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Indiana Fire Service Providers Required to Submit Semiannual Reports Beginning July 1, 2025

On May 6, 2025, Governor Mike Braun signed into law House Enrolled Act 1427-2025 (HEA 1427). Section 147 of HEA 1427 creates new reporting requirements under a new section of Indiana Code (I.C.), specifically I.C. 36-8-28, for fire service providers beginning July 1, 2025. It requires local fire service providers to submit semiannual reports to the State Fire Marshal. The reports must include specific data points regarding the frequency of fire runs, vehicles used, and the nature of each run.

Who Is Impacted?

This new law applies to any local unit that provides fire services, including:

- Counties, municipalities, or townships;
- Fire protection districts; and
- Fire protection territories.

Reporting Requirements

Each fire service provider must submit a report twice a year by the following deadlines:

- **Jan. 31** – covering activity from July 1 to Dec. 31 of the previous year
- **July 31** – covering activity from Jan. 1 to June 30 of the current year

Each report must include:

- The number of fire runs made during the reporting period;
- The number of vehicles that participated in each fire run;

- Information on whether a fire run consisted of: (1) a fire, (2) a vehicle accident, (3) emergency medical services, or (4) any other type of fire run; and
- Whether a fire was extinguished during the run.

The State Fire Marshal is responsible for reporting this data to the legislative council^[1] twice per year:

- By **March 1** – based on the reports submitted by Jan. 31
- By **Sept. 1** – based on the reports submitted by July 31

What The New Law Means

This new law imposes new responsibilities on local fire service providers and introduces a new system of statewide reporting. Starting July 1, 2025, all impacted entities must begin collecting this information and submit electronic reports to the State Fire Marshal twice a year, which will then be submitted to the legislative council.

To prepare, fire departments and local units should ensure that there are processes in place to track fire runs, vehicle deployment, and the nature of each run. Having accurate, timely data is necessary to maintain compliance with HEA 1427.

Look for follow-on guidance from the State Fire Marshal regarding how these reports are to be electronically submitted by the dates listed above. The first report will be due January 31, 2026, covering information collected from the last half of 2025. For more information on these new requirements, please contact the authors or any attorney with Frost Brown Todd's [Government Services Practice Group](#).

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^[1] The Indiana Legislative Council is a 16-member committee of the Indiana General Assembly, comprised of eight members from the Indiana House of Representatives and eight from the Indiana Senate. It handles administrative matters affecting both chambers,

including studying issues and making recommendations for policy changes.

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