IC 5-29-2

Chapter 2. Office of Tourism Development

IC 5-29-2-1

Office established

Sec. 1. The office of tourism development is established.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.

IC 5-29-2-2

Lieutenant governor appoints director

Sec. 2. The lieutenant governor shall appoint the director of the office.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.

IC 5-29-2-3

Director

Sec. 3. (a) The director of the office serves at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor.

(b) The director is the executive and chief administrative officer of the office.

(c) The director is entitled to compensation in an amount to be fixed by the lieutenant governor with the approval of the budget agency.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.

IC 5-29-2-4

Director; employees

Sec. 4. The director may hire employees as necessary in the performance of the office's functions. Salaries of personnel shall be fixed by the director, with the approval of the lieutenant governor and the budget agency.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.

IC 5-29-2-5

Office; duties

Sec. 5. (a) The office may do the following:

(1) Cooperate with federal, state, and local governments and agencies in the coordination of programs to promote tourism.

(2) Receive and expend funds, grants, gifts, and contributions of money, property, labor, and other things of value from public and private sources, including grants from agencies and instrumentalities of the state and the federal government. The office:

(A) may accept federal grants for providing planning assistance, making grants, or providing other services or functions necessary to political subdivisions, planning commissions, or other public or private organizations;

(B) shall administer these grants in accordance with the

terms of the grants; and

(C) may contract with political subdivisions, planning commissions, or other public or private organizations to carry out the purposes for which the grants were made.

(3) Request assistance, information, and advice regarding the duties and functions of the office from an officer, agent, or employee of the state. The head of any other state department or agency may assign any of the department's or agency's employees to the office on a temporary basis, or may direct a division or agency under the department's or agency's supervision and control to make a special study or survey requested by the director.

(4) Disseminate information concerning and advertise or contract to advertise the cultural, recreational, quality of life, and tourism advantages of Indiana.

(5) Plan, direct, and conduct research activities.

(b) The office shall assist in the development and promotion of Indiana's tourist resources, facilities, attractions, and activities.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.

IC 5-29-2-6

Advisory committee

Sec. 6. The director may establish advisory committees to advise the office on issues determined by the director. If the director establishes an advisory committee under this section, the advisory committee must:

(1) have members that represent diverse geographic areas and economic sectors of Indiana; and

(2) include members or representatives of tourism organizations.

An advisory committee member is not entitled to salary or per diem.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.

IC 5-29-2-7

Rules

Sec. 7. The director may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this article.

As added by P.L.229-2005, SEC.4.