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**Lewis sponsors bill to benefit local port authorities**

*A unanimous vote sends the bill to senate floor for full consideration*

INDIANAPOLIS –Legislation sponsored by State Senator Jim Lewis (D-Charlestown), and recommended unanimously by the Senate Commerce, Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation Committee, offers changes that will positively affect four ports in the state of Indiana.

House Bill 1076 eliminates the requirement that a local port authority contract be in the name of the political subdivision creating the authority. The bill also states that the port authority may exercise certain powers independent of any political subdivision and authorizes local port authorities to borrow funds.

“This bill benefits the port authorities because it will save money in the borrowing process,” said Sen. Lewis.

Bill Goffinet, vice chairman of the Perry County Port Authority testified that the federal government does not agree that the port authorities in Indiana are entities of the state and this bill will clear up the language clearly defining port authorities as instruments of the state.

House Bill 1076 will now go before the full Senate for further consideration.

For more information on Sen. Lewis, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.IN.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.IN.gov).

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