).

C. Study annual real property tax assessments (HCR 7).

8. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Adjudicating commercial trucking related safety fines (SCR 50).

9. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPACE UTILIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Examine the apportionment of State House office space to nongovernmental entities (SR 4).

10. GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON JUVENILE LAW

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Juvenile law issues (SEA 459 (vetoed)).

11. PENSION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

A. Review problems associated with delayed pension payments to recently retired public employees. (Legislative Council).