

Cass County Ordinance 2013- 10

Ordinance Creating the Cass County School Safety Commission

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-2-10.1-10 allows counties within the State of Indiana to establish county school safety commissions; and,

WHEREAS, safety in Cass County Schools is of vital importance to the residents of Cass County; and,

WHEREAS, a collaborative undertaking among Cass County school corporations, police agencies, juvenile court, prosecuting attorney's office, and other representative agencies is essential to forming and implementing a comprehensive safety plan for the Cass County school corporations; and,

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reason, it is desirable to create the Cass County school safety Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE CASS COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-2-10.1-10, there is hereby established the Cass County School Safety Commission.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE CASS COUNTY SAFETY SCHOOL COMMISSION

- A. Perform a cumulative analysis of school safety needs within the County.
- B. Coordinate and make recommendations for the following:
 - (1) Prevention of juvenile offenses and improving the reporting of juvenile offenses within the school.
 - (2) Proposals for identifying and assessing children who are at high risk of becoming juvenile offenders.
 - (3) Methods to meet the educational needs of children who have been detained as juvenile offenders

- (4) Methods to improve communications among agencies that work with children.
 - (5) Methods to improve security and emergency services preparedness.
 - (6) Additional equipment or personnel that are necessary to carry out school safety plans.
 - (7) Any other topic the commission considers necessary to improve school safety within the school corporations within the commission jurisdiction.
- C. Provide assistance to the school safety specialists on the commission in developing and requesting grants for safety plans.
 - D. Provide assistance to the school safety specialists on the commission and participating school corporations in developing and requesting grants for safe haven programs under INDIANA CODE 5-2-10.1-7.
 - E. Assist each participating school corporation in carrying out the school safety plan.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

The members of the commission shall be pursuant to Indiana Code 5-2-10.1-10 as follows: *(not to exceed 15 in number)*

- A. The school safety specialist for each school corporation located in Cass county.
- B. The Judge of the Circuit Court or judge's designee.
- C. The Sheriff of the county or Sheriff's designee.
- D. The chief officer of every other law enforcement agency in the county, or chief's designee.
- E. A representative of the Juvenile probation system appointed by the judge described under subdivision (B).
- F. A representative of community agencies that work with children within the county.
- G. A representative of the Indiana State Police district that serves the county.

- H. A representative of the Cass County Prosecuting attorney's office who specializes in the prosecution of juveniles.
- I. Other appropriate individuals selected by the commission.
- J. A representative of the parochial schools located in Cass County.

SECTION 4. OFFICERS

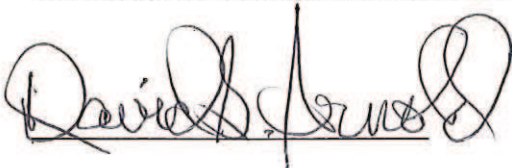
The members of the Cass County School safety Commission shall annually select a chairperson to preside at the meetings of the commission and a secretary.

SECTION 5. APPROVAL FOR ACTIONS BY THE COMMISSION

The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the commission is required for the commission to take action on a measure.

Dated this 3 day of September, 2013

The BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the County of Cass, State of Indiana.



Dave Arnold



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