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RESOLUTION No. 11**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

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Ford, Mrvan, Niemeyer**

January 18, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.
February 20, 2018, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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2 council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of
3 the determination of the time zone or time zones in which
4 Indiana's 92 counties should be located.

5 *Whereas, Based on the geographical location of Indiana,*
6 *the original designation for all of Indiana from 1883-1965*
7 *was the Central Time Zone;*

8 *Whereas, Existing technology in the mid-1960s prompted*
9 *80 Indiana counties to be redesignated to the Eastern Time*
10 *zone to facilitate financial transactions with, and television*
11 *broadcast from, New York and the Eastern United States;*

12 *Whereas, While modern technology has negated the*
13 *original convenience advantage of being in the Eastern Time*
14 *Zone, the three-hour time difference with the West Coast that*
15 *now exists year-round causes costly inconveniences in*
16 *conducting direct business communications with the West*
17 *Coast, California being the ninth largest economy in the*
18 *world;*

19 *Whereas, Indiana's Constitution: Article 1, Bill of Rights,*
20 *states that "all free governments are, and of right ought to*
21 *be, founded on their (the People's) authority, and instituted*
22 *for their peace, safety, and well-being";*

23 *Whereas, The excessive amount of morning darkness*
24 *during the majority of the school year in Indiana's 80*

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1 *Eastern Time Zone counties jeopardizes the safety of the*
2 *850,000 students living in those counties, and the sunlight*
3 *schedule that is two hours out-of-sync with teens' biological*
4 *clocks is recognized to jeopardize their educational*
5 *performance and emotional well-being;*

6 *Whereas, An adverse sunlight schedule is a recognized*
7 *contributing cause of several recently released statistics*
8 *regarding Hoosiers' health, safety, and well-being: Hoosiers*
9 *are the seventh most obese and least physically fit, as well as*
10 *the eighth most tired in the USA; Indiana teens have the*
11 *highest death rate in the USA due to car crashes; Indiana*
12 *teens have the second highest suicide attempt rate in the*
13 *USA; and 50,000 Indiana students are chronic absentees*
14 *each year, the majority due to truancy;*

15 *Whereas, Senate Bill 127 passed in 2005, directing the*
16 *governor to petition the United States Department of*
17 *Transportation to hold hearings to determine the "time zone*
18 *or time zones in which Indiana's 92 counties should be*
19 *located";*

20 *Whereas, The USDOT replied that it was the job of the*
21 *Indiana General Assembly to determine where the time*
22 *boundary within Indiana should be located and then bring a*
23 *petition to them;*

24 *Whereas, 50 Indiana school boards and 25,000 Indiana*
25 *citizens have signed a resolution in support of restoring*
26 *Indiana to its original Central Time Zone; and*

27 *Whereas, The issues of commerce, productivity,*
28 *education achievement, student safety, and health are some*
29 *of the issues adversely affected by time zone placements:*
30 *Therefore,*

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
32 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring;*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
2 legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee
3 the topic of the determination of the time zone or time zones in
4 which Indiana's 92 counties should be located.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SC 11 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1

