



January 15, 2010

# HOUSE BILL No. 1025

DIGEST OF HB 1025 (Updated January 13, 2010 4:20 pm - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.5.

**Synopsis:** Northwest Indiana transportation study commission. Establishes the northwest Indiana transportation study commission (commission). Requires the commission to: (1) monitor the development of commuter transportation and rail service in the Lowell-Chicago and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors; (2) study all aspects of regional mass transportation and road and highway needs in northwest Indiana; (3) study northwest Indiana transportation, infrastructure, and economic development issues; and (4) study other topics as assigned by the legislative council. Provides that the commission consists of 14 voting members: six senators from northwest Indiana; six members of the house of representatives from northwest Indiana; one nonlegislator appointed by the northwestern Indiana regional planning commission; and one nonlegislator appointed by the Michiana Area Council of Governments. Provides that the commission does not expire. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the northwest Indiana transportation study commission.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2010.

**Niezgodski**

January 5, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
January 14, 2010, reported — Do Pass.

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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 2-5.5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2010]:

4 **Chapter 5. Northwest Indiana Transportation Study**  
5 **Commission**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**  
7 **northwest Indiana transportation study commission established by**  
8 **section 3 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "northwest Indiana" means the**  
10 **region consisting of the following counties:**

- 11 (1) **Lake County.**
- 12 (2) **Porter County.**
- 13 (3) **LaPorte County.**
- 14 (4) **St. Joseph County.**
- 15 (5) **Elkhart County.**

16 **Sec. 3. The northwest Indiana transportation study commission**  
17 **is established.**

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**Sec. 4. The commission consists of fourteen (14) voting members appointed as follows:**

**(1) Six (6) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate:**

**(A) each of whom represents a district that includes all or part of a county in northwest Indiana; and**

**(B) not more than three (3) of whom are members of the same political party.**

**(2) Six (6) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives:**

**(A) each of whom represents a district that includes all or part of a county in northwest Indiana; and**

**(B) not more than three (3) of whom are members of the same political party.**

**(3) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the northwestern Indiana regional planning commission.**

**(4) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the Michiana Area Council of Governments.**

**Sec. 5. The chairman of the legislative council shall select one (1) voting member of the commission to serve as chairperson of the commission, and the vice chairman of the legislative council shall select one (1) voting member of the commission to serve as vice chairperson of the commission.**

**Sec. 6. The commission shall:**

**(1) monitor the development of commuter transportation and rail service in the Lowell-Chicago and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors;**

**(2) study all aspects of regional mass transportation and road and highway needs in northwest Indiana;**

**(3) study northwest Indiana transportation, infrastructure, and economic development issues; and**

**(4) study other topics as assigned by the legislative council.**

**Sec. 7. The commission has perpetual duration.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1025, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

AUSTIN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 0.

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