

Evansville Regional Economic Partnership Bill Report
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HB1001 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY; COVID-19 IMMUNIZATIONS (LEHMAN M) Allows the secretary of family and social services to issue a waiver of human services statutory provisions and administrative rules if the secretary determines that the waiver is necessary to claim certain enhanced federal matching funds available to the Medicaid program. Allows the secretary to issue an emergency declaration for purposes of participating in specified authorized federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program emergency allotments. Requires the secretary to prepare and submit any waivers or emergency declarations to the budget committee. Allows the state health commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designated public health authority to issue standing orders, prescriptions, or protocols to administer or dispense certain immunizations for individuals who are at least five years old. Defines "Indiana governmental entity" and specifies that an Indiana governmental entity may not issue or require an immunization passport. Provides that an individual is not disqualified from unemployment benefits if the individual has complied with the requirements for seeking an exemption from an employer's COVID-19 immunization requirements and was discharged from employment for failing or refusing to receive an immunization against COVID-19. Provides that an employer may not impose a requirement that employees receive an immunization against COVID-19 unless the employer provides individual exemptions that allow an employee to opt out of the requirement on the basis of medical reasons, religious reasons, or immunity from COVID-19 acquired from a prior infection with COVID-19.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 276: yeas 32, nays 18

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1001](#)

HB1002 VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (BROWN T) Removes a provision that requires taxpayers to have adjusted gross income tax liability in order to qualify for an automatic taxpayer refund. Makes clarifying changes. Provides that before the state lottery commission may implement an expansion of gaming either by adopting rules, entering into contracts, or any other action, the rule, contract, or action must be authorized by the general assembly. Defines "expansion of gaming" for purposes of the requirement. Requires each local unit that imposes an innkeeper's tax or food and beverage tax to annually report information concerning distributions and expenditures of amounts received from the innkeeper's tax or food and beverage tax. Extends the Nashville food and beverage tax expiration date from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2043. Provides that food and beverage taxes currently authorized under IC 6-9 and that do not otherwise contain an expiration date expire on the later of: (1) January 1, 2042 (or in the case of Monroe County, January 1, 2044); or (2) the date on which all bonds or lease agreements outstanding on March 15, 2022, are completely paid. Requires each local unit that imposes a food and beverage tax that is subject to the expiration provision to provide to the department of local government finance a list of each bond or lease agreement outstanding on March 15, 2022, and the date on which each will be completely paid. Requires the department to publish the information on the gateway Internet web site.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 277: yeas 49, nays 1

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1002](#)

HB1094 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORK BASED LEARNING (TESHKA J) Requires, not later than December 31, 2022, the department of education (department) to: (1) issue a request for proposals for the purpose of contracting with a company to provide; or (2) enter into a memorandum of understanding with a statewide entity to facilitate the procurement of; adequate employer liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage for employers that employ students in work based learning courses. Specifies an exception. Provides that the total amount of funds that the department may expend to carry out the request for proposals or the memorandum of understanding must be less than \$100,000. Provides that an employer: (1) may purchase the employer liability and worker's compensation coverage; and (2) is responsible for paying any costs associated with purchasing the coverage.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 – Conference Committee Hearing Scheduled

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1094](#)

HB1226 SOLID WASTE MATTERS (SPEEDY M) Establishes the central Indiana waste diversion pilot project. Requires the department of environmental management to: (1) develop pilot project application forms; (2) make the forms available on or before July 1, 2022; (3) accept applications through October 1, 2022; and (4) provide recommendations to the Indiana recycling market development board on or before December 1, 2022. Requires the board to award not more than \$4,000,000 in total to applicants chosen to participate in the pilot project. Limits the pilot project to Marion County. Amends the definition of "solid waste" to exclude materials that are used in creating a product and that meet other conditions. Provides that: (1) a transfer station or treatment, storage, or disposal facility that holds a permit to handle hazardous waste may also handle solid waste; (2) solid waste that is managed at a transfer station or a treatment, storage, or disposal facility shall not be allowed to come into direct contact with hazardous waste, and any solid waste that does come into direct contact with hazardous waste shall then be managed as hazardous waste; and (3) the environmental rules board shall amend 329 IAC 11 to conform to these provisions. Requires the rules board to expeditiously adopt by rule all waste regulation exemptions or exclusions as that are adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and set forth in the federal rule on the identification and listing of hazardous waste. Provides that until certain federal rule amendments that were adopted by the EPA on May 30, 2018, are adopted by the rules board, those amendments apply to the identification and listing of hazardous waste in Indiana just as if the amendments were already incorporated by reference into the rules of the rule board on the identification and listing of hazardous waste. Provides that: (1) the disposal of non-hazardous coal mining waste and coal combustion residuals at a surface coal mining facility; and (2) the use of coal combustion residuals as raw material for manufacturing another product or for eight other particular uses; are not subject to regulation under the solid waste rules. Makes corresponding changes.

Recent Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 297: yeas 48, nays 0

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1226](#)

HB1306 HOUSING TASK FORCE (MILLER D) Establishes the housing task force to review issues related to housing and housing shortages in Indiana. Sets forth membership, and requires the task force to issue a report to the general assembly and the governor not later than November 1, 2022.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 308: yeas 48, nays 0

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1306](#)

SB157 DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY INDOT (CRIDER M) Provides that an agency real estate professional may determine the fair market value of real property the department of transportation owns and is seeking to sell under certain conditions. Makes conforming changes. Provides that real property shall be appraised prior to acquisition by INDOT, except under certain conditions concerning donation and valuation of the real property. Requires INDOT to prepare a waiver valuation if an appraisal is unnecessary. Suspends certain rules for persons preparing or reviewing a waiver valuation. Provides that INDOT may sell real property without advertising or competitive bids under certain circumstances. Extends the sunset of certain public-private agreement provisions from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2031.

Recent Status: 2/15/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 188: yeas 79, nays 11

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB157](#)

SB245 STATEWIDE SPORTS AND TOURISM BID FUND (WALKER K) Establishes the statewide sports and tourism bid fund to provide funding for the purpose of organizing and holding sports and tourism events in Indiana. Provides that the Indiana destination development corporation administer the fund. Requires the IDDC to distribute to the Indiana Sports Corporation a grant amount equal to the amount appropriated by the general assembly to the fund. Provides that the Indiana Sports Corporation shall manage the funds in accordance with the general laws of the state relating to the handling of public funds. Requires that the Indiana Sports Corporation ensure that not less than 30% of the money received by the Indiana Sports Corporation each biennium is used for events that are conducted outside of Marion County. Authorizes the Indiana Sports Corporation to award grants to other eligible entities for the purpose of organizing and holding an event in Indiana. Requires the Indiana Sports Corporation to annually report to the budget committee.

Recent Status: 2/24/2022 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 266: yeas 47, nays 0

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB245](#)

SB361 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MISHLER R) Makes certain amendments to the hoosier business investment tax credit, the economic development for a growing economy tax credit, the headquarters relocation tax credit, and the redevelopment tax credit. Adds veteran owned businesses to the list of businesses that would qualify for an enhanced venture capital tax credit. Limits the total amount of credits that the Indiana economic development corporation may award for a calendar year for all taxpayers for all applicable tax credits to \$300,000,000. Specifies the procedure by which the IEDC may designate an area as an innovation development district. Provides that an innovation development district board must be established to govern each innovation development district. Requires the IEDC to enter into a final agreement with the board establishing the terms and conditions governing a district. Authorizes a county, city, or town to establish a workforce retention and recruitment program and fund for the purposes of recruiting and retaining individuals who will satisfy the current and future workforce needs of the unit's employers or provide substantial economic impact to the unit, including providing incentives in the form of grants or loans to qualified workers. Provides that the executive of the unit shall administer the fund in coordination with a workforce fund board of managers appointed by the executive of the unit. Provides that the IEDC may award a tax credit for media production expenses for certain media productions in Indiana beginning July 1, 2023. Provides for **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Senate dissented from House Amendments

Recent Status: 2/28/2022 – Third Reading Passed; Roll Call 300: yeas 69, nays 27

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB361](#)

SB382 VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (HOLDMAN T) Allows certain corporations to make an election to determine the corporation's state adjusted gross income tax under specified provisions. Requires all wagering taxes to be reported and remitted electronically through the department of state revenue online tax filing program. Amends the distribution date for certain alcoholic beverage tax revenue and wagering tax and fee revenue. Clarifies provisions regarding application of the sales tax to transactions in which a person acquires an aircraft for rental or leasing in the ordinary course of the person's business. Reorganizes and revises provisions that apply to the sales tax exemption for nonprofit organizations. Reorganizes and revises provisions regarding sales tax exemptions for utilities. Provides required report filing deadlines for exempt transactions for certain retail merchants. Adds the term "alternative nicotine products" to various provisions. Allows certain small businesses to deduct amounts paid for health insurance premiums from Indiana adjusted gross income. Amends sales tax provisions that apply to wholesale sales. Provides that an election by a corporation to make a consolidated return continues to apply following a corporate reorganization or sale. Reduces the tax rate imposed on the distribution of closed system cartridges beginning July 1, 2022, from 25% to 15% of the wholesale price. Requires remote sellers to collect the tobacco product tax on taxable products. Provides a more specific definition of "tobacco products" for purposes of the tobacco products tax. Imposes a tax on the distribution of alternative nicotine products in Indiana based on a rate of \$0.40 per ounce of the product weight as listed by the manufacturer. Defines "alternative nicotine products" for purposes of the tax...**MORE**

Recent Status: 2/28/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 299: yeas 60, nays 37

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB382](#)

HB1003 NURSING PROGRAMS AND LICENSING MATTERS (MANNING E) Establishes certain requirements for the temporary licensure of retired or inactive emergency medical services personnel, retired or inactive health care professionals, out-of-state health care professionals, or recently graduated students who have applied for certain licenses. Allows a health care provider or an officer, agent, or employee of a health care provider who has a temporary license to qualify for coverage under the Medical Malpractice Act. Provides that the state board of nursing shall issue by endorsement a license to practice as a registered nurse or practical nurse to an applicant who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school and provides certain documentation. Allows: (1) an eligible associate degree or bachelor's degree registered nursing program to increase enrollment at any rate deemed appropriate by the program; and (2) a nursing program that is not an eligible program but meets specified requirements to increase enrollment by not more than 100%. Allows a nursing program to substitute a certain number of simulation hours for clinical hours in certain circumstances. Establishes requirements for clinical preceptors. Provides that a majority of the faculty is not required to be full-time employees of a state educational institution that operates a nursing program that predominantly issues associate degrees.

Recent Status: 2/24/2022 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 275: yeas 88, nays 2

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1003](#)

HB1093 EDUCATION MATTERS (BEHNING R) Amends the membership and duties of the early learning advisory committee. Provides that certain parties are prohibited from incentivizing the enrollment, reenrollment, or continued attendance of a student or prospective student by offering or giving an item that has monetary value. Requires the Indiana charter school board to appoint an executive director to carry out the duties and daily operations of the board. Establishes the Indiana charter school board fund and provides that money in the fund is appropriated continuously for purposes of the board. Provides that the department of education may grant an accomplished practitioner's license under certain conditions. Provides that the instructional days tuition support distribution formula account for certain schools within a school corporation. Provides that the state board of education shall assign to a school or school corporation a "null" or "no letter grade" for the 2021-2022 school year. ...**MORE**

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 283: yeas 50, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1093](#)

HB1153 WORKER'S COMPENSATION (LEHMAN M) Provides that if, after the occurrence of an accident, compensation is paid for temporary total disability or temporary partial disability, then the two year limitation period to file an application for adjustment of claim begins to run on the last date for which the compensation was paid. Increases benefits for injuries and disablements by 3% each year for four years, beginning on July 1, 2023. Adds an ambulatory outpatient surgical center to the definition of "medical service facility" under the worker's compensation law. Makes certain changes to the definition of "pecuniary liability". Establishes clean claim payment requirements related to worker's compensation claims. Removes outdated language.

Recent Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 290: yeas 44, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1153](#)

HB1209 CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS (SOLIDAY E) Provides for the mechanism for underground storage of carbon dioxide in Indiana. Provides that the new chapter does not apply to the carbon sequestration pilot project established pursuant to IC 14-39-1. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 – Third Reading Passed; Roll Call 296: Yeas 28, Nays 20

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1209](#)

HB1221 ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND ELECTRICITY PRICING (SOLIDAY E) Provides that a person that: (1) owns, operates, or leases electric vehicle supply equipment; and (2) makes the EV supply equipment available for use by the public for compensation; may charge the public for such use based in whole or in part on the kilowatt hours of electricity sold. Specifies that a person that makes EV supply equipment available for use by the public for compensation, regardless of whether the person charges the public for such use based on: (1) the kilowatt hours of electricity sold; (2) the amount of time spent by an EV at a designated charging space; or (3) a combination of both; is not a public utility solely by reason of engaging in this activity. Authorizes the utility regulatory commission to approve: (1) time-varying price structures and tariffs; or (2) other alternative pricing structures and tariffs; for retail energy service. Defines a "public use electric vehicle" (public use EV) as any of the following electric vehicles that is used primarily to serve the public: (1) An electric school bus. (2) An electric transit bus. (3) An electric vehicle used by a public or private commercial enterprise primarily to deliver goods or services to the public. Authorizes an electric utility (defined as a public utility that is subject to the jurisdiction of the IURC) to request approval from the IURC to implement a public use EV pilot program (pilot program) to do any of the following: (1) Install, own, or operate charging infrastructure or make-ready infrastructure to support public use EVs. (2) Provide incentives or rebates to customers to encourage customer investment in public use EVs and in associated EV supply equipment. Sets forth certain required information that an electric utility's request for approval of a pilot program must include. Provides that an electric utility's request for approval of a pilot program may include a request for: (1) assurance of cost recovery for pilot program capital costs, up to the amount of an approved cost estimate; and (2) deferral of pilot program capital costs. Sets forth the processes by which an electric utility may request the ...**MORE**

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1221](#)

HB1251 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (BEHNING R) Requires the department of education to apply to the United States Department of Education for assessment flexibility. Requires the department to: (1) prepare a report that includes information and recommendations regarding establishing and implementing a parent-teacher compact program; and (2) submit the report to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2022. Provides that the state board of education shall, in consultation with postsecondary educational institutions and various businesses and industries, identify what skills or traits students need to be successful upon completion of high school. Requires the department to conduct a research study regarding academic standards. Requires the department to establish an online adjunct teacher portal. Provides that: (1) the governing body of a school corporation may issue an adjunct teacher permit to an individual who meets certain requirements; and (2) if a governing body of a school corporation issues an adjunct teacher permit to an individual, the school corporation may enter into a contract for employment with the individual **...MORE**

Recent Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 302: yeas 34, nays 14

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1251](#)

HB1318 CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY A SCHOOL CORPORATION (SNOW C) Allows a child care program that: (1) is operated by a public or private school; and (2) provides day care on the school premises for children of students or employees of schools in the school corporation in which the public or private school is located; to be exempted from licensure as a child care facility. Provides that: (1) a preschool program that is operated by a public or private school; and (2) either or both: (A) a child care program that is located in the public or private secondary school and provides child care for children of employees or students of the public or private secondary school; and (B) a latch key program; are exempt from licensure as child care facilities if located in the same public or private school building. Provides that for purposes of determining the child to staff ratio and group size requirements for a child care program that: (1) enrolls children at least two and **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 318: yeas 92, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1318](#)

SB74 PREFERENCES IN PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC PURCHASING (BOOTS P) Provides that a manufacturing business, a business that processes raw materials or parts into finished goods, is not a small business if it employs more than 100 persons or if its annual sales for its most recently completed fiscal year exceed \$4,000,000. Provides that any state agency that purchases goods, supplies, or services for the state must report by October 1 of each year to the budget committee the amount of Indiana business and Indiana small business preferences granted in the agency's procurement of goods, supplies, or services for the state.

Recent Status: 2/23/2022 - Returned to the Senate without amendments

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB74](#)

SB82 FAFSA (LEISING J) Requires each school corporation and charter high school to: (1) use the model FAFSA notice prepared by the commission for higher education; and (2) provide the model notice to certain students. Allows a nonpublic school to provide the model notice to certain students. Requires the commission to develop an online FAFSA affirmation form and provide information to certain schools to determine which students have completed the FAFSA and the affirmation form. Amends the information required to be included.

Recent Status: 2/28/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 295: yeas 89, nays 5

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB82](#)

SB145 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS (BUCHANAN B) Provides that the true tax value of commercial real property commercial property with a structure, or a portion thereof, that: (1) is at least 100,000 square feet in area; (2) is used for retail purposes; and (3) is occupied by a single retailer; shall be determined by application of the cost approach. Provides that the application of the cost approach requirement is not applicable if the property was: (1) vacated by the original occupant for which the property was constructed; (2) constructed more than five years prior to the assessment date; or (3) substantially and adversely impacted by a **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/2/2022 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB145](#)

- SB166 PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENTS (WALKER K)** Provides that a governmental body may enter into a public-private agreement with respect to a transportation project. Provides that any public-private agreement with respect to a transportation project may use availability payments to finance all or a portion of the project. Provides that a governmental body may also enter into a development agreement with a private party for the development, construction, and financing of a privately owned and operated transportation or infrastructure project if the development agreement meets certain conditions. Specifies the contents of public-private agreements for transportation facilities or transportation projects and establishes requirements for the operator of the transportation facility or transportation project. Provides for a property tax exemption and a sales tax exemption. Defines terms.
- Recent Status:** 2/24/2022 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 265: yeas 47, nays 0
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB166](#)
- SB264 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW TASK FORCE (GARTEN C)** Establishes the administrative rules review task force (task force). Describes the duties required of the task force.
- Recent Status:** 2/23/2022 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB264](#)
- SB290 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (RAATZ J)** Requires the department of education to establish a career coaching pilot program to award grants to school corporations to establish career coaching programs for students of the school corporation. Beginning July 1, 2022, requires the department to annually submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format that provides certain information concerning high school graduation waiver rates and graduation pathways and to post the report on the department's Internet web site. Requires the attorney representing a governing body of a school corporation, at the governing body's first regular meeting each year, to provide certain information to the governing body, the superintendent, and the members of the public attending the meeting. Provides that at least 14 days before a contract for employment is entered into by a governing body and a school superintendent, the governing body shall hold a public meeting on the proposed contract at which public comment is heard. Provides that the governing body must conduct another public meeting to discuss the tentative superintendent **...MORE**
- Current Status:** 3/1/2022 - Senate dissented from House Amendments
- Recent Status:** 2/24/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 269: yeas 82, nays 0
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB290](#)
- SB365 PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (BECKER V)** Establishes the psychology interjurisdictional compact concerning interjurisdictional telepsychology and the temporary authorization to practice psychology in another compact state. Sets forth requirements of a compact state. Sets forth the duties of the psychology interjurisdictional compact commission.
- Recent Status:** 2/24/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 268: yeas 81, nays 1
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB365](#)
- SB411 COMMERCIAL SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY (MESSMER M)** Establishes default standards concerning the following with respect to wind power projects in local units that voluntarily adopt the standards: (1) Setback requirements. (2) Height restrictions. (3) Shadow flicker limitations. (4) Signal interference. (5) Sound level limitations. (6) Wind turbine light mitigation technology. (7) Required repairs to drainage related infrastructure. (8) Project decommissioning. Defines a unit that voluntarily adopts all of the default standards, or standards less restrictive than the default standards, as a "wind energy ready community". Establishes default standards concerning the following with respect to commercial solar projects in units that voluntarily adopt the standards: (1) Setback requirements. (2) Height restrictions. (3) Ground cover. (4) Fencing. (5) Cables. (6) Glare. (7) Signal interference. (8) Sound level limitations. (9) Required repairs to drainage related infrastructure. (10) Project decommissioning. Defines a unit that voluntarily adopts all of the default...**MORE**
- Current Status:** 3/2/2022 - Concurrences Eligible for Action
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB411](#)

HB1034 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TORR J) Provides that a lien resulting from an agreement between a redevelopment commission (commission) and a taxpayer in an allocation area takes priority over any existing or subsequent mortgage, other lien, or other encumbrance on the property, and must have parity with a state property tax lien under IC 6-1.1-22-13. Provides that a lien resulting from a taxpayer agreement will have the priority of real property taxes and may be enforced and collected in all respects as real property taxes. Provides that a commission, or two or more commissions acting jointly, may contract for marketing and advertising of land located in an allocation area. Imposes a limitation on the amount available to be spent on the marketing and advertising of land in an allocation area.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 306: yeas 92, nays 1

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1034](#)

HB1242 STATE PURCHASING (MILLER D) Requires the department of administration to determine the technological upgrades and other expenditures required to collect and compile information regarding purchases made by state agencies from the following: (1) A minority business enterprise. (2) A nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities. (3) A veteran owned small business. (4) A women's business enterprise. Provides that if a nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities withdraws from a department pilot project through which the qualified agency sells products or services to governmental bodies through a third party contractor, the department must award the qualified agency a quantity purchase agreement for the same products and services and under the same terms under which the qualified agency had a QPA with the department before participating in the pilot project. Provides that the qualified agency must agree to provide the same products or services at a price less than the price provided for the products or services under the pilot project. **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 298: yeas 48, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1242](#)

HB1245 CONNECTIONS TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS (PRESSEL J) Prohibits: (1) a local unit; or (2) a water or wastewater utility; that is not under the jurisdiction of the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) for the approval of rates and charges from charging or collecting from a property owner a capacity related fee or a tap fee either of which is established after June 30, 2022, and that includes contributions in aid of construction that are first received by the utility or local unit after June 30, 2022. Provides that if a local unit or a utility charges a property owner a capacity related fee or a tap fee that is established after June 30, 2022, and that is based, in whole or in part, on contributions in aid of construction, the property owner is entitled to request to meet with the local unit or the utility to review: (1) the engineering and financial analyses the fee was based on; and (2) if applicable, the ordinance adopting the fee. Requires a local **...MORE**

Recent Status: 3/1/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 299: yeas 39, nays 9

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1245](#)

SB1 AUTOMATIC TAXPAYER REFUND (HOLDMAN T) Removes a provision that requires taxpayers to have adjusted gross income tax liability in order to qualify for an automatic taxpayer refund.

Recent Status: 2/17/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 197: yeas 88, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB1](#)

SB2 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (RAATZ J) Provides that, in determining whether at least 50% of the instructional services that a student receives from a school corporation is virtual instruction for purposes of the 2021 fall count of ADM, the department of education shall review the attendance of each student on each school day from the school corporation's first day of school until the school corporation's last day of school of the 2021 fall semester. Makes an exception regarding the school days the department reviews for students who transferred to or from a school corporation during the 2021 fall semester. Provides that, if a school corporation's tuition support amount is adjusted as a result of the application of this provision, the department shall, after December 31, 2021, settle any overpayment or underpayment of state tuition support to a

Current Status: 2/24/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 285: yeas 93, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB2](#)

- SB5** **RECIPROCITY** (BROWN L) Establishes a procedure to grant licenses and certificates to practice certain health care professions in Indiana. Requires the applicant to hold a current license or certificate from another state or jurisdiction and meet other requirements. Allows the applicant who meets certain requirements to apply for a provisional license or provisional certificate. Requires the provisional license or provisional certificate to be issued within 30 days. Provides for penalties for submitting false information on an application for a provisional license or provisional certificate. Requires a board to make a final decision on a license or certificate application before the expiration of a provisional license or provisional certificate. Eliminates certain requirements for an applicant seeking licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, addiction counselor, or clinical addiction counselor. Requires the boards that regulate bachelor's degree social workers, social workers, clinical social workers, marriage and family ...**MORE**
Current Status: 2/24/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 274: yeas 89, nays 0
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB5](#)
- SB119** **TAXATION OF FARM PROPERTY** (NIEMEYER R) Makes new farm equipment and new agricultural improvements eligible for local tax abatement using the same procedures for tax abatement under current law for new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and new information technology equipment, or redevelopment and rehabilitation in the case of new agricultural improvements. Limits an abatement schedule for new farm equipment and new agricultural improvements to not more than five years. Specifies how agricultural improvements shall be assessed.
Recent Status: 2/15/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 185: yeas 76, nays 16
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB119](#)
- SB147** **UNDERGROUND PUMPED STORAGE HYDROPOWER** (KOCH E) Adds underground pumped storage hydropower using: (1) abandoned coal mines; (2) abandoned quarries; or (3) other suitable sites; located in Indiana to the list of sources and technologies that qualify as "clean energy resources" for purposes of the statute governing the Indiana voluntary clean energy portfolio standard program. Provides that this technology qualifies as a "renewable energy resource for providing certain financial incentives for energy utilities to invest in clean energy projects. Requires the state utility forecasting group to include this technology in its annual study on the use, availability, and economics of clean energy resources in Indiana.
Recent Status: 2/22/2022 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB147](#)
- SB251** **INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT** (BROWN L) Requires the medical licensing board of Indiana to administer the interstate medical licensure compact. sets forth requirements of a compact state. Sets forth the duties and authority of the interstate medical licensure compact commission. Provides for two voting members on the commission from each member state. Establishes the procedure to withdraw from the compact. Specifies that the compact supersedes any state law that is in conflict. Makes conforming changes.
Recent Status: 2/24/2022 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 273: yeas 88, nays 0
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB251](#)
- SB271** **SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS** (KOCH E) Amends the statute governing certificates of public convenience and necessity that are issued by the Indiana utility regulatory commission for the construction, lease, or purchase of electric generation facilities to require the IURC, in consultation with the department of environmental management, to adopt rules concerning the granting of certificates for the construction, purchase, or lease of small modular nuclear reactors: (1) in Indiana for the generation of electricity to be used to furnish public utility service to Indiana customers; or (2) at the site of a nuclear energy production or generating facility that supplies electricity to Indiana retail customers on July 1, 2011. Requires the IURC to adopt the rules not later than July 1, 2023. Provides that the rules adopted by the IURC must provide that in acting on a public utility's petition for a certificate for one or more small modular nuclear reactors, ...**MORE**
Recent Status: 2/23/2022 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
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SB272 WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (KOCH E) Provides that the Indiana finance authority shall serve as the executive branch coordinator for funds allocated or made available to the state or local communities from federal, state, and other sources for purposes related to drinking water, wastewater, or storm water infrastructure and systems. Sets forth the duties of the authority with respect to this role. Specifies that the authority shall coordinate the executive branch activities related to the state's drinking water and wastewater programs. Authorizes the establishment of a drinking water and wastewater infrastructure research and extension program provide data collection and information, training, and technical assistance concerning: (1) drinking water infrastructure; (2) wastewater infrastructure; and (3) storm water infrastructure; in Indiana. Provides that the authority may: (1) contract with a state supported college or university in Indiana to provide the program; and (2) financially support the program from existing funds appropriated to the authority. Provides that the program may be housed within, or share staff with, the existing research and **...MORE**

Recent Status: 2/24/2022 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 267: yeas 47, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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SB343 AGRITOURISM ACTIVITIES (ROGERS L) Specifies that "agritourism activity" includes camping, canoeing, kayaking, tubing on a river, and winter sports activities, including activities that take place on a facility or on grounds used for or in connection with winter sports activities. Provides that failure to post a warning sign or provide a warning notice does not create a cause of action against an agritourism provider. Allows the use of an electronic signature to sign a contract or release in connection with engaging in an agritourism activity.

Recent Status: 2/24/2022 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 268: yeas 47, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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SB356 EDUCATION MATTERS (ROGERS L) Makes changes to the requirements necessary to obtain an initial practitioner license for an individual who completes an alternative teacher certification program and changes regarding teaching special education under the license. Provides that, for school years beginning after June 30, 2022, a school corporation may provide a supplemental payment to a teacher in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation or entity that is a party to any agreement for the management and operation of a transformation zone may submit a complaint to the department of education on a form established by the department for an alleged violation of the agreement. Provides that, not later than 30 days after the date a governing body or entity submits a complaint, the department shall issue a decision concerning the complaint. Provides that employees of a transformation zone may organize and create a separate bargaining unit to collectively bargain with the entity operating the transformation zone. **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Senate dissented from House Amendments
2/28/2022 – Third Reading Passed; Roll Call: 301: yeas 61, nays 32

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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SB366 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING (BASSLER E) Requires the commission to create a higher educational operating funding outcomes based formula in each year prior to a budget session of the general assembly. Provides that the commission shall develop a long range plan for postsecondary education. Requires the commission to take: (1) reducing the financial burden on students and their families for postsecondary education; (2) the impact on economic development; and (3) the funding formula; into account in developing the long range plan. Requires the commission to present to the budget committee a summary of the legislative requests of all state educational institutions and the commission's recommendations concerning operations, capital projects, and financial aid. Requires the commission to biannually measure and make findings on the progress of each state educational institution in meeting the goals of the commission's long range plan as those goals pertain to the funding formula and include the findings in its presentation to the budget committee. Requires the commission to present the funding formula created by the commission to the budget committee. Requires the commission to biannually engage a third party examiner to audit the data submitted by each state educational institution for use within the funding formula and submit a **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/2/2022 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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SB388 FOREIGN GIFTS AND OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND (MESSMER M) Requires a postsecondary educational institution to submit a disclosure report to the Indiana commissioner for higher education of gifts of at least \$50,000 from a foreign source. Provides that certain information for each institution shall be posted on the commission for higher education's Internet web site. Provides that whenever it appears that an institution has failed to comply with gift disclosure requirements, a civil action may be brought by the attorney general or at the request of: (1) a member of the general assembly; (2) the governor; (3) a member of the commission; (4) a member of the state board of education; or (5) an Indiana taxpayer; to compel compliance with the gift disclosure requirements. Provides that beginning July 1, 2022, a foreign business entity may not acquire agricultural land located within Indiana for the purposes of farming or timber production. Specifies exceptions. Prohibits a foreign business entity that owns agricultural land located within Indiana from transferring the agricultural land to another foreign business entity after June 30, 2022. Requires a foreign business entity to report the acquisition, sale, or transfer of agricultural land located within Indiana to the secretary of state. Provides that agricultural land acquired, sold, or transferred in violation of law is subject to forfeiture to the state. Adds a provision to prohibit business entities organized under the laws of the Russian Federation from holding and conveying real property located within Indiana.

Current Status: 3/2/2022 - Concurrences Eligible for Action

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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