CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 306

Citations Affected: IC 14-9-9.

Synopsis: Boat patrol grants. Provides that, for purposes of applying for a grant from the counties with special boat patrol needs fund, a fiscal body of a county may submit an estimated budget request to the department of natural resources (department) if the county sheriff does not request a grant. Provides that itemized receipts of expenditures of granted money must be submitted for inspection by the department upon request. Provides that upon request of the department, the county auditor shall conduct an audit of an account in which the grant money was deposited. Provides that all individuals providing law enforcement services funded by a grant, whether under the authority of the county sheriff or under a contract with the fiscal body, must meet certain minimum law enforcement training requirements. **(This conference committee report removes provisions that: (1) change the name of the counties with special boat patrol needs fund to the county or municipality with special boat patrol needs fund; (2) provide that a fiscal body of a municipality may submit an estimated budget request to the department if the county fiscal body does not request a grant; (3) provide that the department shall not award a grant to more than one municipality in the county.)**

Effective: July 1, 2011.

Adopted	Rejected

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 306 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. IC 14-9-9-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7. For a county to be eligible to receive a grant from the fund, each year in which a grant is sought the following must occur:

(1) The county sheriff must submit to the fiscal body an estimated budget request to provide special needs boat patrol on lakes located within the county. **If the county sheriff does not request a grant from the fund, the fiscal body may complete an estimated budget.**

(2) If the budget request is approved, the fiscal body must timely apply to the department, on forms provided by the department, for a grant under this chapter.

(3) The department must certify the information on the application and, based on the formula developed under section 6 of this chapter, determine:

(A) whether the county may receive a grant; and

(B) the amount of the grant the county may receive;

under this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 14-9-9-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 8. (a) If a county is awarded a grant under this chapter, the county must establish a special account within

the county's general fund. The grant must be deposited in the special account for the county sheriff's **or fiscal body's** exclusive use in providing law enforcement services on lakes located within the county.

(b) The county sheriff **or fiscal body** may use grant money as authorized under this chapter without appropriation. However, ~~the county sheriff must provide~~ itemized receipts for expenditures of money granted from the fund **must be submitted** for inspection and review upon request of the ~~county fiscal body.~~ **department. At the request of the department, the county auditor of the participating county shall conduct an audit of the account.**

(c) The receipt of a grant under this chapter may not be used as a basis for lowering the county's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy.

(d) All individuals providing law enforcement services using a grant under this chapter, whether under the authority of the county sheriff or under a contract with the fiscal body, must meet the minimum training requirement set forth in IC 5-2-1-9.

(Reference is to ESB 306 as reprinted April 8, 2011.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 306

Signed by:

Senator Buck Chairperson	Representative Dodge
Senator Young R	Representative Lehe
Senate Conferees	**House Conferees**