

SENATE BILL No. 335

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-52.

Synopsis: Climate solutions task force. Establishes the climate solutions task force (task force) to review issues related to sustainable and clean energy solutions. Sets forth membership, and requires the task force to issue a report to the general assembly and the governor not later than November 1, 2024.

Effective: Upon passage.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-52 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
- 3 PASSAGE]:
- 4 **Chapter 52. Climate Solutions Task Force**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the climate**
- 6 **solutions task force established by section 2 of this chapter.**
- 7 **Sec. 2. The climate solutions task force is established.**
- 8 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following seventeen (17)**
- 9 **members:**
- 10 **(1) Six (6) members of the senate, appointed as follows:**
- 11 **(A) Four (4) members appointed by the president pro**
- 12 **tempore.**
- 13 **(B) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of**
- 14 **the senate.**
- 15 **(2) Six (6) members of the house of representatives, appointed**
- 16 **as follows:**
- 17 **(A) Four (4) members appointed by the speaker.**



- 1 **(B) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of**
 2 **the house of representatives.**
- 3 **(3) One (1) member who is a resident of Indiana and has**
 4 **research experience from Purdue University's Institute for a**
 5 **Sustainable Future, appointed by the governor.**
- 6 **(4) One (1) member who is a resident of Indiana and has**
 7 **research experience from Indiana University's Environmental**
 8 **Resilience Institute, appointed by the governor.**
- 9 **(5) One (1) member who is a resident of Indiana and has at**
 10 **least ten (10) years of professional experience in electric utility**
 11 **policy, appointed by the governor.**
- 12 **(6) One (1) member who is a resident of Indiana, and has at**
 13 **least five (5) years of professional experience in the:**
- 14 **(A) Indiana State AFL-CIO; or**
 15 **(B) United Auto Workers Region 2B;**
 16 **appointed by the governor.**
- 17 **(7) One (1) member who is a resident of Indiana and has at**
 18 **least five (5) years of professional experience in the Indiana**
 19 **Forest Alliance, appointed by the governor.**
- 20 **(b) The president pro tempore shall designate one (1) of the**
 21 **members appointed under subsection (a)(1)(A) as co-chair of the**
 22 **task force.**
- 23 **(c) The speaker shall designate one (1) of the members**
 24 **appointed under subsection (a)(2)(A) as co-chair of the task force.**
- 25 **(d) Appointments to the task force under this section shall be**
 26 **made not later than July 1, 2023.**
- 27 **Sec. 4. (a) Nine (9) members of the task force constitute a**
 28 **quorum.**
- 29 **(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at**
 30 **a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task**
 31 **force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.**
- 32 **(c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs.**
- 33 **Sec. 5. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public**
 34 **in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the**
 35 **task force shall be subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.**
- 36 **Sec. 6. The task force shall study the following:**
- 37 **(1) Increasing nature preserve designations for state forests,**
 38 **state parks, or areas within state forests or state parks to**
 39 **prevent timber extraction.**
- 40 **(2) A carbon credit market to incentivize the implementation**
 41 **of agriculture based and forestry based carbon sequestration**
 42 **practices and conservation practices, including the**



1 conservation of wetlands and flood plains to manage storm
2 water.

3 **(3) Methods to provide Indiana's farmers with opportunities**
4 **to participate in the effort to mitigate and adapt to climate**
5 **change, including research, cost sharing, and technical**
6 **assistance for climate resilient agricultural technology and**
7 **practices, renewable energy projects, and energy efficiency**
8 **projects.**

9 **(4) Issuance of funding to school corporations and local**
10 **government to fund the purchase and usage of the following:**

11 **(A) Zero emissions distributed energy resources.**

12 **(B) Zero emissions vehicles.**

13 **(C) Energy efficiency improvements.**

14 **(D) Climate resilient infrastructure.**

15 **(5) Expanding regional mass transit systems that adapt to the**
16 **areas they serve and provide greater connection to adjacent**
17 **regions.**

18 **(6) Encouraging the construction of buildings that meet**
19 **current energy standards of the:**

20 **(A) American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air**
21 **Conditioning Engineers;**

22 **(B) American National Standards Institute;**

23 **(C) Illuminating Engineering Society; or**

24 **(D) International Building Code;**

25 **while continuing to attract building construction businesses to**
26 **Indiana.**

27 **(7) Securing job training opportunities, pensions, and health**
28 **care for workers affected by changes to the energy industry.**

29 **(8) Establishing a fund for a statewide climate action plan.**

30 **Sec. 7. The task force shall make recommendations based upon**
31 **the study conducted under section 6 of this chapter.**

32 **Sec. 8. The task force shall:**

33 **(1) issue a report setting forth the determinations and**
34 **recommendations it makes under this chapter; and**

35 **(2) not later than November 1, 2024, submit the report:**

36 **(A) in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the**
37 **executive director of the legislative services agency for**
38 **distribution to the members of the general assembly; and**

39 **(B) to the governor.**

40 **Sec. 9. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support**
41 **to the task force.**

42 **Sec. 10. This chapter expires December 31, 2024.**



1 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

