

# MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD/LOCAL JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 15, 2024

MEMBERS	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	Present by Designee	YTD PRESENT	YTD ABSENT	YTD Present by Designee
County Sheriff (or designee)	Ruben Marté	X			-0-	1	1
Prosecuting Attorney (or designee)	Erika Oliphant		X		1	1	
Department of Child Services (DCS) Director (or designee)	Amanda Vanleeuwen		X		-0-	1	1
Public Defender (or designee)	Michael Hunt	X			2	-0-	
City Mayor Representative	Chief Michael Diekhoff		X		1	1	
Juvenile Judge	Hon. Holly Harvey	X			1	1	
Criminal Judge (or designee)	Hon. Darcie Fawcett		X		1	1	
Criminal Judge (or designee)	Hon. Mary Ellen Diekhoff	X			1	1	
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	Troy Hatfield	X			2	-0-	
Juvenile Correctional Facility	Victoria Thevenow	X			2	-0-	
Victim or Advocate (or designee)	TBD (Vacant)				N/A	N/A	
Ex-Offender	Donna Crawford		X		-0-	2	
County Council Member (or designee)	Kate Wiltz	X			2	-0-	
Probation Officer	Linda Brady	X			2	-0-	
Juvenile Probation Officer	Jeff Hartman	X			2	-0-	
Educational Administrator	Miriam Northcutt Bohmert		X		-0-	2	
Private Corrections	Mark DeLong		X		1	1	
Mental Health Administrator	Linda Grove-Paul		X		1	1	
Lay Member	Jeff Holland	X			2	-0-	
Lay Member	TBD (Vacant)				N/A	N/A	
Lay Member	Dr. Chris Finley		X		1	1	
Lay Member	Dirk Ackerman		X		1	1	
President of County Executive (or designee)	Lee Jones	X			1	1	
CCAB Secretary	Keri G. Walden	X			2	-0-	
C.C. Director	Becca Streit	X			2	-0-	

Visitors: Newly promoted Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Anthony Williams

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.

Welcome by the Chair, Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff, and introduction of members and guests.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve minutes from the January 29, 2024 Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) meeting. Jeff Holland moved for approval of the January 29, 2024 minutes. Viki Thevenow seconded. **Motion carried.**

## 3. LAST COMMUNITY CCAB MEETING FOR MEMBER.

Deputy Chief Probation Officer Troy Hatfield has accepted a new position with the Center for Effective Public Policy. His last day serving as Deputy Chief Probation Officer will be Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Troy is willing to work part-time for the next few months to help train his replacement. The Probation Department will be requesting an additional appropriation from the Monroe County Council to be able to retain Troy's services on a part-time basis. Best wishes to Troy in his new position and thanks for your service to Monroe Circuit Court.

## 4. LOCAL AND STATE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (JRAC) REPORT.

**SEE ATTACHED.** The first quarter electronic monitoring report is attached. This will be submitted to the State JRAC by the deadline.

**Motion to approve the fourth quarter electronic monitoring report.** Judge Harvey moved for approval of the fourth quarter electronic monitoring report. Troy Hatfield seconded. **Motion carried.**

## 5. LOCAL JRAC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT.

**SEE ATTACHED.** Each year every Local JRAC must submit an annual report detailing local activity. This year the state released the report late but kept the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Judge Diekhoff, Linda, Troy, and Becca completed the report and submitted it to the state.

## **6. LOCAL JRAC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY.**

On March 25, 2024, Linda, Troy, and Becca met with Denise Symdon with the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP) for an introductory overview of Technical Assistance (TA). She will be discussing our county's request with the other TA providers in the agency in early April. We should know what type of assistance we will receive by mid-April. Coincidentally, the CEPP is the agency Troy Hatfield will be working for.

Reminder that our Community Corrections Advisory Board voted to serve as the Local JRAC for Monroe County. Local JRACs have statutory duties pursuant to **IC 33-38-9.5-4**. However, the Indiana General Assembly didn't provide any funding to finance these added duties. It is up to each Local JRAC to determine how to complete the statutorily required duties.

Becca Streit reported the door is open for ideas. Any members with ideas should submit them to Becca. Becca will update members after hearing back from the advisors.

### **IC 33-38-9.5-6 Duties of local or regional advisory council**

A local or regional advisory council shall do the following:

- (1) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations for local:
  - (A) criminal justice systems and corrections programs;
  - (B) pretrial services;
  - (C) behavioral health treatment and recovery services;
  - (D) community corrections; and
  - (E) county jail and probation services.
- (2) Promote state and local collaboration between the advisory council and the local or regional advisory council.
- (3) Review and evaluate local jail overcrowding and recommend a range of possible overcrowding solutions.
- (4) Compile reports regarding local criminal sentencing as directed by the advisory council.
- (5) Establish committees to inform the work of the local or regional advisory council.
- (6) Communicate with the advisory council in order to establish and implement best practices and to ensure consistent collection and reporting of data as requested by the advisory council.
- (7) Oversee and manage grants awarded under IC 31-40-5 and IC 31-40-6, unless another local collaborative body in the county is tasked with overseeing the grant awarded.
- (8) Prepare and submit an annual report to the advisory council not later than March 31 of each year. (2022)

## **7. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **A. Personnel:**

#### **(1) Recently Hired.**

- a. Nathan Hayes - Juvenile PO. Nathan was a home-based caseworker with Ireland Home Based Services (primarily in Vigo County). He primarily worked with juveniles on probation in Vigo County. He has a degree in Criminology from Indiana State University. Nathan started April 9, 2024.
- b. Alexxis "Lexi" Lemon - Enhanced Supervision Unit PO. Lexi was a case manager for Daviess County Community Corrections for six years before leaving to try the private business sector. She has a degree in Criminal Justice from Oakland City University. Lexi started February 26, 2024.
- c. Kylie Guthrie - Problem Solving Court Field Officer. Kylie moved to Bloomington in 2023 from Arizona where she worked in various roles in equine therapy. She has experience working in residential treatment. She has a degree in Human Development from California State University, Long Beach. Kylie started March 18, 2024.
- d. Jarrod Neal - Community Corrections Field Officer. Jarrod is a Bloomington native. He has worked for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department for the past 10+ years in the Animal Management Division and the Civil Process Division. His first day will be Monday, April 22, 2024.
- e. Anthony Williams - Promoted to Deputy Chief Probation Officer (PO). Anthony has served as an Indiana PO since 2003. When he worked for Marion County Probation, he worked in several capacities including Special Projects Coordinator, Quality Assurance and Development Officer, Casework Supervisor, and Alcohol and Drug Services Director. He has worked for our department since 2021 as the Court Alcohol and Drug Program Director. Congratulations to Anthony on this well-earned promotion!

(2) Public Safety Officer Vacancies.

- a. We are still accepting applications and actively screening for Adult High/Moderate caseload Probation Officer. The probation officer formerly in this position gave his notice in November 2023 and we have been actively trying to fill this vacancy for four (4) months.
- b. Troy Hatfield's resignation as Deputy Chief PO will likely lead to "staff dominos."

**B. Financial Status** - See the Project Income (PI)/Community Corrections User Fees cash balance at the end of each quarter below.

Reminder that the Indiana state budget for 2023-2025 did not include any increase in the Community Corrections Grant line item, and the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) did not award any increases to any counties for 2024. Monroe County was flat-lined and was awarded the same amount as in 2022, 2023, and 2024 and will likely be flatlined again in 2025. Because of this, the PI fund (Community Corrections User Fees) has been absorbing increases in health insurance, Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) plus the corresponding increases in FICA, PERF, and County Longevity pay. Because of this, as noted in the chart below, Project Income ended 2023 with a cash balance of **\$385,085**, which is \$115,166 less than year-end 2022, a 23% drop which is significant.

For 2024, the Monroe County Council generously approved a COLA of 8.5% for all County employees including probation officers. This is the largest COLA that Monroe County Government employees have ever received.

The County Council also added an additional 59 cents per hour raise for employees classified as COMOT which includes all our Legal Secretaries and Probation Officer Assistants (POAs). All of these increases plus the corresponding FICA and PERF will need to be paid for Community Corrections staff out of Project Income. This fiscal impact for 2024 could be significant.

January 1, 2024 was the start of the new Community Corrections grant year. Therefore, many Community Corrections expenses were transferred back to the grant from Project Income, allowing the Project Income cash balance to improve from year-end 2023 balance of **\$385,085** to **\$433,342 at the end of March, 2024.**  
**<<Project Income (PI)/Community Corrections User Fees fund balance is stable at this time but we need to keep a close watch on the revenues (user fees paid) versus expenditures. >>**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
<b>2024</b>	<b>\$433,342</b>			
<b>2023</b>	\$544,924	\$597,707	\$605,073	<b>\$385,085</b>
<b>2022</b>	\$488,949	\$559,415	\$609,679	\$500,251
<b>2021</b>	\$371,550	\$409,158	\$494,041	\$425,863
<b>2020</b>	\$302,412*	\$349,237*	\$416,460	\$330,910
<b>2019</b>	\$234,600	\$218,810	\$245,263	\$232,652
<b>2018</b>	\$249,571	\$195,360	\$173,650	\$202,267
<b>2017</b>	\$342,897	\$356,648	\$374,837	\$344,830
<b>2016</b>	\$457,418	\$432,782	\$425,438	\$456,454
<b>2015</b>	\$411,201	\$400,014	\$463,431	\$451,155
<b>2014</b>	\$405,345	\$392,985	\$411,441	\$389,545

\* Fee collection in the Probation Department was suspended during COVID-19 Emergency Closing (March 17, 2020 - June 1, 2020).

## 8. CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REPORT

- A. **2024 Final Legislative Report.** Sent as separate attachment. It was a short session (no budget). New laws to watch:
- **SEA 70 Bail and release review commission.** Establishes the bail and release review commission to review data concerning bail, bail reform, pretrial release, and related matters. Provides that the commission expires June 30, 2026.
  - **HEA 1418 Forensic diversion and drug courts.** Provides that a pregnant woman charged with a drug crime may be referred to a forensic diversion program or a drug court at an initial hearing.
  - **SEA 179 Commission on court appointed attorneys.** Requires the justice reinvestment advisory council (council) to conduct a study on criminal indigency determinations by all Indiana trial courts. Requires the council to submit a report containing recommendations on specified topics to the legislative council before July 1, 2025. Changes the name of the Indiana public defender commission to the Indiana commission on court appointed attorneys (commission). Provides that from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, certain counties may be reimbursed for 40% of indigent defense services provided for misdemeanors in a superior or circuit court. (Current law excludes misdemeanors from reimbursement.) Requires the commission to submit a report to the legislative council and the budget committee not later than December 1, 2029, concerning the 40% reimbursement for indigent defense services provided for misdemeanors. Requires each clerk of the court to make an annual report to the commission concerning certain fees. Changes the distribution of fees for indigent defendant representation. **Increases certain fees if a court finds a person is able to pay the cost of representation by counsel.** Prohibits the commission from: (1) receiving additional appropriations from the general assembly for misdemeanor reimbursement; or (2) reimbursing certain counties for misdemeanor reimbursement; before July 1, 2029. **Provides that each court in certain counties receiving reimbursement from the public defense fund shall require a person claiming indigency to submit a uniform form, prescribed by the office of judicial administration, to assist the court in determining whether the person is indigent. Specifies that such courts shall review or designate a staff member to review the form submitted to ensure accuracy of the information contained in the form. Allows such a court to request any additional information needed from the person to verify the accuracy of the information submitted in the form.**
    - NOTE FROM MICHAEL HUNT: We were not in the original group, but when they upped the number we asked to be included. Have no reply to that request yet MEH
- B. **2024 Re-certification of Pretrial Program.** Our pretrial certification review with Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS) is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**. IOCS wants to do individual interviews with several of our stakeholders. Linda reported they will send a reminder email closer to time but, suggests all members mark this on their calendars.
- C. **2024 Re-certification of Problem Solving Court Programs.** Either June 10-12 or Aug 12-14.
- D. **Instant Cups for Problem Solving Court (PSC) Participants.** Our PSC Program received grant money to fund a large supply of instant (urine) drug test cups. As of February 1, 2024, PSC participants receive their initial drug screens with the instant cups. IF the screening test is negative, the PSC participant will not be charged for the screening test. IF the screening test is positive, it will be sent to the lab for confirmation and the PSC client will pay for the confirmation test as usual. We hope that this will serve as an incentive to PSC participants to not use alcohol/drugs.
- E. **Security at the Community Corrections Office.** Alliance Security Inc. (ASI) notified the Probation Department that ASI was ending the contract to provide off-duty Indiana State Troopers to the Community Corrections (CC) office in the mornings for Day Reporting. One of the primary duties of these State Troopers was to serve warrants on probation/CC clients. The Monroe County Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Crimson Security who will contract with off-duty sworn law enforcement officers to provide safety and security tasks at the Community Corrections office, including the service of warrants and transporting arrestees to the Monroe County Jail. Services will occur according to a schedule arranged in advance by the Probation Department, generally from 7:00 AM-9:00 AM, Monday - Friday. Crimson Security pay will be \$60/hr. This is an increase from the \$35/hour paid to Alliance Security and may require a request for additional appropriation from the Monroe County Council.

**F. Grants.**

**(1) In Progress.** We are in the process of writing four (4) **2025** grants for all of our Problem Solving Courts. Also, Monroe County CARES grants are being written for Problem Solving Court and Community Corrections.

**(2) Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Performance BONUS Grant Award.** At our January 2024 CCAB meeting, we announced that our JDAI was awarded **\$62,042** in performance bonus grant dollars to complement the current JDAI grant initiatives for the 2023-2024 grant year. This performance bonus is being invested in sustaining existing programs and partnerships as well as creating new community partnerships.

In addition to the projects listed in the January 2024 CCAB Minutes, additional projects being funded with this bonus grant:

- People and Animals Learning Services (PALS). PALS will provide 12 weekly sessions (lessons, classes, or groups) to youth and/or families, between March 1 and June 30, 2024 for up to ten (10) sessions. SEE ATTACHED FLYER AND PLEASE DISTRIBUTE WIDELY. Jeff Hartman reported the first session is already full and participants are a mix of community members and probation clients.
- The Parent Project. Family Solutions will train up to three (3) staff members in The Parent Project. Training consists of 24 hours of virtual instruction. Family Solutions will provide The Parent Project to youth and families in the community after staff members are trained in facilitation of the program. The Parent Project will provide effective parenting educational services that develop skills for raising adolescents exhibiting difficult behaviors.

**9. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION 2025 Grant.**

The CY25 grant applications for Community Corrections, Pretrial Services, Mental Health Court, and Drug Treatment Court were submitted to the DOC. Thank you to everyone for reviewing and approving the budget.

Per the DOC Grant Timeline, award letters should arrive to counties around July 19, 2024.

Becca Streit reported we have asked for standard increases in salary and fringe benefits and have also asked for a new position, a Probation Officer Training Coordinator.

**10. INDIANA OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES (IOCS) JUSTICE SERVICES CONFERENCE.**

At a recent meeting attended by Troy and Becca, IOCS announced that they are likely to open the annual Justice Services Conference to local JRAC members beyond just criminal justice practitioners. Information will be provided to this Board if made available.

**11. THANKS.**

Judge Diekhoff expressed appreciation to all who attend and are involved in the CCAB/JRAC Board.

**12. ADJOURNMENT. Next quarterly meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM IN-PERSON.**

\*Terms for all Commissioners appointments expire 12-31-2026.

\*Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson are elected for a two-year term. The next election is January 2025.

**Electronic monitoring report (Indiana)**  
**Monroe Circuit Court Probation**  
1/1/2024 thru 3/31/2024

Part I															
A															
Adult Pretrial Only												14			
Adult Post-Disposition/Multiple Supervisions												87			
Juvenile Pre-Disposition Only												1			
Juvenile Post-Disposition												0			
B - Adult Post-Disposition/Multiple Supervisions															
Crime	F	FA	FB	FC	FD	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	MA	MB	MC	
Crimes Against a Person Under IC 35-42	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	3	3	4	4	1	0	0	
Crimes Against Property under IC 35-43	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	3	5	0	0	0	
Crimes relating to Controlled Substances Under IC 35-48	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	
Crimes Involving a Motor Vehicle Under IC-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	8	0	0	
All Other Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	5	2	0	0	
B - Adult Pretrial Only															
Crime	F	FA	FB	FC	FD	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	MA	MB	MC	
Crimes Against a Person Under IC 35-42	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Crimes Against Property under IC 35-43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	
Crimes relating to Controlled Substances Under IC 35-48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Crimes Involving a Motor Vehicle Under IC-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
All Other Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	
B - Juvenile Pre-Disposition Only															
Crime	F	FA	FB	FC	FD	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	MA	MB	MC	S
Crimes Against a Person Under IC 35-42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Electronic monitoring report (Indiana)

## Monroe Circuit Court Probation

1/1/2024 thru 3/31/2024

Crimes Against Property under IC 35-43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes relating to Controlled Substances Under IC 35-48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Involving a Motor Vehicle Under IC-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part 2 - Adult																			
Total number of individuals active at the end of the quarter	72																		
Part 3 - Adult																			
Assessed	\$89,339.00																		
Paid	\$40,078.00																		
Part 4 - Adult																			
Completed	43																		
Other Termination	5																		
Terminated Due to New Charge	1																		
Terminated Due to Technical Violation	2																		
Part 4 - Juvenile																			
Completed	4																		

# Local JRAC -2023 Annual Report

**Introduction:** IC 33-38-9.5-4 requires that Local JRACs communicate with the state advisory council to establish and implement best practices and to ensure consistent collection and reporting of data as requested by the advisory council and submit an annual report to the advisory council not later than March 31 of each year.

**Deadline:** This Annual Report is due no later than March 31, 2024.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this annual report is to provide information on how individual counties approach criminal justice decision making at the system level; the services that are available in counties throughout the state; and local data collection and performance measurement efforts. This information will be used by State JRAC to determine the types of technical assistance and other support that might be useful to our local partners and to build a common base of knowledge about practices statewide.

**Instructions:** This survey should be completed as a collaborative effort by all members of your Local JRAC. Survey responses should represent the consensus views of all members.

## Section 1

### County/Region Information

#### 1. County or Region \*

Monroe



2. Name of person submitting this survey: \*

Becca Streit

3. Title/Position: \*

Community Corrections Executive Director/Deputy Chief Probation Officer

4. Agency \*

Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department

5. Email: \*

bstreit@co.monroe.in.us

6. Web page for Local JRAC (if applicable):

<https://www.co.monroe.in.us/departments/board.php?structureid=35>

7. Currently, which best describes the frequency with which your Local JRAC meets: \*

- ☐ Stakeholders meet more often than quarterly
- ☒ Stakeholders meet quarterly
- ☐ Stakeholders meet less often than quarterly

8. Has your county adopted an ordinance to implement the Judicial LIT under IC 6-3.6-6-2.9? \*

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Section 2

### JRAC Developmental Activities

9. Has your Local JRAC utilized the "Local JRAC Action Plan Template"

<https://www.in.gov/justice/local-jrac/#Resources>

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ In process

10. Has your Local JRAC reviewed the following resource: Framework for Evidence-Based Decision Making in State and Local Criminal Justice Systems? (Location of Resource: <https://info.nicic.gov/ebdm/node/40>) \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ In process

☒ Future action item

11. Has your Local JRAC reviewed the following resource: Sustaining the EBDM Model: The Indiana Story? (Location of Resource: <https://info.nicic.gov/ebdm/node/111>) \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

12. Has your Local JRAC reviewed the following resource: National Judicial Task Force Report on State Courts' Response to Mental Illness? (Location of Resource: [https://www.ncsc.org/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0031/84469/Mental-Health-Task-Force-Report.pdf](https://www.ncsc.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0031/84469/Mental-Health-Task-Force-Report.pdf)) \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

13. Has your Local JRAC reviewed the following resource: Indiana Behavioral Health Commission Report? (Location of Resource: <https://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/files/INBHC-Report.pdf>) \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process

☒ Future action item

14. Has your Local JRAC reviewed the following resource: Leading Change Guide for State Court Leaders? (Location of Resource: [https://www.ncsc.org/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0025/78073/Leading-Change-Guide-for-State-Court-Leaders.pdf](https://www.ncsc.org/__data/assets/pdf_file/0025/78073/Leading-Change-Guide-for-State-Court-Leaders.pdf)) \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ In process

☒ Future action item

15. Local JRAC is: \*

☒ Community Corrections Advisory Board

☐ Existing Local Policy Team

☐ Newly Created Policy Team

16. Has your Local JRAC created its own set of By-Laws that differ from the by-laws governing the Community Corrections Advisory Board? \*

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ In process

17. Has your Local JRAC developed a systemwide vision and mission statement?

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Description/Definition: A fundamental starting place for a system of evidence-based decision making is agreement among key policymakers regarding their overarching purpose—or vision—for the justice system. The vision statement should inspire team members; guide the team's course of action; and help secure the support for change from colleagues and community. It represents a future for which the team is willing to take responsibility for attempting to achieve. The team's mission statement describes what the team will do. The mission defines the team's work together in a realistic and meaningful way. The mission should be concrete, represent tangible targets of change activity, and be connected firmly to achieving some part of the larger vision.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

18. Has your Local JRAC developed operating norms (often referred to as "ground rules") for the team's interactions/processes?

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Description/Definition: Establishing operating norms (or "ground rules") for how a team will work together is an essential step that teams should take before embarking on any collaborative endeavor. Developing ground rules sets an important foundation for how the team is expected to work together in order to accomplish its goals and serves as a reminder of the interpersonal values the team intends to uphold.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

19. Has your Local JRAC defined team roles & responsibilities?

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Description/Definition: Teams function most efficiently when members share a common understanding of each others' roles and responsibilities. When roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, team members are more productive. There is less duplication of effort; less confusion, disappointment, and frustration; and greater productivity. Team members can look beyond their own individual positions and learn to understand, respect, and value the unique contributions of one another, and they recognize that the overall success of the team is a function of shared responsibility and ownership.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

20. Has your Local JRAC developed a system map outlining the justice system process steps and key decision points?

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Description/Definition: A system map depicts the steps in the criminal justice process (i.e., processing of a case and the activities related to this), beginning with police contact and ending with the point in time when the case terminates. Creating a system map is the first step in developing a detailed understanding of each justice system decision point and of the evidence that informs these key decisions.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

21. Has your Local JRAC completed a local Sequential Intercept Model (map of MH/SUD services)?

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Description/Definition: The Sequential Intercept Model is a community strategic planning tool to

assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for community change. These activities are best accomplished by a team of stakeholders that cross over multiple systems, including mental health, substance use, law enforcement, pretrial services, courts, jails, community corrections, housing, health, social services, people with lived experiences, family members, and many others.

Communities can use the Sequential Intercept Model to:

1. Develop a comprehensive picture of how people with mental and substance use disorders flow through the criminal justice system along six distinct intercept points: (0) Community Services, (1) Law Enforcement, (2) Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings, (3) Jails and Courts, (4) Reentry, and (5) Community Corrections

2. Identify gaps, resources, and opportunities at each intercept for adults with mental and substance use disorders

3. Develop priorities for action designed to improve system and service-level responses for adults with mental and substance use disorders

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process
- ☒ Future action item

22. Has your Local JRAC developed a resource inventory of recidivism reduction interventions?

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Description/Definition: An assessment of the various services and resources available—within the criminal justice system, as well as from public sector entities in your community. Helps to better inform the team's identification of change targets and other policy and practice decisions.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In process

☐ Future action item

23. Has your Local JRAC developed a common set of system improvement goals/change targets?

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Description/Definition: The identification of opportunities for improvement ("change targets") follows, among other activities, the establishment of the team and its vision, mission, and values; systemwide education on evidence-based/research-informed practices; the creation of a system map and resource inventory; and (ideally) the collection and review of performance measures. It is likely that these analyses will surface a variety of possible areas of improvement which will necessitate discussion and consensus around priority change targets.

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ In process

☐ Future action item

### Services and Programs

24. Which alternatives do you think could have the biggest positive impacts in your county if properly implemented? (Check all that apply)

☒ Pretrial supervised release programs

☒ Problem-solving courts

☒ Transitional/reentry services

☒ Expanded community-based treatment and counseling

☒ Violation sanctions grids/matrices





Crisis intervention teams and training



Other

25. Describe the status of your local Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) map and any activities undertaken to improve access to evidence-based services and interventions: \*

At the 2024 first quarter local JRAC meeting, members expressed interest in receiving technical assistance from State JRAC to begin exploring Sequential Intercept Model mapping. The first meeting with a technical assistance advisor was held via Zoom on March 25, 2024.

While our local JRAC has not completed a Sequential Intercept Model map, there are activities and procedures in place to provide EBP services and interventions to justice-involved clients including:

1. Every new client ordered to probation/community supervision receives a risk assessment as well as a drug/alcohol use assessment to help probation officers determine the risk, needs, and responsivity factors of their clients.
2. New clients on probation/community supervision whose Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS) risk score is High or Moderate and clients on specialized caseloads (Problem Solving Court Program) complete a case plan with their probation officer which is used to guide the term of supervision to make sure the clients' criminogenic risk factors are addressed and their needs are being met with proper interventions.
3. Probation officers make referrals for their clients to social service agencies to help clients meet their needs for such things as housing, employment, education, and treatment.
4. Probation officers are all trained to utilize cognitive behavioral interventions during office appointments. These interventions are all intentional and individualized which means they are applied based on a client's criminogenic risk factors, needs, and responsivity assessment. All interventions are evidence-based and the department has mechanisms in place to ensure that interventions are being applied with fidelity.

## Section 4

### Performance Measurement/Quality Improvement

26. Has your jurisdiction reviewed/evaluated local jail crowding since the last annual report? \*

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Planning Stages

27. What activities were undertaken or implemented because of this review/ evaluation? \*

In 2008, a class-action lawsuit was filed by the ACLU against Monroe County officials due to the unconstitutional conditions of the jail.

An agreed settlement of the 2008 lawsuit (consent decree) requires the county to cap the number of inmates at 278 or face further ACLU legal action.

In 2019, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and County Council commissioned and funded a study of the Monroe County Detention Center and Criminal Justice System by consultants Kenneth A. Ray Justice Services, LLC. in partnership with Justice Concepts Inc. The cornerstone-purpose of this study was twofold: 1) gain a clearer understanding of jail conditions and court related practices, and 2) obtain recommendations for improving incarceration and court-related practices that would improve their effectiveness on behalf of the community if implemented. The ultimate mission for this study is to review and reform the Monroe County criminal justice system priorities and practices in order to positively affect the incarcerated and the community in ways that best reflect the values of Monroe County.

The consultants published their findings in a report entitled Monroe County, Indiana 2020 Criminal Justice & Incarceration Study

The county executive body, Sheriff, Courts, and other stakeholders continue to monitor the jail population and explore options for possible sites to build a new jail facility.

28. What data does your Local JRAC routinely review? Include the purpose of the review and change target associated. \*

The Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department receives funding from the Indiana Department of Correction Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant every year. As a requirement of that funding, local grant entities are required to establish performance measures every year. Our local JRAC approves of and periodically reviews these performance measures at every quarterly meeting.

Performance measures change year to year but in 2023, Monroe County Local JRAC reviewed

performance measures related to:

1. Cognitive behavioral interventions. The Probation/Community Corrections Department has a goal for probation officers to use an EBP cognitive behavioral intervention in 65% of client appointments since we know from research that these interventions, when applied with fidelity, reduce recidivism.
2. Mental Health Court retention rates and Drug Treatment Court graduation rates.
3. Ratio of incentives to sanctions. The Probation/Community Corrections Department encourages probation officers to apply incentives and reinforcements for clients at a greater rate than sanctions. Local research has shown that incentives are a client protective factor and that fewer violations are filed and clients revoked if they receive incentives and reinforcements for positive behavior while on community supervision.
4. Indiana Department of Correction Performance Measures. Each year the Community Corrections Advisory Board approves performance measures that compliment the grants for Community Corrections programs, Mental Health Court, Drug Treatment Court, and Pretrial.

29. What outcomes or activities have resulted from reviewing this data? \*

As a result of data reviews, the Probation/Community Corrections Department is able to allocate resources and staff where it is appropriate and most effective. We invest in trainings for probation officers that are focused on EBP and cognitive behavioral interventions. We created specialized caseloads in order for probation officers to focus on specific types of clients such as grouping high/moderate risk clients in specific caseloads as well as clients who may have a history of violence or serious mental health concerns.

30. Has your Local JRAC identified baseline data needed for system review and developed a plan to begin collecting that data? \*

☐ Yes

☒ No

31. What is needed to help move this forward? \*

The local JRAC has not established baseline data as a group. Data is collected individually by local criminal justice agencies specific to that department's needs.

COURTS - The Courts collect all data that is required by the state.

PROSECUTOR - The prosecutor's office collects data including age, race, ethnicity, and points at which decisions regarding diversion eligibility are made.

SHERIFF - The Sheriff's Office reviews the following data:

1. Monthly crime analysis reports which summarize major crimes that have occurred in Monroe County each month. It compares stats from previous months and years.
2. Monthly reports showing total calls for service, traffic stops, citations, and adult arrests per officer.
3. Monthly reports regarding inmate populations in the jail.

PROBATION - The Probation Department collects extensive data throughout all the Department's activities. Examples include data for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and the Pretrial Services Program.

What is needed to help move this forward?

Resources to help agencies collaborate.

A method and platform for agencies to share data with each other.

Resources for agencies to establish their own data specialist.

32. Has your Local JRAC agreed on a set of systemwide local performance measures?

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Description/Definition: Performance measures should be easy to understand; quantifiable and measurable; related to the outcomes of interest; monitored and reported to system stakeholders authentically at predefined intervals; and used to assess progress and celebrate successes/build plans for improvement.

☐ Yes

☒ No

33. What is needed to help move this forward? \*

Local agreement and resources with all branches of local government in order to encourage other agencies to commit to data sharing.

Technical assistance and guidance from the State.

34. Does your Local JRAC have a comprehensive strategic plan or logic model at the system level to guide decision making and ensure incorporation of evidence-based practices? \*

Description/Definition: The development and use of a logic model is a critical step in understanding how evidence-based decision making will operate in a specific jurisdiction. A logic

model lays out the shared understandings of what resources are available, what activities and changes will occur ("change targets"), and the short- and long-term changes that are expected. The result is a picture that outlines the theory of change, and a roadmap of steps to be taken to produce the desired impacts.

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Future action item

35. Does your Local JRAC have a quality assurance process to ensure program fidelity and incorporate evidence-based practices into decision making? \*

Description/Definition: Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) is a process that, when effectively implemented, can better ensure that a set of desired practices are delivered in the manner they were intended, continuously and over time. CQI is an approach that is built upon a partnership between those using the processes or skills and those conducting the CQI process, with each party mutually seeking to learn and grow and, to this end, achieve incremental improvements toward the attainment of ultimate outcomes. Those improvements include, among others, increasing the skills of professionals, improving confidence in services provided, enhancing fiscal responsibility, and improving overall outcomes. CQI plans should be comprehensive, well documented, and the subject of routine review.

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Future action item

36. Does your Local JRAC have any strategies or processes in place to systematically collect and analyze performance data, in order to incorporate research and evidence into decision making? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Future action item

37. Does your Local JRAC have specific strategies in place to utilize data and performance measures to address and improve identified issues within the criminal justice system? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Future action item

38. Are any of your Local JRAC agencies engaged in a research project aimed at evaluating criminal justice system performance (e.g., local university partner, county planner)? \*

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Planning

39. Please describe. \*

PROBATION - Indiana University and the Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department have been partnered to participate in the Reducing Revocations Challenge (RRC), a project sponsored by Arnold Ventures and City University of New York Institute for State and Local Governance. Phase

One of the project evaluated the factors and behaviors that contribute to probation revocations. Phase Two funding of this national project ended in 2023. The Probation Department has developed strategies based on the research and is continuing to implement and study these strategies to determine if they have an impact on probation revocations. The Monroe County researchers and Probation Department received grant funding to implement the following three (3) strategies during Phase Two:

- (1) Strategy 1: Increase fidelity to Motivational Interviewing, Effective Practices in Correctional Supervision, and effective case planning.
  - (2) Strategy 2: Revise standard conditions of probation.
  - (3) Strategy 3: Increase the use of incentives and early termination from probation supervision.
- Although the grant funding for the Reducing Revocations Project has ended, the Probation Department continues to partner with IU to seek funding to further study the impact of the strategies on probation outcomes.

SHERIFF - The Monroe County Sheriff's Department is partnered with the University of Utah on a project that will examine The Importance of Distance in Preventing Protective Order Violations. This research is examining the impact the distance between an offender and victim has on protective order violations.

PROSECUTOR - The Prosecutor's Office is working with Indiana University researchers to study the use of prosecutorial discretion at charging, bail, diversion, plea agreements, and sentencing for traffic and misdemeanor cases. The study documents racial and ethnic disparities across prosecutorial decision-making points, assesses local diversion policy and practices, and leverages the state prosecutor case management system to provide public-facing data to the community to improve prosecution transparency and accountability.

40. Please describe your Local JRAC's current capacity and practices regarding sharing data with system stakeholders. What facilities or barriers exist for sharing data across agencies and partners? Are there any plans or efforts underway to improve data sharing capabilities? \*

Each agency in the county is siloed and collects its own information and data and has its own analysis capabilities. Some of the information collected by agencies is proprietary and would require memorandums of understanding in order to share the data.

## Section 5

### Community Engagement Efforts

The following questions seek to understand the extent to which stakeholders and/or your Local JRAC have undertaken community education and engagement in an effort to assist the local community in understanding and supporting criminal justice best practices.

41. What methods does your Local JRAC use to engage the local community?  
(check all that apply) \*

- ☒ Public Meetings
- ☒ Website
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Print media (newspaper, newsletter, etc.)
- ☐ Radio/TV
- ☐ Community events
- ☐ Other (please describe)
- ☐ Other

42. What efforts have been made by local stakeholders to collaborate and develop strategies to educate the community about relevant crime research and local risk reduction initiatives? \*

- ☒ Not yet discussed/considered
- ☐ Discussed/considered, but not yet started
- ☐ Underway
- ☐ This is a long-standing practice of ours
- ☐ Requesting assistance with outreach

## Section 6



## General Questions

43. How effective do you feel your Local JRAC has been in each of the following areas: \*

	Highly effective	Generally, not consistent	Some improvement needed	A lot of improvement needed	Not satisfied
Establishing a shared vision, mission, and values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Operating collaboratively and unified	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making influential decisions that affect the criminal justice system as a whole	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding current criminal justice system operations in a detailed way (e.g., completed a system map).	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing performance measures and benchmarks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Developing risk reduction skills among individuals working directly with people in the criminal justice system.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring agencies implement and routinely carry out fidelity and quality assurance practices.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

44. Please outline your Local JRAC's accomplishments during 2023 \*

Local JRAC met quarterly. The group discuss and recommended the approval of budgets for various grants such as the Indiana Department of Correction Community Corrections grant.

45. Please outline your Local JRAC's top 3 priorities for 2024 \*

- 1) Creating a mission and vision.
- 2) Writing bylaws.
- 3) Establishing meeting ground rules.
- 4) Setting baseline data expectations.

46. What can the State JRAC do to further support your Local JRAC efforts? \*

Funding to help with data collection and analysis; funding to help with resources such as a full time Local JRAC coordinator.

47. What barriers or challenges does your Local JRAC face in terms of adopting more innovative, research-based policies and programs locally?

Monroe County criminal justice stakeholders as a whole seem interested in system-wide research-based policies and programs but there is still a lack of collaboration with each other and each justice system works independently creating their own policies and programs.

48. Is your Local JRAC interested in receiving Technical Assistance? \*

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

49. What technical assistance is your Local JRAC interested in receiving? Link at the bottom of the form can be used to request technical assistance. \*

- ☐ EBDM technical assistance
- ☐ Sequential Intercept Modeling
- ☒ System Mapping
- ☒ Assistance with by-laws
- ☒ Assistance with visions, missions, and goals
- ☐ Unsure-requesting communication from State Local JRAC team member.
- ☐ N/A
- ☐ Other

## Requested Attachments

Please email the following documents if available to [JRAC@courts.in.gov](mailto:JRAC@courts.in.gov):

1. Local JRAC Member list (include name, stakeholder role, email address, and any leadership role (chair, vice-chair, point of contact, etc.))
2. By-Laws\*
3. Meeting records
4. Vision and/or Mission Statements\*
5. Ground Rules for Interactions
6. System Map (process map for the criminal justice system)
7. SIM Map (map of services at each point in the system)
8. System Improvement Goals
9. Jail Crowding Evaluation/Recommendations Performance Measures
10. Criminal Justice Research Projects/Reports

\*If these documents have already been submitted in the past and remain unchanged, there is no need to email them again with this report

**Request Local JRAC Technical Assistance.**

<https://ijc.wufoo.com/forms/local-jrac-technical-assistance-request/>



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## 2024 Legislation

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The following is a summary of the bills from the 2024 legislative session followed by the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana (POPAI). For the full text of each bill please go to: <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2024/bills/>. All bills below have been signed by the Governor. Updated on 3-14-2024 at 1:00 p.m. FINAL UPDATE.

### Senate

- **SEA 33 Distributions of public safety income tax revenue.** Defines “courtroom costs”. Provides that a county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax rate for: (1) in the case of a tax rate adopted before January 1, 2024, county staff expenses of the state judicial system in the county; or (2) in the case of a tax rate adopted after December 31, 2023, courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county. Provides that the revenue shall be used by the county: (1) in the case of the tax rate adopted before January 1, 2024, only for paying for county staff expenses of the state judicial system in the county; and (2) in the case of a tax rate adopted after December 31, 2023, only for paying the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in the county. Provides that the local income tax revenue spent by each county may not comprise more than 50% of the county’s total operational staffing expenses related to the courtroom costs of the state judicial system in any given year. Provides that a township fire department, volunteer fire department, fire protection territory, or fire protection district may apply to the county adopting body for a distribution of local income tax revenue that is allocated to public safety purposes. Requires the county adopting body to review certain submitted applications at a public hearing.
  - **NOTE: POPAI advocated to remove the “courtroom costs” definition from the bill as it restricts counties from using the newly adopted Judicial LIT to pay for probation services. Unfortunately, we were not successful in getting the language changed.**
- **SEA 70 Bail and release review commission.** Establishes the bail and release review commission to review data concerning bail, bail reform, pretrial release, and related matters. Provides that the commission expires June 30, 2026.
- **SEA 179 Commission on court appointed attorneys.** Requires the justice reinvestment advisory council (council) to conduct a study on criminal indigency determinations by all Indiana trial courts. Requires the council to submit a report containing recommendations on specified topics to the legislative council before July 1, 2025. Changes the name of the Indiana public defender commission to the Indiana commission on court appointed attorneys (commission). **Provides that from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, certain counties may be reimbursed for 40% of indigent defense services provided for misdemeanors in a superior or circuit court.** (Current law excludes misdemeanors from reimbursement.) Requires the commission to submit a report to the legislative council and the budget committee not later than December 1, 2029, concerning the 40% reimbursement for indigent defense services provided for misdemeanors. Requires each clerk of the court to make an annual report to the commission concerning certain fees. Changes the distribution of fees for indigent defendant representation. **Increases certain fees if a court finds a person is able to pay the cost of representation by counsel.** Prohibits the commission from: (1) receiving additional appropriations from the general assembly for misdemeanor reimbursement; or (2) reimbursing certain counties for misdemeanor reimbursement; before July 1, 2029. **Provides that each court in certain counties receiving reimbursement from the public defense fund shall require a person claiming indigency to submit a uniform form, prescribed by the office of judicial administration, to assist the court in determining whether the person is indigent. Specifies that such courts shall review or designate a staff member to review the form submitted to ensure accuracy of the information contained in the form. Allows such a court to request any additional information needed from the person to verify the accuracy of the information submitted in the form.**

- [SEA 282 Various education matters.](#) Amends the duties of an attendance officer and the state attendance officer. Requires, not later than November 1 of each year, the state attendance officer to submit a report to the legislative council containing recommended legislation based on the state attendance officer's discussions with attendance officers. **Requires each governing authority of a school corporation and charter school to establish a truancy prevention policy regarding certain students in kindergarten through grade 6. Provides that a prosecuting attorney shall notify each parent of a child when an affidavit is filed regarding the child's compulsory attendance violations or if the child is a habitual truant.**
- [SEA 290 Criminal justice data.](#) **Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute and the department of correction to collect and distribute certain criminal justice data.**

## **House**

- [HEA 1026 Commission, committee, and board administration.](#) Specifies certain duties and responsibilities relating to the operations of various task forces, committees, boards, and councils (statutory entities). Renames the Indiana code revision commission, probate code study commission, and other statutory entities. Specifies that certain statutory entities are subject to the general law governing legislative committees rather than to the law governing the statutory list of interim study committees. Authorizes a designee of the revisor of statutes to serve as a member of the uniform law commission (ULC). Repeals statutes governing the Medicaid oversight committee and relocates them to the law governing interim study committees. Identifies certain state employees serving on statutory entities by their specific job titles. **Provides for the reimbursement of expenses of state employees, lay persons, and members of the general assembly serving on statutory entities.** Specifies the expiration dates of the terms of members of certain statutory entities. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)
- [HEA 1121 Local income taxes.](#) Extends the expiration of provisions concerning a county with a single voting bloc and the allocation of votes for a local income tax council. **Specifies the amount of revenue from a local income tax rate imposed for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in a county that may be used for operating expenses of those facilities.** Allows a county fiscal body to adopt a local income tax rate for an acute care hospital located in the county to be used only for the operating expenses of the acute care hospital. Provides that, for the purpose of distributing the local income tax (LIT), if two or more school corporations or civil taxing units merge or consolidate to form a single school corporation or civil taxing unit, the school corporation or civil taxing unit is entitled to the combined pro rata distribution of the LIT revenue allocated to each applicable school corporation or civil taxing unit in existence on January 1 of the immediately preceding calendar year prior to the merger or consolidation. Provides that the department of local government finance shall make certain adjustments pertaining to the distribution of LIT for Floyd County in 2025, which provide that the Highlander Fire Protection District (district) shall receive an amount equal to the combined distribution that would have been distributed to the Greenville Fire Protection District (FPD) and the Lafayette Fire Protection District (FPD) in 2024, but for their elimination resulting from the merger to establish the district. Requires corresponding adjustments in 2025 to reduce the distribution for each applicable civil taxing unit and school corporation in Floyd County, excluding the district, by an amount that equals the proportionate share of the amount of LIT received in 2024 of the combined distribution that would have been distributed to the Greenville FPD and the Lafayette FPD in 2024, but for their elimination. Provides that funds accumulated from a Perry County special purpose tax rate to construct or improve the county jail after the redemption of bonds issued or final payment of lease rentals due under a lease shall be transferred to a county capital project fund to be used to finance capital projects within Perry County. (Current law specifies that such remaining funds are to be transferred to the county jail operations fund to be used for financing the maintenance and operations of the Perry County detention center.) Allows Grant County, under specified circumstances, to adopt an ordinance to impose a special purpose local income tax rate to fund and finance the construction of a county jail. Provides, for purposes of calculating distributions of

the financial institutions tax to local taxing units, how to calculate distributions for a taxing unit that did not receive distributions in 2012 because the unit was subsequently established from the merger or consolidation of two or more taxing units that received distributions from the financial institutions tax fund in 2012. Provides, for purposes of calculating qualified distributions of the commercial motor vehicle excise tax to local taxing units, how to calculate base revenue distributions for a taxing unit that did not receive a base revenue distribution in 2001 because the taxing unit was subsequently established from the merger or consolidation of two or more taxing units that received base revenue distributions in 2001. Provides that, for purposes of determining the apportionment or distribution of the motor vehicle excise tax, that the county auditor may make adjustments to reflect the merger or consolidation of two or more taxing units. Authorizes Knox County to impose its innkeeper's tax at a rate of 8% (instead of 6% under current law). Provides that, if the tax rate is increased to more than 6%, the portion of the tax rate that exceeds 6% expires on December 31, 2045. Authorizes the city of Hammond to impose a food and beverage tax. Authorizes the town of Cicero to impose a food and beverage tax.

- [HEA 1194 State administration](#). Changes the name of the northwest Indiana law enforcement academy and the northwest Indiana law enforcement training center. **Removes the research and information consortium from the composition of the Indiana criminal justice institute (institute). Provides that the board of trustees of the institute shall designate four subcommittees. Provides for the continued existence of the institute's division of victim services. Provides that the board of trustees for the criminal justice institute must approve certain official actions.** Repeals a provision concerning certain joint applications for a particular federal grant. Allows the institute to refer a matter to the inspector general. Changes requirements for a state entity purchasing or leasing a vehicle. Allows for advances of certain grant funds administered by the institute to be awarded before July 1, 2025. Makes conforming changes.
- [HEA 1328 Department of local government finance](#). Provides that a county fiscal body may provide a stipend, not to exceed \$2,500, to a circuit court clerk that serves as a voter registration officer each year in which a general election is held. Requires a political subdivision to upload to the Indiana transparency website any contract: (1) related to the provision of fire services or emergency medical services; or (2) entered into with another unit or entity that provides fire services or emergency medical services. Requires a political subdivision to annually attest that the political subdivision uploaded any contract related to the provision of fire services or emergency medical services as a part of the political subdivision budgeting process and specifies the consequence for failure to satisfy the attestation requirement. Provides that for purposes of public purchasing, the term "public funds" does not include proceeds of bonds payable exclusively by, or used by, a private entity. Provides a 15% procurement price preference to a business offering to provide supplies or services under a contract awarded by a state agency to a business that provides "specialized employee services" to its employees. Extends the duration of an entrepreneur and enterprise district (district) to the later of: (1) December 31, 2029 (rather than December 31, 2024); or (2) five years after the date the district is designated. Amends provisions of a statute pertaining to the assessment of rental property. Requires the department of local government finance (department) to notify the county assessor of the department's tentative assessment, or information related to tentative valuation changes, of a utility company's distributable property not later than June 1. Reinstates a provision that was repealed in SEA 325-2023 (P.L.182-2023) that includes as a "homestead" property that is an individual's principal place of residence, is located in Indiana, and is owned by an entity, if the individual is a shareholder, partner, or member of the entity that owns the property. Requires a county auditor to submit an amended certified statement of the assessed value for the ensuing year to the department by the later of: (1) September 1; or (2) 15 days after the certified statement is submitted to the department. Requires the proper officers of a political subdivision that desire to appropriate more money for a particular year than the amount prescribed in the budget for that year as finally determined to hold a public hearing after submitting information regarding the proposed additional appropriation to the department's computer gateway. Provides for a maximum property tax levy increase for Knox Township in Jay County. Prohibits certain civil taxing units that determine they



cannot carry out their governmental functions for an ensuing calendar year under various levy limitations from submitting an appeal unless the civil taxing unit receives approval from the appropriate fiscal body to submit the appeal. Similarly prohibits a participating unit of a fire protection territory from submitting an appeal unless each participating unit of the fire protection territory has adopted a resolution approving submission of the appeal. Requires the department, regarding the referendum process for bonds or leases for certain projects, to certify its approval or recommendations to the county auditor and the county election board not more than 10 days after both the required certification of the county auditor and the language of the public question are submitted to the department for review. Provides for the staggering of terms for property tax assessment board of appeals members. Provides that if the department determines that certified computer software or a certified provider is not in compliance with certain specifications or standards or the rules of the department, the department may request that the provider develop a corrective action plan. Provides that a contract with a computer provider under a corrective action plan is not void unless the department: (1) determines that the provider has failed to substantially correct the noncompliance; and (2) revokes the provider's certification. Establishes corrective action plan provisions for noncompliant computer providers. Provides the amount of the additional penalty added to taxes payable if a person fails to file a personal property return within 30 days after the due date. **Amends a provision regarding the local income tax rate for local costs of the state judicial system in the county.** Requires the department to approve a lower levy freeze tax rate if it finds that the lower rate, in addition to: (1) the supplemental distribution as determined in an adopted resolution; and (2) the amount in certain repealed stabilization funds, as applicable; would fund the levy freeze dollar amount. Provides that certain acute care hospitals may apply to the division of mental health and addiction for certification as a community mental health center. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to review applications for certification as a community mental health center: (1) to ensure an applicant meets certain standards; and (2) without consideration for previously established exclusive geographic primary service restrictions. Requires the department to send its decision regarding referendum language to the governing body of a school corporation not more than 10 days after: (1) the certification of the county auditor; and (2) the resolution is submitted to the department. Provides that, for purposes of the transportation levy component of an operations fund property tax levy, a school corporation, whose budget for the upcoming year is subject to review by a fiscal body, may not submit an appeal to the department unless the school corporation receives approval from the fiscal body. Provides that a county fiscal body may establish a salary schedule that includes a stipend, not to exceed \$2,500 in a year, to be paid to the county auditor for duties when warranted as determined by the county fiscal body. Requires a county recorder to provide the owner of a farm with: (1) a copy of the recorded document that contains the name of the owner's farm; and (2) documentation of a description of the land to which the name of the farm applies. Provides that for a county having a United States government military base that is scheduled for closing, the expiration date of the allocation area may be extended for the purposes of paying certain expenses. Repeals a provision that prohibits a local unit from amending the boundaries of an economic improvement district (EID). Instead, allows a local unit to amend the boundaries of an EID only if an owner of real property wishes to include the owner's real property in the EID and voluntarily enters into a written agreement with the legislative body of the local unit in which the owner requests and consents to increasing the boundaries of the EID to include the owner's real property. Specifies that, for real property subject to such a written agreement that is subsequently sold to a new owner, the new owner of that real property may opt out of the prior owner's agreement. Provides that no ordinance or safety board action to fix compensation may provide for any increase in the compensation of any member of a police department or fire department, or any other appointee, from the prior budget year if the city has not fixed a budget, tax rate, and tax levy for the ensuing budget year. Allows a qualified taxpayer to file a property tax exemption application before September 1, 2024, for eligible property for assessment dates beginning within assessment dates occurring within the six years prior to the assessment date at issue. Provides that if a qualified taxpayer files a property tax exemption application for eligible property: (1) the



property tax exemption for the eligible property is allowed and granted for the applicable assessment date by the county assessor and county auditor of the county in which the eligible property is located; and (2) the qualified taxpayer is not required to pay any property taxes, penalties, interest, or tax sale reimbursement expenses with respect to the eligible property for the applicable assessment date. Provides that, to the extent the qualified taxpayer has paid any property taxes, penalties, or interest with respect to the eligible property for an applicable assessment date, the qualified taxpayer is entitled to a refund of the amounts paid.

- [HEA 1369 Family and juvenile law matters.](#) Amends the definition for “act of rape”, only for the purposes of IC 31-35-3.5 (termination of parent-child relationship of an individual who committed an act of rape), to include child molestation and sexual misconduct with a minor. **Provides that the department of child services or a court shall consider ensuring the child’s safety to be the most important consideration in the determination of a child’s best interests under family and juvenile law.** Provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that a child is a child in need of services if the state establishes that the child lives in the same household as an adult who was a perpetrator of a child fatality or near fatality that may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Adds sexual misconduct with a minor as an offense that may be alleged in a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship when a child is conceived as a result of the offense. **Amends the circumstances under which a court may terminate the parent-child relationship with regard to a child in need of services.**
- [HEA 1418 Forensic diversion and drug courts.](#) Provides that a pregnant woman charged with a drug crime may be referred to a forensic diversion program or a drug court at an initial hearing.

#### **Dead Bills (Did not pass out of their house of origin by deadline)**

- [HB 1050 Concurrent jurisdiction of juvenile court.](#)
- [HB 1076 Criminal justice study committee and reform.](#)
- [HB 1089 Public safety officer benefit advisory board.](#)
- [HB 1136 Delinquency proceedings.](#)
- [HB 1141 Crimes against unborn child.](#)
- [HB 1180 Public employers.](#)
- [HB 1263 Elimination of money bail.](#)
- [HB 1272 Bail.](#)
- [HB 1279 Sentencing and incarceration.](#)
- [SB 46 Parental rights.](#)
- [SB 55 Electronic payments to governmental bodies.](#)
- [SB 136 Judicial transparency.](#)
- [SB 219 DCS investigations and mandatory reporting.](#)
- [SB 279 Juvenile facility visitation policies.](#)



**The PALs Partnership is designed to support the parent/caregiver and youth relationship through an interactive, ground-based equine experience. This twelve (12) week program supports the healthy development of social-emotional and leadership skills, while learning to build trust, set boundaries, and overcome challenges.**

- **Are you the parent or caregiver of a 12-17-year-old? Are you looking for new ways to connect with your child?**
- **Are you a youth between the ages of 12-17 looking for new ways to connect with the adults in your life?**
- **Are you willing to be challenged, grow, and learn? Do you like having fun?**

***If you answered YES, to any of these questions, please consider joining us!***

***Programming starts Wednesday, April 17, 2024***  
***NO COST - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - LIMITED SPACE***

**Registration deadline:**  
**Friday April 12, 2024**

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