
SENATE BILL No. 324

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Citations Affected: IC 4-4-3; IC 4-10-19-12; IC 4-13-2-17.5; IC 6-1.1-19-8; IC 6-3.1-22; IC 8-23-2-18; IC 13-14-2-8; IC 14-8-2-107; IC 14-12-4; IC 15-7-9.

Synopsis: Smart growth land conservation. Prohibits various state agencies from funding growth related projects in certain areas. Requires the state board of tax commissioners to give priority to school construction projects that: (1) renovate or expand existing school buildings; (2) serve existing neighborhoods; (3) do not convert or contribute to the conversion of agricultural lands; and (4) do not require new water or sewer infrastructure. Provides a tax credit for job creation in certain municipal areas. Establishes the Hoosier legacy fund to provide matching funds to eligible projects under the United States Department of Agriculture's farmland preservation and forest legacy programs. Authorizes the Indiana land resources council to identify priority funding areas in cooperation with municipalities and perform certain other tasks.

Effective: July 1, 2000; January 1, 2001.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-3-8.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 8.1. When considering
3 offering economic development assistance to businesses and industries,
4 the department shall do the following:

- 5 (1) Consider the potential environmental impact that would be
6 caused by the assistance.
- 7 (2) Give priority to businesses and industries that, as the principal
8 activity of the businesses and industries, convert recyclable
9 materials into useful products or create markets for products made
10 from recycled materials.
- 11 **(3) Give priority to businesses and industries located in a**
12 **priority funding area (as defined in IC 15-7-9-3.6).**

13 SECTION 2. IC 4-4-3-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2000]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this section, "growth related**
16 **project" has the meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.3.**

17 **(b) As used in this section, "priority funding area" has the**



1 **meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.6.**

2 **(c) The department of commerce may not fund a growth related**
3 **project in an area that is not a priority funding area.**

4 SECTION 3. IC 4-10-19-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
5 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
6 1, 2000]: **Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "growth related**
7 **project" has the meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.3.**

8 **(b) As used in this section, "priority funding area" has the**
9 **meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.6.**

10 **(c) The budget agency may not loan money from the fund for a**
11 **growth related project in an area that is not a priority funding**
12 **area.**

13 SECTION 4. IC 4-13-2-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2000]: **Sec. 17.5. (a) As used in this section, "growth related**
16 **project" has the meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.3.**

17 **(b) As used in this section, "priority funding area" has the**
18 **meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.6.**

19 **(c) The budget agency may not approve a request for an**
20 **allotment under section 18 of this chapter for a growth related**
21 **project in an area that is not a priority funding area.**

22 SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-19-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 8. (a) A school**
24 **corporation may not incur bond indebtedness, enter into a lease rental**
25 **agreement, or repay from the debt service fund loans made for the**
26 **purchase of school buses under IC 20-9.1-6-5, unless the school**
27 **corporation has first obtained the state board of tax commissioners'**
28 **approval of the lease rental agreement, bond issue or school bus**
29 **purchase loan. This restriction does not apply to ad valorem property**
30 **taxes which a school corporation levies to pay or fund bond or lease**
31 **rental indebtedness created or incurred before July 1, 1974.**

32 **(b) The state board of tax commissioners may either approve,**
33 **disapprove, or modify then approve a school corporation's proposed**
34 **lease rental agreement, bond issue or school bus purchase loan. Before**
35 **it approves or disapproves a proposed lease rental agreement, bond**
36 **issue or school bus purchase loan, the state board of tax commissioners**
37 **may seek the recommendation of the tax control board.**

38 **(c) The state board of tax commissioners shall render a decision not**
39 **more than three (3) months after the date it receives a request for**
40 **approval under subsection (a). However, the state board of tax**
41 **commissioners may extend this three (3) month period by an additional**
42 **three (3) months if, at least ten (10) days before the end of the original**



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1 three (3) month period, the board sends notice of the extension to the
2 executive officer of the school corporation.

3 (d) ~~After December 31, 1995,~~ The state board of tax commissioners
4 may not approve a school corporation's proposed lease rental
5 agreement or bond issue to finance the construction of additional
6 classrooms unless the school corporation first:

- 7 (1) establishes that additional classroom space is necessary; and
8 (2) conducts a feasibility study, holds public hearings, and hears
9 public testimony on using a twelve (12) month school term
10 (instead of the nine (9) month school term (as defined in
11 IC 20-10.1-2-2)) rather than expanding classroom space.

12 (e) **The state board of tax commissioners, in the board's**
13 **consideration of a school corporation's proposed lease rental**
14 **agreement or bond issue, shall give priority to school construction**
15 **projects that do the following:**

- 16 (1) **Renovate or expand existing school buildings.**
17 (2) **Serve existing neighborhoods.**
18 (3) **Do not convert or contribute to the conversion of**
19 **agricultural lands.**
20 (4) **Do not require new water or sewer infrastructure.**

21 **The board may not approve a school corporation's proposed lease**
22 **rental agreement or bond issue for a school construction project**
23 **that contributes to the conversion of agricultural lands or requires**
24 **new water or sewer infrastructure unless the school corporation**
25 **shows that the renovation or expansion of existing school buildings**
26 **is impracticable.**

27 (f) This section does not apply to school bus purchase loans made
28 by a school corporation which will be repaid solely from the general
29 fund of the school corporation.

30 SECTION 6. IC 6-3.1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
31 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JANUARY 1, 2001]:

33 **Chapter 22. Smart Growth Job Creation Credit**

34 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "pass through entity" means:**

- 35 (1) **a corporation that is exempt from the adjusted gross**
36 **income tax under IC 6-3-2-2.8(2);**
37 (2) **a partnership;**
38 (3) **a limited liability company; or**
39 (4) **a limited liability partnership.**

40 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "priority funding area" has the**
41 **meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.6.**

42 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "state tax liability" means a**

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1 taxpayer's total tax liability that is incurred under:

- 2 (1) IC 6-2.1 (gross income tax);
 3 (2) IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 (adjusted gross income tax);
 4 (3) IC 6-3-8 (supplemental net income tax);
 5 (4) IC 6-5-10 (bank tax);
 6 (5) IC 6-5-11 (savings and loan association tax);
 7 (6) IC 6-5.5 (financial institutions tax); and
 8 (7) IC 27-1-18-2 (insurance premiums tax);

9 as computed after the application of the credits that under
 10 IC 6-3.1-1-2 are to be applied before the credit provided by this
 11 chapter.

12 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "taxpayer" means a person,
 13 corporation, or pass through entity that is an employer in a
 14 priority funding area.

15 Sec. 5. (a) A taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the
 16 taxpayer's state tax liability for a taxable year for the
 17 establishment or expansion of a business facility located in a
 18 priority funding area that results in the creation of:

- 19 (1) at least sixty (60) qualified positions;
 20 (2) at least thirty (30) qualified positions if the aggregate
 21 payroll for the qualified positions is greater than the state
 22 average salary multiplied by sixty (60); or
 23 (3) at least twenty-five (25) qualified positions if the taxpayer
 24 is engaged in one (1) or more of the following:
 25 (A) Manufacturing or mining.
 26 (B) Transportation or communications.
 27 (C) Agriculture, forestry, or fishing.
 28 (D) Research, development, or testing.
 29 (E) Biotechnology.
 30 (F) Computer programming, data processing, or other
 31 computer related services.
 32 (G) Financial, real estate, or insurance services.
 33 (H) The operation of central administrative offices or a
 34 company headquarters.

35 (b) The amount of the credit is equal to the lesser of:

- 36 (1) the number of qualified positions created in the priority
 37 funding area multiplied by one thousand dollars (\$1,000); or
 38 (2) the total of wages paid by the taxpayer to the qualified
 39 employees in the taxable year multiplied by two and one-half
 40 percent (2.5%).

41 Sec. 6. (a) If the amount determined under section 5(b) of this
 42 chapter for a taxpayer in a taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's

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1 state tax liability for that taxable year, the taxpayer may carry the
 2 excess over to the following taxable years. The amount of the credit
 3 carryover from a taxable year shall be reduced to the extent that
 4 the carryover is used by the taxpayer to obtain a credit under this
 5 chapter for any subsequent taxable year. A taxpayer is not entitled
 6 to a carryback.

7 (b) A taxpayer is entitled to a refund of any unused credit.

8 **Sec. 7.** If a pass through entity does not have state income tax
 9 liability against which the tax credit may be applied, a shareholder
 10 or partner of the pass through entity is entitled to a tax credit equal
 11 to:

12 (1) the tax credit determined for the pass through entity for
 13 the taxable year; multiplied by

14 (2) the percentage of the pass through entity's distributive
 15 income to which the shareholder or partner is entitled.

16 **Sec. 8.** To receive the credit provided by this chapter, a taxpayer
 17 must claim the credit on the taxpayer's state tax return in the
 18 manner prescribed by the department. The taxpayer must submit
 19 to the department proof of payment of the wages of the qualified
 20 employees and all information that the department determines is
 21 necessary for the calculation of the credit provided by this chapter.

22 SECTION 7. IC 8-23-2-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 23 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 24 1, 2000]: **Sec. 18.** (a) As used in this section, "growth related
 25 project" has the meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.3.

26 (b) As used in this section, "priority funding area" has the
 27 meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.6.

28 (c) The Indiana department of transportation may not fund a
 29 growth related project in an area that is not a priority funding
 30 area.

31 SECTION 8. IC 13-14-2-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 32 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 33 1, 2000]: **Sec. 8.** (a) As used in this section, "growth related
 34 project" has the meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.3.

35 (b) As used in this section, "priority funding area" has the
 36 meaning set forth in IC 15-7-9-3.6.

37 (c) The department of environmental management may not fund
 38 a growth related project in an area that is not a priority funding
 39 area.

40 SECTION 9. IC 14-8-2-107, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-1999,
 41 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 107.** "Fund" has the following meaning:



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- 1 (1) For purposes of IC 14-9-5, the meaning set forth in
 2 IC 14-9-5-1.
 3 (2) For purposes of IC 14-9-8-21, the meaning set forth in
 4 IC 14-9-8-21.
 5 (3) For purposes of IC 14-9-9, the meaning set forth in
 6 IC 14-9-9-3.
 7 (4) For purposes of IC 14-12-1, the meaning set forth in
 8 IC 14-12-1-1.
 9 (5) For purposes of IC 14-12-2, the meaning set forth in
 10 IC 14-12-2-2.
 11 (6) For purposes of IC 14-12-3, the meaning set forth in
 12 IC 14-12-3-2.
 13 **(7) For purposes of IC 14-12-4, the meaning set forth in**
 14 **IC 14-12-4-1.**
 15 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** For purposes of IC 14-13-1, the meaning set forth in
 16 IC 14-13-1-2.
 17 ~~(8)~~ **(9)** For purposes of IC 14-13-2, the meaning set forth in
 18 IC 14-13-2-3.
 19 ~~(9)~~ **(10)** For purposes of IC 14-19-4, the meaning set forth in
 20 IC 14-19-4-1.
 21 ~~(10)~~ **(11)** For purposes of IC 14-19-5, the meaning set forth in
 22 IC 14-19-5-1.
 23 ~~(11)~~ **(12)** For purposes of IC 14-20-1, the meaning set forth in
 24 IC 14-20-1-3.
 25 ~~(12)~~ **(13)** For purposes of IC 14-20-11, the meaning set forth in
 26 IC 14-20-11-2.
 27 ~~(13)~~ **(14)** For purposes of IC 14-22-3, the meaning set forth in
 28 IC 14-22-3-1.
 29 ~~(14)~~ **(15)** For purposes of IC 14-22-4, the meaning set forth in
 30 IC 14-22-4-1.
 31 ~~(15)~~ **(16)** For purposes of IC 14-22-5, the meaning set forth in
 32 IC 14-22-5-1.
 33 ~~(16)~~ **(17)** For purposes of IC 14-22-8, the meaning set forth in
 34 IC 14-22-8-1.
 35 ~~(17)~~ **(18)** For purposes of IC 14-22-34, the meaning set forth in
 36 IC 14-22-34-2.
 37 ~~(18)~~ **(19)** For purposes of IC 14-23-3, the meaning set forth in
 38 IC 14-23-3-1.
 39 ~~(19)~~ **(20)** For purposes of IC 14-23-8, the meaning set forth in
 40 IC 14-23-8-1.
 41 ~~(20)~~ **(21)** For purposes of IC 14-25-2-4, the meaning set forth in
 42 IC 14-25-2-4.

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- 1 ~~(21)~~ **(22)** For purposes of IC 14-25-10, the meaning set forth in
 2 IC 14-25-10-1.
 3 ~~(22)~~ **(23)** For purposes of IC 14-25-11-19, the meaning set forth
 4 in IC 14-25-11-19.
 5 ~~(23)~~ **(24)** For purposes of IC 14-28-5, the meaning set forth in
 6 IC 14-28-5-2.
 7 ~~(24)~~ **(25)** For purposes of IC 14-31-2, the meaning set forth in
 8 IC 14-31-2-5.
 9 ~~(25)~~ **(26)** For purposes of IC 14-25-12, the meaning set forth in
 10 IC 14-25-12-1.
 11 ~~(26)~~ **(27)** For purposes of IC 14-33-14, the meaning set forth in
 12 IC 14-33-14-3.
 13 ~~(27)~~ **(28)** For purposes of IC 14-33-21, the meaning set forth in
 14 IC 14-33-21-1.
 15 ~~(28)~~ **(29)** For purposes of IC 14-34-6-15, the meaning set forth in
 16 IC 14-34-6-15.
 17 ~~(29)~~ **(30)** For purposes of IC 14-34-14, the meaning set forth in
 18 IC 14-34-14-1.
 19 ~~(30)~~ **(31)** For purposes of IC 14-37-10, the meaning set forth in
 20 IC 14-37-10-1.

21 SECTION 10. IC 14-12-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 22 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2000]:

24 **Chapter 4. Hoosier Legacy Fund**

25 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the Hoosier legacy**
 26 **fund established by section 2 of this chapter.**

27 **Sec. 2. (a) The Hoosier legacy fund is established for the purpose**
 28 **of providing matching funds for eligible projects under the United**
 29 **States Department of Agriculture (USDA) farmland preservation**
 30 **program and the USDA forest legacy program. The fund shall be**
 31 **administered by the department of natural resources.**

32 **(b) The fund consists of the following:**

- 33 **(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.**
 34 **(2) Gifts and donations intended for deposit in the fund.**
 35 **(3) Federal grants or money available for deposit into the**
 36 **fund.**
 37 **(4) Money from any other source.**

38 **(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 39 **money in the fund.**

40 **(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 41 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 42 **manner as other public money may be invested.**



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1 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
2 revert to the state general fund.

3 SECTION 11. IC 15-7-9-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2000]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) As used in this chapter, "growth related
6 project" means a public or private construction or development
7 project that encourages, contributes to, or supports growth. The
8 term includes highway projects, sewer and water construction
9 projects, state office facility construction projects, and all types of
10 infrastructure projects.**

11 (b) The term does not include a highway construction project if
12 the project does not encourage growth or development and one (1)
13 of the following purposes is the sole purpose of the project:

- 14 (1) Repair or maintenance.
- 15 (2) Safety improvements.
- 16 (3) Meeting a demonstrated, existing traffic demand.

17 SECTION 12. IC 15-7-9-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
18 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
19 1, 2000]: **Sec. 3.6. As used in this chapter, "priority funding area"
20 means a specific area:**

- 21 (1) defined by the boundaries of a municipality existing on
22 July 1, 2000; or
- 23 (2) zoned industrial and served by a public or community
24 water and sewer system and contiguous to the boundary of a
25 municipality.

26 SECTION 13. IC 15-7-9-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.175-1999,
27 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 7. The council may do the following:**

- 29 (1) Provide technical assistance and information about land use
30 strategies.
- 31 (2) Facilitate collaboration among commonly affected state,
32 county, and local government units.
- 33 (3) Compile and maintain a land planning information library,
34 both hard copy and electronic, that includes current data on land
35 resources in Indiana, **land use facts and trends, urban and rural
36 planning, and economic development policies.**
- 37 (4) Establish or coordinate educational programs for
38 governmental units, nongovernmental units, and the public with
39 special consideration for local planning commission members and
40 county commissioners.
- 41 (5) Provide counties and local communities conducting land use
42 planning with access to technical and legal assistance through a



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- 1 referral service.
- 2 (6) Provide information to local authorities on model ordinances
- 3 for programs and techniques on land use.
- 4 (7) Obtain grants and assist counties and local communities in
- 5 locating additional funding sources for planning projects.
- 6 (8) Make recommendations to the general assembly and other
- 7 governmental bodies concerning land resources.
- 8 (9) When requested, advise the general assembly on proposals
- 9 relating to land resources.
- 10 **(10) Identify priority funding areas in cooperation with**
- 11 **municipalities.**
- 12 **(11) Develop a rating system for funding eligible projects that**
- 13 **gives a priority to growth related projects that are based on**
- 14 **local growth plans that focus on the following:**
- 15 (A) Urban redevelopment.
- 16 (B) Expansion of mass transit.
- 17 (C) Environmental quality improvement.
- 18 **(12) Review all the growth related projects of the following**
- 19 **agencies:**
- 20 (A) The Indiana department of transportation.
- 21 (B) The department of commerce.
- 22 (C) The department of environmental management.
- 23 (D) Any other state agency that distributes state or federal
- 24 money for growth related projects.

25 SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001] IC 6-3.1-22, as
 26 added by this act, applies only to taxable years beginning after
 27 December 31, 2000.

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