# August 2026 Minutes

**State Budget Committee Minutes**
August 27, 2026, 10:00 A.M. ET
Student Activities Center
Indiana University – South Bend
941 S. 20th Street South Bend, IN 46634

**Members:**
Senator Ryan Mishler, Chair
Representative Jeff Thompson
Senator Fady Qaddoura
Representative Gregory Porter
Chad Ranney, State Budget Director

**Alternate Members:**
Representative Craig Snow
Senator Chris Garten
Representative Ed DeLaney
Courtney Everett, Deputy State Budget Director
Lisa Acobert, Deputy State Budget Director

Chairman Ryan Mishler called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Chairman Mishler introduced the minutes, Representative Jeff Thompson motioned to approve the minutes, Representative Gregory Porter seconded the motion. Chairman Mishler introduced the agenda and Representative Porter motioned to remove review item 6I from the agenda. Senator Fady Qaddoura seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-2. Representative Ed DeLaney noted that Report 5 under Reports Received, the Miami Correctional Facility Report, should be listed as a review item. Budget Director Chad Ranney clarified that a review item must involve state match, new personnel, or an agencies involvement in a new activity. Director Ranney noted that the State Police are already engaged in this matter, making it a report to be distributed to the Committee.

**Agency Projects**

Indiana State Police
Captain Mick McClanahan presented the Sellersburg Post Rehabilitation. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Adjutant General's Office

Colonel Jeremy Milliman presented the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base modernization projects. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Department of Natural Resources
CFO and Deputy Director Greg Sorrels presented the pool slide replacement and network infrastructure integration projects. Following the presentation, Senator Chris Garten asked why the project cost for slide replacements was so high, and Deputy Director Sorrels noted that the two slide replacements were

replacements of the entire structure and noted the importance of their contribution to park revenues. Senator Garten reiterated that his research indicated large-scale pool slide replacements to be much cheaper. Representative DeLaney asked for a cost breakdown of the project and Deputy Director Sorrels indicated a 50/50 split between materials and labor.

Maumee River Basin Commission
Executive Director Rod Renkenberger presented the Allen County stream studies project. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Department of Homeland Security
CFO Deon Burks presented the tower rehabilitation and EOC training room projects. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center
Superintendent Jeff Wedding presenting the roof replacement project. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Logansport State Hospital
Superintendent Jeff Wedding presented the Larson Treatment Center and water tower rehab projects. Following the presentations, there were no questions.

**University Projects**

Indiana University
Director of Government Relations Zach Smith Howard presented the IU Bloomington Willkie Quad Recapitalization project. Following the presentation, Representative Porter asked who guaranteed the bonds. Director Howard noted the under I.C. 21-32-2-2, the University has the authority to earn and issue financing, including commercial paper, and the State Budget Director previously approved the $200 million commercial paper program in 2023.

Purdue University
Director of Government Relations Kendra Leatherman presented the Campus Armory renovation project. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Vincennes University
Vice President of Government Affairs Tony Hahn presented the Godare and Vanderburgh Hall projects. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

**Review Items**

Department of Health
Legislative Affairs Director Ethan Wright presented Newborn Screening Rule. Following the presentation, Senator Qaddoura asked if this was the appropriate time to address the increased charge for newborn screenings. Director Wright asked what the Senator's question was, and Senator Qaddoura asked what the increase was expected to generate. Director Wright noted that the $10 increase would generate $1.2 million, and the $15 increase would generate $1.62 million.

Department of Education
Chief Innovation Officer Ron Sandlin presented the Career Pathways Exploration Grant. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Department of Education
Assistant Secretary of Education Paul Ketcham presented the Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program. Following the presentation, Representative Porter asked if the $2.295 million in state match was in the State budget. Assistant Secretary Ketcham noted that it was appropriated through the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG).

Office of Energy Development
Chief Policy Officer Luke Wilson presented the Technology Upgrades grant request. Following the presentation, Representative DeLaney asked who is making the third-party match. CPO Wilson noted that it would be through the electric utility company. Representative DeLaney asked if there would be a rate adjustment to cover the cost of the match, inevitably passing the cost to the ratepayers. CPO Wilson noted that was correct. Representative DeLaney noted the grant's allowance of thermal and renewable energy programs, and noted his concern with this possibly being an attempt to attach additional sources of renewable energy to the program. CPO Wilson indicated that was correct.

Department of Homeland Security
CFO Devon Burks presented the Resilience Grant Programs. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Family and Social Services Administration
Legislative Director Liza Sherman presented the Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Team Partnership grant. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
Excise Officer Alex Vargo presented the healthcare plan proposal and benefits review. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Department of Natural Resources
Conservation Officer Major Brian Bailey presented the healthcare plan proposal and benefits review. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Secretary of State
Jerry Bonnet presented the appropriation augmentation. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Senior Vice President Mark Wasky presented the Tax Credit Certifications. Following the presentation, Chairman Mishler asked what percentage of the amount rewarded is collected or distributed. VP Wasky noted that it would be dependent on the program, but the average is around 70% earned and claimed by the company. Chairman Mishler asked if the funds utilized for these credits earn interest while awaiting distribution. VP Wasky indicated that these are simply promised as tax credits under the $300 million cap allotted in the State's budget and are distributed upon earning. Director Ranney noted that these are tax expenditures, which impact revenue, and are not deducted from the budget but, instead, is considered revenue not received in the amount awarded via tax credits. Senator Qaddoura noted

that, over the last six months, he has raised issue with over 800 Indiana workers who have been locked out of work at BP and asked what IEDC has done to help these workers get their jobs back. VP Wasky answered that the IEDC is focused on existing Indiana companies continuing to provide high-quality jobs for residents, and the IEDC does not direct companies to go into certain areas of the State. Representative Gregory Porter asked if the IEDC tracks jobs that are lost as a result of business closures. VP Wasky noted that the IEDC tracks the number of employees are at a facility at the start of a contract and set that number as the baseline moving forward, holding businesses accountable by revoking benefits to that business if employment drops below that number. Representative Porter asked if there was a way for the Committee to see a report on that information. VP Wasky indicated the IEDC could provide relevant information and noted the annual Jobs Realization Report provided by the IEDC.

Family and Social Services Administration

Secretary Mitch Roob presented the Medicaid State Plan Amendments. Following the presentation of the first amendment. Representative DeLaney asked if this new mechanism is intended to protect the general fund from the possibility that HAF funds or other federal funds would go down. Secretary Roob responded that was correct. Representative DeLaney noted that the risk of decreased funding would fall on Medicaid recipients and not on the State's budget. Secretary Roob responded that he hoped that would not happen, and this would allow future legislators to make that choice.

State Personnel Department

Secretary Lisa Hershman presented the compensation study on behalf of the State Personnel Department. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Department of Transportation

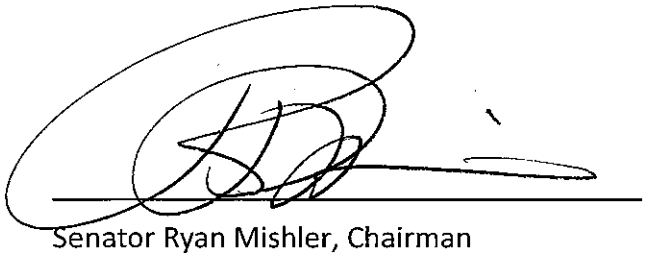
Commissioner Lyndsay Quist presented the project review. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Chairman Mishler asked for any amendments to the agenda. There were none. Chairman Mishler asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Representative Thompson motioned to approve the agenda, Director Ranney seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2. The Chairman called on INDOT to provide a Road and Infrastructure project update.

Department of Transportation

Commissioner Lyndsay Quist presented the road and infrastructure project update. Following the presentation, there were no questions.

Chairman Mishler adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.



Senator Ryan Mishler, Chairman



Chad Ranney, Budget Director

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## I. Minutes

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## II. Agency Projects

1. **Indiana State Police (100)** $ 85,000
Sellersburg Post Rehabilitation

The Indiana State Police (ISP) is requesting funding for the rehabilitation of the Sellersburg Post. $593,000 was previously approved; however, updated estimates require additional funding. The facility has been in operation for more than 45 years, has reached the end of its useful life. This project will include new floor coverings, wall coverings, soundproofing interview room walls, ceiling tile replacement and technology upgrades.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement Fund RR 59981 – 2027)

2. **Adjutant General's Office (110)** $ 500,000
Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base Modernization Plan

The Adjutant General's Office (AGO) is requesting funding in preparation for the arrival of the F-35 jet at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base. The base was established in 1947 and has received past renovations to accommodate different aircraft as needed. The 122nd Fighter Wing must position itself to be selected as the Headquarters for the Air Force basing decision within the next 18 months. This phase will provide funding for an Area Development Plan (ADP) that will address infrastructure and modernization needs.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement Fund LI 59981 – 2027)

3. **Adjutant General's Office (110)** $ 517,300
Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base Modernization Design

The Adjutant General's Office (AGO) is requesting funding to finalize the design for renovations to the Fort Wayne squadron operations building. The building is 22,638 square feet and houses the existing F-16 airplanes at the base and serves as the base communications facility. This renovation will help accommodate the new mission of 21 total F-16's in inventory. This funding will complete the design process.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement Fund LI 59981 – 2027)

4. **Department of Natural Resources (300)** $ 1,100,000
O'Bannon Woods Pool Slide Replacement

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting funding for the replacement of the water slide at the O'Bannon Woods aquatic facility. The existing slide was originally installed in 2006 and regularly maintained to extend its useful life until 2025 when the slide was closed due to corrosion and identified for replacement. This project will include the design, transportation, and installation of a new, fiberglass slide restoring the facility's aquatic recreational capacity.

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| Funding: | HEA 1001 – 2021: State Construction Fund | |
| | (Conservation and Environment RR 59919 – 2023) | $ 1,003,000 |
| | HEA 1001 – 2019: 'Change of Use' State Construction Fund | |
| | (Conservation and Environment RR 59944) | $ 97,000 |

5. **Department of Natural Resources (300)** $ 1,100,000
Shakamak State Park Pool Slide Replacement

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting funding for the replacement of the water slide at the Shakamak State Park aquatic facility. The existing slide was originally installed in the early 1990's and regularly maintained to extend its useful life until 2025 when the slide was closed due to deterioration and identified for replacement. This project will include the design, transportation, and installation of a new, fiberglass slide restoring the facility's aquatic recreational capacity.

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| Funding: | HEA 1001 – 2019: 'Change of Use' State Construction Fund | |
| | (Conservation and Environment RR 59944) | $ 775,257 |
| | HEA 1001 – 2023: 'Change of Use' State Construction Fund | |
| | (Conservation and Environment RR 59944) | $ 272,550 |
| | HEA 1001 – 2023: State Construction Fund | |
| | (Conservation and Environment RR 59975 – 2025) | $ 52,193 |

6. **Department of Natural Resources (300)** $ 1,216,238
Network Infrastructure Integration

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting funding for network infrastructure integration at 73 buildings across the State. The existing infrastructure is beyond its useful life with some equipment reaching 60 years old. To modernize these facilities and secure stable connection, this project will include over 219,000 feet of fiber-optic cabling. DNR has previously modernized 41 sites, and this phase will expand the agency wide initiative.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2021: State Construction Fund
(Conservation and Environment RR 59919 – 2023)

7. **Maumee River Basin Commission (325)** $ 318,325
Allen County Stream Studies

The Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC) is requesting funding for Allen County stream studies. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for eastern Allen County have not been updated in over twenty years. MRBC will work with Allen County to perform a Detailed Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling, which will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a Letter of Map Change (LOMC). Corrected floodplain mapping will allow property owners to pursue improvements and land developers to move forward with County-approved projects.

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| Funding: | HEA 1001 – 2023: General Fund | |
| | (Gen Gov Line Items Deferred Maintenance RR 19757 – 2027) | $ 254,660 |
| | Local Funding Match | $ 63,665 |

8. **Department of Homeland Security (385)** $ 1,675,484
DHS & OEC Tower Rehabilitation Projects

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), working with the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), is requesting funding for a series of rehabilitation projects across the state. The funds will support replacing five HVAC units, repairing roofs at two sites, upgrading tower lighting, purchasing sixteen radio service monitors, replacing five generators, and completing other necessary projects as facilities reach the end of their service life.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement RR 59981 – 2027)

9. **Department of Homeland Security (385)** $ 450,000
Alternate Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Training Room

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is requesting funding for the completion of training room facilities at the Five Points logistics facility in Indianapolis. The existing 16,000 square foot warehouse will house the 4,000 square feet of space that is to be completed. This project includes the construction of offices, classrooms, and restroom facilities.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: Fire and Building Services Fund
(Fire and Building Services 37720 – 2027)

10. **Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center (415)** $ 832,000
Roof Replacement

The Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center (EPCC) is requesting funding for the replacement of the 58-year-old roof. The roof, original to the building's 1968 construction, is 38,500 square feet and is showing significant signs of deterioration including water infiltration, patchwork cracking, and ceiling damage. This project will also include removal of skylights and new roofing in their place to prevent further water infiltration. The new roof will have an expected life of 30 years.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement Fund RR 59981 – 2027)

11. **Logansport State Hospital (435)** $ 1,925,000
Larson Treatment Center Rehabilitation

Logansport State Hospital (LSH) is requesting funding to replace the drywall, ceilings, and flooring on two wards at the Larson Treatment Center at LSH. The original 110,000 square foot structure was not designed to house the current patients that are there, and the existing walls need to be reinforced to prevent damage. This process is done by replacing the wall with more durable material. In addition to the wall, new flooring and ceilings will be installed to accommodate psychiatric patients. This funding will cover the remaining two wards, as the other two have already been repaired.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement Fund RR 59981 – 2027)

12. **Logansport State Hospital (435)** $ 900,000
Water Tower Rehabilitation

Logansport State Hospital (LSH) is requesting funding to perform maintenance on the existing 500,000-gallon water tower, which was constructed in 1968. The project will include cleaning, structural rehabilitation, contamination prevention, handrail installation, and airplane light installation. This tower serves as the primary water source for the facility and will continue operation for the life of the facility.

Funding: HEA 1001 – 2025: State Construction Fund
(State Agency Capital Improvement Fund RR 59981 – 2027)

## III. University Projects

1. **Indiana University (750)** $ 59,850,000
IU Bloomington Willkie Quad Recapitalization
A-1-26-2-02

The Indiana University Board of Trustees request approval to proceed in renovating the Willkie Quadrangle on the Bloomington Campus. This project will renovate Willkie Quad Buildings A, B, and C on the IU Bloomington campus, totaling approximately 325,344 gross square feet, inclusive of 742 rooms and 752 beds. The scope of work includes full renovation of student rooms and renewal of elevators, roofs, stair towers, and necessary infrastructure upgrades of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and life safety systems. Existing public spaces and amenities will be refreshed alongside accessibility improvements, audio/video, and access control and security systems upgrades as required. This project addresses the University's growing need for updated housing on the Bloomington campus. Renovations will replace aging and failing critical infrastructure within the complex, including much-needed addition of outside fresh air to student rooms. Newer, more energy efficient systems will be installed.

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| CHE Review: | July 23rd, 2026 | |
| Funding: | Housing Reserves | $ 29,850,000 |
| | Treasury – Commercial Bonds | $ 30,000,000 |

2. **Purdue University (760)** $ 3,550,000
Armory First Floor Mechanical System Replacement and Classroom Renovations
B-1-26-2-14

The Purdue University Board of Trustees request approval to proceed in renovating the first floor of the Armory. This project will install new mechanical and supporting equipment to serve the Armory's two classrooms and offices in the headhouse on the first floor of the building. The classrooms will receive new projection equipment, flooring and furniture as part of this project. The current mechanical equipment serving the headhouse is past its useful life and no longer meets the needs of the areas it serves. It is not performing well due to age, and unplanned maintenance causes user and occupant disruptions. The new mechanical equipment will be more reliable, low maintenance and more energy efficient.

CHE Review: July 23rd, 2026
Funding: Operating Funds $ 3,550,000

3. **Vincennes University (790)** $ 23,000,000
Godare Hall
E-1-26-2-03

The Vincennes University Board of Trustees requests approval to proceed with the renovation of Marie Elizabeth Godare Hall into a modern, suite-style residential facility designed to support workforce development, apprenticeship training, and future traditional student housing needs. The project will create 134 private residential units featuring private bathrooms, kitchenettes, and laundry facilities on each floor, along with enhanced student amenities including fitness, media, recreation, study, and lounge spaces. The renovation will modernize an aging residential facility while improving student comfort, engagement, and overall campus experience. The project also supports the University's strategic enrollment and workforce development goals by providing high-quality residential accommodations aligned with the expectations of students, employers and industry partners. This investment continues the University's commitment to providing affordable, modern, and competitive campus housing.

CHE Review: July 23rd, 2026
Funding: Auxiliary Bonds $ 23,000,000

4. **Vincennes University (790)** $ 12,000,000
   Vanderburgh Hall
   E-1-26-2-04

   The Vincennes University Board of Trustees requests approval to proceed with the renovation of the Henry and Francois Vanderburgh Residence Hall, a 113,161 gross square foot student housing facility constructed in 1990 that currently houses 432 students. The project will modernize the residence hall through restroom renovations, upgraded plumbing and LED lighting, updated finishes, and the addition of modern student amenities including study spaces, lounges, recreation areas, kitchen facilities, and laundry areas. The renovation will extend the useful life of the facility while providing students with a safe, modern, and competitive residential environment. This strategic reinvestment supports the University's long-term commitment to affordable, high-quality campus housing and student success.

   CHE Review: July 23rd, 2026
   Funding: Auxiliary Bonds $ 12,000,000

**Cost Summary**

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| 2025 State Construction Fund | $ 6,434,784 |
| 2025 Fire and Building Services Fund | $ 450,000 |
| 2023 General Fund | $ 254,660 |
| 2023 State Construction Fund | $ 52,193 |
| 2023 'Change of Use' State Construction Fund | $ 272,550 |
| 2021 State Construction Fund | $ 2,219,238 |
| 2019 'Change of Use' State Construction Fund | $ 872,257 |
| Local Funding Match | $ 63,665 |
| Housing Reserves | $ 29,850,000 |
| Treasury – Commercial Bonds | $ 30,000,000 |
| Operating Funds | $ 3,550,000 |
| Auxiliary Funds | $ 35,000,000 |
| **Grand Total** | **$ 109,019,347** |

## IV. Review Items

1. Fees, Fines, and Penalties (IC 4-22-2-22.7; IC 4-22-2-22.8)
    I. Newborn Screening – *Department of Health*
2. Federal Grant Review (IC 4-12-19-4)
    I. Indiana Department of Education: Career Pathways Exploration Grant Program FY 26
    II. Indiana Department of Education: Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program FY 26
    III. Indiana Office of Energy Development: Speed to Power through Accelerated Reconductoring and other Key Advanced Transmission Technology Upgrades – FY 27
    IV. Indiana Department of Homeland Security: Resilience Grant Programs Directorate
    V. Family and Social Services Administration: Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Team Partnership
3. 2027 Health Care Plan Proposal/Benefits Review
    I. Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
    II. Department of Natural Resources
4. Appropriation Augmentation – *Secretary of State*
    I. Electronic and Enhanced Access Fund (IC 4-5-10-5) – Section 45: HEA-1001: 2025
    II. Securities Enforcement Fund (IC 23-19-6-1) – Section 296: HEA-1001: 2025
    III. Securities Restitution Fund (IC 23-20-1-26) – Section 297: HEA-1001: 2025
    IV. Voter Education and Outreach Fund (IC 3-6-3.7-4) – Section 38: HEA-1001: 2025
    V. Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant (IC 3-11-6.5-2) – Section 39: HEA-1001: 2025
    VI. Voting System Oversight (VSTOP) (IC 3-11-17-6) – Section 40: HEA-1001: 2025

VII. State Recount Fund (IC 3-12-10) – Section 41: HEA-1001: 2025

5. Tax Credit Certifications (IC 5-28-6-9) – *Indiana Economic Development Corporation*
6. Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs) (IC 12-15-1.3-17.5) – *Family and Social Services Administration*
   I. Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 3.0
   II. Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Work Requirements
   III. HEA 1277-2026 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Updates: Creation of New Assisted Living Waiver
   IV. Tribal All-Inclusive Rate
   V. Tribal Consultation
   VI. Immigrant Eligibility
   VII. Home and Community-Based Services Asset Limit
7. Compensation Study – *State Personnel Department*
8. Project Review (IC 8-23-2-5.7) – *Indiana Department of Transportation*

**V. <u>Discussion Items</u>**

1. Road & Infrastructure Project Update – *Indiana Department of Transportation*

**VI. <u>Reports Received</u>**

1. Active Contract Report (IC 5-35.7-2-2) – *All State Agencies* (8.20.2026)
2. Quarterly Amendment Report (IC 5-35.7-5-2) – *All State Agencies* (8.20.2026)
3. Federal Grant Report (IC 4-12-19-4) – *All State Agencies* (8.20.2026)
4. Board of Depositories Activity and Status Report (IC 5-13-12-12(b)) – *Treasurer of State* (8.20.2026)
5. Annual Appropriation Withholding Report (IC 4-13-2-30) – *State Budget Agency* (8.20.2026)
6. Transfers from the State Agency Contingency Fund (IC 4-12-17-1) – *State Budget Agency* (8.20.2026)
7. Gary Community Schools Report (IC 20-23-12.1-6) – *Distressed Unit Appeal Board* (8.20.2026)
8. Rural Health Transformation Program Report (IC 12-8-15) – *Family and Social Services Administration* (8.20.2026)
9. Miami Correctional Facility Report (IC 11-8-11-5) – *Indiana Department of Correction* (8.20.2026)
10. Report Concerning Charter Schools (IC 20-49-3-17) – *Department of Education* (8.20.2026)
11. Annual State Financial Aid Report (IC 21-18.5-4-3(12)) – *Commission for Higher Education* (8.20.2026)
12. Physical Facilities Report (IC 21-18-6-9.5) – *Commission for Higher Education* (8.20.2026)
13. Indiana State Fair Commission Annual Report (IC 15-13-3-10) – *Indiana State Fair Commission* (8.20.2026)