

# SENATE BILL No. 27

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-47-3.5.

**Synopsis:** Firearm buyback programs. Extends, to political subdivisions, the application of current restrictions on firearm buyback programs. Prohibits a firearm buyback program that does not meet certain requirements related to staffing, serial number searches, firearm disposal, and disclosure of identifying information.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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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 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-47-3.5-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 2 1, 2025]. ~~Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a unit (as defined in~~
- 3 ~~IC 36-1-2-23); including a law enforcement agency of a unit.~~
- 4 SECTION 2. IC 35-47-3.5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 5 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 2.5. As used in this chapter,**
- 7 **"political subdivision" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13.**
- 8 **For purposes of this chapter, the term includes an elected office of**
- 9 **a political subdivision.**
- 10 SECTION 3. IC 35-47-3.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2014,
- 11 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 12 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. A ~~unit, including a law enforcement agency of~~
- 13 ~~a unit, political subdivision~~ may not conduct a firearm buyback
- 14 program unless the firearm buyback program is financed or funded
- 15 with private funds or grants, and not public funds.
- 16 SECTION 4. IC 35-47-3.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2014,
- 17 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 4. (a) A ~~unit~~ **political subdivision** having  
 2 possession of a firearm obtained from a firearm buyback program shall  
 3 transfer the firearm to a law enforcement agency of the ~~unit~~. **political**  
 4 **subdivision.**

5 (b) A law enforcement agency of a ~~unit~~ **political subdivision** that  
 6 has possession of a firearm obtained under subsection (a), or otherwise  
 7 as the result of a firearm buyback program, shall dispose of the firearm  
 8 in accordance with IC 35-47-3.

9 SECTION 5. IC 35-47-3.5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 10 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 11 1, 2025]: Sec. 5. A firearm buyback program may not be conducted  
 12 in Indiana unless the following requirements are met:

13 (1) A law enforcement officer must be present at the firearm  
 14 buyback program.

15 (2) The law enforcement officer described in subdivision (1)  
 16 shall do the following:

17 (A) Perform a search of the serial number of each firearm  
 18 obtained in the firearm buyback program to determine if  
 19 the firearm has been lost or stolen. The law enforcement  
 20 officer must perform the search described in this clause  
 21 using state or federal data bases to which the law  
 22 enforcement officer has access, unless using the data base  
 23 for the purpose described in this clause violates state or  
 24 federal law.

25 (B) Dispose of each firearm obtained from the firearm  
 26 buyback program in accordance with IC 35-47-3.

27 (3) An individual who surrenders or sells a firearm at a  
 28 firearm buyback program shall submit to the operator of the  
 29 firearm buyback program:

30 (A) at the time of the surrender or sale of the firearm; and

31 (B) on a form prescribed by the operator of the firearm  
 32 buyback program;

33 the individual's name, home address, and phone number.

34 (4) At the time an individual surrenders or sells a firearm at  
 35 a firearm buyback program, the law enforcement officer  
 36 described in subdivision (1) shall record the serial number of  
 37 the surrendered or sold firearm on the form submitted under  
 38 subdivision (3).

