

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR EHB 1141**

Citations Affected: IC 4-12; IC 6-2.5.

Synopsis: Home energy assistance. Conference committee report for EHB 1141. Establishes the mortgage foreclosure multistate settlement fund. Provides that the fund consists of: (1) money that is received by the state under a multistate agreement related to litigation concerning mortgage foreclosure activities and that is designated by the attorney general for deposit in the fund; (2) appropriations made to the fund by the general assembly; and (3) grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the fund. Specifies that the fund shall be administered by the budget agency, and that money in the fund does not revert to the state general fund. Specifies that an amount equal to the state sales tax revenue that was collected in the preceding state fiscal year on the assistance provided through the federal low income home energy assistance block grant program (LIHEAP) is appropriated and transferred from the fund each year for a separate state home energy assistance program to provide assistance exclusively for individuals who own a home using the LIHEAP standards. Repeals the expired sales tax exemption for home energy purchased through the state program. **(This conference committee report restates the money transfer provision for the separate state program, specifies that the LIHEAP eligibility standards are to be used for the separate state program, and corrects an effective date conflict.)**

Effective: July 1, 2012; January 12, 2012 (Retroactive).

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1141 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

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

- 1 Replace the effective date in SECTION 2 with "[EFFECTIVE
- 2 JANUARY 1, 2012 (RETROACTIVE)]".
- 3 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
- 5 taxation and to make an appropriation.
- 6 Page 2, delete lines 9 through 27, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 7 "**(c) Not later than September 1 of each year, the office of the**
- 8 **lieutenant governor shall report to the budget agency the total**
- 9 **amount that was used to provide home energy assistance during**
- 10 **the previous state fiscal year through the Low Income Home**
- 11 **Energy Assistance Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.**
- 12 **administered under IC 4-4-33-1. The budget agency shall**
- 13 **determine the amount of gross retail tax revenue that was collected**
- 14 **during the preceding state fiscal year on the amount of home**
- 15 **energy assistance reported to the budget agency.**
- 16 **(d) An amount equal to the amount of gross retail tax revenue**
- 17 **determined by the budget agency under subsection (c) is**
- 18 **appropriated from the fund to the office of the lieutenant governor**
- 19 **to establish a separate state home energy assistance program to be**
- 20 **administered under IC 4-4-33-1. The separate state home energy**
- 21 **assistance program shall be used to provide home energy**
- 22 **assistance exclusively for individuals who own a home, using the**

1 **same eligibility standards as those used for the Low Income Home**
2 **Energy Assistance Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq. The**
3 **budget agency shall allot the amount determined under subsection**
4 **(c) from the fund before October 1 each year."**

(Reference is to EHB 1141 as reprinted February 21, 2012.)

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on
Engrossed House Bill 1141

Signed by:

Representative Clere
Chairperson

Senator Kenley

Representative Welch

Senator Simpson

House Conferees

Senate Conferees