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HB1003

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (BARTELS S) Makes changes to requirements for the readoption of administrative rules. Repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, and funds. Removes certain appointed members from various boards, commissions, and districts. Modifies the appointing authority for particular funds, boards, and councils. Provides that the professional licensing agency may adopt and enforce procedural rules for the administration of a board if the rule: (1) will affect multiple boards; and (2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected board. Establishes certain funds. Repeals the fire prevention and building safety commission (commission). Transfers the commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to the department of homeland security (department). Provides that variances relating to the building code shall be administered by the department or, with the approval of the department, the state building commissioner. Requires the department, on or before July 1, 2028, to adopt rules to supersede certain building rules. Provides that, if the rules adopted incorporate provisions included in a model code, rule, or requirement, the provisions: (1) may not be incorporated by reference and must be included in the rule; and (2) must be free and accessible to the public. Provides that, on or before July 1, 2027, the department shall submit a report to the legislative council that includes any provision that is included in the current building code rules on July 1, 2026, which the department recommends to be codified by the general assembly. Makes conforming amendments. Relocates certain provisions pertaining to the adoption of building rules. Establishes the athletic trainer interstate compact. Makes an appropriation.

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1/8/2026 - Coauthored by Representative Miller D

*State Bill Page:* [HB1003](#)

HB1110

PFAS CHEMICALS (CASH B) Requires the department of environmental management to adopt maximum contaminant levels for PFAS chemicals and effluent limitation standards for wastewater containing PFAS chemicals by July 1, 2027. Creates various compliance requirements for direct dischargers and indirect dischargers. Establishes various civil penalties. Establishes the PFAS chemical testing and remediation fund. Creates a PFAS chemical grant program.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1110](#)

HB1185

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (AYLESWORTH M) Adds a purpose for which money in the clean water Indiana fund may be used. Renames the value added research fund to the agricultural market development fund and makes various changes to the purposes for which money in the agricultural market development fund may be used. Allows the agricultural market development fund to accept grants, donations, and money received from any other source. Requires the division of soil conservation to work in collaboration with state and federal agencies and research institutions in the installation and maintenance of mesonet sites. Allows money in the grain buyers and warehouse licensing agency license fee fund to be used to augment and supplement funding for the implementation of the Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing and bonding law subject to approval by the budget agency. Makes conforming changes.

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1/8/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 10, Nays: 0

*State Bill Page:* [HB1185](#)

HB1222

REGULATION OF DAMS (LOPEZ D) Exempts retention ponds from dam regulations.

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HB1333 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT (CULP K) Requires a development that is sited on land: (1) in an area zoned agricultural; and (2) comprised of certain capability classes of soils; to be a permitted use. Extends governmental immunity to a private entity or nonprofit entity that has executed certain agreements under the Indiana brownfields program. Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation may not issue a specific transaction award certificate to exempt purchases made by certain data centers from sales and use tax exemption after June 30, 2026. For purposes of the statute concerning energy production zones: (1) redesignates the term "electric generation facility" as "electric generation or storage facility"; and (2) provides that the term includes a utility scale battery energy storage system (BESS). Defines, for purposes of the statute, an "onsite energy offtake development" (OEO development) as a commercial or industrial development: (1) that will be located on a premise of land in an energy production zone on which an electric generation or storage facility that is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Indiana utility regulatory commission will be located; (2) that will be equipped with or use water saving technologies; and (3) with respect to which the development owner has committed through an offtake agreement to purchase a specified amount of energy or capacity from the energy generation or storage facility; under the terms of an economic development agreement with a unit. Provides that if a planned electric generation or storage facility will include a BESS, the project owner must include in the required statutory notice to the local planning authority: (1) the emergency response plan required under the statute governing the approval of a BESS by the department of homeland security (department); and (2) documentation of the department's approval of the BESS. Provides that a development owner is not required to obtain a permit, or any other land use or zoning approval, from a local authority for the construction of an OEO development if the development owner: (1) provides notice containing specified information about the OEO development to the local authority before commencing construction; and (2) holds a public hearing in the unit in which the OEO development will be located; in the same manner provided under current law for planned electric generation or storage facilities. Makes conforming changes. Allows a plan commission, board of zoning appeals, or county or municipal legislative body (body) to require a person to provide their name and address in writing in order to speak at a public hearing regarding certain matters. Allows the body's presiding officer to give consideration to whether a person is a county resident or has an interest as an owner, lessor, lessee, or life tenant in real property within the county in deciding: (1) the order of speakers; and (2) the amount of time allotted to speakers; at a hearing.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1333](#)

HB1356 CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND (CULP K) Requires each board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance to allow landowners to apply to have land included in an agricultural resource area within the county. Specifies certain procedures and requirements for the agricultural resource area programs. Provides provisions that apply to land within a program, including eminent domain provisions, a prohibition against annexation for nonagricultural purposes, certain priority provisions for specified funding, and authorization for a county option property tax deduction for land located within agricultural resource areas in the county. Authorizes the Indiana state department of agriculture (department) to receive and hold agricultural conservation easements acquired by gift, bequest, or devise and to enter into agreements with nongovernment entities to monitor those easements. Establishes the farmland advisory board for the purpose of advising the department on developing standards for accepting, monitoring, and enforcing agricultural conservation easements it may hold, creating a model agricultural resource area ordinance, collecting feedback on agricultural resource areas, and supporting education and outreach about agricultural resource areas.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1356](#)

HB1361 FERTILIZER (BAIRD B) Codifies commercial fertilizer administrative rules. Defines or amends certain terms. Codifies certain requirements and processes for commercial fertilizer with respect to: (1) label format; (2) registration; (3) sampling and analysis; (4) primary containment of fluid bulk fertilizer at storage facilities; (5) operational area containment for fluid fertilizers; (6) diked secondary containment of fluid bulk fertilizers; (7) storage and handling of dry bulk fertilizers; and (8) storage facility location registry.

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SB54

ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICTS FOR SOLAR PROJECTS (BROWN L) Provides that after December 31, 2025, a permit authority may not establish in a unit a zoning overlay district in which one or more commercial solar energy projects (CSE projects) will be located unless each underlying zoning district across which the proposed overlay district will extend is zoned for a use that, under the unit's existing zoning ordinance at the time the overlay district is proposed, permits the location of a CSE project within that underlying district. Provides that if one or more underlying zoning districts across which the proposed overlay district will extend is not zoned for a use that permits the location of a CSE project within that underlying district, each such underlying zoning district, or part of the zoning district, must be rezoned for a use that permits the location of a CSE project within all or part of the underlying zoning district.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB54](#)

SB187

REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICTS (BOHACEK M) Specifies that a board of trustees of a regional water, sewage, or solid waste district (board) must consult with the district authority before taking certain actions. Provides that a trustee appointed to a board serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Prohibits a regional water, sewage, and solid waste district from incurring any indebtedness without first obtaining the approval of the county fiscal body. Specifies that if a district contains territory in more than one county, the district shall first obtain the approval of the county fiscal body of the county that contains more than 50% of the district's service area before the district may incur any indebtedness. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the task of studying whether to transfer administrative duties related to regional water, sewage, or solid waste districts.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB187](#)

SB224

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (GLICK S) Defines various terms. Amends the following definitions: (1) Fund. (2) Wildlife. Removes the following definitions: (1) Harvest season. (2) License. (3) Selling season. Makes various changes to natural resources commission procedures. Makes various changes to the department of natural resources (department) powers and duties. Removes coordination between the Indiana natural resources foundation and the President Benjamin Harrison conservation trust program. Reduces the Benjamin Harrison conservation trust project commission from 20 members to 17 members and amends who is appointed to the commission. Removes the hometown Indiana grant program. Amends various boating and wakeboard regulations. Raises the financial threshold for certain actions in a boating accident from \$750 to \$2,000. Raises the financial threshold for certain actions in an off-road vehicle accident from \$750 to \$2,500. Requires the state land office to approve the legal description of a utility easement. Requires a person to file a utility easement with the state land office after the easement is recorded in the county. Provides that the department shall charge a fee for a utility easement and put fees in the President Benjamin Harrison conservation trust fund. Creates an exception for a fee for a utility easement. Provides expiration terms for an archeology plan or development plan authorized by the division of historic preservation and archeology. Creates additional requirements for development plans. Repeals the program that helps landowners with problems created by localized deer populations. Repeals the game bird habitat restoration fund. Removes the department's ability to adopt rules to establish and operate a lottery system to allow an individual to purchase a license to take more than one antlered deer within a one year period. Repeals the requirement that the department deposit \$20 dollars from the cost of every nonresident license to hunt deer into the fish and wildlife fund. Removes the penalty for a person who acts as a hunting guide without a guide license. Amends the permit to possess live minnows and live crayfish. Replaces "wildlife" with "wild animal" throughout IC 14-22-34. Establishes the forestry equipment and maintenance fund. Permits the department to immediately remove certain low head dams to provide emergency protection to life or property. Makes various changes to ginseng licensing provisions. Adds improving water quality to the list of purposes for which a conservancy district may be established. Allows the division of water to perform certain functions on behalf of the natural resources commission. Requires the natural resources commission to coordinate with the department for purposes of a reporting requirement regarding conservancy districts. Requires the proceeds from royalties or other compensation paid for minerals taken from beneath the navigable waters of the Wabash River to be deposited into the Wabash River heritage corridor fund and the oil and gas fund in certain amounts. Allows the department to use a timber licensee's bond to recover the costs of damage associated with the issued license or ensure performance of the contract. Requires a person who violates the timber sales provisions to repay the cost of damages not covered by the bond paid by the person, and prohibits a person who does not repay the cost of damages in full from purchasing timber from the department for at least one year. Allows an applicant for a water well drillers license to request informal review by the department for the applicant's failed exam. Provides that, before a continuing education program is presented, either a sponsor of a continuing education program or a licensee who plans to attend a continuing education program may request informal review of a decision regarding

water well drilling contractors that was made by the department. Provides that the director may do the following: (1) Seize and confiscate the wild animal in the name of the state of Indiana. (2) Sell or dispose of the wild animal. (3) Deposit proceeds, if any, into the fish and wildlife fund. Establishes that a person may not chemically, mechanically, physically, or biologically control aquatic vegetation in the public: (1) waters containing state owned fish; (2) waters of the state; or (3) boundary water of the state. Removes fee scheme used to increase upland game bird population. Removes game bird and exotic mammal regulations. Makes conforming changes.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB224](#)

SB230

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (LEISING J) Makes various amendments to the role of supervisors on soil and conservation boards. Removes a requirement that an individual who conducted an inspection of a landfill in a soil and conservation district (district) submit a copy of the report to the division of soil conservation. Provides that a district that fails to provide a copy of each annual financial statement of the district to the soil conservation board by March 31 shall have its funding withheld until the requirements are satisfied. Repeals the Indiana land resource council. Requires the state department of agriculture to support, staff, and aid the Indiana FFA.

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*State Bill Page:* [SB230](#)

SB237

PFAS CHEMICALS (BALDWIN S) Defines "decision", "PFAS chemicals", and "state prioritized PFAS chemicals". Prohibits the department of environmental management (department) from basing a decision primarily on federal risk values that have not been promulgated through federal rulemaking. Instructs the department to avoid the use of federal risk values that are at or below background concentrations in air, water, soil, or sediment. Provides that the department shall focus on state prioritized PFAS chemicals when PFAS chemicals are relevant to carrying out the department's duties.

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SB277

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (NIEMEYER R) Amends, repeals, or adds certain terms. Makes certain changes concerning the purpose, structure, and powers of the department of environmental management or the environmental rules board. Makes certain changes to various boards or funds. Eliminates or amends rulemaking provisions. Makes certain changes to hearing and permitting processes. Changes or eliminates certain reporting requirements. Makes various changes to the water pollution statutes. Makes various changes to the solid waste and hazardous waste management statutes. Moves the Indiana recycling market development board to Title 13. Repeals or amends various sections regarding: (1) hazardous substances; (2) the voluntary remediation programs; (3) regional water districts; and (4) citizen lawsuits. Makes conforming and technical changes.

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