SENATE BILL No. 459

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-3; IC 36-7-30.5.

Synopsis: Indiana defense task force. Repeals the military base planning council and reenacts it as the Indiana defense task force. Makes changes to the membership. Makes conforming changes.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

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

SECTION 1. IC 4-3-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. (Military Base Planning Council).

SECTION 2. IC 4-3-21.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]:

Chapter 21.5. Indiana Defense Task Force

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "military bases" refers to the following:

(1) Military Assets.
(2) Military installations.
(3) Camp Atterbury.
(4) Crane Army Ammunition Activity.
(5) Fort Wayne International Airport.
(6) Glendora Lake Hydro-Acoustic Test Facility.
(7) Grissom Air Reserve Base.
(8) Hulman Field.
(9) Jefferson Proving Ground.
Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the Indiana defense task force established by section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 3. The Indiana defense task force is established.

Sec. 4. The task force consists of the following members:

(1) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee.

(2) The director of the Indiana office of defense development.

(3) The following members chosen by the military assets in their geographic areas:

(A) One (1) member representing the Southern Indiana Defense Network.

(B) One (1) member representing Radius Indiana.

(C) One (1) member representing greater Fort Wayne Indiana.

(D) One (1) member representing Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Lawrence, Indiana.

(E) One (1) member representing Grissom Regional Defense Alliance.

(F) One (1) member representing West Central Indiana Defense Network.

(G) One (1) member representing the Michigan City Coast Guard Station.

(H) One (1) member representing the Indiana Aerospace and Defense Council.

(I) One (1) member representing procurement and technical assistance.

(J) One (1) member representing the Indiana Innovation Institute.

(K) One (1) member representing the National Defense Industrial Association, Indiana Chapter, Tier 2/Tier 3 Suppliers.

Sec. 5. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.
(b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee but who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member’s duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

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

Sec. 6. The governor shall designate a member of the task force to serve as chairperson of the task force.

Sec. 7. The task force shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

Sec. 8. The governor shall provide staff assistance as the task force may require.

Sec. 9. A member of the task force who is a member of the general assembly is a nonvoting member.

Sec. 10. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the task force are required for the task force to take action on any measure, including reports required under section 12 of this chapter.

Sec. 11. The task force shall do the following:

1. Identify the public infrastructure and other community support necessary:
   (A) to improve mission efficiencies; and
   (B) for the development and expansion of military bases in Indiana.

2. Identify existing and potential impacts of encroachment on military bases in Indiana.

3. Identify potential state and local government actions that can:
   (A) minimize the impacts of encroachment on; and
   (B) enhance the long term potential of; military bases in Indiana.

4. Identify opportunities for collaboration among:
   (A) the state, including the military department of the state;
   (B) political subdivisions;
(C) military contractors; and
(D) academic institutions;
to maintain and expand the missions of Indiana's military bases.
(5) Study how governmental entities outside Indiana have addressed issues regarding encroachment and partnership formation described in this section.
(6) With respect to a multicounty federal military base under IC 36-7-30.5:
   (A) vote to require the establishment of the development authority under IC 36-7-30.5, if necessary; and
   (B) advise and submit recommendations to a development authority board appointed under IC 36-7-30.5.
(7) Strengthen state support for military families and veterans in the areas of education, health care, employment, and family programs. The areas listed in this subdivision do not comprise an exhaustive list of the areas for which the task force may strengthen state support for military families and veterans.

Sec. 12. The task force shall submit a report to the:
(1) governor; and
(2) legislative services agency;
not later than July 1 of each year. The report submitted to the legislative services agency must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

SECTION 3. IC 36-7-30.5-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the military base planning council established under IC 4-3-21-3.

SECTION 4. IC 36-7-30.5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 6.5. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the Indiana defense task force established by IC 4-3-21.5-3.

SECTION 5. IC 36-7-30.5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.203-2005, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) If the council, task force, by the affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the council, task force, votes to require that a development authority should be established under this chapter, the development authority shall be established.
   (b) A unit may not create a reuse authority under IC 36-7-30 for all or part of a military base that is:
       (1) governed by this chapter; and
       (2) located within the boundaries of the unit.
SECTION 6. IC 36-7-30.5-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.203-2005, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 14. The development authority shall do the following:

(1) Investigate, study, and survey the area surrounding and the real property and structures that are part of the military base.

(2) Investigate, study, and determine the means by which military base property may be developed or reused by private enterprise to promote economic development within counties represented on the development authority or by state and local government to otherwise benefit the welfare of the citizens of the counties represented on the development authority.

(3) Promote the development of military base property in the manner that best serves the interests of the state and its inhabitants.

(4) Cooperate with the departments and agencies of units and of other governmental entities, including the state and the federal government, in the manner that best serves the purposes of this chapter.

(5) Make findings and reports on their activities under this section, and keep the reports available for inspection by the public.

(6) Select and acquire military base property to be developed or reused by private enterprise or state or local government under this chapter.

(7) Transfer acquired military base property and other real and personal property to private enterprise or state or local government in the manner that best serves the social and economic interests of the state and the state's inhabitants.

(8) Consider recommendations made by the [comiti task force] concerning the operations of the development authority.