

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-85-09

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
THE WABASH COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 10-21-1-12 requires each county to establish a county school safety commission to perform certain duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, hereby establishes the Wabash County School Safety Commission.

- Section 1. The members of the Commission are as follows:
- (1) A school safety specialist for each school corporation located in whole or in part in the County.
 - (2) The Judge of the Court having juvenile jurisdiction in the County or the Judge's designee.
 - (3) The Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee.
 - (4) The chief officer of every other law enforcement agency in the County, or the chief officer's designee.
 - (5) A representative of the juvenile probation system, appointed by the Judge of the Court having juvenile jurisdiction in the County.
 - (6) Representatives of community agencies that work with children within the County.
 - (7) A representative of the Indiana State Police district that serves the County, appointed by the Indiana State Police.
 - (8) A representative of the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana who specializes in the prosecution of juveniles.
 - (9) A school safety specialist of a charter school within the County if at least one (1) charter school within the County requests to participate.
 - (10) A school safety specialist of an accredited nonpublic school if at least one (1) accredited nonpublic school requests to participate.
 - (11) Other appropriate individuals selected by the commission.

Unless otherwise specified above, the members are appointed by the school corporation having the largest ADM (as defined in IC 20-18-2-2), as determined in the fall count of ADM in the school year ending in the current calendar year.

- Section 2. The school safety specialist of the school corporation having the largest ADM (as defined in IC 20-18-2-2), as determined in the fall count of ADM in the school year ending in the current calendar year, in the County shall convene the initial meeting of the Commission.

- Section 3. The members of the Commission shall annually elect a chairperson. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the Commission are required for the Commission to take action on a measure. The Commission shall annually submit to the Secured School Safety Board on a date established by the Board: (i) meeting minutes; (ii) any meeting agenda materials directly related to

taking action on a measure; and (iii) a brief annual summary of the Commission's activities and accomplishments.

Section 4.

A commission shall perform the following duties:

- (1) Periodically perform a cumulative analysis of school safety needs within the county.
- (2) Coordinate and make recommendations for the following:
 - (A) Prevention of juvenile offenses and improving the reporting of juvenile offenses within the schools.
 - (B) Proposals for identifying and assessing children who are at high risk of experiencing a mental health or behavioral health crisis or becoming juvenile offenders.
 - (C) Methods to meet the educational needs of children who have been detained as juvenile offenders.
 - (D) Methods to improve communications among agencies that work with children.
 - (E) Methods to improve school security and emergency preparedness.
 - (F) Additional equipment or personnel that are necessary to carry out school safety plans.
 - (G) Pooling resources, combining purchases, using shared administrative services, or collaborating among participating school corporations, school corporation career and technical education schools, and charter schools to improve the maintenance of safe schools.
 - (H) Implementing best practices and procedures to use critical incidence digital mapping in the event of an emergency within the County.
 - (I) Any other topic the commission considers necessary to improve school safety within the County.
- (3) Provide assistance to school safety specialists and school resource officers within the County in developing and:
 - (A) Implementing school safety plans; and
 - (B) Requesting grants from the Indiana secured school fund.
- (4) Assist accredited nonpublic schools within the County that voluntarily submit a school safety plan or a local school safety and emergency plan seeking assistance in carrying out the school safety plan.

Section 5.

The Commission shall receive the school safety plans for the school corporations and charter schools located in the County. The Commission may receive from an accredited nonpublic school within the County a school safety plan or a local school safety and emergency plan. The Commission shall keep the school safety plans compiled and retained confidential and shall withhold the information from public disclosure. The Commission may share the school safety plans with law enforcement and first responder agencies that have jurisdiction over the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. For the purposes of IC 5-14-3, the entities receiving a school safety plan shall keep information compiled and retained confidential and shall withhold the information from public disclosure.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 10 day of October, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY



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