

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1186 # 9

DIGEST

Marion County sheriff's deputies. Provides that all deputies, excluding reserve deputies and jail deputies, employed by the Marion County sheriff's office on July 1, 2025, shall be certified by the law enforcement training board (board) as Tier II law enforcement officers. Requires the Marion County sheriff's office to submit to the board a list of deputies who have successfully completed at least the minimum basic training requirements at the Marion County Sheriff's Office Academy. Makes changes to the definition of a "law enforcement officer" for purposes of mandatory training for law enforcement officers.

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 5-2-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.173-2023,
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. For the purposes of this chapter, and unless the
6 context clearly denotes otherwise, the following definitions apply
7 throughout this chapter:
8 (1) "Law enforcement officer" means an appointed officer or
9 employee hired by and on the payroll of the state, any of the
10 state's political subdivisions, a hospital police department (as
11 described in IC 16-18-4), a tribal police officer (as described in
12 IC 5-2-24), or a public or private postsecondary educational
13 institution whose board of trustees has established a police
14 department under IC 21-17-5-2 or IC 21-39-4-2 who is granted
15 lawful authority to enforce all or some of the penal laws of the
16 state of Indiana and who possesses, with respect to those laws, the
17 power to effect arrests for offenses committed in the officer's or
18 employee's presence. **The term includes a special officer**
19 **employed by a consolidated city full time after June 30, 2023,**
20 **to perform park ranger duties and a deputy of the Marion**
21 **County sheriff's office.** However, except as otherwise provided
22 in this chapter, the following are expressly excluded from the
23 term "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of this chapter:

- 1 (A) A constable.
- 2 (B) A special officer whose powers and duties are described
3 in IC 36-8-3-7 or a special deputy whose powers and duties are
4 described in IC 36-8-10-10.6. ~~However, a special officer~~
5 ~~employed by a consolidated city full time after June 30, 2023,~~
6 ~~to perform park ranger duties is a law enforcement officer for~~
7 ~~the purposes of this chapter.~~
- 8 (C) A county police reserve officer who receives compensation
9 for lake patrol duties under IC 36-8-3-20(f)(3).
- 10 (D) A conservation reserve officer who receives compensation
11 for lake patrol duties under IC 14-9-8-27.
- 12 (E) An employee of the gaming commission whose powers
13 and duties are described in IC 4-32.3-9.
- 14 (F) A correctional police officer described in IC 11-8-9.
- 15 For purposes of section 12.5 of this chapter, the term includes a
16 police reserve officer (as described in IC 36-8-3-20), even if the
17 police reserve officer works as a volunteer.
- 18 (2) "Board" means the law enforcement training board created by
19 this chapter.
- 20 (3) "Executive training program" means the police chief executive
21 training program developed by the board under section 9 of this
22 chapter.
- 23 (4) "Law enforcement training council" means one (1) of the
24 confederations of law enforcement agencies recognized by the
25 board and organized for the sole purpose of sharing training,
26 instructors, and related resources.
- 27 (5) "Training regarding the lawful use of force" includes
28 classroom and skills training in the proper application of hand to
29 hand defensive tactics, use of firearms, and other methods of:
- 30 (A) overcoming unlawful resistance; or
31 (B) countering other action that threatens the safety of the
32 public or a law enforcement officer.
- 33 (6) "Hiring or appointing authority" means:
34 (A) the chief executive officer, board, or other entity of a
35 police department or agency with authority to appoint and hire
36 law enforcement officers; or
37 (B) the governor, mayor, board, or other entity with the
38 authority to appoint a chief executive officer of a police
39 department or agency.
- 40 (7) "Crisis intervention team" refers to a local coalition with a

1 goal of improving the manner in which law enforcement and the
 2 community respond to crisis situations in which an individual is
 3 experiencing a mental health or addictive disorder crisis.

4 (8) "Law enforcement agency" means a state agency, a political
 5 subdivision, a hospital police department (as described in
 6 IC 16-18-4), a tribal law enforcement agency (as described in
 7 IC 5-2-24), or a public or private postsecondary educational
 8 institution that employs and has on its payroll a law enforcement
 9 officer, including individuals described in subdivision (1)(A)
 10 through (1)(F)."

11 Page 11, delete lines 2 through 18, begin a new paragraph and
 12 insert:

13 "SECTION 2. IC 5-2-1-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 14 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 15 1, 2025]: **Sec. 21. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, all deputies,
 16 excluding reserve deputies and jail deputies appointed under
 17 IC 36-8-10-10.6(f), employed by the Marion County sheriff's office
 18 on July 1, 2025, shall be certified by the board as Tier II law
 19 enforcement officers, unless the deputy is otherwise certified as a
 20 Tier I law enforcement officer. The Marion County sheriff's office
 21 shall submit to the board a list of those deputies who have
 22 successfully completed at least the minimum basic training
 23 requirements at the Marion County Sheriff's Office Academy. The
 24 board shall transmit certificates of the certifications and other
 25 related documentation to the Marion County sheriff's office not
 26 later than September 1, 2025.**

27 **(b) After June 30, 2025, the Indiana law enforcement academy
 28 located in Plainfield, Indiana, shall admit individuals newly hired
 29 by the Marion County sheriff's office in the same manner and
 30 proportion as other law enforcement agencies provided that the
 31 individuals are hired as full-time law enforcement officers of the
 32 Marion County sheriff's office."**

33 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1186 as printed January 30, 2025.)