

# HOUSE BILL No. 1364

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5-1.3-13; IC 8-23-4.

**Synopsis:** I-65 and I-70 in Indianapolis. Prohibits the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT) from changing the location of the downtown corridor of I-65 and I-70 if the changes include above grade walls and additional lanes. Requires INDOT to consider increasing: (1) connectivity between neighborhoods and areas of commerce that are divided by the downtown corridor; and (2) opportunities for economic development surrounding the downtown corridor; when developing plans to change the location of the downtown corridor. Requires plans for changing the location of the downtown corridor to be submitted to the interim study committee on roads and transportation (committee). Requires the committee to review the plans for compliance and provide recommendations to the governor. Requires INDOT to consider recommendations from the committee.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-1.3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2018,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) A study committee shall study the  
4 issues assigned by the legislative council that are within the subject  
5 matter for the study committee, as described in section 4 of this  
6 chapter.  
7 (b) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
8 interim study committee on roads and transportation shall:  
9 (1) advise the bureau of motor vehicles regarding the suitability  
10 of a special group (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to receive a  
11 special group recognition license plate for the special group (as  
12 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) for the first time under IC 9-18.5-12-4  
13 and the suitability of a special group (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170)  
14 to continue participating in the special group recognition license  
15 plate program under IC 9-18.5-12-5; **and**  
16 (2) **advise the Indiana department of transportation regarding**  
17 **changes to the location of the downtown corridor (as defined**



1 **in IC 8-23-4-8.5).**

2 (c) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
3 interim study committee on corrections and criminal code shall review  
4 current trends with respect to criminal behavior, sentencing,  
5 incarceration, and treatment and may:

6 (1) identify particular needs of the criminal justice system that can  
7 be addressed by legislation; and

8 (2) prepare legislation to address the particular needs found by the  
9 committee.

10 SECTION 2. IC 8-23-4-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
11 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. **Except as provided in**  
12 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, the department may change the location of  
13 a state highway for the following reasons:

14 (1) To reduce the length of the highway.

15 (2) To eliminate steep grades or sharp turns.

16 (3) To widen narrow parts.

17 (4) To promote public convenience and safety.

18 SECTION 3. IC 8-23-4-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
19 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE  
20 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this section, "committee"**  
21 **means the interim study committee on roads and transportation.**

22 **(b) As used in this section, "downtown corridor" means the**  
23 **portions of Interstate Highway 65 and Interstate Highway 70**  
24 **surrounding the downtown Indianapolis area that include:**

25 **(1) the north and south interchange between Interstate**  
26 **Highway 65 and Interstate Highway 70;**

27 **(2) the portion along Interstate Highway 65 and Interstate**  
28 **Highway 70 from the north interchange to the south**  
29 **interchange;**

30 **(3) the portion along Interstate Highway 65 west to West**  
31 **Street;**

32 **(4) the portion along Interstate Highway 70 east to the**  
33 **Keystone Street and Rural Street interchange;**

34 **(5) the portion along Interstate Highway 70 west to West**  
35 **Street; and**

36 **(6) the portion along Interstate Highway 65 south to Raymond**  
37 **Street.**

38 (c) The department may not change the location of the  
39 downtown corridor if the change will include any of the following:

40 (1) Above grade walls.

41 (2) Widening portions of the downtown corridor to increase  
42 the existing number of lanes.



1           (d) The department shall consider the following when  
2 considering a change to the location of the downtown corridor:

3           (1) Increasing connectivity between neighborhoods and areas  
4 of commerce that are divided by the downtown corridor.

5           (2) Increasing opportunities for economic development  
6 surrounding the downtown corridor.

7           (e) The department shall submit any plan for a change of the  
8 location of the downtown corridor to the executive director of the  
9 legislative services agency in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6  
10 for review by the committee.

11           (f) The committee shall review plans submitted by the  
12 department under subsection (e) for compliance with subsections  
13 (c) and (d).

14           (g) After reviewing the plans, the committee shall submit  
15 recommendations to the governor for consideration in the final  
16 plans to change the location of the downtown corridor.

17           (h) After receiving the recommendations submitted under  
18 subsection (g), the department shall consider the recommendations  
19 of the committee when creating the final plan to change the  
20 location of the downtown corridor.

21           SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

