

# SB 333 BACKGROUND

The current Indiana Building Code explicitly omits nationally recognized building inspection requirements for “Class 1” structures, creating a great risk to public safety. “Class 1” structures are buildings occupied by the general public and/or three (3) or more tenants. ***This bill does not apply to one-and-two-family residential structures.***

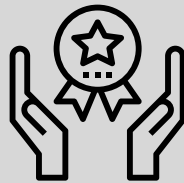
The omitted requirements are a critical part of the quality assurance standards of the International Building Code (IBC), the model upon which the Indiana Building Code is based. The purposeful deletion of these inspection requirements (and replacement with vague language within the Indiana General Administrative Rules) has put Indiana out of step with national construction practices and has left Indiana without a defined minimum standard for structural inspection of building construction.



**Indiana is one of two states** with a statewide building code that currently does not incorporate Chapter 17: Special inspection into its Building Code. The other state is Wisconsin.



Based on cost data from an ACEC-Indiana 2022 study, fees for special inspections services generally range from **approximately 0.11 percent to 0.80 percent of the total cost of construction.**



#### **Benefits of incorporating Special Inspections include:**

- Establishment and adherence to a minimum standard for structural inspection would send a strong message that Indiana prioritizes public safety.
- Identification of potentially dangerous structural deficiencies that may otherwise go unnoticed and allow contractors to take timely corrective action.
- Alignment of Indiana's building code with accepted practices throughout the U.S.

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**Amend IC 22-15-3-2 (4)(D), directing the Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission to provide rules for construction inspection.**

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