

# SENATE BILL No. \_\_\_\_

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5-46; IC 8-1-1-17

**Synopsis:** Climate and environmental justice task force. Establishes the climate and environmental justice task force (task force). Provides that the task force consists of 15 members. Requires initial appointments to the task force to be made by the appropriate appointing authority not later than May 1, 2022. Sets forth specific topics that the task force must study not later than November 1, 2022. Requires the task force to: (1) develop a climate action plan for the state of Indiana, a comprehensive report that contains recommendations of policies that the state of Indiana should implement to systematically mitigate climate change, increase adaptation to climate change's effects in Indiana, and simultaneously increase statewide economic development; and (2) not later than November 1, 2022, submit the climate action plan to the governor and to the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the general assembly. Requires the Indiana utility regulatory commission to issue a report for the task force forecasting the greenhouse gas emissions of Indiana's investor-owned utility companies not later than June 1, 2022.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

## Alting

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

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

SECTION 1. IC 2-5-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

**Chapter 46. Climate and Environmental Justice Task Force**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, “task force” refers to the climate and environmental justice task force established by section 2 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 2. The climate and environmental justice task force is established.**

**Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following fifteen (15) members:**

**(1) Two (2) members of the general assembly, both of whom shall serve as co-chairs of the task force, appointed as follows:**

**(A) One (1) member appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.**

**(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.**

**(2) One (1) member who:**

**(A) is a resident of Indiana;**

**(B) has broad expertise and experience in Indiana’s agricultural industry; and**

**(C) represents the interests of Indiana’s farmers;**

**appointed by the governor.**

**(3) One (1) member who:**

**(A) is a resident of Indiana; and**

**(B) represents the diverse interests of Indiana’s business community;**

**appointed by the governor.**

**(4) One (1) member who:**

**(A) is a resident of Indiana;**

**(B) has broad experience in electric utility policy;**

**appointed by the governor.**

**(5) One (1) member who:**

**(A) is a resident of Indiana; and**

**(B) represents the interests of utility ratepayers;**

**appointed by the governor.**

**(6) One (1) member who:**

**(A) is a resident of Indiana; and**

- (B) has research experience from the Purdue Climate Change Research Center;  
appointed by the governor.
- (7) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana; and  
(B) has research experience from Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute.  
appointed by the governor.
- (8) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana; and  
(B) has expertise in renewable energy technology and deployment;  
appointed by the governor.
- (9) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana; and  
(B) has broad scientific and academic expertise in public health;  
appointed by the governor.
- (10) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana;  
(B) has broad expertise and experience in environmental justice issues;  
and  
(C) represents frontline and marginalized communities that are disproportionately harmed by climate change and environmental injustices.  
appointed by the governor.
- (11) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana;  
(B) has broad leadership experience in labor unions; and  
(C) represents the interests of Indiana's workers;  
appointed by the governor.
- (12) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana; and  
(B) has broad expertise and experience in conservation;  
appointed by the governor.
- (13) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana;  
(B) has broad expertise and experience in forestry; and  
(C) represents the interests of Indiana's foresters;  
appointed by the governor.
- (14) One (1) member who:  
(A) is a resident of Indiana;  
(B) is between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty-two (22) years, inclusive; and  
(C) has broad experience advocating for climate and environmental justice;  
appointed by the governor.

**(b) Initial appointments to the task force under this section shall be made by the appropriate appointing authority not later than May 1, 2022.**

**Sec. 4. (a) Eight (8) members of the task force constitute a quorum.**

**(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.**

**(c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs.**

**Sec. 5. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the task force are subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.**

**Sec. 6. (a) Not later than November 1, 2022, the task force shall study policies that the state of Indiana can implement to mitigate climate change, increase adaptation to climate change's effects in Indiana, and simultaneously increase statewide economic development.**

**(b) The task force may, at the discretion of the co-chairs, examine any of the topics set forth in IC 2-5-46-6 (before its expiration) and IC 2-5-46-7 (before its expiration), to the extent necessary to:**

- (1) study the issues set forth in subsection (a); or**
- (2) develop the report required by section 7 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 7. The task force shall:**

- (1) develop a climate action plan for the state of Indiana, a comprehensive report that contains recommendations of policies that the state of Indiana should implement to systematically mitigate climate change, increase adaptation to climate change's effects in Indiana, and simultaneously increase statewide economic development.**

**The report developed under this subdivision may include the following:**

- (A) An emissions management plan for the state of Indiana that includes strategies for the state of Indiana to systematically reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions; the setting of short-term benchmark goals; the establishment of proper measures to ensure the plan is being implemented; and the incorporation of energy efficiency and renewable energy standards where possible;**
- (B) Recommendations on renewable energy targets for the state of Indiana;**
- (C) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to financially assist cities and communities in Indiana facing economic problems as a result of utility companies transitioning their power generation from the combustion of fossil fuels to clean and renewable energy resources;**
- (D) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to attract sustainable development for its communities and to grow Indiana's clean energy manufacturing sector, including the manufacture of electric vehicle components, as well as wind turbine and solar panel components;**
- (E) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to use sustainable development, climate change mitigation, and climate change adaptation to systematically decrease brain drain and enhance quality of place in Indiana.**
- (F) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to use sustainable development, climate change mitigation, and climate change**

adaptation to systematically create new jobs and enhance workforce development in Indiana.

- (G) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to provide Indiana's farmers with opportunities and incentives to voluntarily participate in the effort to mitigate and adapt to climate change, which can include: the creation of a carbon credit market; increases in research, cost-share, and technical assistance for climate resilient agricultural technology and practices; and increases in cost-share and technical assistance for bundled renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.
  - (H) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to protect workers and communities that have been or will be affected by changes in the energy industry to secure employment, pensions, and health care for them;
  - (I) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to decrease the greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles owned and operated in Indiana, including increasing the number of registered, zero emission vehicles significantly;
  - (J) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to increase waste reduction, reuse, composting, and recycling activities across Indiana;
  - (K) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to increase Indiana's adaptation to the impacts of climate change, especially relating to Indiana's agricultural sector and vulnerable communities;
  - (L) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement concerning the development, financing, and implementation of climate resilient infrastructure investments;
  - (M) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to improve the public health of Indiana's communities by safely addressing the detrimental effects of climate change and other environmental injustices, such as the detrimental air quality effects of coal combustion emissions and the detrimental water quality effects of coal combustion residuals.
  - (N) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to systematically ensure justice and equity to all Hoosiers by prioritizing giving economic benefits and opportunities to frontline, marginalized, and low-income communities during all efforts to mitigate climate change, increase adaptation to climate change's effects in Indiana, and increase statewide economic development;
  - (O) Recommendations on policies that the state of Indiana should implement to increase education throughout Indiana about climate change and its effects in Indiana, including K-16 education for sustainable development.
- (2) not later than November 1, 2022, submit the report developed under subdivision (1) to the following:
- (A) The executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the general assembly. The report submitted to the executive director of the legislative services agency under this clause must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

**(B) The governor.**

**Sec. 8. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the task force.**

**Sec. 9. This chapter expires July 1, 2023.**

**SECTION 2. IC 8-1-1-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) Not later than June 1, 2022, the commission shall issue a report containing forecasts for each year from 2022 to 2050 of the greenhouse gas emissions that will be produced each year from the power generation of Indiana's investor-owned utility companies, based on the investor-owned utility companies' current integrated resource plans.**

**(b) Not later than June 1, 2022, the commission shall submit the report developed under subsection (a) to the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution to the members of the climate and environmental justice task force established under IC 2-5-46-2. The report submitted to the executive director of the legislative services agency under this clause must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

**(c) This section expires July 1, 2023.**

**SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**