

- HB1001 ROAD FUNDING (SOLIDAY E) Provides for the transfer of the state's excess reserves to the local road and bridge matching grant fund and the state highway fund. Provides that use tax collected on sales of gasoline is distributed differently than ordinary sales and use tax collections. Provides that a county may impose the county motor vehicle license excise surtax and the county wheel tax at higher rates if the county uses a transportation asset management plan approved by the department. Authorizes an eligible municipality to impose a municipal motor vehicle excise surtax and a municipal wheel tax. Authorizes an adopting body of a county to specify that a part of the county's local income tax revenue is to be used for road and bridge projects. Increases the gasoline tax from the current rate of 18 cents per gallon to an indexed rate to be determined by the department of revenue. Increases the special fuel tax from the current rate of 16 cents per gallon to an indexed rate to be determined by the department of revenue. Increases the motor carrier surcharge tax from the current rate of 11 cents per gallon to an indexed rate to be determined by the department of revenue. Increases the cigarette tax to \$1.995 per pack and uses the additional revenue for reimbursements of Medicaid providers. Requires the department of revenue to study methods of indexing fuel tax rates and report to the interim study committee on roads and transportation. Provides that money that may be transferred from the major moves 2020 trust fund to the major moves construction fund in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, under current law may be transferred instead to the state highway fund and used for preserving and reconstructing existing roads and bridges for which the department is responsible. Requires the department to seek a waiver from the Federal Highway Administration to toll lanes on Interstate 65, Interstate 69, and Interstate 80/94. Requires the department to conduct a feasibility study of tolling on those interstates. Establishes the local road and bridge matching grant fund. Requires a person who registers an electric vehicle to pay a supplemental registration fee of \$100. Makes appropriations for various highway and bridge maintenance purposes. Appropriates \$250,000 to the department for the local technical assistance program to develop a data collection system. Appropriates \$2,000,000 to the state department of health for the tobacco use prevention and cessation program. Repeals provisions requiring excess state reserves in an odd-numbered state fiscal year to be used for an automatic taxpayer refund and the pension stabilization fund.
- Current Status:* 2/25/2016 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/11/2016 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/8/2016 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- HB1012 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BRACELET AND IDENTIFICATION CARD (KOCH E) Requires the state department of health (department), upon request, to issue a bracelet or identification card indicating that an individual has been medically diagnosed with a developmental disability. Allows the department to charge a fee for the bracelet and identification card. Provides that the information collected by the department is confidential.
- Current Status:* 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 200: yeas 48, nays 1
Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - House Bills on Third Reading
2/22/2016 - Senator Randolph added as cosponsor
- HB1037 TAX INCENTIVES AND REPORTING (KOCH E) Authorizes the department of local government finance to incorporate by reference in an administrative rule certain formatting, coding, and transmission requirements for data that must be submitted by counties. Provides that a property owner is not entitled to the residential rehabilitation deduction for an increase in assessed value attributable to rehabilitation occurring after December 31, 2016. Provides that a property owner is not entitled to the rehabilitated property deduction for an increase in assessed value attributable to rehabilitation occurring after December 31, 2016. Provides that the state tax credit for contributions to the twenty-first century scholars program support fund may not be claimed for contributions made after December 31, 2016. Provides that for purposes of the residential historic rehabilitation tax credit: (1) qualified expenditures do not include expenditures made after December 31, 2016; and (2) a taxpayer may not claim the credit for an expenditure made after December 31, 2016. Specifies additional information that must be reported by each redevelopment commission to the unit's executive and fiscal body and to the department of local government finance.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- HB1049 PUBLIC PURCHASING (BACON R) Specifies requirements for the department of administration's application of factors or criteria to proposals offered in response to a request for proposals for a purchase by a state agency. Requires the department of administration, before a contract is awarded, to provide an explanation of the method by which the factors or criteria are applied to a proposal.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/13/2016 - Representative Riecken added as coauthor
1/5/2016 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

HB1062	<p>SAFETY REST AREAS (AYLESWORTH M) Requires the office of management and budget to investigate the appropriateness of transferring maintenance responsibilities for safety rest areas from the Indiana department of transportation to the office of tourism development and to report its findings to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2016.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation</p> <p>1/5/2016 - First Reading</p>
HB1067	<p>INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR COLLEGE CHOICE 529 PLAN (CULVER W) Increases the income tax credit to up to \$1,500 for contributions to a college choice 529 education savings plan.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means</p> <p>1/5/2016 - First Reading</p>
HB1070	<p>INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY TAX CREDIT (TORR J) Provides that a taxpayer is entitled each taxable year to an industrial recovery tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability in an amount equal to 25% of the taxpayer's qualified investment in a qualified community development entity made during the taxable year.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means</p> <p>1/5/2016 - First Reading</p>
HB1194	<p>PREPAID COLLEGE TUITION (TRUITT R) Establishes the Indiana prepaid college program. Requires the Indiana education savings authority to administer the program. Provides for the advance payment of tuition (including registration fees) at a community college or state university. Provides that the tax credit for 529 education savings plans includes money contributed to the prepaid college program.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/11/2016 - Representatives Goodin and Dermody added as coauthors</p> <p>1/7/2016 - Referred to House Education</p>
HB1200	<p>EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTOCOLS FOR STROKE PATIENTS (ZENT D) Requires the emergency medical services commission to adopt rules concerning protocols for the identification, transport, and treatment of stroke patients by personnel providing emergency medical services. Urges the legislative council to assign during the 2016 interim the topic of establishing and implementing a statewide plan for the improvement of care in Indiana for stroke patients.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Public Health</p> <p>1/7/2016 - First Reading</p>
HB1234	<p>LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION (MCNAMARA W) Repeals certain statutes concerning law enforcement academies and law enforcement training currently located in the state and local administration law (Title 5). Recodifies the repealed statutes in the public safety law (Title 10). Changes the name of the law enforcement training board to the peace officer standards and training commission (commission). Enables individuals to obtain law enforcement training without an appointment by a law enforcement agency. Authorizes a state educational institution to enter into contractual agreements with the commission for specific programs to be wholly supported by the commission without the approval of the commission for higher education. Authorizes a qualified postsecondary educational institution to: (1) submit an application to the commission for a certificate of authority to conduct law enforcement training programs; and (2) cooperate with the commission for the development of specialized courses of study in police science and administration. Specifies that local law enforcement agencies may require police officer trainees to complete pre-basic courses and basic training provided by any authorized entity. Makes conforming changes. Makes an appropriation.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/26/2016 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety , (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)</p> <p>1/12/2016 - Representative Price added as coauthor</p>
HB1253	<p>HISTORIC REHABILITATION CREDIT (FORESTAL D) Provides that the historic rehabilitation credit continues for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, without expiration.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/11/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means</p> <p>1/11/2016 - First Reading</p>
HB1264	<p>PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS AND PEER REVIEW (KIRCHHOFFER C) Adds a provider organization to the definition of</p>

"professional health care provider" for purposes of inclusion in the peer review committee statute.

Current Status: 2/23/2016 - House Bills on Second Reading

Recent Status: 2/22/2016 - House Bills on Second Reading

2/18/2016 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

- HB1312 VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (GUTWEIN D) Defines "veteran", for the purpose of qualifying as a veteran owned small business by the Indiana department of administration, as an individual who previously: (1) served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, (2) the National Guard, or (3) the Indiana National Guard; and received an honorable discharge from service. Includes in the definition of "veteran" for the purpose of qualifying as a veteran owned small business by the Indiana department of administration an individual who is serving in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, the national guard, or the Indiana National Guard. Requires that a business seeking to qualify as a small business owned and operated by veterans have current certification as a veteran owned small business by the Indiana department of administration. Removes the requirement that a veteran be a resident of Indiana for at least one year before making an offer to bid on a state contract. Provides that certain information submitted by an applicant for certification as a veteran owned small business is confidential.
- Current Status:* 2/23/2016 - Senator Arnold added as cosponsor
- Recent Status:* 2/23/2016 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
- 2/23/2016 - DO PASS AMEND Yeas: 8; Nays: 0
- HB1314 POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS (MAYFIELD P) Provides that town police reserve officers are eligible for a line of duty death benefit from the special death benefit fund. Provides that, after December 31, 2016, a county, city, or town shall furnish without charge to a police reserve officer (officer) who is injured or contracts an illness in the course of or as the result of performing duties as an officer all necessary physician, surgical, hospital, and nursing services and supplies, and that this obligation supersedes any obligations that another medical insurance carrier has to pay the officer's medical expenses. Provides that, after December 31, 2016, a county, city, or town shall provide to an officer who is unable to pursue the officer's usual vocation as the result of an injury or illness occurring in the course of or as the result of the performance of duties as an officer a weekly amount equal to the Indiana minimum wage computed on the basis of a 40 hour work week for a maximum of 260 weeks. Provides that a county, city, or town may meet its obligations by purchasing policies of group insurance, establishing a plan of self-insurance, or participating in the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation and occupational diseases law.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
- Recent Status:* 1/12/2016 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
- 1/12/2016 - First Reading
- HB1345 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (LAWSON L) Requires law enforcement training on disproportionate minority contact and cultural diversity awareness. (Current law requires a course of study on cultural diversity awareness.) Requires that certain law enforcement training must be provided by licensed psychologists or social workers. Requires all the following: (1) That the mandatory law enforcement training on human and sexual trafficking must include the topic of identification of sexual exploitation of children. (2) That law enforcement training must include instruction on youth development, the impact of demographics and cultural influences on youth development, age appropriate interactions, conflict resolution and deescalation techniques, and alternatives to arrest. (3) That the mandatory inservice training for law enforcement officers must include two hours of refresher training on certain topics concerning youth. (4) That the town marshal basic training program must include training on interacting with youth. Establishes additional instruction topics required for school resource officer training.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
- Recent Status:* 1/12/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Mahan
- 1/12/2016 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
- HB1385 USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS (KOCH E) Requires each state agency to report to the office of state based initiatives and the budget agency on the use of any federal funds and to adopt a contingency plan to address the impact on programs if federal funding were reduced or eliminated. Provides that the office of state based initiatives shall compile a comprehensive report covering all state agencies.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
- Recent Status:* 1/13/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- 1/13/2016 - First Reading
- HB1407 ABLE AUTHORITY AND BOARD (BOSMA B) Creates the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) authority (authority) and the ABLE board (board) of the authority. Requires the authority to establish a qualified ABLE program under which a person may make contributions for a taxable year for the benefit of an eligible individual to an ABLE

account to meet the qualified disability expenses of the designated beneficiary in compliance with federal law. Sets forth duties and powers of the authority and the board. Establishes a general operating fund, endowment fund, and trust fund.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/28/2016 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127
1/28/2016 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

- SB11 ABLE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY (KENLEY L) Creates the "achieving a better life experience" (ABLE) authority (authority). Establishes the ABLE board (board) of the authority. Provides that the authority may establish a qualified ABLE program under which a person may make contributions for a taxable year for the benefit of an eligible individual with a disability to an ABLE account to meet the qualified disability expenses of the designated beneficiary in compliance with federal law. Sets forth duties and powers of the authority and the board. Establishes a general operating fund, endowment fund, and trust fund.
Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/22/2016 - Rule 105.1 suspended
2/22/2016 - Representatives McNamara and Sullivan added as cosponsors
- SB24 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMIES (ARNOLD J) Imposes a \$1 fee on each bureau of motor vehicles transaction on which a fee already is imposed. Deposits the fees in the statewide law enforcement training fund to provide additional funding to law enforcement academies and training centers that: (1) are certified by the law enforcement training board; and (2) provide basic training to law enforcement officers. Makes a continuous appropriation.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Senator Boots added as second author
1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security & Transportation
- SB32 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY (MRVAN F) Adds various job and employee definitions to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) laws. Requires that all records related to taxpayer funded economic development incentives must be disclosed under the open records law. Requires that the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report must be published on the Indiana transparency portal Internet web site. Requires the IEDC and the department of state revenue to compile information on all job creation incentives granted, including the total amount of uncollected or diverted state tax revenues resulting from each incentive, and requires that this information must be included as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires the IEDC to recapture job creation incentives from a recipient that: (1) fails to make the level of capital investment; (2) fails to create or retain the promised number of jobs; or (3) pays less in wages; than specified in an incentive agreement. Requires the IEDC to compile information on all recapture activities and incentives recouped from unfulfilled commitments and to include the information as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires incentive recipients to prepare an annual compliance report on the number of jobs created or retained, employee pay, and various other information concerning the use of the incentives, and requires the IEDC to compile this information and include it in the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Repeals and replaces the definition of "job creation incentive" without change to maintain alphabetical order.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Technology
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- SB94 STATE CONTROLLER (MILLER P) Establishes the office of state controller, beginning January 1, 2023. Provides for transition of the powers and duties of the auditor of state and the treasurer of state to the state controller. Provides for expiration of statutes relating to the powers and duties of the auditor of state and the treasurer of state on January 1, 2023.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Elections
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- SB184 ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM (HOUCHIN E) Establishes the Indiana achieving a better life experience (ABLE) program. Creates the Indiana achieving a better life experience board (board). Requires the board to establish a qualified ABLE program under which an individual may make contributions for a taxable year for the benefit of an eligible individual to an ABLE account to meet the qualified disability expenses of the designated beneficiary in compliance with Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code. Sets forth duties and powers of the board.

Establishes a general operating fund, endowment fund, and trust fund. Requires a taxpayer to add back the amount of any deductible contributions to or earnings realized by an ABLE account that were distributed to the taxpayer as a designated beneficiary of the ABLE account in the taxable year and not used to pay qualified disability expenses or held for the minimum length of time established by the board. Provides that a distribution from an ABLE account used to pay qualified disability expenses incurred by the designated beneficiary of the ABLE account is exempt from the adjusted gross income tax. Provides that the amount of a contribution to an ABLE account is deductible for Indiana income tax purposes up to \$8,000, in the case of an individual filing a single return, or \$16,000, in the case of a married couple filing a joint return. Provides that a debtor's interest in an ABLE account is exempt from the execution of a judgment against the debtor.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
1/6/2016 - First Reading

SB206

FSSA MATTERS (MILLER P) Allows the secretary of family and social services (secretary) to delegate appointment authorities, the issuance of certain orders, and other acts to carry out the functions of the divisions to an individual. Authorizes the secretary to adopt rules concerning the implementation and administration of the early education grant pilot program. Changes references from intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded to intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Removes the expiration of the law concerning the waiver to set an emergency placement priority for individuals in certain situations. Allows the office of Medicaid policy and planning to allow the use of a limited criminal history check for certain providers under the Medicaid program. Adds a representative of the Indiana Academy of Physician Assistants to the Medicaid advisory committee. Creates an exception for state institutions concerning advanced practice nurses acting under a collaborative agreement with a practitioner, requiring that the nurse act under privileges granted by the governing body of the institution.

Current Status: 2/25/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Second reading ordered engrossed
2/23/2016 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB276

MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR DIALYSIS TREATMENT (BREAUX J) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a Medicaid state plan amendment or demonstration waiver to provide kidney dialysis treatment for undocumented immigrants who have been a resident of Indiana for at least one year and have been diagnosed with end stage renal disease.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Health & Provider Services
1/7/2016 - First Reading

SB278

EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (STOOPS M) Provides that the policy (policy) of the state is to promote competitive and integrated employment, including self-employment, as the first and preferred option when providing services to individuals with disabilities who are of working age. Provides that the policy applies to programs and agencies that provide services and support to help obtain employment for individuals with disabilities. Provides that the primary objective and preferred outcome of transition services provided as part of a special education program or related services to a child with a disability who is at least 14 years of age is to assist the child in obtaining competitive and integrated employment. Establishes an employment first task force to: (1) establish baseline data regarding the number of individuals with disabilities in competitive and integrated employment and set annual goals for increasing the percentage of individuals with disabilities in competitive and integrated employment; (2) identify and resolve barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities; (3) analyze current state agency policies concerning the provision of services to individuals with disabilities and recommend changes; (4) assist state agencies in the implementation of the policy; and (5) provide an annual report to the governor and the legislative council concerning the employment of individuals with disabilities. Provides that the director of the division of disability and rehabilitative services serves as the task force chair.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/21/2016 - Senator Miller, Pat added as second author
1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor

SB287

EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE FOR INDIANA CITIZENS (DELPH M) Requires that whenever an employer makes an employment decision for a job located or based in Indiana after June 30, 2016, the employer shall give a preference in employment to an Indiana resident who is a citizen of the United States. Provides that an individual may not receive the preference unless the individual meets the job related qualifications for the position and has resided in Indiana for at least five years. Provides that the employer may require that an individual provide documentation to establish that the individual is entitled to the preference. Requires the department of labor to receive, investigate, and attempt to

resolve complaints concerning alleged violations. Requires employers to provide notice of the preference in a format accessible to applicants and employees, and requires the department of labor to develop language for use by employers in providing the notice.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor
1/7/2016 - First Reading

SB301

WORKFORCE EDUCATION (KENLEY L) Requires the department of workforce development (DWD) to prepare a report before July 1, 2016, regarding the expected workforce needs of employers during the following 10 years and the training and education that will be required to meet those expected workforce needs. Requires DWD to categorize these workforce needs and training and education requirements by job classification on a statewide basis and also for each works council region. Provides that in preparing the labor market demand report and the average wage level report used in determining school funding for career and technical education, the DWD shall consider the information included in the report. Requires the DWD, with the assistance of the commission for higher education (CHE), Ivy Tech Community College (Ivy Tech), and regional works councils, to do the following for each works council region: (1) Prepare an inventory of the career and technical education courses available to students attending high school in the region and of the certification courses provided by Ivy Tech in the region. (2) Identify any gaps or imbalances between the career and technical education courses and certification courses offered and the workforce needs and training and education requirements in the region. Requires the DWD, with the assistance of the CHE, Ivy Tech, and regional works councils, to annually: (1) develop recommendations concerning the career and technical education courses and courses leading to a certification that should be offered at high schools within each region; (2) report to the budget committee before January 1 of each year concerning the recommendations; and (3) report the recommendations to the board of trustees, administration, and faculty of Ivy Tech at a meeting scheduled by the Ivy Tech board of trustees. Requires the DWD, in consultation with the CHE, the department of state revenue, and Ivy Tech, to develop a procedure for measuring certain outcomes for credential or degree completers of Ivy Tech. Specifies that the commissioner of the DWD or the commissioner's designee shall be a member of each program advisory committee established by Ivy Tech. Requires advisory committees established by Ivy Tech to do the following: (1) Consider the workforce needs and training and education needs identified in the report prepared by the DWD. (2) Present to the Ivy Tech board of trustees any findings or recommendations of the advisory committee concerning those needs. Requires the CHE, in coordination with DWD, to develop and recommend funding amounts and performance metrics that reward workforce training programs. Provides that these funding amounts and performance metrics must be aligned with the workforce needs and training and education requirements reported by the DWD. Specifies that a regional works council may develop an alternative career, technical, or vocational educational curriculum for high school students in its region in order to provide a curriculum that is aligned with the workforce needs of the region as described in the report. (Current law allows a regional works council to develop an alternative curriculum under certain circumstances, and requires approval by the state board of education (state board) before the alternative curriculum may be implemented.) Requires public high schools, including charter high schools, to make an annual report to the DWD concerning career and technical education course availability, enrollment, completion, and subsequent employment. Provides that the Ivy Tech board of trustees shall establish an administrative structure for Ivy Tech that provides the support necessary for workforce training programs, programs designed for the direct entry of individuals into the workforce, and programs to enhance the skills of workers. Requires Ivy Tech, at the president's recommendation, to employ: (1) a vice president responsible for students whose academic intent is to earn credit to transfer and apply to a baccalaureate program at a four year institution; and (2) a vice president responsible for students whose academic intent is to complete a workforce training program, complete a credential or associate degree at Ivy Tech, and subsequently enter the workforce. Requires Ivy Tech to annually report to the DWD concerning certificate programs available that are linked to third party certifications, including the enrollment, completion, and subsequent employment for students completing certificate programs. Requires Ivy Tech to annually report to the CHE, the DWD, and the legislative council concerning: (1) the elimination or restructuring of certain programs and services; (2) the development of courses and programs identified as being required to meet workforce needs; and (3) whether the resources available to Ivy Tech are sufficient. Requires the president of Ivy Tech to report each year concerning progress in the efforts to align courses and programs with the workforce needs and educational requirements within each works council region. Requires the Ivy Tech board of trustees to do the following in its development and adoption of programs leading to a certificate and for workforce training programs: (1) Consider findings and recommendations that are submitted to the board of trustees by advisory committees. (2) Obtain and consider comments and input from Indiana employers and employer organizations. (3) Ensure that the programs are aligned with the primary purposes of Ivy Tech. Requires the state board to consider the workforce needs and training and education requirements reported by the DWD when the state board makes revisions to its long range state plan for secondary level career and technical education programs. Provides that in carrying out its duties to match education and training programs with current and future needs of the state's job market, the Indiana career council shall consider the workforce needs and training and education requirements reported by the DWD. Specifies that certain of these requirements sunset on July 1, 2020.

Current Status: 2/25/2016 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/18/2016 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

SB321

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETING (MILLER P) Provides that for each budget year after 2018, the department of local government finance (DLGF) shall certify a political subdivision's budget, tax rate, and tax levy not later than: (1) December 31 of the year preceding the budget year, unless a taxing unit in a county is issuing debt after December 1 in the year preceding the budget year or intends to file a shortfall appeal; or (2) January 15 of the budget year, if a taxing unit in a county is issuing debt after December 1 in the year preceding the budget year or intends to file a shortfall appeal. (Under current law, these certifications must be completed not later than February 15 of the budget year.) Retains the November 1 deadline for a political subdivision to adopt a budget for the following year. Specifies that after 2017, the county auditor shall provide before June 1 an initial estimate of assessed valuations to political subdivisions within the county. For calendar years after 2017, changes: (1) the date by which a county assessor must provide the county auditor with assessed values; (2) the date by which a county must submit the coefficient of dispersion study and property sales assessment ratio study to the DLGF; (3) the date by which a political subdivision must submit a proposal to establish a cumulative fund to the DLGF; (4) the date by which the budget agency must provide to the DLGF and county auditors an estimate of each county's local income tax distributions for the following year; and (5) the date by which the DLGF must estimate each taxing unit's distribution of local income tax for the following year. Changes other deadlines in the local budgeting process in order to conform to the December 15 deadline for DLGF certification of budgets, tax rates, and tax levies. Provides that the DLGF shall before July 15 of each year provide taxing units with an estimate of the maximum property tax levies that will apply for the ensuing calendar year. Provides that the DLGF must before August 1 of each year provide to each taxing unit an estimate of the amount by which the taxing unit's distribution of property taxes may be reduced by circuit breaker credits in the ensuing year. Provides that for a fund of a political subdivision subject to the levy limits, the DLGF shall calculate and certify the allowable budget of the fund if the political subdivision adopts a tax levy that exceeds the estimated maximum levy limits as provided by the DLGF. Specifies that for a fund subject to levy limits and for which the political subdivision adopts a tax levy that is not more than the levy limits, the DLGF shall review the fund to ensure the adopted budget is fundable based on the unit's adopted tax levy and estimates of available revenues. Requires the budget agency to provide the assessed value growth quotient for the ensuing year to civil taxing units, school corporations, and the DLGF before July 1 of each year. Requires the DLGF to provide to political subdivisions: (1) the maximum property tax rate that may be imposed by the political subdivision for each cumulative fund or other fund for which a maximum rate is established; and (2) the property tax rates that must be imposed by the political subdivision in the following year for debt service. Requires the DLGF to update the estimate before August 1. Provides that in formulating a political subdivision's estimated budget, the proper officers of the political subdivision must consider the net property tax revenue that will be collected by the political subdivision during the ensuing year, after taking into account the estimates by the department of local government finance of: (1) the amount by which the political subdivision's distribution of property taxes will be reduced by circuit breaker credits; and (2) the maximum amount of net property tax revenue and miscellaneous revenue that the political subdivision will receive in the ensuing year. Repeals the statutes concerning county fiscal body nonbinding review of local budgets, tax levies, and tax rates and the nonbinding review pilot project. Requires the county fiscal body to review the following at a public meeting: (1) The estimated levy limits provided by the DLGF. (2) The estimated circuit breaker credit impact on taxing units. Provides that after this meeting is held, the county fiscal body may prepare and distribute a written recommendation for taxing units in the county. For property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2016, provides that the maximum appropriations for a community intellectual disability and other developmental disabilities center may not increase annually by a percentage greater than the assessed value growth quotient percentage. Requires the DLGF to provide to counties before July 15 of each year an estimate of the maximum appropriation amount for the ensuing year. Provides that for purposes of determining the property tax levy limits, a county's or municipality tax levy excludes all the taxes imposed for a county or municipal cumulative capital development fund. Requires the DLGF to provide annually to each county and municipality an estimate of: (1) the maximum tax rate that the county, city, or town may impose for a cumulative capital development fund; and (2) the maximum amount of property taxes imposed for community mental health centers or community intellectual disability and other developmental disabilities centers that are exempt from the levy limits for the ensuing year. Requires the DLGF to make a one time permanent adjustment to the levy limits equal to the amount of property taxes imposed on personal property of banks that became subject to assessment in 1989 (this amount is currently excluded under a separate statute). Repeals the statute providing that property taxes imposed by a county or municipality to pay supplemental juror fees (above the required amount) are exempt from the levy limits.

Current Status: 2/23/2016 - DO PASS AMEND Yeas: 22; Nays: 0

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/16/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

SB364

MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDIT AND HEALTH SURVEY WORK GROUPS (BASSLER E) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to establish a work group to discuss the policies and procedures used in Medicaid provider audits. Requires the state department of health (state department) to establish a work group to discuss and establish policies and procedures for allowing a provider that is the subject of a survey to review, discuss, and mediate the

survey results before the survey is finalized. Requires the office and the state department to submit the work group's findings and any statutory recommendations to legislative council before December 1, 2016.

Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Motion to dissent filed

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

2/22/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 212: yeas 94, nays 0

SB378

INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (YODER C) Provides that the office of small business and entrepreneurship may maintain: (1) a toll free telephone number; and (2) an Internet web page; to provide free access to the office's services related to the Indiana small business development center. Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) may (instead of "shall" as under current law) maintain a small business division to carry out its duties. Provides that, if the IEDC maintains a small business division, the IEDC shall provide free access to the division services through: (1) a toll free telephone number; and (2) an Internet web page. Repeals the local economic development organization grant program. Amends the definition of "qualified entity" for purposes of the economic development fund to include a local economic development organization eligible for a grant under the local economic development organization grant program. Provides that the IEDC has certain powers concerning enterprise zones that would otherwise be entrusted to the board of the IEDC under current law. Provides that an enterprise zone business that fails to comply with certain annual reporting requirements to the IEDC waives the amount of the tax and exemption incentives available to the zone business for the preceding year, unless the zone business pays the IEDC a penalty of: (1) an amount not to exceed 7% for the first instance of noncompliance; or (2) 15% for the second instance of noncompliance and each subsequent instance; of the amount of the tax credit and exemption incentives for the preceding year. (Under current law, the penalty amount is 15% for each instance of noncompliance.) Provides that the IEDC (and not the board of the IEDC as under current law) has certain powers and duties concerning certain tax credit provisions. Repeals the definition of "director" in certain tax credit provisions. Provides that the IEDC (and not the director of the IEDC as under current law) has certain duties concerning those tax credit provisions. Provides that, if the IEDC determines that a taxpayer is not in compliance with an economic development for a growing economy tax credit agreement, a Hoosier business investment tax credit agreement, or a Hoosier alternative fuel vehicle manufacturer tax credit agreement, the IEDC shall, after giving the taxpayer an opportunity to explain the noncompliance: (1) notify the department of state revenue of the noncompliance; and (2) request that the department of state revenue impose an assessment on the taxpayer as provided by the tax credit agreement. (Under current law, the department of state revenue and the IEDC may make determinations concerning a taxpayer's noncompliance with a tax credit agreement.) Repeals outdated language. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/9/2016 - Representative Hale added as cosponsor

2/9/2016 - Representative Olthoff added as cosponsor

Week-In-Review
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[Pence has 'confidence' in ISTEP report despite alterations](#)

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said Wednesday he has "confidence in the integrity" of his State Board of Education despite an Associated Press review of documents that showed a top education official made significant alterations to a report that detailed a so-called independent investigation into the troubled and unpopular standardized ISTEP+ exam for students.

[Speaker: Not enough support for \\$42M Regional Cities boost](#)

A key GOP leader says a proposed \$42 million funding boost for Gov. Mike Pence's Regional Cities initiative does not currently have enough support to advance.

[Bill aims to regulate fantasy sports websites in Indiana](#)

Daily fantasy sports websites like "Fan Duel" or "Draft Kings" are becoming more popular every day. Now, Senate Bill 339 is aiming to put some consumer protections into place for that fan base.

[Ellspermann to resign on March 2](#)

Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann will step down from office early next month, clearing the way for a much anticipated shake-up to Gov. Mike Pence's re-election effort.

[Senate panel takes up bill with fetal remains provision](#)

Opponents of a bill containing several abortion-related measures -- including one that would require the remains of miscarried or aborted fetuses to either be cremated or interred -- have urged an Indiana Senate committee to vote against the measure.

[LGBT Rights Amendment Fails On House Floor](#)

The vast majority of House Republicans dismissed a Democratic amendment Thursday that would've barred employment discrimination

against the LGBT community.

[Colleges won't let go of donation tax credit](#)

State Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, didn't mince words during a public hearing on tax issues last month.

[Future uncertain for state environmental policy limit](#)

The future remains uncertain for a proposed limit on Indiana's authority to make its own environmental policies.

[Bill To Create Permanent Drug Task Force Moves Forward](#)

Legislation to create a permanent Indiana drug task force heads to the House floor after a committee approved the measure Tuesday. The bill has support from both parties, but some Democrats want language to ensure diversity on the task force.

[Interviews scheduled for Indiana Supreme Court candidates](#)

The committee that will recommend to Gov. Mike Pence three finalists to succeed retiring Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent Dickson will begin interviewing candidates on Wednesday.

- HB1012 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BRACELET AND IDENTIFICATION CARD (KOCH E) Requires the state department of health (department), upon request, to issue a bracelet or identification card indicating that an individual has been medically diagnosed with a developmental disability. Allows the department to charge a fee for the bracelet and identification card. Provides that the information collected by the department is confidential.
Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 200: yeas 48, nays 1
Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - House Bills on Third Reading
2/22/2016 - Senator Randolph added as cosponsor
- HB1023 DURATION OF FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (HUSTON T) Changes the deadline for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in an odd-numbered year from April 29 to April 15.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/11/2016 - Representatives Brown, T. and Steuerwald added as coauthors
1/5/2016 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures
- HB1035 CODE REVISION CORRECTIONS (WASHBURN T) Resolves substantive problems in the Indiana Code. Resolves various nontechnical conflicts and problems not suitable for resolution in the annual technical corrections bill, including: (1) a statute that has been both added and repealed; (2) ambiguous language; (3) incorrect references; and (4) results that must not have been intended. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)
Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
Recent Status: 2/16/2016 - Returned to the House without amendments
2/16/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 181: yeas 50, nays 0
- HB1036 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS (WASHBURN T) Resolves technical problems in the Indiana Code, including incorrect statutory references, nonstandard tabulation, and various grammatical problems. Provides that the technical corrections bill may be referred to as the "technical corrections bill of the 2016 general assembly". Specifies that the title may be used in the lead-in line of each SECTION of another bill to identify the provisions added, amended, or repealed by the technical corrections bill that are also amended or repealed in another bill being considered during the 2016 legislative session. Provides the publisher of the Indiana Code with guidance concerning resolution of amend/repeal conflicts between the technical corrections bill and other bills passed during the 2016 legislative session. Specifies that if there is a conflict between a provision in the technical corrections bill and a provision being repealed in another bill, the other bill's repealer is law. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)
Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Returned to the House without amendments
Recent Status: 2/22/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 190: yeas 50, nays 0
2/22/2016 - House Bills on Third Reading
- HB1056 HANDGUN LICENSE REPEAL AND RECIPROCITY LICENSES (LUCAS J) Repeals the law that requires a person to obtain a license to carry a handgun in Indiana. Specifies that a person who may otherwise legally carry a handgun is not required to obtain or possess a license or permit from the state to carry a handgun in Indiana. Makes conforming amendments. Allows a resident of Indiana who wishes to carry a firearm in another state under a reciprocity agreement entered into by Indiana and the other state to obtain an Indiana firearms reciprocity license from the superintendent of the state police department.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Public Policy
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- HB1072 OVERTIME COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (MACER K) Provides that certain employees must be paid compensation for employment in certain circumstances at a rate not less than 1.5 times the regular rate at which the employee is employed and, under certain circumstances, not less than two times the regular rate at which the employee is employed. Removes outdated language. Relocates language concerning the tip credit.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- HB1091 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES IN EVICTION ACTIONS (SHACKLEFORD R) Allows a tenant or a member of a tenant's household to establish an affirmative defense to an action brought by a landlord to evict the tenant or the member of

a tenant's household from a rental premises if the tenant or member of a tenant's household presents evidence that the landlord's action is substantially in response to the tenant or the member of a tenant's household engaging in or causing the occurrence of at least one of the following acts within 12 months before the date the landlord brought the action: (1) Making a good faith complaint or request for repairs concerning conditions or defects in the rental premises that the landlord is obligated to repair or maintain. (2) Making a good faith complaint to a government entity concerning the landlord's alleged violation of a health or safety law or any other regulation, code, ordinance, or state or federal law that regulates rental premises. (3) Causing a government entity to issue a formal complaint to a landlord concerning the rental premises rented by a tenant. (4) Making a good faith attempt to exercise, secure, or enforce any rights existing under a valid lease or rental agreement or state or federal law. (5) Making a good faith attempt to organize, join, or otherwise become involved with an organization promoting or enforcing the rights of tenants. Provides that a landlord may prevail in an eviction action under certain circumstances even if an affirmative defense is established.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to House Judiciary
1/5/2016 - First Reading

HB1102

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MATTERS (STEUERWALD G) Allows the department of correction (department) to make grants to county jails to provide evidence based mental health and addiction forensic treatment services from funds appropriated to the department for the department's operating expenses for the state fiscal year. Requires the commissioner of correction to coordinate with the division of mental health and addiction when issuing community corrections and court supervised recidivism reduction program grants. Requires collaboration among: (1) the probation department; (2) the community corrections program; and (3) any other local criminal justice agency that receives funding from the department; when creating a community corrections plan. Encourages counties to include the courts, prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, and sheriffs when creating a community corrections plan. Provides that mental health and forensic addiction treatment services shall be made available to individuals who: (1) have been charged with a felony offense; or (2) have a prior felony conviction; if the individuals are eligible for placement with a pretrial services program, community corrections program, prosecuting attorney's diversion program, or jail.

Current Status: 2/25/2016 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Motion to concur filed
2/23/2016 - Returned to the House with amendments

HB1112

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES (MILLER D) Urges the legislative council to assign to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the topic of transportation advisory boards.

Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Senate Homeland Security & Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/8/2016 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security & Transportation

HB1139

PAID SICK AND SAFE LEAVE (PORTER G) Provides that certain employers shall provide paid sick and safe leave to employees, accrued at the rate of one hour of paid sick and safe leave for every 30 hours of employment. Establishes conditions to entitlement to sick and safe leave. Provides that the commissioner of labor shall enforce paid sick and safe leave for employees.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
1/7/2016 - First Reading

HB1144

SCRATCH OFF TICKETS BENEFITING VETERANS (LAWSON L) Requires the state lottery commission to adopt rules to establish a scratch off game to benefit Indiana veterans. Deposits revenue from sales of tickets for the scratch off game into the military family relief fund.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Public Policy
1/7/2016 - First Reading

HB1160

PROPERTY TAXES (SMITH V) Permits the department of local government finance, with the approval of the attorney general, to waive all or part of the property taxes imposed on property owned by a: (1) nonprofit corporation organized for educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; or (2) nonprofit entity, other than a corporation, that is organized as a church or religious entity. Provides that certain requirements must be met before a taxpayer's property tax liability may be waived.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means

- HB1171 DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE (HEATON R) Requires that a policy of disability income insurance must include provisions: (1) allowing for designation of an individual to receive certain notices; and (2) specifying a grace period for premium payment. Specifies that noncompliance does not create liability or a cause of action and may not be used as evidence.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Mahan
 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Insurance
- HB1176 DIABETES INCIDENCE PLAN AND REPORT (KIRCHHOFFER C) Requires the state department of health, the state personnel department, and the office of the secretary of family and social services to: (1) collaborate to reduce the incidence of diabetes and diabetes complications in Indiana; (2) submit a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2017, including current diabetes related information and recommendations; and (3) report updated information to the general assembly by January 1, 2019.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/20/2016 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
 1/7/2016 - Coauthored by Representatives Zent and Macer
- HB1183 GUARDIANSHIP; DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES (FRIZZELL D) Provides that a delegation of power by a properly executed power of attorney does not subject the parties to any laws, rules, or regulations concerning the licensing or regulation of foster family homes, child placing agencies, or child caring institutions. Prohibits a licensed foster family home from providing supervision to a child who is the subject of a power of attorney while providing overnight or regular and continuous care to a child placed in the foster family home unless the department of child services (department) grants an exception. Allows a parent to delegate the powers for a period longer than 12 months if the parent is on active duty service, except that the term of delegation may not exceed the term of active duty service plus 30 days. Provides that the department may provide information about community service programs that provide respite care, voluntary guardianship, or other support services for families in crisis to the parent or guardian of a child who is the subject of an assessment if the department classifies the assessment as unsubstantiated. Provides that: (1) if the department provides the information to a parent or guardian, the department may not initiate an investigation or assessment or substantiate an assessment of child abuse or neglect based solely on the provision of the information; and (2) the department is not liable for any action arising out of having furnished the information.
Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 206: yeas 50, nays 0
Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - House Bills on Third Reading
 2/22/2016 - Senator Schneider added as cosponsor
- HB1186 LAP AND SHOULDER SAFETY BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES (BARTLETT J) Provides that a school bus or special purpose bus placed into operation after June 30, 2017, that is used to transport elementary school or high school students must be equipped with a 3-point lap and shoulder safety belt (safety belt) at each seating location. Requires the state school bus committee to adopt rules for the design, installation, and use of safety belt systems that must be installed in school buses and special purpose buses. Provides for an exception to the laws concerning other types of passenger restraint systems. Requires each occupant of a school bus or special purpose bus that has a safety belt to have the safety belt properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the bus is in motion. Establishes the safety belt revolving loan fund (fund). Requires the department of education to establish a revolving loan program to provide loans from the fund to school corporations to assist school corporations in paying expenses necessary to comply with requirements concerning safety belts on school buses and special purpose buses. Appropriates \$10,000,000 to the fund from the state general fund. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Smith M
 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Education
- HB1202 CHARITY GAMING OPERATIONS (KARICKHOFF M) Allows an operator of or a worker at a charity gaming event (other than a full-time employee of the qualified organization conducting the event) to receive remuneration for conducting or assisting in conducting the event. Provides that the total remuneration paid may not equal more than 50% of the net proceeds from an allowable event. Provides that meals, recognition dinners, and social events for operators and workers are permitted if they do not constitute an unreasonable expenditure in the conduct of an allowable event.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Representative GiaQuinta added as coauthor
 1/11/2016 - Representative Clere added as coauthor

HB1204	<p>PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT FEE (KARICKHOFF M) Permits a county council or county income tax council to establish an annual property tax replacement fee on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions or property tax credits that reduce the annual property tax liability on the parcel to less than the fee amount set by the county. Provides that the fee must be at least \$100 and not more than \$400. Specifies that the property taxes paid on the parcel are a credit against the fee. Changes the county option amount from \$25 to \$100 for requiring the payment of property taxes and the property tax replacement fee, if any, in the May installment. Eliminates the \$5 minimum property tax statement processing fee in counties that have adopted the property tax replacement fee.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/7/2016 - Coauthored by Representatives DeLaney, Leonard and Errington 1/7/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means</p>
HB1219	<p>HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS (CLERE E) Requires a high school operated by a school corporation to offer the high school's students the opportunity to earn any type of state diploma approved by the state board of education. Provides that a student with a disability shall not be required to complete local requirements that exceed state requirements to receive a diploma unless otherwise required as part of the student's individualized education program. Makes technical corrections to certain provisions relating to choice scholarships.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/23/2016 - Senator Randolph added as cosponsor</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 209: yeas 50, nays 0 2/23/2016 - House Bills on Third Reading</p>
HB1222	<p>CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (BURTON W) Makes the following amendments to the statutes concerning condominiums and homeowners associations: (1) Provides that notice of a proposed amendment of a condominium declaration or the governing documents of a homeowners association is required only with respect to first mortgage holders that provide an address to the secretary of the board of directors of the condominium association or homeowners association, as applicable. (2) Provides that a condominium co-owner or a homeowners association member is entitled to attend any meeting of the condominium's or homeowners association board, including an annual meeting. Provides that the board of directors may meet in private to discuss delinquent assessments or litigation matters. (3) Repeals provisions requiring condominium instruments and the governing documents of homeowners associations to include grievance resolution procedures. (4) Makes technical changes. Makes the following amendments to the statute concerning homeowners associations: (1) Specifies that certain provisions of the homeowners association statute apply to a homeowners association established before July 1, 2009, regardless of whether the members of the homeowners association have elected to be governed by the statute. (2) Provides that a homeowners association is not required to disclose communications that: (A) are initiated by the association or by a member of the association; and (B) concern suspected criminal activity by another member of the association. (3) Provides that in an enforcement action by the attorney general under the statute, the court may impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$500 on an individual determined by the court to have exercised a proxy in violation of the statute.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/22/2016 - Senator Randolph added as cosponsor</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 2/22/2016 - Committee Report do pass, adopted 2/22/2016 - DO PASS Yeas: 6; Nays: 0</p>
HB1226	<p>MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDITS (BACON R) Sets forth requirements for Medicaid recovery audits of Medicaid providers.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/14/2016 - Representative Smith, M. added as coauthor 1/11/2016 - Referred to House Public Health</p>
HB1257	<p>APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS PROGRAMS (SUMMERS V) Urges the legislative council to assign the study, during the 2016 legislative interim, of the appropriate regulatory structure and agency to regulate independent centers that provide applied behavioral analysis services.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/19/2016 - Representative Bacon added as coauthor 1/11/2016 - Referred to House Public Health</p>
HB1263	<p>PRESCRIPTIONS AND TELEMEDICINE (KIRCHHOFER C) Sets forth requirements that must be met before: (1) a physician; or (2) a physician assistant or an advanced practice nurse, granted prescriptive authority; may issue a prescription to a patient receiving telemedicine services. Provides that certain drugs may not be prescribed through the use of telemedicine.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/24/2016 - Senate Health & Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 2/17/2016 - Senate Health & Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)</p>

- HB1265 INDIANA MINIMUM WAGE (BARTLETT J) Provides that employers that are subject to the minimum wage provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act are subject to the Indiana minimum wage. (Current law provides that employers that are subject to the minimum wage provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act are not subject to the Indiana minimum wage.) Provides that the Indiana minimum wage is inapplicable to employees who provide companionship services to the aged and infirm. Removes outdated language concerning the Indiana minimum wage. Relocates language concerning the tip credit.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/11/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Moseley
1/11/2016 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1268 BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES (TRUITT R) Provides that a bias motivated crime is a crime in which the person who commits the crime knowingly or intentionally selects: (1) an individual against whom the crime was committed; or (2) any property damaged or otherwise affected by the crime; in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual or a group of individuals, whether or not the person's belief or perception was correct. Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes. Amends the law that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report information concerning bias motivated crimes. Makes it an aggravating circumstance that may be considered by a judge when the judge imposes a sentence for a crime if the crime is a bias motivated crime.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/11/2016 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
1/11/2016 - First Reading
- HB1279 CRIMINAL HISTORY MATTERS AND SERVICES PROGRAMS (SHACKLEFORD R) Requires the division of mental health and addiction, in cooperation with the state department of health, to identify and report to the general assembly appropriate programs and academic curricula concerning health education for mental health and addiction that: (1) are evidence based; (2) use established medical principles; and (3) are age appropriate for different grade levels. Provides that a public employer may not ask an applicant for employment to disclose orally or in writing, whether on an employment application or otherwise, information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history, until the public employer has determined that the applicant meets the public employer's minimum employment qualifications. Provides that the requirement does not apply to employment with a law enforcement agency or when federal or Indiana law provides otherwise. Requires the division of state court administration, in cooperation with Indiana trial courts, to conduct a study relating to reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/14/2016 - Representative Kirchhofer added as coauthor
1/12/2016 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
- HB1283 MEDICAID AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY (BORDERS B) Allows an individual and the individual's dependent to maintain Medicaid eligibility and remain on Medicaid waiver waiting lists if the individual is: (1) an active member of the armed services of the United States or the national guard; (2) a legal Indiana resident; and (3) assigned for duty or deployed outside of Indiana.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Referred to House Public Health
1/12/2016 - First Reading
- HB1286 BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES (PORTER G) Provides that a bias motivated crime is a crime in which the person who commits the crime knowingly or intentionally selects: (1) an individual against whom the crime was committed; or (2) any property damaged or otherwise affected by the crime; in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual or a group of individuals, whether or not the person's belief or perception was correct. Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes. Amends the law that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report information concerning bias motivated crimes. Makes it an aggravating circumstance that may be considered by a judge when the judge imposes a sentence for a crime if the crime is a bias motivated crime.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Truitt
1/12/2016 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

HB1291	<p>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE COST INFORMATION (SCHAIBLEY D) Requires health care providers and health plans to provide to covered individuals and patients certain information concerning the cost of health care services. Requires health care providers to publish a payment policy for medically necessary health care services not covered by a third party payment source.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/20/2016 - House Insurance, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)</p> <p>1/19/2016 - Representatives Braun, Bacon, Brown, C. added as coauthors</p>
HB1311	<p>INDIANA EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM (BROWN T) Establishes the Indiana education savings account program (program). Provides that a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may establish an account in the program. Provides that an eligible student who has an account is eligible to receive an annual grant amount that may be used to pay for tuition at an accredited nonpublic school or education related expenses. Provides that the treasurer of state shall administer the program. Provides that money contributed to a college choice 529 education savings plan as a qualified expense from the program is not considered a contribution for purposes of calculating the college choice 529 education savings plan income tax credit. Provides a deduction from Indiana adjusted gross income for a grant amount that is distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana education savings account and used for a qualified expense, to the extent the distribution is included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/12/2016 - Referred to House Education</p> <p>1/12/2016 - First Reading</p>
HB1315	<p>ACCESS TO FINANCIAL DATA FOR STATE AGENCIES (LEONARD D) Amends the law concerning access to financial data of state agencies to: (1) define "funding entity"; (2) apply the law to a body corporate and politic; (3) include certain state agency and funding entity employee data; and (4) include fund balance, property ownership, and expenditure data for a funding entity. Repeals a provision specifying that a state agency is not required to record information or expend resources for computer programming to make the information reportable under the chapter. Repeals an obsolete reporting requirement. Makes conforming amendments.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/12/2016 - Coauthored by Representative Brown T</p> <p>1/12/2016 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform</p>
HB1347	<p>MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS (KIRCHHOFFER C) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to reimburse under the Medicaid program: (1) certain advanced practice nurses for specified Medicaid services; (2) certain graduate and post-graduate degree level students in specified fields who are interning or in a practicum at a community mental health center under the direct supervision of a licensed professional; and (3) licensed clinical addiction counselors who under the clinical supervision of a physician or health service provider in psychology. Requires the department of insurance (department), in consultation with the office of the secretary of family and social services, to review, study, and make recommendations concerning the capacity, training, and barriers to health navigators in assisting individuals in obtaining health insurance program coverage. Requires the department to report their findings to the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services before September 30, 2016.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/23/2016 - House Bills on Second Reading</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 2/22/2016 - House Bills on Second Reading</p> <p>2/18/2016 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted</p>
HB1348	<p>POSTING OF FALSE BUSINESS REVIEWS (CULVER W) Provides that a person shall not post or publish, or cause to be posted or published, on a consumer review site a defamatory review concerning an Indiana business. For purposes of this prohibition, defines a: (1) "consumer review site" as an Internet web site or an application that allows consumers to post reviews of businesses that provide or offer to provide goods or services to the public; and (2) "defamatory review" as a communication that: (A) is posted or published on a consumer review site; (B) concerns a business or certain aspects of the business; and (C) is false and injurious to the reputation of the business or certain aspects of the business. Provides that a person aggrieved by a violation of these provisions may bring an action in a court with jurisdiction. Provides that a court may award certain relief to a complainant who prevails in an action, including the greater of: (1) actual damages; or (2) liquidated damages of \$500 for each day that the defamatory review was posted on the consumer review site. Provides that in an action in which the complainant prevails: (1) the court shall send notice of the judgment to the owner or operator of the consumer review site on which the defamatory review was posted or published; and (2) the owner or operator of the consumer review site is liable to the complainant for liquidated damages of \$500 for each day that the defamatory review remains posted on the consumer review site, beginning on the seventh day after the date of the court's notice of the judgment.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/12/2016 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development</p>

- HB1354 DELEGATION OF PARENTAL POWERS (NISLY C) Provides that a delegation of powers by a parent or guardian regarding the health care, support, custody, or property of the minor: (1) is not considered placing the minor in foster care; (2) does not subject any party to foster care licensing or rules; and (3) is not considered abandonment, abuse, or neglect, absent other evidence or unless the parent or guardian fails to contact the attorney-in-fact or execute a new power of attorney upon expiration of the original power of attorney. Permits a parent or guardian in active military service to delegate powers regarding the minor for a period not exceeding the parent's or guardian's term of active duty military service plus 30 days.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Referred to House Judiciary
1/12/2016 - First Reading
- HB1375 PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION FOR VETERANS WITH A DISABILITY (NIEZGODSKI D) Increases the assessed value cap (from \$143,160 to \$195,600) that applies to the property tax deduction for a veteran who: (1) has a total disability; or (2) has at least a 10% disability and is at least 62 years of age.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/13/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means
1/13/2016 - First Reading
- HB1380 INDIANA HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM (HARRIS D) Establishes the Indiana housing first program (program) to provide housing and support services for eligible homeless persons. Provides that the housing and community development authority (authority) shall administer the program. Requires the authority to establish, not later than January 1, 2017, policies and procedures to implement and administer the program. Provides that the policies and procedures must, among other requirements, include: (1) a plan for moving eligible homeless persons into housing directly from the streets or emergency shelter care without a precondition of accepting or complying with certain requirements; and (2) partnerships with private and public entities to provide support services and a continuum of care for program participants. Provides that in establishing the required policies and procedures, the authority may collaborate with or seek guidance from: (1) other appropriate state agencies; (2) officials in other states or municipalities that have implemented housing first programs; and (3) other specified public or private entities. Establishes the Indiana housing first account within the state general fund to provide funds to provide housing and support services to eligible homeless persons under the program. Allows the authority to adopt rules to establish the policies and procedures to implement and administer the program.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/28/2016 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127
1/28/2016 - Committee Report do pass, adopted
- HB1389 ENDOW INDIANA PROGRAM (GIAQUINTA P) Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation shall administer a grant and tax credit program that encourages philanthropy in Indiana.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.2)
Recent Status: 1/13/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means
1/13/2016 - First Reading
- SB11 ABLE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY (KENLEY L) Creates the "achieving a better life experience" (ABLE) authority (authority). Establishes the ABLE board (board) of the authority. Provides that the authority may establish a qualified ABLE program under which a person may make contributions for a taxable year for the benefit of an eligible individual with a disability to an ABLE account to meet the qualified disability expenses of the designated beneficiary in compliance with federal law. Sets forth duties and powers of the authority and the board. Establishes a general operating fund, endowment fund, and trust fund.
Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/22/2016 - Rule 105.1 suspended
2/22/2016 - Representatives McNamara and Sullivan added as cosponsors
- SB85 FAIR PAY IN EMPLOYMENT (BREAUX J) Provides that: (1) it is an unlawful employment practice to pay wages that discriminate based on sex, race, or national origin for the same or equivalent jobs; and (2) the civil rights commission has jurisdiction for investigation and resolution of complaints of these employment actions.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
Recent Status: 1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor
1/5/2016 - First Reading

- SB86 HANDGUN TRAINING (BREAUX J) Requires a person who applies after December 31, 2016, for a license to carry a handgun to first complete an eight hour handgun safety and training program, unless the person is a law enforcement officer, a retired law enforcement officer, or an active or honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- SB93 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (KRUSE D) Provides that the financial specialist appointed for the Gary Community School Corporation may perform the duties authorized under the statute for not more than 24 consecutive months (rather than 12 consecutive months, under current law). Amends the definition of "secondary school" to include certain elementary grades for purposes of a federal student loan forgiveness program for highly qualified teachers in high needs areas. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2017, a nonprofit college or university board of trustees shall assign authorization authority and authorization responsibilities to a separate legal entity that functions under the direction of the university's board. Provides that, before an entity may authorize a charter school, the entity must conduct a public meeting with public notice in the county where the charter school will be located. Provides that a charter school is considered a school corporation for purposes of any state or federal funding opportunities administered by the department or any other state agency that are otherwise available to a school corporation. Makes changes to the "school report card". Provides for staggered terms for the members of the East Chicago school board. Provides that a charter school organizer must establish certain requirements for the distribution of funds or assets of a charter school that ceases operation. (Current law provides that a charter school organizer must establish certain requirements for the distribution of funds or assets upon dissolution of a charter school.) Provides that if a school corporation or a charter school does not pay taxes due under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act within 30 days after the due date (and any known accrued penalties and interest on those taxes) or does not pay withheld state income taxes (and any known accrued penalties and interest on those taxes) within 30 days after the due date: (1) the school business official or financial officer shall report the failure to pay the taxes and the penalties and interest to the governing body of the school corporation or charter school; and (2) the governing body shall report at a public meeting on the failure to pay the taxes and the penalties and interest. Specifies that if during the following 365 days the school corporation or charter school has a subsequent failure to pay the taxes and known accrued penalties and interest within 30 days after the due date, the school corporation or charter school shall provide notice of its subsequent delinquency to the department of education, the budget agency, and the distressed unit appeal board. Provides that a school corporation may accept a student who does not have legal settlement in the school corporation into an alternative education program even if the school corporation does not otherwise accept transfer students. Removes an intramural athletic contest or competition that is sponsored by or associated with a school from the definition of "athletic activity" for purposes of the requirements concerning sudden cardiac arrest to student athletes. Adds an additional measure by which the depth perception of a school bus driver may be determined. Provides for the revocation of a school bus driver's certificate of completion of school bus driver safety education under certain circumstances. Provides that an individual may enroll in a transition to teaching program and receive a transition to teaching license without passing a content area examination before admission to the program. Voids administrative rules that require passing a content area examination before being admitted to a transition to teaching program. Requests the legislative council to assign the following topics to an appropriate study committee: (1) The extent the school's calendar influences certain school functions (2) Graduation rates, including the feasibility of amending the definition of "cohort" for purposes of determining graduation rates to exclude students who are pursuing a certificate of completion under an individualized education program. (3) Methods to ensure opportunities for secondary school students to earn college credits while enrolled in high school and to provide incentives for a teacher to obtain a master's degree or at least 18 hours of graduate coursework in the subject matter the teacher is teaching or wishes to teach as part of a dual credit course. (4) The feasibility of allowing a school corporation and an individual teacher to voluntarily enter into an employment contract that contains terms that differ from the terms set forth in a collective bargaining agreement, and issues related to the topic. (5) Issues related to the establishment of special education scholarship accounts and a special education scholarship account fund.
- Current Status:* 2/25/2016 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- Recent Status:* 2/22/2016 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
2/18/2016 - DO PASS AMEND Yeas: 12; Nays: 0
- SB100 CIVIL RIGHTS (HOLDMAN T) Prohibits discriminatory practices in acquisition or sale of real estate, housing, education, public accommodations, employment, the extending of credit, and public contracts based on military active duty status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Provides protections for religious liberty and conscience. Preempts local civil rights ordinances that conflict with the state civil rights law. Provides that the provisions of this act are nonseverable. Repeals a provision that indicates that local entities may adopt civil rights ordinances that differ from state law.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/27/2016 - Senate Rules & Legislative Procedure, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Rules & Legislative Procedure

- SB144 ABORTION (BANKS J) Establishes the interim study committee on adoption promotion and support. Makes certain findings. Requires a physician to determine whether an unborn human individual has a detectable heartbeat before performing or inducing an abortion, except when in a medical emergency. Requires a pregnant woman to certify in writing certain information if a fetal heartbeat is detected. Requires a physician to document certain information in writing if the physician determined that a medical emergency existed and performed or induced an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat. Prohibits the performance or inducement of an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat unless the medical procedure is designed or intended to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman. Requires the physician who performed or induced the abortion to maintain specified records in the pregnant woman's medical file. Provides that the following are Level 5 felonies: (1) Performing or inducing an abortion before determining whether the unborn human individual has a detectable heartbeat. (2) The performance or inducement of an abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat. Specifies that these provisions may be referred to as the Indiana heartbeat act. Provides for the interpretation and implementation of the Indiana heartbeat act with respect to the issuance of certain court judgments or court orders.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/19/2016 - Senator Kruse added as coauthor
1/11/2016 - Senator Miller, Pete added as coauthor
- SB157 MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION FEE (YODER C) Eliminates the portion of the motorcycle registration fee that is currently distributed to the spinal cord and brain injury fund.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/5/2016 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security & Transportation
1/5/2016 - First Reading
- SB165 HEALTHY INDIANA PLAN (MILLER P) Repeals the prior healthy Indiana plan statutes and makes revisions to the currently operating healthy Indiana plan. Repeals statutes governing the high risk Indiana check-up plan.
- Current Status:* 2/25/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- Recent Status:* 2/23/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
2/22/2016 - Amendment #4 (Clere) failed; Roll Call 215: yeas 36, nays 56
- SB170 CIVIL RIGHTS (ALTING R) Extends antidiscrimination and civil rights statutes to include prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, religion, and ancestry.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Rules & Legislative Procedure
1/6/2016 - First Reading
- SB171 STUDY OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE CLAIM PAYMENTS (BECKER V) Urges the legislative council to assign to a 2016 interim study committee the issue of use of electronic methods of health care claim payment.
- Current Status:* 2/8/2016 - Referred to House Insurance
- Recent Status:* 2/8/2016 - First Reading
2/2/2016 - Referred to House
- SB178 BATTERY AND NEGLECT OF A DEPENDENT (MESSMER M) Increases the penalty for neglect of a dependent and battery if the crime is committed against an endangered adult or a person with a serious physical or mental disability.
- Current Status:* 2/8/2016 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
- Recent Status:* 2/8/2016 - First Reading
2/2/2016 - Senator Randolph added as coauthor
- SB182 REVISED UNIFORM FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT (BRAY R) Enacts the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Defines "digital asset" as an electronic record in which an individual has a right or interest. Defines "custodian" as a person that carries, maintains, processes, receives, or stores a digital asset. Defines "user" as a person for whom a custodian

carries, maintains, processes, receives, or stores the digital asset. Defines "fiduciary" as an attorney in fact, guardian, personal representative, or trustee of a user. Authorizes a user to use an online tool to direct the custodian to disclose or not to disclose some or all of the user's digital assets. Provides that if an online tool allows the user to modify or delete a direction at all times, a user's direction to the custodian through use of the online tool concerning disclosure overrides a contrary direction by the user in a will, trust, power of attorney, or other record, but otherwise the user, in a will, trust, power of attorney, or other record may allow or prohibit disclosure to a fiduciary of some or all of the user's digital assets. Requires a custodian, under certain circumstances, to disclose to the personal representative of the estate of the user the content of an electronic communication sent or received by the user, or a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the user. Requires a custodian, under certain circumstances, to disclose to an attorney in fact the content of the electronic communications of the user, or a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the user, if the user, through a power of attorney, conferred upon the attorney in fact authority over the content of electronic communications sent or received by the user. Requires a custodian, under certain circumstances, to disclose to a trustee the content of an electronic communication sent or received by a user and carried, maintained, processed, received, or stored by the custodian in the account of the trust, or to disclose to the trustee a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by a user and stored, carried, or maintained by the custodian in the account of the trust. Provides that a court may grant a guardian access to the digital assets of the protected person and that, under certain circumstances, a custodian is required to disclose to a guardian a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the protected person. Authorizes a fiduciary of a user to request that a custodian terminate the user's account. Provides that, if the conditions for compliance are met, a custodian must comply with a request from a fiduciary to disclose digital assets or terminate an account within 60 days, and if the custodian fails to comply with the request, the fiduciary may apply for a court order directing compliance. Provides that the legal duties imposed on a fiduciary charged with managing tangible property also apply to a fiduciary charged with managing digital assets. Amends the law on unsupervised administration of a decedent's estate to provide that a distributee has the same rights as a personal representative to access the digital assets of the decedent. Makes conforming amendments. Provides that a custodian is immune from liability for an act done or omission made in good faith in compliance with the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Civil Law
1/6/2016 - First Reading

SB192

GUARDIANSHIP AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT (CRIDER M) Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate committee a study of the visitation, communication, and interaction with a protected person. Requires the family and social services administration (FSSA), in cooperation with the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council (IPAC), to prepare and submit a report to the legislative council before December 1, 2016, concerning adult protective services. Specifies that the report must include: (1) an estimation of appropriate staffing levels necessary to efficiently and effectively manage the investigations of reports of matters related to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of endangered adults; (2) identification of: (A) the circumstances that should result in emergency placement in the case of an adult protective services investigation; (B) the appropriate types of emergency placements based on those circumstances; and (C) strategies for improving emergency placement capabilities; (3) consideration of the benefits and cost of establishing a centralized intake system for reports of matters related to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of endangered adults; (4) a statement of consistent standards of care for endangered adults; (5) a determination of the appropriate levels of training for employees who are involved in providing adult protective services; (6) a draft of a cooperative agreement between the FSSA and IPAC that sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the agencies and county prosecuting attorney offices with regard to adult protective services; and (7) Performance goals and accountability metrics for adult protective services to be incorporated in contracts and grant agreements. Provides that the FSSA shall present the report to the state budget committee. Provides that the state budget committee shall consider the report in formulating the committee's budget recommendations.

Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 227: yeas 100, nays 0

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
2/22/2016 - Second reading ordered engrossed

SB193

CONSENT TO HEALTH CARE (CRIDER M) Establishes an order of priority for individuals authorized to give consent to health care of another individual, including a person who has demonstrated special care for the individual. Allows a health care provider to determine the individual's health care in the case of more than one individual asserting authority or disagreement among those asserting authority. Makes a conforming amendment.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Health & Provider Services
1/6/2016 - First Reading

SB196	<p>ACCOUNTINGS BY GUARDIANS AND ATTORNEYS IN FACT (CRIDER M) Requires a guardian to file with the court a written verified account of the guardian's administration annually. (Under current law, a guardian is required to file an account biennially.) Provides that, unless the power of attorney states that an annual accounting is not required, an attorney in fact is required to file with the court having probate jurisdiction in the county in which the principal (if an individual) resides a written verified accounting at least annually, not more than 30 days after the anniversary of the date on which the power of attorney became effective. (Under current law, an attorney in fact is not required to render an accounting unless specifically ordered or requested to do so.) Provides that if an accounting is ordered or requested less than 11 months before the anniversary of the date on which a power of attorney became effective, the attorney in fact is excused from filing an annual accounting with the court for the year ending on the anniversary of the date on which the power of attorney became effective.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary 1/6/2016 - First Reading</p>
SB202	<p>BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES (ROGERS E) Provides that a bias motivated crime is a crime in which the person who commits the crime knowingly or intentionally selects: (1) an individual against whom the crime was committed; or (2) any property damaged or otherwise affected by the crime; in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual or a group of individuals, whether or not the person's belief or perception was correct. Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes. Amends the law that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report information concerning bias motivated crimes. Makes it an aggravating circumstance that may be considered by a judge when the judge imposes a sentence for a crime if the crime is a bias motivated crime.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/19/2016 - Senator Glick added as second author 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Corrections & Criminal Law</p>
SB206	<p>FSSA MATTERS (MILLER P) Allows the secretary of family and social services (secretary) to delegate appointment authorities, the issuance of certain orders, and other acts to carry out the functions of the divisions to an individual. Authorizes the secretary to adopt rules concerning the implementation and administration of the early education grant pilot program. Changes references from intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded to intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Removes the expiration of the law concerning the waiver to set an emergency placement priority for individuals in certain situations. Allows the office of Medicaid policy and planning to allow the use of a limited criminal history check for certain providers under the Medicaid program. Adds a representative of the Indiana Academy of Physician Assistants to the Medicaid advisory committee. Creates an exception for state institutions concerning advanced practice nurses acting under a collaborative agreement with a practitioner, requiring that the nurse act under privileges granted by the governing body of the institution.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/25/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 2/23/2016 - Second reading ordered engrossed 2/23/2016 - Senate Bills on Second Reading</p>
SB211	<p>MINIMUM WAGE (TALLIAN K) Increases the state minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$11.25 an hour.</p> <p><i>Current Status:</i> 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))</p> <p><i>Recent Status:</i> 1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor 1/6/2016 - First Reading</p>
SB212	<p>EMPLOYEE WORK SCHEDULES (TALLIAN K) Requires an employer that owns or operates at least one retail sales establishment in Indiana and employs 15 or more employees to provide each newly hired employee with a good faith estimate in writing of: (1) the minimum number of scheduled shifts that the employee may expect per month; and (2) the hours and days that the shifts generally will be scheduled. Provides that the employer is not bound by the estimate. Provides that an employee may request a modification of the employee's schedule. Requires the employer to consider the employee's requested modification, and at the employer's discretion, accept or reject the request. Requires an employer to offer part-time employees additional hours before hiring additional part-time employees. Requires an employer to provide notice to employees of the schedule of the hours and days of work, including on-call shifts, at least 14 days before the schedule's start date. Provides that whenever an employer changes a schedule after giving the 14 day notice, the employer must provide notice of the change and pay compensation to the affected employee depending on how much notice is given. Requires an employer to pay compensation to an employee for each on-call shift for which the employee is required to be available, but is not called in for work. Provides additional compensation for a split shift. Provides for exceptions to payment of compensation for schedule changes. Provides</p>

that an employer or any other person may not interfere with, restrain, or deny an employee's exercise of or attempt to exercise these rights. Provides that an employer may not take any adverse employment action against an employee for exercising the employee's rights. Establishes a procedure for the commissioner of the department of labor to investigate and enforce violations of these rights.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/20/2016 - Senate Pensions & Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
1/6/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor

SB214 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (HERSHMAN B) Prohibits Medicaid reimbursement for Subutex, Suboxone, or a similar trade name or generic of the drug if the drug was prescribed for the treatment of pain or pain management and the drug is only indicated for addiction treatment. Requires the division of mental health and addiction to adopt rules concerning: (1) opioid treatment by an opioid treatment provider; (2) take home opioid treatment medications; (3) clinical standards for: (A) tapering of a patient on and off an opioid treatment medication; (B) relapse; and (C) overdose prevention; and (4) specified standards and protocols for an opioid treatment provider. Requires an opioid treatment provider to periodically and randomly test a patient for specified drugs during treatment.

Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Representative Davisson added as cosponsor
2/22/2016 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

SB220 BIAS CRIMES (GLICK S) Makes it an aggravating circumstance (for purposes of imposing a criminal sentence) that the crime was committed with the intent to harm or intimidate an individual because of certain perceived or actual characteristics of the individual.

Current Status: 2/9/2016 - Representative Klinker added as cosponsor

Recent Status: 2/8/2016 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code
2/8/2016 - First Reading

SB225 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (ECKERTY D) Establishes standards for affordable rental housing property to be exempt from property taxation when the property does not otherwise qualify for a property tax exemption. Specifies that the exemption applies to properties owned by a 501(c)(3) organization (or a disregarded entity of such an organization) that are 100% occupied by residents who qualify as low income.

Current Status: 2/8/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Recent Status: 2/8/2016 - First Reading
2/2/2016 - Referred to House

SB245 DRUG TESTING OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPLICANTS (FORD J) Requires an individual to undergo a drug test as a condition of the individual's initial eligibility for unemployment benefits (benefits) if the individual: (1) was discharged from employment by the individual's most recent employer because of the individual's unlawful use of a controlled substance; or (2) is an individual for whom suitable work is only available in an occupation that the United States Department of Labor has determined by rule is an occupation that regularly conducts drug testing. If the individual tests positive or refuses to take a drug test, provides that the individual is ineligible for waiting period or benefit rights for the week in which the positive test results or refusal occurred and until: (1) the individual earns remuneration in employment in at least eight weeks; and (2) the remuneration earned equals or exceeds the product of the individual's weekly benefit amount multiplied by eight. Provides that an individual is not disqualified from receiving benefits, if the individual: (1) obtained the controlled substance for which the individual tested positive by means of a prescription issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe the controlled substance; and (2) ingested, injected, or inhaled the controlled substance that was prescribed in accordance with the practitioner's directions. Provides that the department of workforce development (department) may not require an individual to pay any of the costs of a drug test. Provides that the fact that the individual took a drug test and the results of the test are confidential to the extent required by 20 CFR 603. Requires the department to ensure that a drug test meets or exceeds: (1) standards of the mandatory guidelines for federal workplace drug testing programs published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); or (2) procedures established by the United States Department of Transportation.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/20/2016 - Senate Pensions & Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
1/19/2016 - Senator Kruse added as second author

SB249 HEAVY EQUIPMENT EXCISE AND RENTAL TAX (BUCK J) Provides that the owner of a motorized heavy equipment vehicle shall pay a motorized heavy equipment vehicle excise tax (excise tax), instead of the property tax, on the vehicle. Provides that the owner of a motorized heavy equipment vehicle is required to register the vehicle each year

with the department of state revenue. Imposes a rental excise tax on the rental of taxable motorized heavy equipment vehicles. Provides a credit against the excise tax equal to the rental excise taxes collected on rentals of taxable motorized heavy equipment vehicles.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Tax & Fiscal Policy
1/7/2016 - First Reading

SB250 PARENTING COORDINATORS (BUCK J) Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate committee a study of the use of parenting coordinators in resolving custody and parenting conflicts.

Current Status: 2/9/2016 - Referred to House Judiciary

Recent Status: 2/9/2016 - First Reading
2/2/2016 - Referred to House

SB253 UNIFORM FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT (WALTZ B) Enacts the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Defines "digital asset" as an electronic record in which an individual has a right or interest. Defines "custodian" as a person that carries, maintains, processes, receives, or stores a digital asset. Defines "user" as a person for whom a custodian carries, maintains, processes, receives, or stores the digital asset. Defines "fiduciary" as an attorney in fact, guardian, personal representative, or trustee of a user. Authorizes a user to use an online tool to direct the custodian to disclose or not to disclose some or all of the user's digital assets. Provides that if an online tool allows the user to modify or delete a direction at all times, a user's direction to the custodian through use of the online tool concerning disclosure overrides a contrary direction by the user in a will, trust, power of attorney, or other record, but otherwise the user, in a will, trust, power of attorney, or other record, may allow or prohibit disclosure to a fiduciary of some or all of the user's digital assets. Requires a custodian, under certain circumstances, to disclose to the personal representative of the estate of the user the content of an electronic communication sent or received by the user, or a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the user. Requires a custodian, under certain circumstances, to disclose to an attorney in fact the content of the electronic communications of the user, or a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the user, if the user, through a power of attorney, conferred upon the attorney in fact authority over the content of electronic communications sent or received by the user. Requires a custodian, under certain circumstances, to disclose to a trustee the content of an electronic communication sent or received by a user and carried, maintained, processed, received, or stored by the custodian in the account of the trust, or to disclose to the trustee a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by a user and stored, carried, or maintained by the custodian in the account of the trust. Provides that a court may grant a guardian access to the digital assets of the protected person and that, under certain circumstances, a custodian is required to disclose to a guardian a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the protected person. Authorizes a fiduciary of a user to request that a custodian terminate the user's account. Provides that, if the conditions for compliance are met, a custodian must comply with a request from a fiduciary to disclose digital assets or terminate an account within 60 days, and if the custodian fails to comply with the request, the fiduciary may apply for a court order directing compliance. Provides that the legal duties imposed on a fiduciary charged with managing tangible property also apply to a fiduciary charged with managing digital assets. Amends the law on unsupervised administration of a decedent's estate to provide that a distributee has the same rights as a personal representative to access the digital assets of the decedent. Makes conforming amendments. Provides that a custodian is immune from liability for an act done or omission made in good faith in compliance with the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

Current Status: 2/9/2016 - Referred to House Judiciary

Recent Status: 2/9/2016 - First Reading
2/2/2016 - Referred to House

SB260 LAP AND SHOULDER SAFETY BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES (ROGERS E) Provides that a school bus or special purpose bus placed into operation after June 30, 2017, that is used to transport elementary school or high school students must be equipped with a 3-point lap and shoulder safety belt (safety belt) at each seating location. Requires the state school bus committee to adopt rules for the design, installation, and use of safety belt systems that must be installed in school buses and special purpose buses. Provides for an exception to the laws concerning other types of passenger restraint systems. Requires each occupant of a school bus or special purpose bus that has a safety belt to have the safety belt properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the bus is in motion. Establishes the safety belt revolving loan fund (fund). Requires the department of education to establish a revolving loan program to provide loans from the fund to school corporations to assist school corporations in paying expenses necessary to comply with requirements concerning safety belts on school buses and special purpose buses. Appropriates \$10,000,000 to the fund from the state general fund. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

- SB261 BIAS CRIMES (TAYLOR G) Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes in which the person who committed a criminal offense selected the victim who was injured or whose property was damaged because of the individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. Allows an individual who suffers a personal injury or property damage because of a criminal offense or delinquent act to bring a civil action to recover damages, including punitive damages, if the person who committed the criminal offense or delinquent act that caused the injury or property damage selected the individual because of the individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. Establishes a sentencing procedure that requires a court, when sentencing an individual who has committed a crime that is motivated by a bias against another individual's race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity, to impose an additional fixed term of imprisonment not to exceed five years.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Corrections & Criminal Law
1/7/2016 - First Reading
- SB263 BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES (TAYLOR G) Defines "bias motivated crime" as the crime of battery, aggravated battery, strangulation, kidnapping, criminal confinement, robbery, arson, criminal mischief, burglary, residential entry, criminal trespass, theft, criminal conversion, intimidation, harassment, or stalking if the person who commits the crime intentionally selects: (1) an individual against whom the crime was committed; or (2) any property damaged or otherwise affected by the crime; in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual, another individual, or a group of individuals, whether or not the person's belief or perception was correct. Enhances the penalties for a crime one level if the crime is a bias motivated crime. Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes. Amends the law that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report information concerning bias motivated crimes. Allows an individual who suffers bodily injury or damage to or loss of property caused by the commission of a bias motivated crime to bring a civil action to recover damages, including punitive damages, from the person who committed the bias motivated crime. Makes conforming amendments. Makes technical corrections.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Corrections & Criminal Law
1/7/2016 - First Reading
- SB273 STUDY OF DRUG PRICING AND ACCESS (BREAUX J) Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee a study of prescription drug pricing and access to specialty prescription drugs. Requires submission of a report and recommendations to the legislative council.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Health & Provider Services
1/7/2016 - First Reading
- SB285 EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS (DELPH M) Prohibits an employer from knowingly employing, after September 30, 2016, an unauthorized alien. Authorizes the attorney general to: (1) investigate a complaint that an employer knowingly employed an unauthorized alien; (2) verify with the federal government the work authorization of the alleged unauthorized alien; (3) under certain conditions, notify United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, local law enforcement agencies, and the prosecuting attorney in the county in which an unauthorized alien is employed; and (4) maintain certain records of violation orders. Provides that a prosecuting attorney who receives notification from the attorney general may bring a civil action against an employer for knowingly employing an unauthorized alien. Prohibits the prosecuting attorney from filing an action against an employer that verifies the employment authorization of an employee through the E-Verify program. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that an employer did not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien if the employer complied in good faith with the federal employment verification requirements. Requires a court to dismiss an action against an employer under certain circumstances. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to file a complaint with the attorney general, knowing the complaint is false or frivolous. Prohibits an employer from discharging or discriminating against an employee who takes certain actions under the employment of unauthorized alien provisions.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/27/2016 - Senate Pensions & Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

- SB292 ELECTRONIC PULL TABS IN CHARITY GAMING (ALTING R) Allows the use of electronic pull tabs under the charity gaming law by: (1) adding a definition of "electronic pull tab device"; and (2) amending the definition of "pull tab" to include electronic versions of pull tab games.
Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Public Policy
 1/7/2016 - First Reading
- SB297 OPIOID DEPENDENCE TREATMENT (MILLER P) Requires Medicaid coverage for inpatient detoxification for the treatment of opioid or alcohol dependence. Adds requirements for an opioid treatment program to meet in order to operate in Indiana. Requires the division of mental health and addiction (division) to adopt specified administrative rules concerning opioid treatment by an opioid treatment provider. Requires the office of the secretary and the division to develop a treatment protocol containing best practice guidelines for the treatment of opiate dependent patients to be used by certain office based opioid treatment providers. Requires an opioid treatment program to provide specified information upon request by the division. Urges the legislative council to assign a study committee the topic of patient access to and provider reimbursement for federally approved medication assisted treatment in the Medicaid program.
Current Status: 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 231: yeas 99, nays 0
Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
 2/22/2016 - Second reading ordered engrossed
- SB302 STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE (KENLEY L) Specifies the manner in which certain excise taxes and local taxes collected under the tax amnesty program shall be distributed. Provides that after making the distributions required under the tax amnesty program, the next \$42,000,000 collected under the program must be deposited into the Indiana regional cities development fund. Provides that any remaining amounts collected under the tax amnesty program shall be deposited in the state bicentennial capital account (rather than the state general fund, under current law). Specifies that revenue received from the rental of certain communications system infrastructure shall be deposited in the state general fund (rather than the state bicentennial capital account, under current law). Appropriates \$42,000,000 from the Indiana regional cities development fund for the purpose of funding a third grant under the regional cities initiative.
Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/16/2016 - Representative GiaQuinta added as cosponsor
 2/16/2016 - Representative Klinker removed as cosponsor
- SB304 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS (KENLEY L) Provides that the deductions for veterans with a disability apply to individuals with a disability of at least 20% (rather than 10%, under current law). For the January 1, 2017, assessment date, increases the assessed value limit for the property tax deduction for certain veterans with a disability from \$143,160 to \$175,000. For the January 1, 2018, assessment date and each assessment date thereafter, provides that the assessed value limit is equal to: (1) the assessed value limit for the preceding assessment date; multiplied by (2) the assessed value growth quotient that is calculated in the year preceding the year in which the assessment date occurs. Provides that an individual may claim a deduction from the assessed value of the individual's homestead if: (1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the United States; (2) the individual received an honorable discharge; (3) the individual has a disability of at least 50%; (4) the individual's disability is evidenced by a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or by a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs; and (5) the homestead was conveyed without charge to the individual who is the owner of the homestead by an organization that is exempt from income taxation under the federal Internal Revenue Code. Specifies that a property continues to qualify as a homestead if the property is leased while the owner is away from Indiana serving on active duty in the armed forces, if the individual has lived at the property at any time during the past 10 years. (Current law specifies that a property ceases to qualify as a homestead if the property is leased while such an individual is away from Indiana.)
Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/18/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
 2/9/2016 - Representative Brown, T. removed as cosponsor
- SB309 STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION (HERSHMAN B) Eliminates the exemption for property taxes during the planning and construction of a residence that is conveyed upon completion to a low income individual by a nonprofit organization. Eliminates the exemption for property taxes for improvements on real property that are constructed, rehabilitated, or acquired for the purpose of providing low income housing (and also eliminates the PILOTS required from the taxpayers claiming the exemption). Eliminates the property tax deduction for residential rehabilitation of a dwelling. Eliminates the property tax deduction for rehabilitation of a structure over 50 years old. Provides that the use tax is

imposed on a contractor's conversion of construction material into real property if that construction material was purchased by the contractor. Specifies, however, that the use tax does not apply to conversions of construction material if: (1) the sales or use tax has been previously imposed on the contractor's acquisition or use of that construction material; (2) the person for whom the construction material is being converted could have purchased the construction material exempt from the sales and use tax (as evidenced by an exemption certificate) if that person had directly purchased the material from a retail merchant in a retail transaction; or (3) the conversion of the construction material into real property is governed by a time and material contract. Specifies that a person is a retail merchant making a retail transaction for purposes of state gross retail and use taxes when the person rents or furnishes rooms, lodgings, or accommodations (lodgings) that: (1) are rented or furnished for periods of less than 30 days; and (2) are located in a house, condominium, or apartment in which lodgings are rented or furnished for transient residential housing for consideration. Defines "facilitator" as a person who: (1) contracts with a person who rents or furnishes lodgings for consideration to market the lodgings through the Internet; and (2) accepts payment from the consumer for the lodging. Provides that a facilitator is a retail merchant making a retail transaction when the facilitator accepts payment from the consumer for lodgings rented or furnished in Indiana. Provides that a retail merchant who rents or furnishes lodgings shall provide to the consumer of the lodging an itemized statement separately stating all of the following: (1) The part of the gross retail income that is charged for the rental or furnishing of the lodging. (2) Any taxes collected by the person renting or furnishing the lodging. (3) Any part of the gross retail income that is a fee, commission, or other charge of a facilitator. Provides that a contractor is a retail merchant making a retail transaction when the contractor disposes of tangible personal property or converts tangible personal property into real property under a time and material contract. Provides that a taxpayer may claim the \$1,500 additional dependent deduction for a dependent child for whom the taxpayer is the legal guardian. (Current law allows the additional dependent deduction to be claimed only for a child, stepchild, or foster child of the taxpayer.) Repeals the state income tax credit for contributions to the twenty-first century scholars program support fund. Makes conforming changes. Provides that if a partnership, a trust, or an estate fails to withhold and pay any amount of tax required to be withheld and thereafter the tax is paid by the partners of the partnership (or the beneficiaries in the case of a trust or estate), the amount of tax paid by partners (or the beneficiaries in the case of a trust or estate) may not be collected from the partnership, trust, or estate. Specifies that the partnership, trust, or estate remains liable for interest or penalty based on the failure to withhold the tax. Provides that an Indiana inheritance tax return filed after March 31, 2016, must be filed with the department of state revenue (department). Amends provisions of the Indiana inheritance tax law to allow the department to process and administer inheritance tax returns filed with the department after March 31, 2016. Makes conforming changes. Provides that if the department issues to a person a demand notice for the payment of a tax, the person has 20 days (rather than 10 days, under current law) to either pay the amount demanded or show reasonable cause for not paying the amount demanded. Provides that if an ordinance has been adopted requiring the payment of innkeeper's tax to the county treasurer instead of the department, the county treasurer has the same rights and powers with respect to refunding the innkeeper's tax as the department. Repeals, effective January 1, 2017, the provision in current law that provides that the cutting of steel bars into billets is to be treated as processing of tangible personal property for purposes of the double direct sales tax exemption for certain manufacturing activities. Adds a provision that would apply retroactively the same sales tax exemption related to the cutting of steel bars into billets (that was enacted effective January 1, 2016) to taxable year beginning January 1, 2011. Provides, however, that a taxpayer predominantly engaged in the business of cutting steel bars owned by others into billets is not entitled to a refund of state gross retail or use taxes paid for any tax period beginning after December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2016, based on that provision.

Current Status: 2/24/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/17/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/15/2016 - Representative Thompson added as cosponsor

SB313

ABORTION MATTERS (HOLDMAN T) Requires the state department of health to develop certain information concerning perinatal hospice care. Requires physicians to provide information about perinatal hospice care to a pregnant woman who is considering an abortion because the unborn child has been diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly. Requires documentation as a matter of informed consent to an abortion that the pregnant woman received the required information about perinatal hospice care. Provides that the gender of the fetus and the medical indication by diagnosis code for the fetus and the mother must be reported on the pregnancy termination form for an early pre-viability termination. Prohibits a person from performing an abortion if the person knows that the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion solely because of: (1) the race, color, national origin, ancestry, or sex of the fetus; or (2) a diagnosis or potential diagnosis of the fetus having Down syndrome or any other disability. Provides for disciplinary sanctions and civil liability for wrongful death if a person knowingly or intentionally performs a sex selective abortion or an abortion conducted because of a diagnosis or potential diagnosis of Down syndrome or any other disability. Provides that the performance of an abortion solely because of the race, color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry of the fetus or a violation of certain statutes protecting the right of conscience regarding abortion is a discriminatory practice for purposes of the civil rights law. Defines fetal tissue. Prohibits an individual from acquiring, receiving, selling, or transferring fetal tissue. Makes it a Level 5 felony to unlawfully: (1) transfer; and (2) collect fetal tissue. Establishes an exemption for the criminal penalty of unlawful use of an embryo if the transfer or

receipt of a fetus was requested in writing by a biological parent for the purposes of research or transplantation.

Current Status: 2/18/2016 - Representative Rhoads added as cosponsor

Recent Status: 2/15/2016 - Representative Thompson added as cosponsor

2/9/2016 - Referred to House Public Policy

- SB316 NURSING HOME COMPLAINT REGISTRY (CHARBONNEAU E) Establishes the health facility investigation disclosure registry (registry) to be implemented and maintained by the state department of health (state department). Sets forth requirements of the registry. Requires certain investigatory entities to report substantiated complaints concerning a health facility to the state department for inclusion in the registry. Requires a health facility to disclose to certain individuals information concerning a substantiated complaint in the registry. Allows the state department to fine a health facility for failing to disclose information concerning the substantiated complaint.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Health & Provider Services
1/7/2016 - First Reading
- SB318 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY (MRVAN F) Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2017, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Currently, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and not more than five years of age.) Adds developmental delay as a category for mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.
- Current Status:* 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))
- Recent Status:* 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Education & Career Development
1/7/2016 - First Reading
- SB323 COMBINED REPORTING STUDY (HERSHMAN B) Requires the legislative services agency to: (1) study the combined reporting approach to apportioning income for income tax purposes; and (2) report the results of the study before October 1, 2016, to the legislative council and to the interim study committee on fiscal policy. Requires the interim study committee on fiscal policy to hold at least one public hearing at which the legislative services agency presents the results of the study.
- Current Status:* 2/24/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- Recent Status:* 2/17/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/9/2016 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- SB325 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (MESSMER M) Requires that a primary residence or business for which money is withdrawn from an individual development account (account) must be located or based in Indiana. Provides for use of money from an account for purchase of a motor vehicle. Increases from 175% to 200% of the federal income poverty level the maximum annual income that an individual may have to qualify for an account. Requires a qualifying individual to be an Indiana resident. Removes the deadline for deposits to accounts. Provides that a community development corporation may apply to the housing and community development authority for an allocation of tax credits for contributors to an individual development account fund. Prohibits application of fees to an account. Allows a community development corporation to approve a business plan before receiving the plan with a request for a withdrawal for use in connection with a business. Codifies current practices for allocation and claims of individual development account tax credits.
- Current Status:* 2/23/2016 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 232: yeas 100, nays 0
- Recent Status:* 2/23/2016 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
2/22/2016 - Second reading ordered engrossed
- SB331 ADULT PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP CASES (ZAKAS J) Provides that, in a proceeding on a petition for adult permanent guardianship, if the court finds that the appointment of a guardian is necessary and the person subject to the guardianship is a "mental defective" under federal law, the court shall transmit to the division of state court administration certain information for transmission to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with the federal Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. Makes corresponding amendments.
- Current Status:* 2/9/2016 - Referred to House Judiciary
- Recent Status:* 2/9/2016 - First Reading
2/2/2016 - Referred to House
- SB341 REMOVAL OF ASSET LIMITS FOR SNAP ELIGIBILITY (STOOPS M) Requires the division of family resources to: (1)

implement within the federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) an expanded eligibility category, which does not consider an individual's value of assets in determining SNAP eligibility; and (2) notify the United States Department of Agriculture of the implementation of expanded categorical eligibility under SNAP.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Family & Children Services
1/7/2016 - First Reading

SB348 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS (BRODEN J) Requires carbon monoxide alarms in hotels, motels, and dwellings. Defines "carbon monoxide alarm". Makes technical corrections.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/7/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Technology
1/7/2016 - First Reading

SB350 CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR HOME HEALTH WORKERS (RAATZ J) Requires a home health agency or personal services agency to obtain a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check on employees. (Current law requires a limited criminal history record unless certain circumstances exist that would require a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check.)

Current Status: 2/25/2016 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

Recent Status: 2/23/2016 - Representatives Porter and Brown, C. added as cosponsors
2/22/2016 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

SB368 STUDENT DISCIPLINE; STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (MRVAN F) Provides that if a student with a disability is suspended or expelled for an incident in which the student caused a classroom disturbance, the student's case conference committee shall be convened not later than 10 school days from the date of the incident to consider the appropriateness of an alternative placement for the student. Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/11/2016 - Referred to Senate Education & Career Development
1/11/2016 - First Reading

SB369 MINIMUM WAGE FOR CERTAIN INDIANA EMPLOYEES (MRVAN F) After: (1) June 30, 2016, increases the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$7.25 to \$12.00; and (2) June 30, 2017, increases the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$12.00 to \$15.00; an hour. After June 30, 2018, and each successive June 30, increases the hourly minimum wage in the same percentage as any increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year. Makes technical corrections and corresponding changes. Removes outdated language.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/11/2016 - Referred to Senate Pensions & Labor
1/11/2016 - First Reading

SB376 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (ARNOLD J) Establishes standards for affordable housing property to be exempt from property taxation when the property does not otherwise qualify for a property tax exemption. Specifies application requirements.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/11/2016 - Senator Broden added as author
1/11/2016 - Senator Arnold removed as author

SB385 EMPLOYEE REPORTING OF HEALTH FACILITY BREACHES (MRVAN F) Prohibits a person from taking retaliatory action against an employee or contractor who in good faith files an allegation of breach against a health facility.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Referred to Senate Civil Law
1/12/2016 - First Reading

SB394 REHABILITATION OPTION COUNSELING SERVICES (RAATZ J) Provides that for certain Medicaid rehabilitation option services a licensed addiction counselor is a licensed professional. Requires the office of the secretary of family

and social services to amend rules to include licensed addiction counselors in the definition of "licensed professional" and to delete licensed addiction counselor from the definition of "other behavioral health professional".

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Referred to Senate Health & Provider Services
1/12/2016 - First Reading

SB397

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS (RAATZ J) Establishes the special education scholarship account fund (fund) to provide education options for eligible special education students in Indiana. Defines "eligible special education student" as a student who has had an active individualized education program (IEP) within the past 18 months. Provides that the treasurer of state administers the fund. Provides that, if a parent enters into an agreement with the department of education (department), the department in exchange for the agreement shall transfer: (1) 100% of the eligible special education student's state tuition support; and (2) any amount the school corporation would receive for the student's special education services; to a special education scholarship account within the fund. Provides that the treasurer of state may approve disbursements from a special education scholarship account for payment of the following expenses for the eligible special education student: (1) Tuition and fees at a qualified school. (2) Textbooks required by a qualified school. (3) Services of a qualified education services provider. Defines "qualified school" as a nonpublic school that is an eligible school for purposes of the choice scholarship. Defines "qualified education services provider" as a tutor, another person, or an organization that is certified by the department to receive payment from a special education scholarship account for services provided to an eligible special education student. Specifies that a parent who signs an agreement to establish a special education scholarship account may not accept a choice scholarship.

Current Status: 2/3/2016 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79 (a))

Recent Status: 1/12/2016 - Referred to Senate Education & Career Development
1/12/2016 - First Reading

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[Pence has 'confidence' in ISTEP report despite alterations](#)

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said Wednesday he has "confidence in the integrity" of his State Board of Education despite an Associated Press review of documents that showed a top education official made significant alterations to a report that detailed a so-called independent investigation into the troubled and unpopular standardized ISTEP+ exam for students.

[Speaker: Not enough support for \\$42M Regional Cities boost](#)

A key GOP leader says a proposed \$42 million funding boost for Gov. Mike Pence's Regional Cities initiative does not currently have enough support to advance.

[Bill aims to regulate fantasy sports websites in Indiana](#)

Daily fantasy sports websites like "Fan Duel" or "Draft Kings" are becoming more popular every day. Now, Senate Bill 339 is aiming to put some consumer protections into place for that fan base.

[Ellspermann to resign on March 2](#)

Indiana Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann will step down from office early next month, clearing the way for a much anticipated shake-up to Gov. Mike Pence's re-election effort.

[Senate panel takes up bill with fetal remains provision](#)

Opponents of a bill containing several abortion-related measures -- including one that would require the remains of miscarried or aborted fetuses to either be cremated or interred -- have urged an Indiana Senate committee to vote against the measure.

[LGBT Rights Amendment Fails On House Floor](#)

The vast majority of House Republicans dismissed a Democratic amendment Thursday that would've barred employment discrimination against the LGBT community.

[Colleges won't let go of donation tax credit](#)

State Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, didn't mince words during a public hearing on tax issues last month.

[Future uncertain for state environmental policy limit](#)

The future remains uncertain for a proposed limit on Indiana's authority to make its own environmental policies.

[Bill To Create Permanent Drug Task Force Moves Forward](#)

Legislation to create a permanent Indiana drug task force heads to the House floor after a committee approved the measure Tuesday.

The bill has support from both parties, but some Democrats want language to ensure diversity on the task force.

[Interviews scheduled for Indiana Supreme Court candidates](#)

The committee that will recommend to Gov. Mike Pence three finalists to succeed retiring Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent Dickson will begin interviewing candidates on Wednesday.

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