

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION 07-01

(As Adopted June 6, 2007)

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 Senate by the Chairman of the Council, and six (6) appointed from the House 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. THE BOWSER COMMISSION

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. Imposition of the death penalty on mentally ill individuals (SCR 45)

2. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION MATTERS

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Issues pertaining to juvenile education within the Department of Correction (Unnumbered SR)
- B. The future of higher education in Indiana, including discussion and dialogue on the report and recommendations of the national Commission on the Future of Higher Education (SCR 26)
- C. Teacher and school psychologists recruitment and retention and the relevancy and value of creating incentive funds for teachers and school psychologists who have attained national board certification (HR 86)

3. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Issues pertaining to vehicle crashes involving commercial motor vehicles (SCR 107)

- B. Feasibility and statewide benefits of an inland port in Indiana. The Committee is directed to focus its initial review on the location in Vigo and Clay Counties described in HB 1110, and to also consider the feasibility of inland ports at other locations throughout Indiana. (HB 1110 and 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, 2007:

1. ANNEXATION STUDY COMMITTEE (HEA 1478-2007)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. Various annexation issues, including impact of allowing municipal annexation of whole or partial parcels of land, certain agreements between landowners and heirs concerning authority to remonstrate, establishment of boundaries for annexations, county court jurisdiction to decide whether territory is needed, extension of services to annexed territories, and process for approval of annexation (Unnumbered HR)

2. CHILD CUSTODY AND SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IC 33-24-11-1)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Child support for postsecondary education (Unnumbered HR)
- B. Evaluate the facilitation of surrogacy agreements and births, and current laws and regulations concerning surrogacy agreements and births (SB 199)

3. COMMISSION ON COURTS (IC 33-23-10-1)

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. The historical use of Trial Rule 60.5 by courts, its effect on the budgets of civil units of government, and the expenses incurred by units in defending themselves against mandates (SR 68)

4. COMMISSION ON STATE TAX AND FINANCING POLICY (IC 2-5-3-2)

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Evaluation of the impact of economic development incentives enacted since 2001 (HCR 43)
- B. Study Marion County government reorganization with regard to its taxing and financing structures, including issues of elimination of layers of government, possible equalization of the burden of separate taxing districts, and creation of an

Office of Financial Management and Budget to address all finances of Marion County (Senator Merritt)

- C. Study whether the Gaming Commission has the authority to grant permission for riverboats to operate on barges (Senator Simpson)
- D. Explore options for funding technology for local government (SR 45)
- E. Means of conducting an economic analysis of Indiana's tax system (HR 105, HB 1236, and HB 1001 Feb. 23 printing)
- F. Study real property sales disclosure system to determine ways to improve efficiency of system and decrease administrative burden on parties to a property conveyance, as well as the role of DLGF in the system (SEA 287)
- G. Issues relating to property taxes (Senator Dillon)
- H. Methods and organizational structure used to assess property (SCR 8)
- I. Issue of ensuring that the rules and laws with respect to the assessment of personal property and the assessment of real property are uniform and equal to each other, including study of the auditing process, the corrections process, and the appeals process with regard to the assessment of personal property and the assessment of real property (HR 99)
- J. Property tax elimination (HB 1539)

5. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SERVICE COUNCIL (IC 13-13-7)

THE COUNCIL IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. Seek a report from IDEM regarding concentrated animal feeding operations and confined feeding operations (SR 72)

6. HEALTH FINANCE COMMISSION (IC 2-5-23)

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. Study the survey process for long term care facilities (SR 69)
- B. Review reports requested by the Legislative Evaluation Oversight Policy Subcommittee and prepared by the Legislative Services Agency evaluation staff concerning: (1) a survey of the status of inmate health in the state prison system; and (2) an inventory of IDOH programs (Legislative Council)

7. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON MISSING CHILDREN (HEA 1726-2007)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Study the problem of homeless youths (HR 89)

8. NATURAL RESOURCES STUDY COMMITTEE (IC 2-5-5-1)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Impact of invasive species in Indiana (HCR 86 and SCR 75)
- B. Indiana's archaeological and burial ground laws (HR 103)

9. PENSION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (IC 2-5-12-1)

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. The benefit structure of the state teachers' retirement fund established under IC 5-10.4 (SEA 29)

10. REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY COMMITTEE (IC 8-1-2.5-9 AND IC 8-1-2.6-4)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. Options for funding, upgrading, and coordinating the state's Emergency Alert System (EAS) (SR 57)
- B. Revision of the enhanced wireless 911 system to include Internet Protocol enabled services and other emerging technologies. (HEA 1274[vetoed] and SB 452)

11. SELECT JOINT COMMISSION ON MEDICAID OVERSIGHT (IC 2-5-26-1)

THE COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. Issues relating to the state's practice of buying out Medicaid certified beds in health facilities (HB 1679)

12. SENTENCING POLICY STUDY COMMITTEE (HEA 1001 & HEA 1386)

THE COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

- A. Review the diversion and deferral programs utilized by prosecutors in Indiana (SR 63)
- B. Information sharing between criminal justice agencies in the State of Indiana (SR 73)