

**My Bills Assigned to Reports**  
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**Ability Indiana**

**HB1027 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:** 1/24/2017 - Representative Morris added as coauthor

**HB1478 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, 2017.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

**HB1611 TAX INCENTIVE FOR HIRING EX-OFFENDERS** (MAYFIELD P) Provides a tax credit against state tax liability each taxable year for a taxpayer that hires an ex-felon. Specifies that the amount of the credit is \$3,000 for each qualified individual the employer hires during the taxable year. Provides that the maximum amount of credits allowed per state fiscal year may not exceed \$1,000,000 in a state fiscal year ending before July 1, 2018, and may not exceed \$2,500,000 in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, or in a subsequent state fiscal year. Requires a reporting on the tax credit before August 1, 2020.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**SB307 VETERAN PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING** (HERSHMAN B) Requires the department of workforce development (department) to give a veteran or the spouse of a veteran priority for placement in any federal or state employment or training program administered by the department if the veteran or the veteran's spouse: (1) submits documentation satisfactory to the department establishing the veteran's honorable discharge from service; and (2) meets the eligibility requirements for the program.

**Current Status:** 2/6/2017 - Senator Raatz added as coauthor

**SB318 MINIMUM WAGE** (MRVAN F) Increases, after June 30, 2018, the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour. Provides that after June 30, 2019, and each subsequent June 30, the hourly minimum wage increases at 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:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**SB326 PRODUCER RECYCLING OF WASTE PACKAGING AND PAPER** (STOOPS M) Requires every producer of a product or material that results in waste packaging or waste printed paper to register with the department of environmental management (department) and, either singly or jointly with one or more other producers, to submit to the department for approval a producer recycling program plan under which the producer or group of producers will provide for or finance the recycling of packaging and printed paper. Provides that a proposed producer recycling program plan must include a description of the methods by which packaging and printed paper will be collected from households in a convenient manner in all parts of Indiana and recycled, an explanation of how the plan will be financed, and other contents. Requires a producer or group of producers to solicit comments and input from stakeholders on its proposed producer recycling program plan. Provides that the department may require a

producer or group of producers to revise a producer recycling program plan that does not meet the requirements of the law. Requires that a producer recycling program plan, once accepted by the department, be updated every two years. Establishes goals of: (1) recycling 50% of all household packaging and printed paper by July 1, 2023; and (2) recycling 60% of all household packaging and printed paper by July 1, 2026. Exempts a producer of packaging or printed paper with gross sales in Indiana of less than \$250,000 per year from compliance with these requirements, and provides that a producer of packaging or printed paper with gross sales in Indiana of at least \$250,000 but less than \$500,000 is required to pay an annual fee to a producer recycling organization of not more than \$750 but is not otherwise required to comply with these requirements.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

## **Agenda**

**HB1001 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET (BROWN T)** Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Provides for bonding authority for capital projects for higher education institutions. Repeals the bonding authority for the Purdue University West Lafayette-Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory enacted in 2007. Terminates the legislative evaluation and oversight program. Replaces the statutory appropriation from the counter cyclical and revenue stabilization fund to the state general fund based on the budget report with a limited discretionary transfer determined by the budget director and approved by the governor. Specifies powers of the treasurer of state, acting as the chairperson of the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) board, related to the approval of expenses of the ABLE board and the ABLE authority. Adds powers for an emergency manager appointed by the distressed unit appeal board (DUAB) and removes the requirement to carry out certain actions. Adds conditions for the termination of distressed status. Permits an emergency manager to request that the DUAB waive the requirement that protected taxes are not reduced as a result of the circuit breaker credit for excessive property taxes. Specifies for purposes of a claim against a governmental entity that the emergency manager is acting on behalf of the distressed political subdivision and not the state. Provides civil immunity for an emergency manager with respect to an act or omission made in the course and scope of duties prescribed by the DUAB. Eliminates certain special provisions applying to school corporations, including the provisions applying to the Gary Community School Corporation. Designates the Gary Community School Corporation as a distressed political subdivision. Requires the DUAB to annually review the Gary Community School Corporation to determine whether the designation of distressed unit status should be terminated. Requires the emergency manager to report to the DUAB monthly instead of quarterly. Permits the attorney general to represent the emergency manager upon request in certain matters. Increases the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$1.995 per pack of regular size cigarettes (and a corresponding increase for larger cigarettes), and uses the additional revenue for reimbursements of Medicaid providers. Establishes the Medicaid provider reimbursement fund for deposit of a part of the cigarette taxes, registration fees, fines, and penalties collected under the cigarette tax law. Provides for an income tax deduction for military retirement and survivor's benefits of \$8,000 for the 2018 taxable year and \$16,000 for a taxable year after 2018 (retains a \$5,000 deduction for military income that is not a military retirement benefit, which is now a combined deduction including military income and military retirement benefits). Increases the maximum school scholarship income tax credits that may be awarded during a state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2017, to be the greater of \$12,500,000 or the total amount of credits awarded in the most recent state fiscal year multiplied by 120%. Eliminates the expiration provisions in current law for the venture capital investment tax credit. Provides that a taxpayer may assign all or part of a venture capital investment tax credit. Specifies certain restrictions on the assignment of a venture capital investment tax credit. Provides that the issuance or assignment of a certificate or tax credit under the venture capital investment tax credit is not subject to the Indiana securities law.

Provides that an acute care hospital is entitled to a credit against the hospital's adjusted gross income tax liability equal to 50% of the property taxes paid in Indiana. (The current credit is equal to 10% of the property taxes paid in Indiana.) Provides that the amount of any unused credit may be claimed as a refundable tax credit. Repeals requirements for estimates of local income tax certified distributions by the budget agency. Changes the name of the next generation trust and trust fund to the next level Indiana trust and trust fund. Establishes the next level Indiana board to be the trustee of the trust fund and to direct the investments of the trust. Provides broader investment powers to the trustee. Caps the investments that may be made by the next level Indiana trust fund at 50% for investments that maximize risk appropriate returns and that make significant investments in Indiana funds and companies. Removes obsolete provisions concerning the trust fund. Specifies that money in each horse breed development fund is continuously appropriated to make payments ordered by the horse racing commission. Specifies that the horse racing commission's share of the money in the gaming integrity fund is continuously appropriated to carry out the purposes of the fund. Specifies that the money in the standardbred horse fund is continuously appropriated to carry out the purposes of the fund. Provides that a governmental entity may issue a request for information with respect to a public-private agreement: (1) to consider the factors involved in, the feasibility of, or the potential consequences of a contemplated project involving a public facility or transportation project; (2) to prepare a request for proposals; or (3) to evaluate any aspect of an existing public-private agreement. Provides that responses to a request for information are confidential unless confidentiality is waived in writing. Provides that the governmental entity issuing the request for information is not required to take any action after receiving a response to a request for information. Repeals provisions authorizing the Indiana finance authority to enter into a public-private agreement for communications systems infrastructure with a single offeror based solely on a request for information. Establishes the Indiana tourism task force to study the tourism departments of other states for the purposes of learning: (1) the structure of state tourism departments; (2) the level of funding provided to state tourism departments; and (3) the relationship between state funding of a state's tourism department and the economic impact of tourism on the state. Merges the law enforcement academy building fund and the law enforcement training fund into the law enforcement academy fund with no changes to the funds' uses. Allows the law enforcement academy to charge a fee to all users for training and corresponding marginal and fixed costs according to an annual cost and fee schedule approved by the budget director. Allows the academy to house and train law enforcement agencies from outside Indiana. Eliminates the requirement that the salary matrix for police employees of the state police department applies to law enforcement officers of the law enforcement division of the department of natural resources. Provides that deer research and management fund fee revenue, migratory waterfowl stamp revenue, and game bird restoration stamp revenue may be retained in the fish and wildlife fund if the budget agency finds that it would reduce the balance in the fish and wildlife fund below \$3,000,000 at the end of the state fiscal year. Changes the expiration dates for the hospital assessment fee and the health facility quality assessment fee from June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021. Modifies the replacement facility exemption for purposes of the prohibition on the appro

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**HB1102 TASK FORCE TO ASSESS SERVICES** (CLERE E) Establishes a task force for assessment of services and supports for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Specifies the composition, duties, and governance structure of the task force.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**HB1340 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAY SERVICES** (SULLIVAN H) Specifies the reimbursement method for specified services under the family supports Medicaid waiver and the community integration and habilitation Medicaid waiver. Requires the office of Medicaid

policy and planning (office) to determine the cost to providers of providing quality services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requires the office to collect data on cost from providers to determine appropriate reimbursement rates that adequately compensate the provider.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1439 FSSA MATTERS** (KIRCHHOFER C) Allows a Medicaid recipient who is incarcerated to have the recipient's Medicaid suspended for up to two years instead of one year before terminating the recipient's Medicaid eligibility. Defines "comprehensive risk contract" and "managed care organization" for purposes of Medicaid. Specifies that if a provision of Indiana insurance law conflicts with the administration of a law applying to a managed care organization with respect to the managed care organization's Medicaid responsibilities, the law applying to the managed care organization with respect to the Medicaid responsibilities is controlling. Changes language in the Medicaid law to reflect the existence of more than one risk based managed care program. Removes obsolete references to "primary care case management". Removes references to "insurer", "insurance", and "health maintenance organization" in the law concerning the healthy Indiana plan to reflect the sole use of managed care organizations to provide coverage under the plan. Makes conforming amendments. Makes a technical correction to a federal Code citation.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**HB1493 LONG TERM CARE MATTERS** (BROWN T) Requires a home and community based services program for individuals who are aged or disabled to include reimbursement for assisted living services in the Medicaid program. Requires the division of aging to report to the general assembly a plan to expand the scope and availability of home and community based services for individuals who are aged or disabled and requires the division to implement the plan. Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) from including individuals who receive nursing facility services in a risk based managed care program or a capitated managed care program. Requires the office to determine the amount of reimbursement payments that would have been reimbursed but for a reduction in reimbursement and use those dollars for the expansion of home and community based services. Establishes the home and community based expansion fund. Specifies circumstances in which a Medicaid reimbursement reduction must be suspended. Specifies the model to be used for Medicaid nursing facility service payments. Requires the office to do the following: (1) Provide public notice of at least one year before reducing nursing facility service reimbursements. (2) Obtain federal approval to operate a nursing facility closure incentive payment program and implement the program. (3) Review currently offered home health programs, develop additional programs, and report on the programs to the general assembly. Requires the state department of health to amend rules concerning residential care facilities to comply with federal law concerning the provision of home and community based services. Modifies the replacement facility exemption for purposes of the prohibition on the approval of licensure of comprehensive care health facilities and comprehensive care beds and extends the prohibition through June 30, 2023. Makes various changes concerning the collection of the health facility quality assessment fee and extends the collection of the assessment through June 30, 2023. Modifies the distribution of the quality assessment fee after state fiscal year 2017 and specifies circumstances in which the modification would be suspended by the office. Makes an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

**HB1525 MODIFYING THE SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY** (SULLIVAN H) Requires that parking signs for accessible parking spaces for an individual with a physical disability must bear, instead of the international symbol of accessibility (also known as the international wheelchair symbol), a modified symbol of access, and describes the symbol. Requires that license plates and placards for display in or on a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability must bear,

rather than the international symbol of accessibility, the modified symbol of access.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Representative Hatfield added as coauthor

**HB1553 EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES** (KARICKHOFF 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 (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:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**SB45 DATE OF ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** (ZAKAS J) Changes the latest day for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in the first regular session from April 29 to April 21 beginning with the 2019 session. Changes the latest day for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in the second regular session from March 14 to March 21 beginning with the 2018 session. Makes conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**SB252 MINIMUM WAGE** (TALLIAN K) Increases the state minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.62 an hour. Eliminates the tip credit in determining the minimum wage paid to a tipped employee. Makes a technical correction.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**SB313 SYMBOL TO SIGNIFY ACCESSIBLE PARKING** (BECKER V) Requires that parking signs for accessible parking spaces for an individual with a physical disability must bear, instead of the international symbol of accessibility (also known as the international wheelchair symbol), the modified symbol of access. Requires that license plates and placards issued by the bureau of motor vehicles for display in or on a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability must bear, rather than the international symbol of accessibility, the modified symbol of access.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Senator Ruckelshaus added as second author

**SB318 MINIMUM WAGE** (MRVAN F) Increases, after June 30, 2018, the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour. Provides that after June 30, 2019, and each subsequent June 30, the hourly minimum wage increases at 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:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**SB468 HOSPICES AND MEDICAID** (BECKER V) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to move a recipient who participates in the Medicaid risk based managed care program to the Medicaid fee for service program if the recipient is approved to receive hospice services without losing Medicaid coverage. Requires the office to reimburse the hospice provider

through the fee for service program. Specifies that the Medicaid recipient remains in the fee for service Medicaid program through the recipient's Medicaid eligibility.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SJR7 BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT** (HERSHMAN B) Provides that the total amount of expense appropriations enacted by the general assembly for a biennial budget may not exceed the estimated revenue of the state in the biennial budget period. Defines "revenue" as all income received by the state general fund and all other state funds, excluding the proceeds of bonds or other loans. Defines "expense" as the ordinary operating costs of state government, including any debt service payments made during the biennial budget period. Provides that a state budget enacted by the general assembly must appropriate money for the state's prefunded pension funds in the amount necessary to actuarially fund the accrued liability of all such pension funds during the budget period. Provides that if expenses exceed actual revenue when reconciled at the close of a biennial budget period, the subsequent biennial budget must subtract any shortfall from the projected revenue available for that subsequent biennial budget. Allows these requirements to be suspended if at least two-thirds of the members of the house of representatives and at least two-thirds of the members of the senate vote to suspend the requirements. Provides that a court that orders a remedy pursuant to any case or controversy arising under these provisions may not order any remedies other than a declaratory judgment or such other remedies that are specifically authorized by the general assembly.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Crane added as coauthor

## **BILLS TO BREAK DOWN**

**HB1397 WORK OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM** (MCNAMARA W) Creates the work opportunity grant program (program) to provide grants to employers that continue to employ certain eligible employees into a second year of employment. Provides that the department of workforce development administers the program. Creates a purchasing preference for employers that are awarded a grant under the program.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**HB1439 FSSA MATTERS** (KIRCHHOFFER C) Allows a Medicaid recipient who is incarcerated to have the recipient's Medicaid suspended for up to two years instead of one year before terminating the recipient's Medicaid eligibility. Defines "comprehensive risk contract" and "managed care organization" for purposes of Medicaid. Specifies that if a provision of Indiana insurance law conflicts with the administration of a law applying to a managed care organization with respect to the managed care organization's Medicaid responsibilities, the law applying to the managed care organization with respect to the Medicaid responsibilities is controlling. Changes language in the Medicaid law to reflect the existence of more than one risk based managed care program. Removes obsolete references to "primary care case management". Removes references to "insurer", "insurance", and "health maintenance organization" in the law concerning the healthy Indiana plan to reflect the sole use of managed care organizations to provide coverage under the plan. Makes conforming amendments. Makes a technical correction to a federal Code citation.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**HB1442 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. Requires the commissioner of labor to enforce paid sick and safe leave for employees.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**HB1528 PERSONAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES** (DVORAK R) Provides that certain employees of

certain employers are entitled to take: (1) 24 hours of paid leave; and (2) 16 hours of unpaid leave; in a 12 month period.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**SB388 DATA BASE OF HEALTH FACILITY INVESTIGATIONS (BREAUX J)** Establishes the public statewide 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 investigating 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. Requires the state department to generate an annual report that aggregates the number of substantiated complaints in the registry. Allows the state department to fine a health facility for failing to disclose information concerning a substantiated complaint.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB419 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (MERRITT J)** Removes requirements for administrative rules concerning geographic primary service areas for community mental health centers. Provides that the county executive shall designate which community mental health centers are to receive funding from the county. Specifies that the county executive may designate a community mental health center to receive funding from the county even if that community mental health center is not designated by the division of mental health and addiction as the community mental health center for the county's geographic primary service area. Provides that in the case of a county served by only one community mental health center that is designated for funding by the county, the maximum appropriation for the operating budget of the community mental health center is equal to: (1) the operating budget of the community mental health center (reduced by certain noncounty funding sources); multiplied by (2) the ratio of: (A) the part of the population of the county that is served by the community mental health center; divided by (B) the total county population. Provides that in the case of a county served by more than one community mental health center that is designated for funding by the county, the county executive shall determine the allotment to each of those community mental health centers. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB560 WORK OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM (ECKERTY D)** Creates the work opportunity grant program (program) to provide grants to employers that continue to employ certain eligible employees into a second year of employment. Provides that the department of workforce development administers the program. Creates a purchasing preference for employers that are awarded a grant under the program.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

## **Business - General**

**HB1044 EXPANDED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS (THOMPSON J)** Amends definitions throughout the Indiana Code to reflect a uniform definition of "expanded criminal history check".

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1157 SMALL BUSINESS DUPLICATIVE REPORTING (MILLER D)** Requires the Indiana economic development corporation to: (1) develop a means for small business reporting of duplicative state reporting requirements through the office of technology computer gateway; and (2) annually report the received information to the house of representatives' standing committee responsible for government reduction.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

- SB3 PAID PERSONAL LEAVE (RANDOLPH L)** Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee during the 2017 legislative interim the topic of paid personal leave from employment.  
**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
- SB9 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DRUG CONVICTIONS (MERRITT J)** Specifies that, beginning January 1, 2018, Indiana elects to opt out of the federal law prohibiting individuals convicted of certain drug offenses from receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) assistance.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB11 COVERAGE FOR ABUSE DETERRENT OPIOIDS (MERRITT J)** Requires that, if an abuse deterrent opioid analgesic is available with a certain active ingredient, state employee health plans, policies of accident and sickness insurance, and health maintenance organization contracts must provide coverage for at least one abuse deterrent opioid analgesic that provides that active ingredient.  
**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
- SB14 HANDGUNS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF (TOMES J)** Permits certain employees of the general assembly to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex if the employee: (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2017 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- SB43 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN LOCKED VEHICLES (TOMES J)** Removes penal facilities from the list of locations where employer ordinances, resolutions, policies, or rules prohibiting the keeping of firearms on employer property may be enforced. Provides that a penal facility shall require an employee to: (1) secure the employee's firearm or ammunition or both in a locked case, and (2) store the firearm or ammunition or both in the trunk, glove compartment, or out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB253 STUDY OF VOLUNTARY PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE (TALLIAN K)** Urges the legislative council to assign the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave program to the interim study committee on employment and labor or another appropriate study committee.  
**Current Status:** 2/13/2017 - Senator Boots added as third author
- SB312 USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION IN HIRING (BOOTS P)** Provides that a political subdivision may not prohibit an employer from obtaining or using criminal history information during the hiring process to the extent allowed by federal or state law, rules, or regulations. Provides that a political subdivision may not prohibit an employer, at the time an individual makes an initial application for employment, from making an inquiry regarding the individual's criminal history information or requiring the individual to disclose criminal history information. Provides that criminal history information concerning an employee or former employee may not be introduced against an employer, an employer's agents, or an employer's employees in a civil action based on the employee's or the former employee's conduct if: (1) the criminal history information does not bear a direct relationship to the facts underlying the civil action; (2) the records of the criminal case have been sealed; (3) the criminal conviction has been reversed, vacated, or expunged; (4) the employee or former employer has received a pardon for the criminal conviction; or (5) the arrest or charge did not result in a criminal conviction. Provides that this provision does not supersede any federal or state law



requirement to conduct a criminal history information background investigation or consider criminal history information in hiring for particular types of employment.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

- SB318 MINIMUM WAGE** (MRVAN F) Increases, after June 30, 2018, the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour. Provides that after June 30, 2019, and each subsequent June 30, the hourly minimum wage increases at 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:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

## Education

- HB1639 SCHOOL FACILITY ADA COMPLIANCE** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Requires charter schools and eligible schools, jointly in consultation with the department of education (department), before July 1, 2018, to establish standards of compliance (standards) with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Requires the department to post the standards on the department's Internet web site. Allows the department to conduct an assessment of the school buildings, educational programs, and student activities of each charter school and eligible school to determine the school's compliance with the standards. Provides that, notwithstanding any other law, each charter school or eligible school that receives public funds must meet the standards not later than July 1, 2022. Requires that if, after June 30, 2022, a charter school or eligible school that receives public funds fails to meet the standards, the noncompliant school is ineligible to receive public funds.
- Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Referred to House Education

- SB61 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS** (HEAD R) Requires a school resource officer to report all incidents of seclusion and restraint involving the school resource officer. Requires the commission on seclusion and restraint in schools (commission) to adopt rules concerning reporting requirements for the use of seclusion and restraint by school resource officers. Voids a rule adopted by the commission that excludes school resource officers from the reporting requirements.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - DO PASS AMEND Yeas: 5; Nays: 0

- SB319 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES** (MRVAN F) Provides that if a student with a disability is suspended or expelled for an incident in which the student causes a classroom disturbance, the student's case conference committee must be convened not later than 10 school days after the date of the incident to consider the appropriateness of an alternative placement for the student. Makes a technical correction.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

- SB432 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY DISABILITY** (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, 2018, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Under current law, 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 of mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

- SB475 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY** (MELTON E) Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2018, 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:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**SB534 SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PROGRAM (RAATZ J)** Establishes the Indiana special education scholarship account program (program). Requires the treasurer of state to administer the program. Establishes: (1) the special education scholarship account fund (fund); and (2) requirements and conditions for the program. Requires the department of education (department) to, on or before May 1 and January 1 of each year, provide the treasurer of state a list of the names of students with disabilities who require special education and for whom an individualized education program has been developed. Provides that any grant amount distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana special education scholarship account and used for qualified expenses under the program is not included in adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes. Provides that money transferred from a student's Indiana special education scholarship account to the student's college choice 529 education savings plan is not included as a contribution for purposes of a credit against a taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax. Requires the treasurer of state to: (1) annually request a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student who is participating in the program to complete a written survey; and (2) annually provide a summary of the survey to the governor and the legislative council. Continuously appropriates money from the fund and the accounts established within the fund for the purposes of the program.

**Current Status:** 2/15/2017 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

## Employment

**HB1008 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (HUSTON T)** Provides for the expiration of Indiana works councils on July 1, 2018. Repeals provisions establishing the advisory committee on career and technical education. Specifies the requirements for the award of a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant and a high value workforce ready noncredit-bearing grant. Adds an applicant who attends or has attended an accredited nonpublic school or a nonaccredited nonpublic school as eligible to receive a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant. Establishes conditions for the renewal of a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant, and provides alternatives to maintenance of satisfactory academic progress that allow a student to qualify for and renew an adult student grant and a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant. Establishes the maximum period during which a student may receive an adult study grant and a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant. Establishes the high value workforce ready grant program implementation fund, administered by the department of workforce development (department) and the commission for higher education (commission), to award high value workforce ready grants and administer the grant program. Establishes an annual reporting requirement to the governor, the state workforce innovation council (council), and the legislative council by state providers of workforce related programs (program) concerning the results of each of those programs. Requires a state provider that establishes a new program to submit a report concerning the program to the governor, the legislative council, and the council not later than 30 days after the program is established. Requires the governor's office to develop by October 31, 2017, a comprehensive workforce development plan with assistance of the department, the commission, and the state board of education. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**HB1044 EXPANDED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS (THOMPSON J)** Amends definitions throughout the Indiana Code to reflect a uniform definition of "expanded criminal history check".

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for

Hearing)

**HB1183 EMPLOYEE PAID SICK LEAVE** (LAWSON L) Provides that certain employers shall provide paid sick leave to employees of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours of employment, up to a maximum of 40 hours of paid sick leave a year. Provides that the commissioner of labor shall enforce paid sick leave for employees and shall adopt rules to implement paid sick leave.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**HB1189 CRIME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** (OBER D) Requires local law enforcement agencies to provide criminal justice data to the Indiana state police. Requires local law enforcement agencies to participate in a statewide uniform crime report program with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Requires the criminal justice data division of the state police department to report crime statistics to the governor semiannually (rather than annually, as required under current law).

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Senate sponsors: Senators Ruckelshaus and Doriot

**HB1391 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING** (FRIZZELL D) Provides that the exception for government employees who practice social work and clinical social work without the requirement of a license includes subcontractors who are contracted by the department of child services. Specifies the accreditation that a subcontractor who is contracted by the department of child services must have in order to qualify for an exception to the requirement to be licensed to practice social work or clinical social work. Creates a bachelor's degree social worker license. Provides that individuals who pursue a social work license with a bachelor's degree may apply under existing requirements and use clinical social work experience hours until July 1, 2019. Provides that any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker accumulates do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements. Requires the behavioral health and human services licensing board to issue a license to a social worker or clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, licensed addiction counselor, or licensed clinical addiction counselor who: (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction; (2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested; (3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and (4) pays a fee.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - House Bills on Third Reading

**HB1394 LIMITATIONS ON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING** (FRIZZELL D) Limits the authority of the state and counties, cities, and towns to impose licensing fees and regulations on an occupation or profession.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - DO PASS AMEND Yeas: 10; Nays: 0

**HB1435 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS** (AUSTIN T) Allows applicants for licensure as a clinical social worker (LCSW) to obtain required clinical social work experience by working at a community mental health center or other qualified facility or program and under the supervision of a qualified LCSW supervisor. Provides that any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant accumulates do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Representatives Kirchhofer and Frizzell added as coauthors

**HB1478 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, 2017.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

**HB1553 EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES** (KARICKHOFF 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 (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:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1611 TAX INCENTIVE FOR HIRING EX-OFFENDERS** (MAYFIELD P) Provides a tax credit against state tax liability each taxable year for a taxpayer that hires an ex-felon. Specifies that the amount of the credit is \$3,000 for each qualified individual the employer hires during the taxable year. Provides that the maximum amount of credits allowed per state fiscal year may not exceed \$1,000,000 in a state fiscal year ending before July 1, 2018, and may not exceed \$2,500,000 in the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, or in a subsequent state fiscal year. Requires a reporting on the tax credit before August 1, 2020.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**SB134 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:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**SB141 TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS** (RANDOLPH L) Provides a nonrefundable tax credit to a small business for employing an individual who is receiving unemployment benefits or returning from military service (qualified new employee). Provides that the small business must employ a greater number of full-time employees in Indiana in the taxable year than the small business employed in Indiana, on average, in the small business's base employment period (normally January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016). Provides that the employee must be hired full time. Provides that the credit applies only to taxable years beginning in 2017 through 2019. Provides that the credit is \$3,000 per qualified new employee, not to exceed \$100,000 per small business. Provides that the small business may carry any excess credit over to not more than three subsequent taxable years. Provides that the small business forfeits 50% of the amount of the tax credits attributable to the employment of a qualified new employee, if within 18 months after the qualified new employee was initially hired: (1) the qualified new employee is terminated, laid off, or otherwise reclassified to a position that is not a full-time employment position with the small business; or (2) the position created for the qualified new employee is eliminated.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

- SB252**    **MINIMUM WAGE** (TALLIAN K) Increases the state minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.62 an hour. Eliminates the tip credit in determining the minimum wage paid to a tipped employee. Makes a technical correction.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB253**    **STUDY OF VOLUNTARY PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE** (TALLIAN K) Urges the legislative council to assign the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave program to the interim study committee on employment and labor or another appropriate study committee.  
**Current Status:** 2/13/2017 - Senator Boots added as third author
- SB269**    **PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND EMPLOYMENT** (RANDOLPH L) Provides that an employer may not discriminate against an employee with respect to compensation and benefits from the employer or terms and conditions of employment based on: (1) the employee's filing a petition for a protective order, whether or not the protective order has been issued; or (2) the actions of an individual against whom the employee has filed a protective order.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
- SB312**    **USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION IN HIRING** (BOOTS P) Provides that a political subdivision may not prohibit an employer from obtaining or using criminal history information during the hiring process to the extent allowed by federal or state law, rules, or regulations. Provides that a political subdivision may not prohibit an employer, at the time an individual makes an initial application for employment, from making an inquiry regarding the individual's criminal history information or requiring the individual to disclose criminal history information. Provides that criminal history information concerning an employee or former employee may not be introduced against an employer, an employer's agents, or an employer's employees in a civil action based on the employee's or the former employee's conduct if: (1) the criminal history information does not bear a direct relationship to the facts underlying the civil action; (2) the records of the criminal case have been sealed; (3) the criminal conviction has been reversed, vacated, or expunged; (4) the employee or former employer has received a pardon for the criminal conviction; or (5) the arrest or charge did not result in a criminal conviction. Provides that this provision does not supersede any federal or state law requirement to conduct a criminal history information background investigation or consider criminal history information in hiring for particular types of employment.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB318**    **MINIMUM WAGE** (MRVAN F) Increases, after June 30, 2018, the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour. Provides that after June 30, 2019, and each subsequent June 30, the hourly minimum wage increases at 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:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
- SB390**    **EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES** (STOOPS M) Increases the number of members and changes the membership of the commission on rehabilitation services (commission). Makes changes in the terms of service of commission members and requires the governor to specify each member's term of service to ensure that terms expire on a staggered basis. Adds the following to the commission's duties: (1) Establish baseline data regarding the number of individuals with disabilities in competitive integrated employment and set annual goals for increasing the percentage of individuals with disabilities in competitive integrated employment. (2) Identify and resolve barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities. (3) Analyze federal, state, and local agency policies concerning the provision of services to individuals with disabilities, including the impact of those policies on opportunities

for competitive integrated employment, and recommend changes to state policies. (4) Assist state agencies in the implementation of the policy concerning employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. (5) Provide an annual report to the governor and the rehabilitation services administration commissioner concerning the employment of individuals with disabilities. Provides that the policy (policy) of the state is to promote competitive 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. Requires state agencies to implement the policy in a manner that is consistent with an individual's right to make an informed choice about employment options that meet an individual's needs and preferences. 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 integrated employment.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**SB509 HEALTH CARE WORKER REGISTRY** (MERRITT J) Establishes a centralized, computerized health care worker registry (registry), operated and maintained by the state department of health (state department), to organize and access data regarding substantiated reports and allegations under investigation of specified instances of misconduct by a health care worker on the staff of a health care facility. Provides notice and an administrative hearing process for a health care worker to contest the information to be entered onto the registry. Requires a health care facility to request information from the registry concerning a health care worker before hiring the worker. Specifies the persons and organizations that may access information on the registry. Provides civil immunity: (1) for a person who provides information in good faith to the state department for the registry; and (2) to the state department, an employer, or prospective employer that uses information from the registry in good faith to screen a prospective employee or to review the employment status of a current employee. Allows an employer, acting in good faith, to disclose to a current or prospective employer of a health care professional information about any known involvement of the health care professional in drug diversion or tampering, patient abuse, violation of the employer's drug or alcohol policies, or a crime of violence. Provides civil immunity for a responding employer and the employer's officer, director, employee, agent, or other representative that in good faith provides information about a health care professional to an inquiring employer.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law

**SB513 DRUG TESTING OF HOME HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES** (HERSHMAN B) Requires home health agencies to drug test job applicants and employees who come in direct contact with patients. Exempts from drug testing licensed home health employees employed by a home health agency owned by a licensed hospital. Requires drug testing to occur at least annually. Allows for random drug testing and testing upon reasonable suspicion of illegal controlled substance use. Requires verification of a positive drug test, and requires the employee to pay for the verification test. Specifies that, unless an employee has a valid prescription for the substance for which the employee tests positive on a drug test, a home health agency shall either discharge an employee or suspend an employee from direct contact with patients for at least six months if the drug test is positive. Specifies that a home health agency that discharges or suspends an employee or refuses to hire a job applicant because of a positive drug test is considered to have discharged, suspended, or refused to hire for just cause. Provides that a home health agency, when acting in good faith and in compliance with state law, is immune from civil liability for conducting employee drug testing or taking an employee disciplinary action or discharging an employee as the result of employee drug testing. Provides that immunity does not apply to actions that constitute gross negligence or wanton misconduct.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2017 - Cosponsor: Representative Siegrist

**SB541 EMPLOYER TRAINING EXPENSE TAX CREDIT (RAATZ J)** Establishes a tax credit against state tax liability for expenditures and donations made on behalf of an employee or student to meet the requirements for portable workforce credentials that are required or beneficial for targeted employment in manufacturing, health care, information technology, or logistics that is critical to or emerging as needed by employers to conduct business in Indiana. Limits the tax credit to \$40,000 per employer and \$5,000 per employee or student in each taxable year, and limits the aggregate total of all tax credits that may be claimed by all taxpayers for expenditures and donations made in each state fiscal year to \$10,000,000. Requires the department of workforce development to carry out a program to allocate available tax credits among taxpayers and to maintain a list of portable workforce credentials and approved training providers that would qualify a taxpayer for a tax credit. Expires the tax credit program on July 1, 2021. Repeals the economic development for a growing economy tax credit allowed for training of prospective employees who are students in an educational institution in a course of study that leads to an industrial certification.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senator Holdman added as third author

### **Guardianship & Adoption**

**HB1048 ADOPTION CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK (AYLESWORTH M)** Removes a requirement that a criminal history check in an adoption or guardianship proceeding must include a request for information from a national registry of substantiated child abuse and neglect reports.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law

**HB1334 DE FACTO CUSTODIAN (KERSEY C)** Amends the minimum time requirement for a caregiver to meet the definition of de facto custodian. Adds factors to be considered by the court in determining whether to award custody of a child to a de facto custodian.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Judiciary

**HB1428 SIBLING VISITATION (OLTHOFF J)** Provides that a petition seeking visitation rights with a child may be filed by the child's sibling, or by an individual on behalf of the sibling, in certain circumstances. Establishes factors for the court to consider in determining whether granting sibling visitation rights is in the best interests of the child. Requires the court to enter a decree after holding a hearing. Allows the court to modify an order granting or denying sibling visitation rights. Provides that a court may order a party to an action for sibling visitation to pay a reasonable amount for the cost to the other party of maintaining or defending the action, including costs for attorney's fees and mediation. Specifies that certain agencies are not required to pay costs. Makes conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Judiciary

**HB1499 VISITATION FOR FORMER FOSTER PARENTS (SMALTZ B)** Provides that a foster parent may file a petition seeking visitation rights with a child if the child was placed under the care and supervision of the foster parent for at least 12 months. Requires the court to enter a decree after holding a hearing. Allows the court to modify an order granting or denying visitation rights. Requires the department of child services to provide notification to a foster parent if the parent-child relationship of a child who was placed under the care and supervision of the foster parent for at least 12 months is terminated.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Judiciary

**HB1653 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (MACER K)** Authorizes law enforcement officers and adult protective services units to take endangered adults into emergency custody under certain conditions, and requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to make emergency housing available for endangered adults taken into emergency custody. Requires

adult protective services unit members to receive continuing education, and specifies minimum staffing levels for adult protective services units. Requires adult protective services units to provide body armor for adult protective services investigators. Authorizes adult protective services investigators to carry a handgun.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2017 - Representative Carbaugh added as coauthor

**SB145 REQUIRE ADOPTION SUBSIDY PAYMENTS** (RANDOLPH L) Requires the department of child services (department) to: (1) enter into an agreement, with each adoptive parent of a child with special needs who is eligible for an adoption subsidy, to provide an adoption subsidy for the child; and (2) allocate funds to the adoption assistance account necessary to make the adoption subsidy payments. Prohibits the department from terminating an adoption subsidy agreement with adoptive parents due to insufficient funds in the adoption assistance account. Makes conforming changes. Repeals a provision that allows the department to: (1) approve new adoption subsidy agreements only for children who are wards of the department at the time the adoption petition is filed; and (2) give priority to funding new adoption subsidy agreements for children who are or were wards of the department; if the department determines that sufficient funds are not available.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

**SB234 EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** (CRIDER M) Increases the penalties for exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult and financial exploitation of an endangered adult.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

**SB235 GUARDIANSHIPS** (CRIDER M) Requires a guardian of a protected adult to permit all appropriate contact, communication, and social interaction between the protected adult and individuals with whom the protected adult had significant past family or social relationships, subject to a determination by the guardian, after consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, that contact, communication, or social interaction with the protected adult should be limited, supervised, or prohibited in order to prevent harm to the protected adult's health, person, or property. Provides that any act or omission by the guardian in permitting contact, communication, and social interaction with the protected adult is subject to review and modification or other action by the court.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - House sponsor: Representative DeVon

**SB332 ADOPTION MATTERS** (ZAKAS J) Amends provisions regarding adoption notices. Provides that a consent to an adoption is not required from the biological father of a child born out of wedlock who was conceived as a result of a crime in any jurisdiction in which the elements of the crime are substantially similar to certain crimes under Indiana law. Amends provisions regarding: (1) when a putative father is not entitled to establish paternity; and (2) postadoption contact privileges. Prohibits any person from challenging an adoption decree after the expiration period. Makes the following changes to the crime of profiting from an adoption: (1) Provides that the crime does not apply if the birth mother is not a resident of Indiana and the adoption takes place outside of Indiana. (2) Increases, from \$3,000 to \$4,000, the allowable payments for certain costs and expenses. Prohibits the state department of health from processing a birth certificate with respect to a record for adoption unless certain fees have been paid and the report summarizing the available medical, psychological, and educational records concerning the birth parents has been submitted to the state department of health.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2017 - Referred to House

**SB396 GUARDIAN REIMBURSEMENT AND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY** (KOCH E) Specifies that an amount not to exceed \$175 a month in court ordered guardianship fees for an individual who



is in an institution is exempt from Medicaid income eligibility consideration.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2017 - House sponsor: Representative Frizzell

**SB516 GUARDIAN POWER TO REQUEST HEALTH RECORDS** (BREAUX J) Authorizes the guardian of a patient who was an incapacitated person to request the health records of the patient after the patient's death. Provides, however, that if a personal representative of the estate of the deceased patient is appointed, the guardian of the deceased patient may not request the health records of the deceased patient. Amends the guardianship law to provide that: (1) the guardianship of an incapacitated person is not terminated upon the incapacitated person's death; and (2) the court may not terminate the guardianship of an incapacitated person: (A) until at least 60 days after the incapacitated person's death; or (B) if the guardian, less than 60 days after the incapacitated person's death, requests access to records relating to the incapacitated person's death, until the guardian is granted access to the records or until the guardian's request for access to the records is denied and the guardian: (i) states that the guardian will not appeal the denial of access; (ii) exhausts all administrative and judicial appeals of the denial of access; or (iii) is barred due to the passage of time from appealing the denial of access. Provides that when a guardianship continues after the death of the protected person because the protected person was an incapacitated person, the 30 day period within which the guardian is required to file a written verified account with the court begins when the guardianship is terminated, not when the protected person dies.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

## Health

**HB1134 PROTECTION OF LIFE** (NISLY C) Repeals the statutes authorizing and regulating abortion. Finds that human physical life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm. Asserts a compelling state interest in protecting human physical life from the moment that human physical life begins. Redefines "human being" for purposes of the criminal code to conform to the finding that human physical life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm. Makes other conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Representatives Judy and Morris added as coauthors

**HB1153 USE OF RESTRAINTS IN HEALTH FACILITIES** (LEONARD D) Provides that if a patient has had at least one injury as a result of the patient's diagnosed Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related disorder and if the injury would have been prevented if the patient had been restrained, a health facility may use mechanical restraints on the patient. Sets certain conditions that must be met. Requires development and review of a plan or guidelines for use of restraints.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1177 CANNABIDIOL OIL TREATMENT FOR EPILEPSY** (KERSEY C) Provides that an individual who possesses or uses cannabidiol oil for the treatment of intractable epilepsy is not subject to criminal penalties for the possession or use of the cannabidiol oil if certain conditions are met. Provides civil, criminal, and administrative immunity for a physician who recommends, possesses, dispenses, or administers cannabidiol oil in the treatment of intractable epilepsy.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**HB1336 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MATTERS** (KIRCHHOFER C) Repeals the expiration provision for the office of minority health. Repeals the expiration provision of the birth problems registry. Provides that in cases in which food is believed to be adulterated or so misbranded as to be dangerous or fraudulent, the commissioner or the commissioner's agent may mark food to give notice that the food has been detained or embargoed for not more than 15 days. (Current law allows the food to be detained or embargoed for five days.) Provides that if an individual files a complaint under certain food safety laws concerning an issue related to food

safety or a food borne illness, certain personal information of the individual is confidential.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**HB1392 ACCESS TO EPILEPSY MEDICATIONS** (FRIZZELL D) Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning, a managed care organization, and the healthy Indiana plan from requiring in specified programs prior authorization for antiepilepsy and anticonvulsant drugs, and requires unrestricted access for recipients to these drugs.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1409 ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES** (WESCO T) Removes the requirements that an advanced practice nurse have a practice agreement with a collaborating physician. Repeals law concerning the audit of practice agreements. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical changes.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1435 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS** (AUSTIN T) Allows applicants for licensure as a clinical social worker (LCSW) to obtain required clinical social work experience by working at a community mental health center or other qualified facility or program and under the supervision of a qualified LCSW supervisor. Provides that any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant accumulates do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Representatives Kirchhofer and Frizzell added as coauthors

**HB1474 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES** (KIRCHHOFER C) Changes "advanced practice nurse" references to "advanced practice registered nurse". Requires the Indiana state board of nursing to adopt rules concerning educational and certification requirements that an advanced practice registered nurse must meet to prescribe legend drugs. Repeals provisions concerning advanced practice nurse practice agreements. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1483 AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS** (CULVER W) Requires a health care provider to electronically record information from the examination of or provision of services to a patient into the patient's electronic health record within 72 hours after the patient visit. Sets forth a civil penalty of \$500 per patient visit for a health care provider who fails to update the patient's electronic health record, and requires the state department of health to enforce violations.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1561 END OF LIFE OPTIONS** (PIERCE M) Allows individuals with a terminal illness who meet certain requirements to make a written request to an attending physician for medication that the individual may self-administer to end the individual's life. Specifies requirements a physician must meet in order to prescribe the medication to a patient.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1572 MEDICAID ACCOUNTABLE CARE PILOT PROGRAM** (SHACKLEFORD R) Establishes the Medicaid accountable care pilot program (program) to be developed, implemented, and administered by the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office). Sets forth eligibility for participation in the program. Requires implementation of the program not later than April 1, 2018. Requires the office to: (1) include a savings sharing component as part of the program; (2) share certain relevant information with a participating accountable care organization; (3) develop metrics for determining whether the program is successful; and (4) prepare and publish a report concerning the results of providing care under the program. Expires the

program December 31, 2021.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

- SB509 HEALTH CARE WORKER REGISTRY** (MERRITT J) Establishes a centralized, computerized health care worker registry (registry), operated and maintained by the state department of health (state department), to organize and access data regarding substantiated reports and allegations under investigation of specified instances of misconduct by a health care worker on the staff of a health care facility. Provides notice and an administrative hearing process for a health care worker to contest the information to be entered onto the registry. Requires a health care facility to request information from the registry concerning a health care worker before hiring the worker. Specifies the persons and organizations that may access information on the registry. Provides civil immunity: (1) for a person who provides information in good faith to the state department for the registry; and (2) to the state department, an employer, or prospective employer that uses information from the registry in good faith to screen a prospective employee or to review the employment status of a current employee. Allows an employer, acting in good faith, to disclose to a current or prospective employer of a health care professional information about any known involvement of the health care professional in drug diversion or tampering, patient abuse, violation of the employer's drug or alcohol policies, or a crime of violence. Provides civil immunity for a responding employer and the employer's officer, director, employee, agent, or other representative that in good faith provides information about a health care professional to an inquiring employer.
- Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law

## Housing

- HB1022 INDIANA HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM** (HARRIS JR. E) Establishes the Indiana housing first program (program) to provide housing and support services for eligible homeless persons. Requires the housing and community development authority (authority) to administer the program. Requires the authority to establish, not later than January 1, 2018, policies and procedures to implement and administer the program. Provides that the policies and procedures, among other requirements, must 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:** 2/14/2017 - Veto overridden by the Senate; Roll Call 104: yeas 47, nays 3
- HB1075 TAX CREDIT FOR IMPROVING RESIDENCE ACCESSIBILITY** (MACER K) Provides a credit against the adjusted gross income tax to a taxpayer who: (1) purchases a new residence that has improved accessibility or universal visibility; or (2) retrofits an existing residence to improve accessibility or provide universal visibility.
- Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1180 BLIND AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION** (KERSEY C) Increases, from \$17,000 to \$22,000, the taxable gross income limitation for the residential real property tax deduction for an individual who is blind or is an individual with a disability beginning with the January 1, 2017, assessment date.
- Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**HB1284 SALES TAX FACILITATOR PROVISIONS AND STUDY** (BROWN T) Extends the effective date from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 for provisions in the sales tax code declaring that a person is a retail merchant making a retail transaction if the person furnishes rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in a house, condominium, or apartment for transient residential housing for consideration. Repeals those same provisions effective July 1, 2018. Extends the effective date from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 for a provision in the sales tax code declaring that a "facilitator" is a retail merchant making a retail transaction when the facilitator accepts payment for a room, lodging, or accommodation rented or furnished in Indiana. Repeals that same provision effective July 1, 2018. Repeals a provision in the sales tax code requiring a retail merchant who rents or furnishes lodgings to provide to the consumer of the lodging an itemized statement separately stating certain information and that imposes a penalty on a facilitator for each transaction in which the facilitator fails to separately state such information. Urges the legislative council to assign certain sales tax and innkeeper's tax topics to an appropriate study committee during the 2017 legislative interim.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**HB1287 CHOICE PROGRAMS** (CLERE E) Amends the definition of "case management" and "eligible individual" for purposes of the community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled program (CHOICE program). Provides that under the CHOICE program the division of aging (division): (1) must establish a cost participation schedule for each eligible individual; (2) may reverify certain eligible individuals; and (3) may not require a family member or other person to provide services as a condition of eligibility. Requires the division to collaborate with area agencies on aging to develop a needs based assessment tool and policies for the CHOICE program.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**HB1300 FREE OR REDUCED UTILITY RATES IN INCENTIVE AREAS** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Defines "incentive area". Provides that if a political subdivision dedicates funds of the political subdivision to provide or pay for utility infrastructure in an incentive area, an investor owned utility may furnish electric, gas, water, or wastewater utility service at a free or reduced rate to any customer or class of customer that locates within the incentive area. Provides that the resulting change in the utility's rates must be reflected in a new schedule of rates that the utility shall file with: (1) the political subdivision providing or paying for the utility infrastructure; and (2) the Indiana utility regulatory commission; at least 60 days before the time the new schedule of rates is to take effect. Provides that a utility that furnishes utility service at a free or reduced rate within an incentive area is not considered to be in violation of a statutory prohibition against a utility charging or receiving less compensation from any person for any service rendered than the utility charges or receives from any other person for a similar service. Provides that any customer or class of customer that receives utility service at a free or reduced rate within an incentive area is not considered to be in violation of a statutory prohibition against a person knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving utility service at a free or reduced rate.  
**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

**SB242 INDIANA HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM** (MERRITT J) Establishes the Indiana housing first program (program) to provide housing and support services for eligible homeless persons. Requires the housing and community development authority (authority) to administer the program. Requires the authority to establish, not later than January 1, 2018, policies and procedures to implement and administer the program. Provides that the policies and procedures must include, along with other requirements: (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:** 2/22/2017 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**SB343 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN NEW HOMES** (BOHACEK M) Requires the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in new single family and multifamily residential construction.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

## **Monitor**

**HB1066 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) the 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. 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:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**HB1092 ENFORCEMENT OF ALJ CODE OF CONDUCT** (WASHBURN T) Provides that: (1) the state ethics commission shall receive complaints concerning an alleged violation of the statewide code of judicial conduct for administrative law judges (ALJ code); (2) an action taken based on a violation of the ALJ code is in addition to any remedy provided by IC 4-21.5 (the statute governing administrative orders and procedures); and (3) if there is a conflict between IC 4-21.5 and the ALJ code, IC 4-21.5 controls. Deletes a provision providing that the inspector general is not responsible for enforcing or conducting investigations under the ALJ code.

**Current Status:** 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Judiciary

**HB1308 VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL LICENSING MATTERS** (ZENT D) Eliminates the certificate of registration for professional corporations requirement. Eliminates student hearing aid certifications. Allows all boards under the authority of the professional licensing agency (agency) to impose sanctions on a licensee as a result of an administrative complaint filed by the attorney general after renewal or reinstatement of a license. Makes certain provisions concerning midwifery certification effective July 1, 2018. Allows immunizations to be administered under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. Requires the boards under the authority of the agency to expedite the issuance or renewal of licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits to military spouses. (Current law requires the boards to adopt rules to expedite the issuance or renewal of licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits to military spouses.) Adds the state epidemiologist to the approved entities able to receive confidential Indiana Scheduled Prescription Electronic Collection and Tracking (INSPECT) program data. Removes from the boards under the authority of the agency the requirements to establish prescribing norms and dispensing guidelines. Removes geographic restrictions relating to board of veterinary medical examiners member appointments. Removes obsolete temporary medical permit language. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - House Bills on Third Reading

**HB1313 SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES** (BROWN C) Removes the exemptions to places where smoking is prohibited. Makes conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1352 DURATION OF FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 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:** 1/18/2017 - Representative Smaltz added as coauthor

**HB1572 MEDICAID ACCOUNTABLE CARE PILOT PROGRAM** (SHACKLEFORD R) Establishes the Medicaid accountable care pilot program (program) to be developed, implemented, and administered by the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office). Sets forth eligibility for participation in the program. Requires implementation of the program not later than April 1, 2018. Requires the office to: (1) include a savings sharing component as part of the program; (2) share certain relevant information with a participating accountable care organization; (3) develop metrics for determining whether the program is successful; and (4) prepare and publish a report concerning the results of providing care under the program. Expires the program December 31, 2021.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1578 TOBACCO USE** (KIRCHHOFFER C) Repeals employment protections for individuals who smoke cigarettes or use other tobacco products.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**HB1588 FIREARMS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** (LUCAS J) Repeals statutes prohibiting the carrying or possession of firearms on: (1) school property; and (2) a school bus. Provides that the state of Indiana may not regulate: (1) firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories; (2) the ownership, possession, carrying, transportation, registration, transfer, and storage of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories; or (3) commerce in and taxation of firearms, firearms ammunition, and firearm accessories. Provides certain exceptions. Provides that any provision of an ordinance, measure, enactment, rule, or policy enacted by the state pertaining to firearms regulation is void. Provides that a person not otherwise prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm under federal or state law may carry or possess a firearm, without restriction, on property affiliated with the following state agencies: (1) the Indiana department of natural resources; (2) the Indiana state fair commission; (3) the Indiana department of administration; (4) the Indiana horse racing commission; (5) the Indiana department of workforce development; and (6) the Indiana gaming commission. Defines certain terms. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Public Policy

**HB1600 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY OF FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN** (HUSTON T) Sets forth Medicaid eligibility for individuals who: (1) are at least 18 years of age or emancipated; (2) received foster care in Indiana and in other states before residing in Indiana for at least six months; and (3) are less than 26 years of age. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to verify an individual's status as a foster care recipient with another state if the individual received foster care in the other state. Requires the department of child services (department), in cooperation with the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office), to enroll individuals, who received foster care in Indiana and are turning 18 years of age, in the Medicaid program as part of the individuals' transitional services plan. Prohibits the office from requiring the individual to submit eligibility information after enrolling in the Medicaid program during the individual's Medicaid eligibility as a former foster child. Requires the department to provide information concerning the individual's Medicaid enrollment to the

individual.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

- SB14 HANDGUNS AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF** (TOMES J) Permits certain employees of the general assembly to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the state capitol complex if the employee: (1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and (2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun.  
**Current Status:** 2/15/2017 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- SB23 USE OF CONSUMER REPORTS FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES** (RANDOLPH L) Prohibits an employer from using a consumer report for employment purposes unless certain conditions apply. Allows a consumer to bring a civil action against an employer for a violation of the provision. Provides that if the attorney general has reason to believe that an employer has violated the provision, the attorney general may bring one or both of the following: (1) An action to enjoin the violation. (2) An action to recover damages sustained by Indiana residents as a result of the violation. Makes it: (1) a Class B infraction for a knowing or intentional violation of the provision; or (2) a Class A infraction if an employer has a prior unrelated judgment for a violation of the provision.  
**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
- SB43 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN LOCKED VEHICLES** (TOMES J) Removes penal facilities from the list of locations where employer ordinances, resolutions, policies, or rules prohibiting the keeping of firearms on employer property may be enforced. Provides that a penal facility shall require an employee to: (1) secure the employee's firearm or ammunition or both in a locked case, and (2) store the firearm or ammunition or both in the trunk, glove compartment, or out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB45 DATE OF ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** (ZAKAS J) Changes the latest day for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in the first regular session from April 29 to April 21 beginning with the 2019 session. Changes the latest day for the general assembly to adjourn sine die in the second regular session from March 14 to March 21 beginning with the 2018 session. Makes conforming changes.  
**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure
- SB52 CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND** (GROOMS R) Establishes the crisis intervention team grant program (program) and crisis intervention team grant fund (fund) to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies to establish and operate crisis intervention teams. Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute to: (1) administer the program and fund; (2) develop procedures for making grants from the fund; and (3) develop criteria for making grants with the assistance of the Indiana technical assistance center.  
**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Ford added as coauthor
- SB99 PARENTAL PRIVILEGE** (KRUSE D) Provides that a parent is not required to testify concerning a communication between the parent and the parent's child, and that an adult child or emancipated child is not required to testify concerning a communication between the child and the child's parent.  
**Current Status:** 2/6/2017 - Senate Civil Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- SB114 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING** (KRUSE D) Eliminates the jobs creation committee (committee). Transfers duties of the committee to the Indiana professional licensing agency. Makes conforming changes.  
**Current Status:** 2/6/2017 - Senator Raatz added as coauthor

- SB147 HEALTH FACILITY EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK** (RANDOLPH L) Requires a health facility to obtain a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check for the health facility's employees. Provides immunity to persons for: (1) denying or terminating an individual's employment because of the individual's criminal history; or (2) reporting to or participating in the proceedings of the state department of health or the registry of nurse aides.  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law
- SB273 END OF LIFE OPTIONS** (RANDOLPH L) Allows an individual with a terminal illness who meets certain requirements to make a written request to an attending physician for medication that the individual may self administer to end the individual's life. Specifies requirements a physician must meet in order to prescribe the medication to a patient.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
- SB289 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS** (DELPH M) Provides that a lobbyist and certain persons associated with state educational institutions may not give a gift to a legislative person with certain stated exceptions. Requires a lobbyist who communicates with certain legislative persons to make a log of the communication. Requires a lobbyist to submit a copy of the communications log electronically to the lobby registration commission ("commission") on a weekly basis. Requires a lobbyist to maintain a copy of written communications and an archived copy of certain electronic communications for four years. Provides that upon the request of the commission, a lobbyist shall provide the commission with an electronic copy of a communication that is required to be maintained or archived. Requires the commission to provide an electronic copy of any of those communications to any person who makes a request to inspect the communication. Repeals superseded statutes. Makes conforming changes.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure
- SB293 INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE** (LEISING J) Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on agriculture and natural resources or another appropriate interim study committee the topics of: (1) federal and state law concerning service and assistance animals; and (2) the permissible uses of service and assistance animals, including emotional support animals and therapy animals, in public accommodations.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
- SB301 COERCIVE FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE BUDGET** (KOCH E) Requires the office of management and budget to: (1) prepare a coercive federal funds report for each budget bill; and (2) classify the conditions of each source of federal funds in the budget bill. Permits the attorney general to bring a suit in federal court to enjoin spending conditions of federal funds. Provides that the governor or legislative council may hire private counsel to bring a suit if the attorney general declines to bring a suit. Provides that the governor may consult with other governors to develop a coordinated approach to issues concerning coercive federal funding programs.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- SB302 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL GRANTS** (KOCH E) Provides that a state agency, a state employee, or an agent acting on behalf of the state may not enter into any agreement that obligates the state to any maintenance of effort requirements, in connection with the receipt of federal grants or the entering into of a cost-sharing agreement, without the express prior consent of the general assembly that is included in a resolution adopted by the general assembly or an act enacted by the general assembly.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Appropriations



- SB333 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:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
- SB351 DISABILITY AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING PLACARDS AND SYMBOLS** (ECKERTY D) Provides that a veteran who qualifies for the disabled Hoosier veteran license plate is entitled to receive a disability parking placard. Requires that parking signs for accessible parking spaces for an individual with a physical disability must bear, instead of the international symbol of accessibility (also known as the international wheelchair symbol), the modified symbol of access. Requires that license plates and placards issued by the bureau of motor vehicles for display in or on a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability must bear, rather than the international symbol of accessibility, the modified symbol of access.  
**Current Status:** 2/7/2017 - Cosponsor: Representative Sullivan
- SB402 RECOVERY HOUSE CERTIFICATION AND STANDARDS** (MERRITT J) Requires the secretary of family and social services to develop standards for residential care and supported housing for chronic addiction, when used as a recovery residence, to be certified when receiving reimbursement from the division of mental health addiction and meet standards established by the division of mental health and addiction through administrative rules.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Senator Tallian added as coauthor
- SB438 BIAS MOTIVATED 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. Requires law enforcement agencies to report bias motivated crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senator Ruckelshaus added as second author
- SB439 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:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB458 BINGO SUPPLIES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED** (HEAD R) Provides that the gaming commission shall require an entity that sells, distributes, or manufactures a bingo item to sell, distribute, or manufacture such an item in large print and in a form readable by individuals with a visual impairment.  
**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Public Policy
- SB468 HOSPICES AND MEDICAID** (BECKER V) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to move a recipient who participates in the Medicaid risk based managed care program

to the Medicaid fee for service program if the recipient is approved to receive hospice services without losing Medicaid coverage. Requires the office to reimburse the hospice provider through the fee for service program. Specifies that the Medicaid recipient remains in the fee for service Medicaid program through the recipient's Medicaid eligibility.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB487 PROHIBITED DISCRIMINATION IN CIVIL RIGHTS STATUTES** (LANANE T) Amends civil rights enforcement statutes to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, veteran status, and ancestry.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

**SB509 HEALTH CARE WORKER REGISTRY** (MERRITT J) Establishes a centralized, computerized health care worker registry (registry), operated and maintained by the state department of health (state department), to organize and access data regarding substantiated reports and allegations under investigation of specified instances of misconduct by a health care worker on the staff of a health care facility. Provides notice and an administrative hearing process for a health care worker to contest the information to be entered onto the registry. Requires a health care facility to request information from the registry concerning a health care worker before hiring the worker. Specifies the persons and organizations that may access information on the registry. Provides civil immunity: (1) for a person who provides information in good faith to the state department for the registry; and (2) to the state department, an employer, or prospective employer that uses information from the registry in good faith to screen a prospective employee or to review the employment status of a current employee. Allows an employer, acting in good faith, to disclose to a current or prospective employer of a health care professional information about any known involvement of the health care professional in drug diversion or tampering, patient abuse, violation of the employer's drug or alcohol policies, or a crime of violence. Provides civil immunity for a responding employer and the employer's officer, director, employee, agent, or other representative that in good faith provides information about a health care professional to an inquiring employer.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Civil Law

**SB515 TAX ADMINISTRATION** (HERSHMAN B) Provides that transactions involving agricultural machinery or equipment are exempt from the state sales tax if the person acquiring the property: (1) acquires it for the person's direct use in the direct application of fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, seeds, and other tangible personal property for consideration or the direct extraction, harvesting, or processing of agricultural commodities for consideration; and (2) is occupationally engaged in providing those services on property that is owned or rented by another person occupationally engaged in agricultural production and used for agricultural production. Provides that transactions involving manufacturing machinery, tools, and equipment are exempt from the state sales tax if: (1) the person acquiring that property acquires it for the person's direct use in an industrial processing service; and (2) that person is an industrial processor. In the double direct sales tax exemptions, relocates the language related to material handling equipment purchased for the purpose of transporting materials from an onsite location. Provides that transactions involving tangible personal property are exempt from the state sales tax if: (1) the person acquiring that property acquires it for the person's direct consumption as a material to be consumed in an industrial processing service; and (2) that person is an industrial processor. Specifies that the existing sales tax exemption for bullion applies to bullion that would be a permitted investment of an individual retirement account or an individually-directed account if the bullion were in the physical possession of a trustee. Provides a sales tax exemption for prosthetic devices, including artificial limbs, orthopedic devices, dental prosthetic devices, eyeglasses, and contact lenses. Provides an income tax deduction for certain amounts a taxpayer included as an item of income in a prior tax year, paying tax on the amount, but later returned the item in a subsequent tax year

because it was established that the taxpayer did not have an unrestricted right to the item of income. Specifies that the modifications that are required to be made in determining a taxpayer's Indiana adjusted gross income include those exemptions, deductions, and add backs that are provided for in other provisions of the Indiana Code. Specifies that, in determining an Indiana net operating loss deduction, certain modifications to adjusted gross income shall not be applied. Increases to \$7,500 the amount of the military income tax deduction, including retirement or survivor's benefits received during the taxable year by an individual, or the individual's surviving spouse, for the individual's service in an active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, coast guard, marine corps, merchant marine, Indiana army national guard, or Indiana air national guard. Amends the due date for a corporation to file its state tax return to coincide with the due date for the corporation's federal tax return. Provides that in the case of an individual who has income apportioned to Indiana as a professional sports team member or as a race team member for services rendered in a county, but who is not a resident of the county and does not have a principal place of business or employment in the county, the individual's apportioned Indiana income is subject to the local income tax. (Under current law, a county's local income tax applies only to residents of the county and to nonresidents who have their principal place of business or employment in the county.) Specifies that in the case of Marion County, the county auditor shall transfer the part of the county's certified distribution that is attributable to the local income tax on such team members to the bid fund established by the capital improvement board. Provides that fees collected under the International Registration Plan for the registration or renewal of certain vehicles shall be distributed as follows: (1) The first \$125,000 to the state police building account. (2) Any remaining amounts to the motor vehicle highway account. Requires the legislative services agency to conduct a study concerning the correlation between employment growth and the statutory tax relief realized by C corporations during the period 2011 through 2016. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

**SB538 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHORTAGE** (DELPH M) Urges the legislative council to assign topics to a study committee concerning the shortage of health care providers in Indiana.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

## **Non-Profit**

**SB9 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DRUG CONVICTIONS**

(MERRITT J) Specifies that, beginning January 1, 2018, Indiana elects to opt out of the federal law prohibiting individuals convicted of certain drug offenses from receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) assistance.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**SB11 COVERAGE FOR ABUSE DETERRENT OPIOIDS** (MERRITT J) Requires that, if an abuse deterrent opioid analgesic is available with a certain active ingredient, state employee health plans, policies of accident and sickness insurance, and health maintenance organization contracts must provide coverage for at least one abuse deterrent opioid analgesic that provides that active ingredient.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

## **Public Safety**

**HB1023 PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS** (FRYE R) Adds a new national firefighting training standard to current standards eligible for emergency rulemaking. Exempts government facilities from being assessed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form fees.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

**HB1159 REGULATION OF FIREARMS** (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:** 1/9/2017 - Representative Arnold added as coauthor

**HB1297 CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS** (KARICKHOFF M) Increases the penalty for battery if it is committed against a public safety official or a relative of a public safety official because of the official's status or perceived status as a public safety official, and increases the penalty for criminal recklessness if it is committed against: (1) a public safety official while the official is engaged in the official's official duties; or (2) a public safety official or a relative of a public safety official if the offense is committed because of the official's status or perceived status as a public safety official.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**SB185 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING** (CRIDER M) Requires the following to complete a refresher course if inactive for a specified time: (1) Reserve police officers. (2) Law enforcement officers who paid their own tuition for law enforcement training. (3) Board certified law enforcement training instructors. Eliminates a provision regarding refresher courses for law enforcement officers in policy making positions. Allows the law enforcement training board to make certain modifications to in-service training without adopting administrative rules.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Senator Randolph added as coauthor

**SB223 RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT** (BRAY R) Specifies that a person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally fails to comply with the lawful order of a law enforcement officer with authority to direct traffic commits a Class C infraction. (Under current law, a person commits the infraction only if the failure to comply is done "knowingly".) Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally refuses to comply with the lawful order of a law enforcement officer after having been detained based on: (1) probable cause; (2) reasonable suspicion; (3) a warrant; or (4) another court order; commits resisting law enforcement as a Class C misdemeanor. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

**SB231 CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS** (CRIDER M) Provides that the chairperson of the Indiana commission to combat drug abuse (commission) is a member appointed by the governor who is either the executive director for drug prevention, treatment, and enforcement or a member of the governor's staff. (Current law provides that the chairperson is a member of the governor's staff.) Specifies that the commission: (1) shall meet at the call of the chairperson, but at least four times in a calendar year; and (2) shall approve requests for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. Transfers the administration of the technical assistance center for crisis intervention teams from the Indiana criminal justice institute to the Indiana law enforcement training board. Provides that in conjunction with the commission and the division of mental health and addiction, the law enforcement training board may establish the technical assistance center. Provides that the commission may make grants of up to \$300,000 annually to the law enforcement training board to carry out the purposes of the technical assistance center. Makes a technical correction.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

## Services

**HB1185 LIMITED LIABILITY FOR AIDING A COMPANION ANIMAL** (LAWSON L) Provides that a certified advanced emergency medical technician, certified emergency medical technician, or paramedic who provides certain emergency medical services to a companion animal is not liable for an act or omission related to the services provided unless the act or omission constitutes negligence or willful misconduct. Defines "companion animal" as a pet or service animal. Grants civil immunity to a person who forcibly enters a locked car for the purpose of rescuing a companion animal. Does not extend civil immunity to acts of entry involving gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Defines additional terms.  
**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to House Judiciary

**HB1287 CHOICE PROGRAMS** (CLERE E) Amends the definition of "case management" and "eligible individual" for purposes of the community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled program (CHOICE program). Provides that under the CHOICE program the division of aging (division): (1) must establish a cost participation schedule for each eligible individual; (2) may reverify certain eligible individuals; and (3) may not require a family member or other person to provide services as a condition of eligibility. Requires the division to collaborate with area agencies on aging to develop a needs based assessment tool and policies for the CHOICE program.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**HB1306 VETERANS' RECOVERY PROGRAM** (ZENT D) Establishes, for five years, the veterans' recovery program and fund to provide treatment for veterans with a traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress disorder and to obtain reimbursement from third parties. Requires the commissioner of insurance (commissioner) to establish program standards. Allows the commissioner to appoint an advisory board for the program. Requires annual reporting.  
**Current Status:** 2/2/2017 - Representatives Judy, Brown, C., Bauer added as coauthors

**HB1331 TELEMEDICINE AND MEDICAL DEVICES** (KIRCHHOFER C) Removes the restriction on the prescribing of ophthalmic devices through telemedicine and sets conditions on when a provider may, through telemedicine, prescribe medical devices. Prohibits the Indiana optometry board from setting standards for the practice of ocular telemedicine or ocular telehealth that are more restrictive than the standards established for in person practice.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1337 TELEMEDICINE MATTERS** (KIRCHHOFER C) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to reimburse a Medicaid provider for telemedicine services who meets certain requirements. Prohibits the office from setting any distance restrictions under Medicaid on telehealth services and telemedicine services. Requires reimbursement for telemedicine services under the healthy Indiana plan. Adds certain providers to the definition of "provider" for purposes of telemedicine services. Gives a telemedicine services provider discretion in contacting the patient's primary care provider if the telemedicine services provider has provided care to the patient at least two consecutive times through the use of telemedicine services. Removes a limitation on prescribing controlled substances through the use of telemedicine except for the prescribing of opioids. Allows the use of a partial agonist to treat or manage an opioid dependence.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

**HB1340 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAY SERVICES** (SULLIVAN H) Specifies the reimbursement method for specified services under the family supports Medicaid waiver and the community integration and habilitation Medicaid waiver. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to determine the cost to providers of providing quality services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requires the office to collect data on cost from providers to determine appropriate reimbursement rates that adequately

compensate the provider.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1347 COMPASSIONATE USE REGISTRY FOR EPILEPSY THERAPY** (MOSELEY C) Requires the state department of health (department) to administer and enforce a compassionate use registry program. Allows for the possession and use of low THC cannabis for the treatment of intractable epilepsy if prescribed by a qualified physician. Establishes the compassionate use registry for the registration of physicians, patients, and a patient's parent or guardian. Establishes licensing requirements for organizations that dispense low THC cannabis. Requires each director, manager, and employee of a dispensing organization to register with the department. Provides that a physician is not subject to certain criminal, disciplinary, and civil actions for prescribing or recommending low THC cannabis to a patient. Provides that a patient in the compassionate use registry and a licensed dispensing organization are not subject to certain criminal laws for possession of low THC cannabis.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Public Policy

**HB1443 NOTICE FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICE PATIENTS** (JUDY C) Provides that a home health agency may not terminate or discontinue providing some or all home health services provided for a patient unless the home health agency has provided the patient written notification at least 15 days before the termination or discontinuation of the home health services.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1474 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES** (KIRCHHOFFER C) Changes "advanced practice nurse" references to "advanced practice registered nurse". Requires the Indiana state board of nursing to adopt rules concerning educational and certification requirements that an advanced practice registered nurse must meet to prescribe legend drugs. Repeals provisions concerning advanced practice nurse practice agreements. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**HB1483 AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS** (CULVER W) Requires a health care provider to electronically record information from the examination of or provision of services to a patient into the patient's electronic health record within 72 hours after the patient visit. Sets forth a civil penalty of \$500 per patient visit for a health care provider who fails to update the patient's electronic health record, and requires the state department of health to enforce violations.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1493 LONG TERM CARE MATTERS** (BROWN T) Requires a home and community based services program for individuals who are aged or disabled to include reimbursement for assisted living services in the Medicaid program. Requires the division of aging to report to the general assembly a plan to expand the scope and availability of home and community based services for individuals who are aged or disabled and requires the division to implement the plan. Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) from including individuals who receive nursing facility services in a risk based managed care program or a capitated managed care program. Requires the office to determine the amount of reimbursement payments that would have been reimbursed but for a reduction in reimbursement and use those dollars for the expansion of home and community based services. Establishes the home and community based expansion fund. Specifies circumstances in which a Medicaid reimbursement reduction must be suspended. Specifies the model to be used for Medicaid nursing facility service payments. Requires the office to do the following: (1) Provide public notice of at least one year before reducing nursing facility service reimbursements. (2) Obtain federal approval to operate a nursing facility closure incentive payment program and implement the program. (3)

Review currently offered home health programs, develop additional programs, and report on the programs to the general assembly. Requires the state department of health to amend rules concerning residential care facilities to comply with federal law concerning the provision of home and community based services. Modifies the replacement facility exemption for purposes of the prohibition on the approval of licensure of comprehensive care health facilities and comprehensive care beds and extends the prohibition through June 30, 2023. Makes various changes concerning the collection of the health facility quality assessment fee and extends the collection of the assessment through June 30, 2023. Modifies the distribution of the quality assessment fee after state fiscal year 2017 and specifies circumstances in which the modification would be suspended by the office. Makes an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

**HB1580 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES FOR DISABILITIES** (WRIGHT M) Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services, in coordination with the office of Medicaid policy and planning for purposes of reimbursement under the Medicaid program, to establish, to the extent possible, reimbursement rates for services for individuals with developmental disabilities at a rate that allows individuals providing the services a living wage.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1639 SCHOOL FACILITY ADA COMPLIANCE** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Requires charter schools and eligible schools, jointly in consultation with the department of education (department), before July 1, 2018, to establish standards of compliance (standards) with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Requires the department to post the standards on the department's Internet web site. Allows the department to conduct an assessment of the school buildings, educational programs, and student activities of each charter school and eligible school to determine the school's compliance with the standards. Provides that, notwithstanding any other law, each charter school or eligible school that receives public funds must meet the standards not later than July 1, 2022. Requires that if, after June 30, 2022, a charter school or eligible school that receives public funds fails to meet the standards, the noncompliant school is ineligible to receive public funds.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Referred to House Education

**HB1644 STUDY OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS ISSUES** (SUMMERS V) Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee issues concerning: (1) the need to license individuals who practice applied behavior analysis; (2) independent centers that provide applied behavior analysis and the oversight that they receive to ensure their practices are current and fall under best practices and guidelines; and (3) the appropriate training and curriculum for teachers of students who attend kindergarten through grade 12 and receive special education services.

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Senate sponsors: Senators Head and Niezgodski

**SB15 CANNABIDIOL FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY** (TOMES J) Defines cannabidiol and establishes a cannabidiol registry for certain physicians, nurses, individuals, and caregivers for the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of a person with intractable epilepsy. Establishes a pilot study registry for physicians who want to study the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of intractable epilepsy. Requires the state department of health (state department) to develop and maintain both registries. Provides civil, criminal, and administrative immunity for physicians and nurses in the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of intractable epilepsy if certain requirements are met. Exempts physicians, caregivers, nurses and individuals from criminal penalties for possession or use of cannabidiol under certain conditions. Permits a pharmacy to dispense cannabidiol subject to specific requirements. Encourages state educational institutions to research the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of other intractable diseases.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2017 - Senator Alting added as coauthor

- SB33      ADOPTION OF NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE** (KRUSE D) Requires the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt by rules the most recent edition, including addenda, of the NFPA 70 (National Electric Code) and to adopt any subsequent edition of the NFPA 70, including addenda, within 18 months after the effective date of the subsequent edition.  
**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Senator Ford added as coauthor
- SB51      IMMUNIZATIONS PROVIDED BY PHARMACISTS** (GROOMS R) Adds the following immunizations to the list of immunizations that pharmacists may administer if certain conditions are met: (1) Measles, mumps, and rubella. (2) Varicella. (3) Hepatitis A. (4) Hepatitis B. (5) Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib).  
**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Cosponsors: Representatives Clere and Stemler
- SB59      RECIPROCITY IN PROFESSIONAL LICENSING** (HEAD R) Establishes requirements to obtain reciprocity for an out-of-state individual seeking licensing in Indiana for the following professions: (1) Social worker or clinical social worker. (2) Marriage and family therapist. (3) Mental health counselor. (4) Addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor. (5) Psychologist. (6) Bachelor's degree social worker.  
**Current Status:** 2/16/2017 - Senator Holdman added as coauthor
- SB63      COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TELEMEDICINE PILOT** (HEAD R) Establishes a two year community mental health center telemedicine pilot program (program) to be administered by the division of mental health and addiction (division). Provides that the purpose of the program is to provide mental health counseling and services to children through the use of telemedicine. Sets forth requirements for the program and for participation in the program. Requires the reporting of certain information. Allows a physician providing telemedicine services in the program to prescribe any prescription drug for a patient that is within the physician's scope of practice for the treatment of the patient's mental health. Specifies that the physician may not prescribe an abortion inducing drug. Requires the division to submit a report to the general assembly concerning the effectiveness of the program. Specifies that a physician is not required to have a prior established physician-patient relationship in order to provide telemedicine services in Indiana.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB71      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:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
- SB293      INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE** (LEISING J) Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on agriculture and natural resources or another appropriate interim study committee the topics of: (1) federal and state law concerning service and assistance animals; and (2) the permissible uses of service and assistance animals, including emotional support animals and therapy animals, in public accommodations.  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
- SB343      CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN NEW HOMES** (BOHACEK M) Requires the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in new single family and multifamily residential construction.  
**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology
- SB444      TELEMEDICINE** (MERRITT J) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to



reimburse any Medicaid provider (not just specified providers) for Medicaid covered services provided through the use of telemedicine services if certain requirements are met. Prohibits the office from setting any distance restrictions under Medicaid on telehealth services and telemedicine services. Requires reimbursement for telemedicine services under the healthy Indiana plan. Gives a telemedicine services provider the discretion in contacting the patient's primary care provider if the telemedicine services provider has provided care to the patient at least two consecutive times through the use of telemedicine services. Allows a provider to issue a controlled substance prescription to a patient if the provider has previously examined the patient in person.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Senator Becker added as third author

**SB468 HOSPICES AND MEDICAID (BECKER V)** Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to move a recipient who participates in the Medicaid risk based managed care program to the Medicaid fee for service program if the recipient is approved to receive hospice services without losing Medicaid coverage. Requires the office to reimburse the hospice provider through the fee for service program. Specifies that the Medicaid recipient remains in the fee for service Medicaid program through the recipient's Medicaid eligibility.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB489 MEDICAID RATE FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SERVICES (BREAUX J)** Requires Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of inpatient substance abuse detoxification services at a per diem rate that factors in the average length of stay for a patient for the reimbursed diagnosis related group.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**SB495 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:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

## **SSI and Benefits**

**HB1146 NONADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DRUGS AND MEDICAID (MACER K)** Specifies that long acting, nonaddictive medication assistance treatment drugs are included within prescribed drugs as a Medicaid service and the office of Medicaid policy and planning may not require prior authorization for the drug.

**Current Status:** 1/5/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1151 SNAP BENEFITS (TAYLOR III J)** Removes the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) requirements for reentry court program participants. Provides that individuals who were receiving SNAP through a reentry court program continue to receive SNAP until the individual: (1) no longer meets the SNAP eligibility requirements; or (2) has received SNAP for the maximum period allowed. Allows individuals convicted of a drug offense to be eligible to participate in SNAP under the federal opt out option.

**Current Status:** 1/9/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1393 ADMINISTRATION OF HUMAN SERVICES (FRIZZELL D)** Provides enhanced eligibility verification, real-time eligibility monitoring, and enhanced authentication requirements for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) and Medicaid program and reports to the legislative council concerning the impact of these requirements. Prohibits waivers of work requirements for the SNAP program, and requires individuals to participate in child support enforcement activities as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits. Requires submission

of evidence to a prosecuting attorney in the case of SNAP and the Medicaid fraud control unit in the case of Medicaid when the family social service administration has reasonable grounds to suspect that an applicant for the program has committed fraud or another crime.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1399 LOW COST FOOD PLAN** (LAWSON L) Requires the division of family resources to calculate Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for and distribute SNAP benefits to eligible recipients using the low cost food plan developed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2017 - Representative Shackelford added as coauthor

**SB75 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:** 1/3/2017 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**SB154 REMOVAL OF ASSET LIMITS FOR SNAP ELIGIBILITY** (MERRITT J) Requires the division of family resources to: (1) beginning January 1, 2018, 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:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

**SB369 ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE VOUCHER** (STOOPS M) Provides that beginning October 1, 2017, a child who is otherwise eligible for participation in the federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher program may continue to participate unless the child's family income exceeds the greater of 250% of the federal income poverty level or 85% of the state median income for the same size family.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**SB527 TANF ELIGIBILITY** (STOOPS M) Sets the income eligibility requirements for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program at not more than 50% of the federal income poverty level. Requires the division of family resources to amend the state TANF plan or take

any other action necessary to implement the income requirements. Repeals a statute that sets the amount of need payments for the TANF program.

**Current Status:** 2/13/2017 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

- SB528 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 under which an individual's value of assets is not considered in determining SNAP eligibility; and (2) notify the United States Department of Agriculture of the implementation of expanded categorical eligibility under SNAP.
- Current Status:** 1/17/2017 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

## Transportation

- HB1002 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING** (SOLIDAY E) Provides for a one-time fuel tax rate increase using a multiyear index factor based on the last time the particular fuel tax rate was increased and the current fuel tax rate per gallon. (Gasoline tax is currently \$0.18, special fuel tax is currently \$0.16, and motor carrier surcharge tax is currently \$0.11.) Limits the one-time increase to \$0.10 per gallon. Provides for an annual rate increase in fuel tax rates based on an annual index factor. Limits the annual rate increase based on the annual index factor to \$0.01 per gallon. Provides that the last index factor adjustment to the fuel tax rates is July 1, 2024. Increases alternative fuel decal fees by 50%. Specifies that the motor carrier fuel surcharge tax must be paid on special fuel that is not an alternative fuel at the time of purchase (the same time the special fuel tax is paid), instead of being entirely paid using a quarterly return. (The surcharge tax applies only to motor fuel used by a carrier in Indiana.) Establishes a \$15 transportation infrastructure improvement fee that applies to the registration of all motor vehicles except motor vehicles with a declared gross weight that exceeds 26,000 pounds. Increases annual registration fees for certain motor vehicles with a declared gross weight that equals or exceeds 26,000 pounds. Requires a person who registers an electric vehicle to pay a supplemental registration fee of \$150 with an increase every five years based on an index factor. Provides that the gasoline use tax is distributed to highway funds beginning in 2018. Repeals restrictions on when a tolling project can be undertaken. Requires the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT) to seek a Federal Highway Administration waiver to toll interstate highways. Limits the first toll lanes under the waiver to certain interstate highways. Provides for a public comment period and requires replies to the public comments for a toll road project by INDOT or a tollway project carried out using a public private partnership. Imposes other duties on INDOT. Amends the assessment procedures for motor carrier civil penalties. Establishes the weigh-in-motion pilot program. Makes various changes to the local road and bridge matching grant program. Allows INDOT to approve certain railroad crossing projects, and authorizes the Indiana finance authority to finance an approved project subject to a maximum annual debt service limit of \$10,000,000. Annually appropriates \$250,000 to INDOT for the local technical assistance program to develop and maintain a centralized electronic statewide asset management data base. Makes various changes to the transportation funding exchange program between the state and counties and municipalities. Adds various study requirements. Continues the funding Indiana's roads for a stronger, safer tomorrow task force through December 31, 2018.
- Current Status:** 2/16/2017 - Senate sponsors: Senators Crider and Kenley

- HB1525 MODIFYING THE SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY** (SULLIVAN H) Requires that parking signs for accessible parking spaces for an individual with a physical disability must bear, instead of the international symbol of accessibility (also known as the international wheelchair symbol), a modified symbol of access, and describes the symbol. Requires that license plates and placards for display in or on a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability must bear, rather than the international symbol of accessibility, the modified symbol of access.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2017 - Representative Hatfield added as coauthor

**SB85 FUNDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC TRANSIT (BROWN L)** Permits a redevelopment commission outside Marion County to provide revenue on an annual basis to a school corporation or public transportation corporation from property taxes allocated to the redevelopment commission in a tax increment financing allocation area. Specifies the amount of property taxes that may be transferred by the redevelopment commission. Requires a joint public hearing of the legislative body of the unit that established the tax increment financing area, the redevelopment commission, and the governing body of the school corporation or public transportation corporation and the adoption of substantially similar authorizing resolutions.

**Current Status:** 2/6/2017 - Senator Randolph added as coauthor

**SB371 MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING (STOOPS M)** Allows the county council of Monroe County to adopt an ordinance imposing an additional local income tax rate to fund one or more county transit projects. Provides that the rate must be at least 0.1% but not more than 0.25%.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Local Government

**SB391 PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING (STOOPS M)** Allows counties to impose an additional local income tax rate to fund one or more county transit projects. Provides that the rate must be adopted by the county council and must be at least 0.1% but not more than 0.25%. Excludes from this provision any county that is eligible to hold a referendum on funding transportation projects under the central Indiana public transportation projects statute.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2017 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

## **Waiver Funding HB1001**

**STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET (BROWN T)** Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Provides for bonding authority for capital projects for higher education institutions. Repeals the bonding authority for the Purdue University West Lafayette-Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory enacted in 2007. Terminates the legislative evaluation and oversight program. Replaces the statutory appropriation from the counter cyclical and revenue stabilization fund to the state general fund based on the budget report with a limited discretionary transfer determined by the budget director and approved by the governor. Specifies powers of the treasurer of state, acting as the chairperson of the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) board, related to the approval of expenses of the ABLE board and the ABLE authority. Adds powers for an emergency manager appointed by the distressed unit appeal board (DUAB) and removes the requirement to carry out certain actions. Adds conditions for the termination of distressed status. Permits an emergency manager to request that the DUAB waive the requirement that protected taxes are not reduced as a result of the circuit breaker credit for excessive property taxes. Specifies for purposes of a claim against a governmental entity that the emergency manager is acting on behalf of the distressed political subdivision and not the state. Provides civil immunity for an emergency manager with respect to an act or omission made in the course and scope of duties prescribed by the DUAB. Eliminates certain special provisions applying to school corporations, including the provisions applying to the Gary Community School Corporation. Designates the Gary Community School Corporation as a distressed political subdivision. Requires the DUAB to annually review the Gary Community School Corporation to determine whether the designation of distressed unit status should be terminated. Requires the emergency manager to report to the DUAB monthly instead of quarterly. Permits the attorney general to represent the emergency manager upon

request in certain matters. Increases the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$1.995 per pack of regular size cigarettes (and a corresponding increase for larger cigarettes), and uses the additional revenue for reimbursements of Medicaid providers. Establishes the Medicaid provider reimbursement fund for deposit of a part of the cigarette taxes, registration fees, fines, and penalties collected under the cigarette tax law. Provides for an income tax deduction for military retirement and survivor's benefits of \$8,000 for the 2018 taxable year and \$16,000 for a taxable year after 2018 (retains a \$5,000 deduction for military income that is not a military retirement benefit, which is now a combined deduction including military income and military retirement benefits). Increases the maximum school scholarship income tax credits that may be awarded during a state fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2017, to be the greater of \$12,500,000 or the total amount of credits awarded in the most recent state fiscal year multiplied by 120%. Eliminates the expiration provisions in current law for the venture capital investment tax credit. Provides that a taxpayer may assign all or part of a venture capital investment tax credit. Specifies certain restrictions on the assignment of a venture capital investment tax credit. Provides that the issuance or assignment of a certificate or tax credit under the venture capital investment tax credit is not subject to the Indiana securities law. Provides that an acute care hospital is entitled to a credit against the hospital's adjusted gross income tax liability equal to 50% of the property taxes paid in Indiana. (The current credit is equal to 10% of the property taxes paid in Indiana.) Provides that the amount of any unused credit may be claimed as a refundable tax credit. Repeals requirements for estimates of local income tax certified distributions by the budget agency. Changes the name of the next generation trust and trust fund to the next level Indiana trust and trust fund. Establishes the next level Indiana board to be the trustee of the trust fund and to direct the investments of the trust. Provides broader investment powers to the trustee. Caps the investments that may be made by the next level Indiana trust fund at 50% for investments that maximize risk appropriate returns and that make significant investments in Indiana funds and companies. Removes obsolete provisions concerning the trust fund. Specifies that money in each horse breed development fund is continuously appropriated to make payments ordered by the horse racing commission. Specifies that the horse racing commission's share of the money in the gaming integrity fund is continuously appropriated to carry out the purposes of the fund. Specifies that the money in the standardbred horse fund is continuously appropriated to carry out the purposes of the fund. Provides that a governmental entity may issue a request for information with respect to a public-private agreement: (1) to consider the factors involved in, the feasibility of, or the potential consequences of a contemplated project involving a public facility or transportation project; (2) to prepare a request for proposals; or (3) to evaluate any aspect of an existing public-private agreement. Provides that responses to a request for information are confidential unless confidentiality is waived in writing. Provides that the governmental entity issuing the request for information is not required to take any action after receiving a response to a request for information. Repeals provisions authorizing the Indiana finance authority to enter into a public-private agreement for communications systems infrastructure with a single offeror based solely on a request for information. Establishes the Indiana tourism task force to study the tourism departments of other states for the purposes of learning: (1) the structure of state tourism departments; (2) the level of funding provided to state tourism departments; and (3) the relationship between state funding of a state's tourism department and the economic impact of tourism on the state. Merges the law enforcement academy building fund and the law enforcement training fund into the law enforcement academy fund with no changes to the funds' uses. Allows the law enforcement academy to charge a fee to all users for training and corresponding marginal and fixed costs according to an annual cost and fee schedule approved by the budget director. Allows the academy to house and train law enforcement agencies from outside Indiana. Eliminates the requirement that the salary matrix for police employees of the state police department applies to law enforcement officers of the law enforcement division of the department of natural resources. Provides that deer research and management fund fee revenue, migratory

waterfowl stamp revenue, and game bird restoration stamp revenue may be retained in the fish and wildlife fund if the budget agency finds that it would reduce the balance in the fish and wildlife fund below \$3,000,000 at the end of the state fiscal year. Changes the expiration dates for the hospital assessment fee and the health facility quality assessment fee from June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021. Modifies the replacement facility exemption for purposes of the prohibition on the appro

**Current Status:** 2/20/2017 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**HB1340**

**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAY SERVICES** (SULLIVAN H) Specifies the reimbursement method for specified services under the family supports Medicaid waiver and the community integration and habilitation Medicaid waiver. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to determine the cost to providers of providing quality services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requires the office to collect data on cost from providers to determine appropriate reimbursement rates that adequately compensate the provider.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**HB1490**

**CIGARETTE TAX** (BROWN T) Increases the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$1.995 per pack of regular size cigarettes (and a corresponding increase for larger cigarettes) and uses the additional revenue for reimbursements of Medicaid providers.

**Current Status:** 1/18/2017 - Referred to House Public Health

**HB1493**

**LONG TERM CARE MATTERS** (BROWN T) Requires a home and community based services program for individuals who are aged or disabled to include reimbursement for assisted living services in the Medicaid program. Requires the division of aging to report to the general assembly a plan to expand the scope and availability of home and community based services for individuals who are aged or disabled and requires the division to implement the plan. Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) from including individuals who receive nursing facility services in a risk based managed care program or a capitated managed care program. Requires the office to determine the amount of reimbursement payments that would have been reimbursed but for a reduction in reimbursement and use those dollars for the expansion of home and community based services. Establishes the home and community based expansion fund. Specifies circumstances in which a Medicaid reimbursement reduction must be suspended. Specifies the model to be used for Medicaid nursing facility service payments. Requires the office to do the following: (1) Provide public notice of at least one year before reducing nursing facility service reimbursements. (2) Obtain federal approval to operate a nursing facility closure incentive payment program and implement the program. (3) Review currently offered home health programs, develop additional programs, and report on the programs to the general assembly. Requires the state department of health to amend rules concerning residential care facilities to comply with federal law concerning the provision of home and community based services. Modifies the replacement facility exemption for purposes of the prohibition on the approval of licensure of comprehensive care health facilities and comprehensive care beds and extends the prohibition through June 30, 2023. Makes various changes concerning the collection of the health facility quality assessment fee and extends the collection of the assessment through June 30, 2023. Modifies the distribution of the quality assessment fee after state fiscal year 2017 and specifies circumstances in which the modification would be suspended by the office. Makes an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

**HB1580**

**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES FOR DISABILITIES** (WRIGHT M) Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services, in coordination with the office of Medicaid policy and planning for purposes of reimbursement under the Medicaid program, to establish, to the extent possible, reimbursement rates for services for individuals with

developmental disabilities at a rate that allows individuals providing the services a living wage.

**Current Status:** 1/23/2017 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**SB9**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DRUG CONVICTIONS**

(MERRITT J) Specifies that, beginning January 1, 2018, Indiana elects to opt out of the federal law prohibiting individuals convicted of certain drug offenses from receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) assistance.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2017 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

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