

SENATE BILL No. 259

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-3-10.

Synopsis: Carrying of handguns by employees of the general assembly. Permits certain employees of the general assembly to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex if the employee: (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2016]:

4 **Chapter 10. Legislative Employees and Handguns**

5 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

6 (1) "Governing authority" means:

7 (A) the speaker of the house of representatives, with
8 respect to employees of the house of representatives;

9 (B) the president pro tempore of the senate, with respect to
10 employees of the senate; or

11 (C) the legislative council, with respect to employees of the
12 legislative services agency.

13 (2) "Professional staff of the general assembly" means a
14 permanent full-time employee of the house of representatives,
15 senate, or legislative services agency whose primary function
16 is:

17 (A) assisting members of the general assembly in



- 1 **communicating with constituents and responding to**
2 **constituent concerns;**
3 **(B) advising members of the general assembly concerning**
4 **the preparation, analysis, fiscal impact, and policy**
5 **implications of proposed legislation;**
6 **(C) preparing, printing, distributing, editing, or revising**
7 **proposed legislation and amendments to proposed**
8 **legislation;**
9 **(D) performing administrative and clerical functions**
10 **necessary to the operation of the general assembly,**
11 **including providing travel and payroll services; or**
12 **(E) providing technology support to the general assembly**
13 **or an employee of the general assembly.**
14 **The term includes officers of the house of representatives and**
15 **of the senate, and any person whose primary function is to**
16 **supervise a person described in clauses (A) through (E).**
17 **Sec. 2. Subject to governing authority rules and policies**
18 **concerning personnel practices, a member of the professional staff**
19 **of the general assembly who:**
20 **(1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and**
21 **(2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun;**
22 **has the right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building**
23 **and on the property of the state capitol complex.**

