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Young bill to benefit local port authorities passes through Senate

INDIANAPOLIS –Legislation sponsored by State Senator Richard D. Young, Jr. (D-Milltown) offers changes that will positively affect ports in the state of Indiana was approved by a 30 to 20 vote in the Senate Tuesday.

House Bill (HB) 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. The legislation will clear up the language clearly defining port authorities as instruments of the state.

“Having the ports under the state will provide additional benefits and security,” said Sen. Young. “This bill will also help address future needs and development.”

The ports in Indiana provide competitive advantages to the companies that move cargo by water, highway and rail. The legislation would make it easier for port authorities to contract with companies that transport goods from the ports to manufacturing and agricultural markets.

HB 1076 will now be sent to the governor to be signed into law.

For more information on Sen. Young, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.IN.gov.

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