



2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT FOR THE INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

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| Enrolled Act Number & Title (Hyperlink Provided) | Public Law Number | Summary of Bill's Impact to Commission | Effective Date | Indiana Code (IC) Citation |
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| HEA 1060 Office of Administrative Law Proceedings | P.L. 13-2021 | Allows a petition for review of an agency administrative action to be filed by mail, personal service, or electronic mail. (Current law requires a petition for review to be filed by mail or personal service.) Provides that the filing of a document in an administrative proceeding is considered complete on the date of electronic submission if the document is sent by electronic mail. | July 1, 2021 | IC 4-21.5-3-1 |
| HEA 1191 Energy Matters | P.L. 180-2021 | Prohibits a local unit of government from requiring certain building materials or energy sources to be used, unless required to do so under fire and building safety laws. | July 1, 2021 | IC-36-1-3-13 |
| HEA 1270 Department of Homeland Security | P.L. 199-2021 | Allows initial orders of determination to be sent by electronic mail; Repeals IDHS divisions and assigns the divisions' responsibilities to the Executive Director, and allows the Executive Director to organize the department into divisions and subdivisions; requires certain high schools to comply with the primary use of a building occupancy classification; amends the definition of "special egress control device"; requires schools to develop a plan to address unplanned fire alarms and allows schools to secure in place in certain situations; creates a fire chief executive training program. | July 1, 2021 | IC 4-21.5-3-1 IC 5-2-1-3 IC 20-37-2-13 IC 22-11-17-1 IC 22-11-17-2 IC 36-8-10.6 |
| HEA 1436 State and Local Administration | P.L. 199-2021 | Provides that, in an adjudicative administrative proceeding concerning an agency action, the administrative law judge (ALJ) shall order the agency to pay the reasonable attorney's fees incurred, if the party challenging the agency action proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that: (1) the agency's action was frivolous or groundless; or (2) the agency pursued the action in bad faith. | July 1, 2021 | IC 4-21.5-3-27.5 |

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| HEA 1437 Electronic Meetings and Signatures | P.L. 88-2021 | Provides that members of a governing body are not required to physically present at a meeting while there is an active disaster emergency. Requires certain information to be included in meeting minutes for meetings held electronically. | April 20, 2021 | IC 5-14-1.5-3.7 |
| HEA 1032 Newborn Safety Devices | P.L. 170-2021 | Expands the types of facilities which can have a baby box if the facility meets certain requirements. | July 1, 2021 | IC 31-34-2.5-1 |