Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council

**Purpose:** The Council was established by the Indiana to provide to the general assembly information from young people concerning issues that are of importance to youth in Indiana.

**Appointments:** The council consists of up to twenty-two (22) members, who must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and not more than twenty-two (22) years of age at the time of appointment:
- Five (5) members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- Five (5) members appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- Five (5) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- Five (5) members appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- Two (2) members appointed by the governor.

**Member Information:** Once an appointment is made, the appointing office fills out the attached Member Information Form and sends it to the Indiana Bar Foundation, which supervises and staffs the Council.

**Attendance:** Attendance at meetings is considered a lawful excuse for a student to be absent from school.

**Council Duties:** The council has the following duties:
1) To advise the general assembly concerning proposed and pending legislation, including budget expenditures and policy matters related to youth.
2) To advise the standing committees and study committees of the general assembly concerning issues related to youth.
3) To conduct periodic seminars for members of the council concerning leadership, government, and the general assembly.
4) To report to the general assembly, not later than December 1 of each year, concerning the council's activities, including any proposed legislation to implement recommendations of the council. The report must be in an electronic format.

**Expenses:** The expenses of the council are paid from the budget of the Indiana Department of Education.