

HOUSE BILL No. 1350

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Homeless issues study commission. Establishes the homeless issues study commission to study the feasibility of establishing shelters for the homeless and the extent to which underfunding has exacerbated the problem of homelessness.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning the general assembly.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "commission" refers to the homeless issues study**
3 **commission established by subsection (b).**
4 (b) **The homeless issues study commission is established.**
5 (c) **The commission shall study the following:**
6 (1) **The feasibility of establishing shelters for the homeless.**
7 (2) **The extent to which underfunding has exacerbated the**
8 **problem of homelessness.**
9 (d) **The commission may study other topics as assigned by the**
10 **legislative council or as directed by the commission's chairman.**
11 (e) **The commission is under the jurisdiction of the legislative**
12 **council and shall operate under the direction of the legislative**
13 **council.**
14 (f) **Before November 1, 1999, the commission shall issue a final**
15 **report stating its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The**
16 **commission shall issue other reports as directed by the legislative**
17 **council.**
18 (g) **The commission consists of eight (8) members of the general**



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1 assembly and four (4) lay members as follows:

2 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives, with the
3 advice of the minority leader of the house of representatives,
4 shall appoint four (4) representatives, not more than two (2)
5 of whom are members of the same political party, as members
6 of the commission. The speaker of the house of
7 representatives shall also appoint two (2) lay people, one (1)
8 of whom shall be an advocate for the homeless and one (1) of
9 whom shall be a service provider for the homeless.

10 (2) The president pro tempore of the senate, with the advice
11 of the minority leader of the senate, shall appoint four (4)
12 senators, not more than two (2) of whom are members of the
13 same political party, as members of the commission. The
14 president pro tempore of the senate shall also appoint two (2)
15 lay people, one (1) of whom shall be an advocate for the
16 homeless and one (1) of whom shall be a homeless or formerly
17 homeless person.

18 (h) At the time the commission members are appointed, the
19 chairman of the legislative council shall name one (1) of the
20 members of the commission as chairman and the vice chairman of
21 the legislative council shall name another member of the
22 commission as vice chairman. The appointing authority may name
23 a different chairman or vice chairman at any time.

24 (i) A member of the commission may be removed at any time by
25 the appointing authority who appointed the member.

26 (j) The appointing authority shall fill a vacancy on the
27 commission by appointing a member for the unexpired term.

28 (k) The commission shall meet on call of the chairman or at
29 other times the commission determines.

30 (l) Notice of the time, place, and agenda of commission meetings
31 shall be given in the same manner as meetings of interim study
32 committees established by the legislative council.

33 (m) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
34 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
35 take action on any measure, including its final report.

36 (n) Each legislative member and each lay member of the
37 commission is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and
38 travel allowances paid to individuals serving as legislative and lay
39 members, respectively, on interim study committees established by
40 the legislative council.

41 (o) Staff and administrative support shall be provided by the
42 legislative services agency.



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1 **(p) The legislative council may establish a budget for the**
2 **commission.**

3 **(q) Subject to prior authorization of the legislative council, the**
4 **expenses incurred by the commission in performing its duties shall**
5 **be paid from the funds appropriated to the council.**

6 **(r) This SECTION expires December 31, 1999.**

7 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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