

# HOUSE BILL No. 1341

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-4-6.1-3.

**Synopsis:** Enterprise zones. Increases the maximum permissible population of an enterprise zone from 8,000 to 10,500. Increases the maximum permissible area of an enterprise zone from three square miles to four square miles. Permits the enterprise zone board to review the success of an enterprise zone and to expand the boundaries of the zone after the zone's final phase-out period. (Current law permits such reviews only during specified phase-out periods.)

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-6.1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) The board  
3 may designate up to ten (10) enterprise zones, in addition to any  
4 enterprise zones which the federal government may designate in the  
5 state. After January 1, 1988, the board may by seven (7) affirmative  
6 votes increase the number of enterprise zones above ten (10), but it  
7 may add no more than two (2) new zones each year and may not add  
8 any new zones after December 31, 2003. There may be no more than  
9 one (1) enterprise zone in any municipality.
- 10 (b) After approval by resolution of the legislative body, the  
11 executive of any municipality that is not an included town under  
12 IC 36-3-1-7 may submit one (1) application to the enterprise zone  
13 board to have one (1) portion of the municipality designated as an  
14 enterprise zone. If an application is denied, the executive may submit  
15 a new application. The board by rule shall provide application  
16 procedures.
- 17 (c) The board shall evaluate an enterprise zone application, if it

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- 1 finds that the following threshold criteria exist in a proposed zone:
- 2 (1) A poverty level in which twenty-five percent (25%) of the
- 3 households in the zone are below the poverty level as established
- 4 by the most recent United States census or an average rate of
- 5 unemployment for the most recent eighteen (18) month period for
- 6 which data is available that is at least one and one-half (1 1/2)
- 7 times the average statewide rate of unemployment for the same
- 8 eighteen (18) month period.
- 9 (2) A population of more than two thousand (2,000) but less than
- 10 ~~eight ten thousand five hundred (8,000)~~ **(10,500)**.
- 11 (3) An area of more than three-fourths (3/4) square mile but less
- 12 than ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** square miles, with a continuous boundary
- 13 (using natural, street, or highway barriers when possible) entirely
- 14 within the applicant municipality. However, if the zone includes
- 15 a parcel of property that:
- 16 (A) is owned by the municipality; and
- 17 (B) has an area of twenty-five (25) acres or more;
- 18 the area of the zone may be increased above the ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)**
- 19 square mile limitation by an amount not to exceed the area of the
- 20 municipally owned parcel.
- 21 (4) Property suitable for the development of a mix of commercial,
- 22 industrial, and residential activities.
- 23 (5) The appointment of an urban enterprise association that meets
- 24 the requirements of section 4 of this chapter.
- 25 (6) A statement by the applicant indicating its willingness to
- 26 provide certain specified economic development incentives.
- 27 (d) If an applicant has met the threshold criteria of subsection (c),
- 28 the board shall evaluate the application, arrive at a decision based on
- 29 the following factors, and either designate a zone or reject the
- 30 application:
- 31 (1) Level of poverty, unemployment, and general distress of the
- 32 area in comparison to other applicant and nonapplicant
- 33 municipalities and the expression of need for an enterprise zone
- 34 over and above the threshold criteria contained in subsection (c).
- 35 (2) Evidence of support for designation by residents, businesses,
- 36 and private organizations in the proposed zone, and the
- 37 demonstration of a willingness among those zone constituents to
- 38 participate in zone area revitalization.
- 39 (3) Efforts by the applicant municipality to reduce the
- 40 impediments to development in the zone area where necessary,
- 41 including but not limited to the following:
- 42 (A) A procedure for streamlining local government regulations

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- 1 and permit procedures.
- 2 (B) Crime prevention activities involving zone residents.
- 3 (C) A plan for infrastructure improvements capable of
- 4 supporting increased development activity.
- 5 (4) Significant efforts to encourage the reuse of existing zone
- 6 structures in new development activities to preserve the existing
- 7 character of the neighborhood, where appropriate.
- 8 (5) The proposed managerial structure of the zone and the
- 9 capacity of the urban enterprise association to carry out the goals
- 10 and purposes of this chapter.
- 11 (e) An enterprise zone expires ten (10) years from the day on which
- 12 it is designated by the board. The two (2) year period immediately
- 13 before the day on which it expires is the phase-out period. During the
- 14 phase-out period, the board may review the success of the enterprise
- 15 zone based upon the following criteria and may, with the consent of the
- 16 budget committee, renew the zone, including all provisions of this
- 17 chapter, for a period of five (5) years:
- 18 (1) Increases in capital investment in the zone.
- 19 (2) Retention of jobs and creation of jobs in the zone.
- 20 (3) Increases in employment opportunities for residents of the
- 21 zone.
- 22 (f) If an enterprise zone is renewed under subsection (e), the two (2)
- 23 year period immediately before the date on which the zone expires is
- 24 another phase-out period. During the phase-out period, the board may
- 25 review the success of the enterprise zone based upon the criteria set
- 26 forth in subsection (e) and, with the consent of the budget committee,
- 27 may again renew the zone, including all provisions of this chapter, for
- 28 a final period of five (5) years. The zone may not be renewed after the
- 29 expiration of this final five (5) year period.
- 30 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, one (1) or
- 31 more units (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) may declare all or any part of
- 32 a military base or other military installation that is inactive, closed, or
- 33 scheduled for closure as an enterprise zone. Such a declaration shall be
- 34 made by a resolution of the legislative body of the unit that contains the
- 35 geographic area being declared an enterprise zone. The legislative body
- 36 must include in the resolution that an urban enterprise association is
- 37 created or designate another entity to function as the urban enterprise
- 38 association under this chapter. The resolution must also be approved
- 39 by the executive of the unit. If the resolution is approved, the executive
- 40 shall file the resolution and the executive's approval with the board. If
- 41 an entity other than an urban enterprise association is designated to
- 42 function as an urban enterprise association, the entity's acceptance must

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1 be filed with the board along with the resolution. The enterprise zone  
2 designation is effective on the first day of the month following the date  
3 the resolution is filed with the board. Establishment of an enterprise  
4 zone under this subsection is not subject to the limit of two (2) new  
5 enterprise zones each year under subsection (a).

6 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)  
7 **Notwithstanding IC 4-4-6.1-3(f), the enterprise zone board may at**  
8 **any time after the two (2) year phase-out period described in**  
9 **IC 4-4-6.1-3(f) review the success of an enterprise zone based upon**  
10 **the criteria set forth in IC 4-4-6.1-3(e) and, with the consent of the**  
11 **budget committee, may approve an enlargement of the zone**  
12 **boundaries consistent with the population and geographic**  
13 **limitations in IC 4-4-6.1-3(c)(2) and IC 4-4-6.1-3(c)(3), both as**  
14 **amended by this act. In approving an enlargement of zone**  
15 **boundaries under this SECTION, the enterprise zone board must**  
16 **consider the recommendations of the urban enterprise association.**

17 (b) A decision by the enterprise zone board to expand the  
18 geographic boundaries of a zone under this SECTION does not  
19 extend the expiration date for the zone under IC 4-4-6.1-3(f).

20 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2000.

21 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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