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Securities Restitution Fund will be first of its kind for Indiana and the nation

(Indianapolis) - Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita praised the Indiana General Assembly for passing into law his office's suggestion for how to creatively leverage fines and settlements collected from law violators. House Bill 1332, an innovative law passed in the final hours of the 2010 session, will establish a Securities Restitution Fund, a pioneering investor protection program believed to be the first of its kind created by any state. The Securities Restitution Fund will tap into the Securities Enforcement Fund, which for years has been used to educate Hoosiers and to finance the operations of the Indiana Securities Division and the Prosecution Assistance Unit.

"Now, in addition to what the enforcement fund already does, we will be able to compensate Hoosiers, when the facts dictate and enough funds are available, for the harm they incurred," said Secretary Rokita. "Its another example of how the Secretary of State's office has, for eight years, listened to the people of Indiana and have put them first, by going to the General Assembly with innovative ideas that matter."

In many investment fraud cases, victims are only able to recover pennies on the dollar. The new law will give the Indiana Securities Commissioner the ability to award victims a portion of their losses up to \$15,000 or 25 percent of unrecovered awards (whichever is less). Eligible victims will be required to show proof that restitution was awarded by a court or administrative agency. The fund will be established with an initial \$2 million from Securities Division fines collected against violators of the Indiana Securities Act. The Securities Restitution Fund will continue to be derived from the Enforcement Fund, which is funded by fines, and will not depend upon the use of any tax dollars.

"The establishment of a Securities Restitution Fund was among our top legislative initiatives this session," said Secretary Rokita. "Indiana Securities Commissioner Chris Naylor and the staff of the Indiana Securities Division provided expert information for legislators as they crafted this bill. I applaud our attorneys and the members of the General Assembly - specifically bill authors Representatives Burton and Bardon - for carrying this law to support Hoosier investors."

House Bill 1332, authored by Representatives Woody Burton and Jeb Bardon, was passed by a 96-0 vote by the Indiana House of Representatives and a 47-2 vote by the Indiana Senate. It includes several other provisions related to the enforcement of the Securities Act, including giving the Securities Commissioner the ability to reward a whistleblower who reports Securities Act violations and requiring new investment adviser representatives to undergo FBI criminal background checks. An additional provision will allow the Securities Division to seek asset freezes against Loan Brokers in cases of fraud. The new consumer protection provisions will assist the Indiana Securities Division and Prosecution Assistance Unit in protecting Hoosiers against white collar crime.



Courage and creativity needed for redistricting reform

As you may know, the Indiana General Assembly failed to pass redistricting reform legislation this session. It is unfortunate the General Assembly was unable to put politics aside to adopt redistricting reform legislation that allows citizens to pick our legislators and not the other way around.

The end of the 2010 session does not mean the end of redistricting reform. We will continue to work on behalf of Indiana voters and taxpayers through our grassroots efforts to call on the General Assembly to take up redistricting reform in 2011. The key is to get the General Assembly to create equitable legislative district maps. With my office's work to present example maps, and the help of Governor Daniels' promise to only sign into law a bill with maps that put people before politics, we have an opportunity to provide voters with compact districts, fair representation and competitive elections.

In the News

From taxes to guns: a scorecard

The Indianapolis Star
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When the Indiana General Assembly ended its 2010 session early Saturday morning, almost everyone could find something to like and hate about the results.

Business groups were breathing a sigh of relief that lawmakers delayed, if only for one year, a \$400 million increase in the jobless insurance premiums businesses pay. But they were hoping Gov. Mitch Daniels would veto a bill that lets workers bring guns to workplace parking lots...

Redistricting: As happy as reformers were about the ethics changes, they were just as unhappy that efforts to reform the redistricting process died.

Indiana's legislators will draw new district maps for the House, Senate and Congress next year. There were calls to put the job in the hands of an independent commission or at least

Redistricting reform legislation will require legislative courage and leadership, and Hoosiers shouldn't have to wait another 10 years.



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establish standards that would limit the political gerrymandering and result in more compact districts.

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State Supreme Court Hears Indiana Voter ID Appeal

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Indiana Supreme Court justices want to know why no victims of the state's voter ID law are listed as plaintiffs in the latest lawsuit over the 2005 law.

Justice Frank Sullivan raised the question Thursday during oral arguments in the case, noting that the law has been in effect through several elections...

"I am fully confident that when the justices of the Indiana Supreme Court review the merits of our exemplary law they, like their counterparts on the U.S. Supreme Court, will allow the law to stand," said Secretary of State Todd Rokita.

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[Watch the oral arguments online.](#)

New online service available for Hoosier businesses

The Secretary of State's office has partnered with Conexus and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation on an exciting new online service, Indiana Supplier INsight. This service connects Hoosier businesses with customers and suppliers. To date, more than 4,000 companies have registered.

Indiana Supplier INsight will provide tangible benefits to manufacturers and other businesses, as the geographic proximity of suppliers means streamlined operations, reductions in transportation costs, more manageable oversight and other advantages. Access to these potential customers creates a wealth of new business opportunities for Indiana companies.

Indiana Supplier INsight is a web-based 'matchmaking' system that stores information on registered businesses. Users can access Indiana SupplierINsight online to search for Indiana suppliers, using categories like capability, location, industry classification and women- or minority-owned certifications.

To register online, visit <https://app.suppliergateway.com/conexus> or contact Lisa Laughner, Program Director at Conexus Indiana, lLaughner@conexusindiana.com.

Croatian delegation visits Indiana Securities Division

On February 19, the Indiana Securities Division hosted a law enforcement delegation from Croatia. Five top ranking officials from Croatian Ministries of Justice and the Interior came to Indianapolis to visit with attorneys in the Indiana Securities Division to discuss tactics for handling corruption and white collar crime.

Members of the Securities Division's Prosecution Assistance Unit (PAU) and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller met with Hari Brnad, head of the Department of Criminal Intelligence Analysis; Tamara LaptoE!, Deputy Head of the Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organized Crime; Sanja Nola, acting head of the Directorate of Criminal Law; Zeljka Pokupec, Municipal State Attorney; and Ivan Turudic, judge and head of the Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organized Crime. The group discussed white collar crime, which has been an issue in Croatia for several years, and is the primary focus of the PAU.