

SENATE BILL No. 289

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-26.

Synopsis: Probation services study. Establishes the probation services study committee. Requires the committee to study: (1) the mission of probation services; (2) the duties, roles, and responsibilities of probation officers; (3) organizational changes considered necessary to improve the efficiency and thoroughness of the delivery of probation services; (4) improvements to the salary schedules and benefits available to probation officers and probation support staff; (5) training standards; (6) caseload and case classification standards; and (7) methods and levels of funding for probation services.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 7, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 26. Probation Services Study Committee**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**
6 **probation services study committee established by section 2 of this**
7 **chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. Given that probation services are an integral part of the**
9 **law enforcement and correctional processes and are critical to**
10 **ensure safety in Indiana communities, the probation services study**
11 **committee is established.**

12 **Sec. 3. (a) The committee shall study, review, and make**
13 **recommendations concerning the following:**

- 14 (1) **The mission of probation services.**
15 (2) **The duties, roles, and responsibilities of probation officers.**
16 (3) **Organizational changes considered necessary to improve**
17 **the efficiency and thoroughness of the delivery of probation**



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- 1 services.
- 2 (4) Improvements to the salary schedules and benefits
- 3 available to probation officers and probation support staff.
- 4 (5) Training standards.
- 5 (6) Caseload and case classification standards.
- 6 (7) Methods and levels of funding for probation services.
- 7 (b) The committee may study other topics as assigned by the
- 8 legislative council or as directed by the committee's chairman.
- 9 (c) The committee is under the jurisdiction of the legislative
- 10 council and shall operate under the direction of the legislative
- 11 council.
- 12 (d) Before November 1 of each year, the committee shall issue
- 13 an annual or a final report stating its findings, conclusions, and
- 14 recommendations. The committee shall issue other reports as
- 15 directed by the legislative council.
- 16 Sec. 4. (a) The committee consists of seventeen (17) members.
- 17 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives, with the advice
- 18 of the legislative leader of a major political party (as defined in
- 19 IC 3-5-2-30) that is different from the political party of the speaker
- 20 of the house of representatives, shall appoint two (2)
- 21 representatives, not more than one (1) of whom is of the same
- 22 political party, as members of the committee.
- 23 (c) The president pro tempore of the senate, with the advice of
- 24 the legislative leader of a major political party (as defined in
- 25 IC 3-5-2-30) that is different from the political party of the
- 26 president pro tempore, shall appoint two (2) senators, not more
- 27 than one (1) of whom is of the same political party, as members of
- 28 the committee.
- 29 (d) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the
- 30 following additional members of the committee:
- 31 (1) With the advice of the Indiana Judges Association, one (1)
- 32 judge who exercises criminal jurisdiction.
- 33 (2) With the advice of the Association of Indiana Counties,
- 34 Inc., two (2) individuals who hold public office as a:
- 35 (A) county clerk;
- 36 (B) county auditor;
- 37 (C) county commissioner; or
- 38 (D) county councillor.
- 39 (3) One (1) individual to represent the judicial conference of
- 40 Indiana.
- 41 (4) One (1) individual to represent the department of
- 42 correction.



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- 1 (5) One (1) individual to represent the prosecuting attorneys
2 council of Indiana.
- 3 (6) With the advice of the Indiana Sheriffs Association, Inc.,
4 one (1) county sheriff.
- 5 (e) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint the
6 following additional members of the committee:
- 7 (1) With the advice of the Indiana Judges Association, one (1)
8 judge who exercises juvenile jurisdiction.
- 9 (2) With the advice of the Association of Indiana Counties,
10 Inc., one (1) individual who holds public office as a:
- 11 (A) county clerk;
- 12 (B) county auditor;
- 13 (C) county commissioner; or
- 14 (D) county councillor.
- 15 (3) With the advice of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting
16 Attorneys, Inc., one (1) county prosecutor.
- 17 (4) With the advice of the Probation Officers Professional
18 Association of Indiana, one (1) probation officer.
- 19 (5) With the advice of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of
20 Police, one (1) municipal police chief.
- 21 (6) With the advice of the Indiana Association of Community
22 Corrections Act Counties, one (1) community corrections
23 program director.
- 24 (f) The chairman of the legislative council shall name one (1) of
25 the members chairman, and the vice chairman of the legislative
26 council shall name another member vice chairman. The appointing
27 authority may name a different chairman or vice chairman at any
28 time.
- 29 (g) A member of the committee may be removed at any time by
30 the appointing authority who appointed the member.
- 31 (h) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the appointing
32 authority making the original appointment shall fill the vacancy.
- 33 Sec. 5. Each legislative member and each lay member of the
34 committee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and
35 travel allowances paid to individuals serving as legislative and lay
36 members, respectively, on interim study committees established by
37 the legislative council.
- 38 Sec. 6. Staff and administrative support for the committee shall
39 be provided by the legislative services agency.
- 40 Sec. 7. (a) The legislative council may establish a budget for the
41 committee.
- 42 (b) Subject to prior authorization of the legislative council, the



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1 **expenses incurred by the committee in performing its duties shall**
2 **be paid from the funds appropriated to the legislative council.**
3 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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