

**Evansville Regional Economic Partnership Bill Report**  
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- HB1001 STATE BUDGET** (THOMPSON J) Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. **MORE...**  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Mishler and Garten  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 234: yeas 66, nays 29  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1001](#)
- HB1002 EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE MATTERS** (GOODRICH C) Establishes the: (1) career scholarship account program; (2) career scholarship account program fund; (3) career scholarship account administration fund; (4) connecting students with careers fund; and (5) intermediary capacity building fund. Provides that the department of education, in consultation with the governor's workforce cabinet, shall designate and approve a sequence, course, modern youth apprenticeship, apprenticeship, or program of study that culminates in an approved credential and is offered by an employer that has partnered with an approved intermediary to offer the sequence, course, modern youth apprenticeship, apprenticeship, or program of study. **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Raatz and Garten  
2/21/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 172: yeas 70, nays 25  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1002](#)
- HB1003 HEALTH MATTERS** (SNOW C) Allows a credit against an employer's state tax liability for employers with less than 50 employees if the employer has adopted a health reimbursement arrangement in lieu of a traditional employer provided health insurance plan. Provides that employers that claim and are allowed the credit must report certain information to the department of insurance. Provides that the amount of credits granted may not exceed \$10,000,000 in a taxable year. Provides that the credit may be carried over for 10 years, but may not be carried back. Provides that a health care provider that enters into a value-based health care reimbursement agreement and an electronic medical record access agreement with a health plan **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1003](#)
- HB1004 HEALTH CARE MATTERS** (SCHAIBLEY D) Allows a credit against an employer's state tax liability if the employer has adopted a health reimbursement arrangement. Requires certain employers that claim and are allowed the credit to report certain information to the department of insurance. Provides a credit against state tax liability to certain physicians who have an ownership interest in a physician practice and meet other eligibility criteria. Establishes the health care cost oversight board and sets forth duties of the board. Requires provider facilities and practitioners to include the address of the service facility location in order to obtain reimbursement for a commercial claim for health care services. Provides that specified health **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1004](#)
- HB1005 HOUSING** (MILLER D) Establishes the residential housing infrastructure assistance program (program) and residential housing infrastructure assistance revolving fund (fund). Provides that the Indiana finance authority (authority) shall administer the fund and program. Provides that political subdivisions may apply to the fund for loans for certain infrastructure projects related to the development of residential housing. Provides that money in the fund may not be used for: (1) debt repayment; (2) maintenance and repair projects; (3) upgrading utility poles; or (4) consulting or engineering fees for studies, reports, designs, or analyses. Provides that loans from the fund must be allocated as follows: (1) 70% of the money in the fund **MORE...**  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Referred to Senate Appropriations  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1005](#)

- HB1006 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (STEUERWALD G)** Specifies the circumstances under which a person may be involuntarily committed to a facility for mental health services and specifies that these services are medically necessary. Establishes a local mental health referral program to provide mental health treatment for certain persons who have been arrested. Repeals obsolete provisions.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2023 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
*Priority:* Tier 1 - High  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1006](#)
- HB1160 WORKFORCE TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM (CLERE E)** Requires the commission for higher education to establish an education and career support services pilot program. Establishes certain requirements for the education and career support services pilot program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services, in consultation with Erskine Green Training Institute and the department of workforce development, to establish a workforce training pilot program to provide training and other services to: (1) unemployed or underemployed individuals who are eligible to receive assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; and (2) individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. **MORE...**  
*Current Status:* 2/16/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Ford Jon, Garten, Yoder  
*Recent Status:* 2/16/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 146: yeas 92, nays 0  
*Priority:* Tier 1 - High  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1160](#)
- HB1290 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (GOODRICH C)** Recouples the state earned income tax credit qualifications with the federal earned income tax credit qualifications under the Internal Revenue Code as in effect January 1, 2023. Increases the state earned income tax credit to an amount equal to 12% (instead of 10%) of the federal earned income tax credit that an individual claimed for a taxable year.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2023 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
*Priority:* Tier 1 - High  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1290](#)
- HB1349 OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREAS (LINDAUER S)** Allows a city or town to designate an outdoor location as a refreshment area with the approval of the alcohol and tobacco commission. Provides that if a refreshment area is approved, the commission designates retailer permittees that may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption within the refreshment area. Prohibits a refreshment area from being located near a school or church unless the school or church does not object. Allows a minor to be within the refreshment area **MORE...**  
*Recent Status:* 1/30/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 44: yeas 87, nays 7  
1/30/2023 - Senate sponsor: Senator Messmer  
*Priority:* Tier 1 - High  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1349](#)
- HB1449 TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM (HARRIS JR. E)** Amends the twenty-first century scholars program eligibility requirements. Requires the commission for higher education to notify an emancipated student, or the custodial parent or guardian of a student if the student is an unemancipated minor, of the student's eligibility to participate in the program and right to opt out of the program.  
*Recent Status:* 2/16/2023 - Cosponsor: Senator Qaddoura  
*Priority:* Tier 1 - High  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1449](#)
- SB1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MATTERS (CRIDER M)** Provides that, subject to certain procedures and requirements, the office of the secretary of family and social services may apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services: (1) for a Medicaid state plan amendment, a waiver, or an amendment to an existing waiver to require reimbursement for eligible certified community behavioral health clinic services; or (2) to participate in the expansion of a community mental health services **MORE...**  
*Current Status:* 2/14/2023 - Referred to House  
*Priority:* Tier 1 - High  
*State Bill Page:* [SB1](#)

- SB2 TAXATION OF PASS THROUGH ENTITIES (BALDWIN S)** Authorizes certain pass through entities to make an election to pay tax at the entity level based on each owner's aggregate share of adjusted gross income. Provides a refundable tax credit equal to the amount of tax paid by the electing entity with regard to the owner's share. Allows a credit for pass through entity taxes that are imposed by and paid to another state. Makes certain changes to provisions that apply to taxpayers who file a combined return for the financial institutions tax. Makes conforming changes for purposes of partnership audit and administrative adjustments.  
**Current Status:** 2/22/2023 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB2](#)
- SB3 STATE AND LOCAL TAX REVIEW TASK FORCE (HOLDMAN T)** Establishes the state and local tax review task force. Specifies the membership of the task force and the topics the task force is required to review.  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB3](#)
- SB4 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION (CHARBONNEAU E)** Defines "core public health services" for purposes of public health laws. Adds members to the executive board of the Indiana department of health. Provides that the state department may provide district or regional services to local health departments. Require each local board of health to establish a local public health services fund to receive state funding. Provides a method of allocation of state funding to local boards of health, subject to state appropriations. Allows the state department to issue guidance to local health departments. Requires the state department to make **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 152: yeas 41, nays 7  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB4](#)
- SB20 DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREAS (BROWN L)** Allows a city or town to designate an outdoor location as a refreshment area with the approval of the alcohol and tobacco commission. Provides that if a refreshment area is approved, the commission designates retailer permittees that may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption within the refreshment area. Prohibits a refreshment area from being located near a school or church unless the school or church does not object. Allows a minor to be within the refreshment area. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor for a participating retailer permittee or vendor to sell a person more than two alcoholic beverage at a time or an alcoholic beverage that exceeds the volume limitations.  
**Recent Status:** 2/9/2023 - Cosponsors: Representatives GiaQuinta and Miller K  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB20](#)
- SB155 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (NIEMEYER R)** Provides that a federal regulation that classifies or amends a designation of attainment, nonattainment, or unclassifiable for any area in Indiana under the federal Clean Air Act is effective and enforceable in Indiana on the effective date of the federal regulation. Requires the environmental rules board to adopt rules, including emergency rules, to raise two Title V operating permit program fees, increasing: (1) the annual fee for a Part 70 permit to \$6,100; and (2) the annual fee for a federally enforceable state operating permit to \$6,100; for five years, beginning with the fees first due and collectable after December 31, 2023.  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB155](#)
- SB160 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS LICENSURE COMPACT (CRIDER M)** Requires the behavioral health and human services licensing board to administer the professional counselors licensure compact. Adopts the compact. Sets forth requirements of a member state. Sets forth the duties and authority of the counseling compact commission. Allows a counselor in a home state to practice via telehealth in a member state. Allows each member state to have one delegate on the commission.  
**Current Status:** 2/2/2023 - Referred to House  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB160](#)

- SB271 CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARKS (BUCHANAN B)** Specifies additional information that a certified technology park is required to provide to the Indiana economic development corporation in the course of a review. Provides that if a park has reached the limit on deposits and maintains its certification, the park shall become a Level 2 park. Increases, from \$100,000 to \$500,000, the annual additional incremental income tax deposit amount that a park captures once it has reached its limit on deposits. Clarifies the calculation of the additional incremental income tax deposit amount in the year in which a park reaches its limit on deposits. Provides that when the corporation certifies a Level 2 park, the corporation shall make a determination of whether the park shall continue to be designated as a Level 2 park. Requires the corporation to report to the budget committee certain information pertaining to businesses located in each park on a biennial basis.
- Current Status:** 2/2/2023 - Referred to House
- Recent Status:** 1/31/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Snow
- Priority:** Tier 1 - High
- State Bill Page:** [SB271](#)
- SB340 IMAGINATION LIBRARY (BECKER V)** Establishes the Indiana imagination library. Provides that the state library shall administer the Indiana imagination library. Provides that the state library, in consultation with the department of education and the family and social services administration, shall either establish a statewide nonprofit organization or enter into an agreement with a statewide nonprofit organization to carry out the responsibilities related to statewide partnerships and programs. Requires that the statewide nonprofit organization manage the daily operations of and promote the program. Establishes the Indiana imagination library fund, which is nonreverting. Requires the state library, in conjunction with the statewide nonprofit organization, to review the program and report to the governor and the interim study committee on education by November 1 of each year, beginning November 1, 2023. Sets forth information the report must include.
- Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Committee Report do pass, adopted
- Priority:** Tier 1 - High
- State Bill Page:** [SB340](#)
- HB1007 ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE (SOLIDAY E)** Provides that it is the continuing policy of the state that decisions concerning Indiana's electric generation resource mix, energy infrastructure, and electric service ratemaking constructs must take into account the following attributes of electric utility service: (1) Reliability. (2) Affordability. (3) Resiliency. (4) Stability. (5) Environmental sustainability. Requires the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) to take each of these attributes into account when: (1) reviewing, and preparing a final director's report for, an integrated resource plan submitted by an electric utility; (2) acting upon a petition for the construction, purchase, or lease of an electric generation facility; and (3) reviewing whether the public convenience and necessity continues to require the completion of an electric generation facility under construction. Requires the IURC to commence before September 1, 2023, a **MORE...**
- Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [HB1007](#)
- HB1008 PENSION INVESTMENTS (MANNING E)** Provides that a fiduciary, in making and supervising investments of a reserve fund of the public pension system, shall discharge the fiduciary's duties solely in the financial interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the public pension system for certain purposes. Specifies requirements for fiduciaries, proxy advisors, service providers, and proxy voting. Provides that compliance with certain provisions does not impose any additional fiduciary obligations on a person, other than to the extent required by law or the applicable contract or agreement. Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board) to, at least annually, tabulate and report all proxy votes made by any fiduciary in relation to the administration of a fund of the public pension system. Provides that the treasurer of state shall enforce these provisions. Specifies, for the board and the treasurer of state, particular enforcement requirements and procedures if the treasurer of state determines that a person has engaged in, is engaging in, or is going to engage in a violation regarding fiduciary duties. Provides that certain persons **MORE...**
- Current Status:** 2/27/2023 - House Bills on Third Reading
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [HB1008](#)

- HB1085 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (CHERRY R) Makes changes to the membership compositions of redevelopment commissions. Provides that the president and vice president of a redevelopment commission shall not have the same appointing authority. Requires a commission to provide an annual spending plan listing planned expenditures for the next calendar year. Provides that a commission may accelerate payments toward debt service obligations, in order to retire debt service earlier, regardless of whether that use is listed in the annual spending plan. Provides that a commission making accelerated debt payments may retain the assessed value associated with the original debt service schedule. Requires a commission to provide fund balances to the department of local government finance at the end of a calendar year. Provides that except for property tax proceeds transferred to a school corporation or public school, including a charter school, allocated property tax proceeds may be expended for projects located outside an allocation area **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/22/2023 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1085](#)
- HB1106 MINE RECLAMATION TAX CREDIT** (LINDAUER S) Provides a tax credit for a taxpayer that enters into an agreement with the Indiana economic development corporation for a qualified investment for development of property located on reclaimed coal mining land. Provides that the amount of a credit that a taxpayer receives may not exceed the lesser of: (1) a taxpayer's qualified investment multiplied by 25%; or (2) \$1,500,000. Provides for the assignment of the credit by a taxpayer to certain lessees. Provides that a taxpayer is not entitled to the credit if the corporation determines that the taxpayer has substantially reduced or ceased its operations in Indiana in order to relocate them within the mine reclamation site. Provides that the tax credit expires December 31, 2027.  
**Current Status:** 2/14/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Messmer and Ford Jon  
**Recent Status:** 2/14/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 117: yeas 94, nays 0  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1106](#)
- HB1179 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING** (CLERE E) Allows a state agency to adopt a policy governing electronic meetings conducted by a board or committee of the agency, if the board or committee has not adopted a policy. Allows the reinstatement of a professional license that was retired, inactive, or surrendered (inactive) if the applicant meets the requirements for a delinquent or lapsed license. Provides that provisions regarding reinstatement of a retired license do not apply if the license was retired while a complaint or investigation regarding professional conduct was pending. Provides that the reinstatement law applies to all licenses that were inactive for more than three years. Requires, for purposes of the license reinstatement law, that each board make available a list of standards that require a personal appearance before the board. **MORE...**  
**Current Status:** 2/16/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Brown L, Buchanan, Garten  
**Recent Status:** 2/16/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 147: yeas 86, nays 7  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1179](#)
- HB1200 GOVERNMENT REFORM TASK FORCE** (BARTELS S) Establishes the government reform task force (task force). Provides for members of the task force. Requires the task force to submit a report. Prohibits the consideration of the number or amount of fines or civil penalties imposed on regulated entities by an employee in an agency's evaluation of the employee.  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Referred to Senate Judiciary  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1200](#)
- HB1266 CYBER CIVILIAN CORPS PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD** (JUDY C) Establishes the Indiana cyber civilian corps program advisory board (board). Provides for the membership of the board. Requires the board to provide findings and recommendations concerning the establishment of an Indiana cyber civilian corps program to the legislative council.  
**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Zay, Crider, Koch  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1266](#)

**HB1382 ROBOTICS PROGRAMS** (GOODRICH C) Establishes the robotics competition program to provide grants to eligible schools and eligible robotics teams in order to expand opportunities to increase interest in STEM and improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills through robotics competitions. Provides a procedure for eligible schools and eligible teams to apply to the department of education to receive a grant. Requires that a grant awarded to an eligible robotics team be used for certain allowable expenses. Establishes the robotics competition program fund. Requires the department of education to establish guidelines to accommodate the participation of certain students on eligible teams and in robotics competitions.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Rogers, Bassler, Buchanan

**Recent Status:** 2/14/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 129: yeas 91, nays 0

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1382](#)

**HB1428 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS** (PRESCOTT J) Provides that a candidate for a school board office may not be an employee or agent of that school corporation. Establishes a process for a school board or the voters in a school corporation to change the method by which the members of the school board are nominated and elected. Provides that the members of a school board may be nominated and elected by one of the following processes: (1) Through nonpartisan election (as is the case under current law). (2) Through nonpartisan nomination (under the current process) and designation of a candidate's political affiliation or independent status on the general election ballot. (3) Through nomination and election in a partisan process as other candidates for elected office are nominated and elected. Provides that a school board may adopt a **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/27/2023 - House Bills on Third Reading

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1428](#)

**HB1451 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (CARBAUGH M) Amends the definition of "deductible income" for purposes of the unemployment compensation laws. Provides that, subject to certain exceptions, the department of workforce development may accept an offer in compromise from an employer or claimant to reduce past due debts arising from contributions or benefit overpayments. Provides that an individual is ineligible for benefits for any week that the individual receives payments equal to or exceeding the individual's weekly benefit amount in pension, retirement, or annuity payments under any plan of an employer where the employer contributes all of the money. Provides that the state of Indiana is not required to participate in or precluded from ceasing to participate in any offered or enacted voluntary, optional, special, or emergency federal program. Makes corresponding changes.

**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - Cosponsor: Senator Walker G

2/21/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 183: yeas 89, nays 0

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1451](#)

**HB1499 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS** (THOMPSON J) Provides that the circuit-breaker credit is equal to the amount by which a person's property tax liability attributable to the person's homestead exceeds, for property taxes first due and payable: (1) in 2024, 0.95%; and (2) in 2025, 0.975%; of the gross assessed value of the property that is the basis for determination of the property taxes. Increases the amount of the supplemental homestead deduction for property taxes first due and payable in 2024 and 2025. Provides that if a taxpayer presents an appraisal to the county property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) that meets specified requirements, the appraisal is presumed to be correct. Provides that if the county board disagrees with the taxpayer's appraisal, the county board may seek review of the appraisal or obtain an independent appraisal. Provides that after the assignment of value, the parties shall retain their rights to appeal the assessment or assessments to the Indiana board of tax review. Provides that, notwithstanding any increase in assessed value of property from the previous assessment date, the total amount of operating referendum tax that may be levied by a school corporation for taxes first due and payable in 2024 may not increase by more than 3% over the maximum operating referendum tax that could be levied by the school corporation in the previous year. Increases the renter's state income tax deduction to \$4,000. Increases the residential **MORE...**

**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Holdman and Buchanan

2/21/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 187: yeas 94, nays 1

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1499](#)

- HB1591 EDUCATION MATTERS** (BEHNING R) Makes certain changes to public record storage and retention requirements. Provides that an agreement for an innovation network school or participating innovation network charter school that is entered into or renewed after June 30, 2023: (1) must include the process the school board is required to follow to determine whether to renew the agreement; and (2) must specify that if an administrative fee is included in the agreement, the fee may not exceed a specified amount. Allows an innovation network team or an organizer to appeal to the state board of education if a school board fails to follow the renewal process described in an agreement. Allows an innovation network team or organizer to enter into an agreement with a school corporation to transfer the ownership of a school corporation **MORE...**  
**Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Rogers, Raatz, Walker K  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 221: yeas 94, nays 0  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1591](#)
- SB5 CONSUMER DATA PROTECTION** (BROWN L) Establishes a new article in the Indiana Code concerning consumer data protection, to take effect January 1, 2026. Sets forth the following within the new article: (1) Definitions of various terms that apply throughout the article. (2) Exemptions from the bill's requirements concerning the responsibilities of controllers of consumers' personal data. (3) The rights of an Indiana consumer to do the following: (A) Confirm whether or not a controller is processing the consumer's personal data. (B) Correct inaccuracies in the consumer's personal data that the consumer previously provided to a controller. (C) Delete the consumer's personal data held by a controller. (D) Obtain a copy or representative summary of the consumer's personal data that the consumer previously provided to the controller. (E) Opt out of the processing of the consumer's personal data for certain purposes. (4) The responsibilities of **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/9/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Lehman  
2/9/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 90: yeas 49, nays 0  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB5](#)
- SB9 ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY** (LEISING J) Requires a public utility to notify the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) if: (1) the public utility intends or decides to retire, sell, or transfer an electric generation facility with a capacity of at least 80 megawatts; and (2) the retirement, sale, or transfer: (A) was not set forth in; or (B) is to take place on a date earlier than the date specified in; the public utility's short term action plan in the public utility's most recently filed integrated resource plan (IRP). Provides **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 6; Nays: 2  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB9](#)
- SB37 FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAXES** (GASKILL M) Requires each local unit that imposes a food and beverage tax to annually report information concerning distributions and expenditures of amounts received from the food and beverage tax. Provides that food and beverage taxes currently authorized under IC 6-9 and that do not otherwise contain an expiration date (other than the stadium and convention building authority food and beverage tax and the historic hotels food and beverage tax) shall expire on the later of: (1) January 1, 2045; or (2) the date on which all bonds or lease agreements outstanding on May 7, 2023, are completely **MORE...**  
**Current Status:** 2/7/2023 - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB37](#)
- SB46 COUNTY OPTION CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT** (SANDLIN J) Authorizes a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to provide a credit against property tax liability for qualified individuals. Defines a "qualified individual" for purposes of the credit. Provides that the ordinance may designate: (1) all of the territory of the county; or (2) one or more specific geographic territories within the county; as an area in which qualified individuals may apply for the credit. Provides that the credit amount is equal to the amount by which property taxes on the property increased by at least 2% but not more than 5% from the prior year. Provides **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/7/2023 - Referred to House  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB46](#)

- SB167 FAFSA (LEISING J)** Requires all students, except for students at certain nonpublic schools, in the student's senior year to complete and submit the FAFSA not later than April 15 unless: (1) a parent of a student or a student, if the student is an emancipated minor, signs a waiver that the student understands what the FAFSA is and declines to complete it; or (2) the principal or school counselor of the student's high school waives the requirement for a group of students due to the principal or school counselor being unable to reach the parents or guardians of the students by April 15 after at least two reasonable attempts to contact the parents or guardians. Requires that the: (1) model notice prepared by the commission for higher education; **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - Cosponsors: Representatives Ledbetter C and DeLaney  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB167](#)
- SB176 SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS (KOCH E)** Changes the rated electric generating capacity from 350 megawatts to 470 megawatts for purposes of the definition of "small modular nuclear reactor" as used in the statutes concerning: (1) certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Indiana utility regulatory commission for the construction, lease, or purchase of electric generation facilities; and (2) financial incentives for energy utilities that invest in clean energy projects. Makes a technical correction.  
**Recent Status:** 1/31/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Soliday  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB176](#)
- SB246 EXCESS LIABILITY TRUST FUND (NIEMEYER R)** Defines "aboveground storage tank" as a tank that is at least 90% above the surface of the ground, that has a capacity of more than 1,500 gallons but not more than 20,000 gallons, and that is used for the bulk storage and distribution of motor fuel to retailers or used at an airport. Authorizes the use of the petroleum storage tank excess liability trust fund (ELTF) to provide a source of money to satisfy liabilities for corrective action involving aboveground storage tanks as well as underground petroleum storage tanks. Authorizes the use of the ELTF to provide reimbursement of 50% of costs of decommissioning or replacing underground petroleum storage tanks that meet the certain criteria. **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 1  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB246](#)
- SB292 INPRS INVESTMENTS (HOLDMAN T)** Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system to make investment decisions with the primary purpose of maximizing the target rate of return on the board's investments. Prohibits the board from making an investment decision with the purpose of influencing any social or environmental policy or attempting to influence the governance of any corporation for nonpecuniary purposes. Specifies an exception. Requires the board to adopt a policy that ensures proxy voting and engagement is based primarily on maximizing the target rate of return on the board's **MORE...**  
**Recent Status:** 2/20/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Manning  
2/20/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 131: yeas 40, nays 7  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB292](#)
- SB298 UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT CHARGES (KOCH E)** Amends the statute governing infrastructure improvement charges for water or wastewater utilities as follows: (1) Provides that in the case of a municipally owned utility or a not-for-profit utility, the adjustment amount to an eligible utility's basic rates and charges for the recovery of infrastructure improvement costs shall be recovered over a 12 month period, regardless of the amount of time over which the infrastructure improvement costs were incurred. (2) Provides that a utility may not recover though an infrastructure improvement charge any infrastructure improvement costs that are recovered by the utility through contributions in aid of construction. (3) Provides that when an eligible utility files a petition for an adjustment amount with the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC), the office of utility consumer counselor may examine information of the eligible **MORE...**  
**Current Status:** 2/14/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Soliday  
**Recent Status:** 2/14/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 115: yeas 49, nays 0  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB298](#)



- SB300 RESIDENTIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (ROGERS L) Removes the threshold conditions for establishing a residential housing development program and a tax increment allocation area for the program, including the condition that the governing body of each school corporation affected by the program pass a resolution approving the program before the program may go into effect. Provides that the fiscal body of a county may adopt an ordinance to designate an economic development target area.  
*Recent Status:* 2/2/2023 - Cosponsors: Representatives Heine and O'Brien T  
*Priority:* Tier 2 - Medium  
*State Bill Page:* [SB300](#)
- SB303 PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** (BROWN L) Defines "personal information", with respect to a nonprofit organization, as a compilation of data that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member of, supporter of, volunteer for, or donor to, the nonprofit organization. Prohibits a public agency (defined in the bill as a state agency or a political subdivision) from doing the following: (1) Requiring a person or nonprofit organization to provide personal information to the public agency, or otherwise compelling the release of personal information. (2) Releasing, publicizing, or publicly disclosing personal information in its possession. (3) Requesting or requiring a current or prospective **MORE...**  
*Current Status:* 2/7/2023 - Referred to House Judiciary  
*Priority:* Tier 2 - Medium  
*State Bill Page:* [SB303](#)
- SB344 NORTHEAST INDIANA STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** (HOLDMAN T) Establishes the northeast Indiana strategic development fund (fund) administered by the northeast Indiana strategic development commission (commission). Prohibits money in the fund from being used for the purposes of expanding or increasing access to broadband. Adds additional purposes to be carried out by the commission in the development area. Expands the membership of the commission to include two additional voting members to be appointed by the northeast Indiana local economic development organization council.  
*Current Status:* 2/9/2023 - Referred to House  
*Priority:* Tier 2 - Medium  
*State Bill Page:* [SB344](#)
- SB390 COMMERCIAL SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY READY COMMUNITIES** (MESSMER M) Provides that the commercial solar and wind energy ready communities development center (center) may be established within the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC). Specifies that the center may: (1) provide comprehensive, easily accessible information concerning permits required for commercial solar projects, wind power projects, and related business activities in Indiana; and (2) work with permit authorities concerning those projects. Provides that the center may create and administer a program to certify counties and municipalities as commercial solar energy ready communities and wind energy ready communities. Provides that the IEDC may certify a county or municipality as a commercial solar energy ready community or a wind energy ready community if the county or municipality meets certain requirements, including the **MORE...**  
*Recent Status:* 2/23/2023 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 2  
*Priority:* Tier 2 - Medium  
*State Bill Page:* [SB390](#)
- SB419 STATE TAX MATTERS** (HOLDMAN T) Makes certain changes regarding net operating losses for purposes of determining state adjusted gross income. Provides that certain amounts for providing or expanding access to broadband service in Indiana may be subtracted from a taxpayer's state corporate adjusted gross income. Provides for successor liability for certain unpaid taxes following a business asset sale. Repeals an outdated provision requiring separate exemption certificates for manufacturers and wholesalers. Makes a clarifying change to the sales tax exemption that applies to power subsidiaries. Clarifies the acquisition date for purposes of adding back interest from tax exempt bonds issued by another state in determining Indiana adjusted gross income. Amends provisions regarding the exemption for certain income derived from patents. Provides that tax paid by an electing partnership is deposited in the state general fund. Makes **MORE...**  
*Recent Status:* 2/23/2023 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
*Priority:* Tier 2 - Medium  
*State Bill Page:* [SB419](#)

- SB473 LIMITS ON DISCHARGES INTO THE OHIO RIVER (BECKER V)** Provides that if a community water system that discharges wastewater into the Ohio River demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department of environmental management that the discharged wastewater does not increase the mass of mercury in the Ohio River by an amount greater than the mass of mercury in the water withdrawn from the Ohio River by the community water system: (1) the community water system's discharge into the Ohio River shall not be considered to cause, have a reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an excursion above any applicable water quality standard governing mercury in the Ohio River; and (2) no water quality-based effluent limitations for mercury shall be required in a new or renewal NPDES permit issued to the community water system.
- Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 156: yeas 48, nays 0  
**Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - House sponsor: Representative O'Brien  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB473](#)
- HB1132 LAND USE TASK FORCE (CULP K)** Creates the land use task force to study and make recommendations concerning: (1) areas where food insecurity exists; (2) development growth trends in rural, suburban, and urban communities across Indiana; and (3) other community growth issues.
- Current Status:** 2/14/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Buck, Buchanan, Deery  
**Recent Status:** 2/14/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 118: yeas 96, nays 0  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1132](#)
- HB1217 VARIOUS ALCOHOL MATTERS (MANNING E)** Modifies the definition of "entertainment complex" for purposes of alcohol law. Allows a primary source of supply or wholesaler to allow a permittee to use its equipment to hold and dispense alcoholic beverages to consumers during a special event. Provides that a beauty culture salon employee may dispense beer and wine under certain circumstances. Increases, within a certain historic district, the number of alcoholic beverage restaurant permits from 10 to 15, and changes certain other requirements. Allows a small brewery to receive, bottle, and package beer from another small brewery if certain requirements are met. Increases the number of gallons of liquor that an artisan distiller may produce in a calendar year from 10,000 to 20,000. Amends the limitations on the amount of liquor **MORE...**
- Recent Status:** 2/20/2023 - Senate sponsors: Senators Alting and Busch  
2/20/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 153: yeas 94, nays 3  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1217](#)
- SB12 MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS (TOMES J)** Establishes a procedure: (1) to allow a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a school to submit a complaint that a book in the school library is inappropriate; and (2) for the school to respond to the complaint. Establishes an appeal procedure. Provides that a school library may not make a book available that contains obscene matter or matters harmful to children. Removes schools from the list of entities eligible for a specified defense to criminal prosecutions alleging: (1) the dissemination of material harmful to minors; or (2) a performance harmful to minors. Adds colleges and universities to the list of entities eligible for a specified defense to criminal prosecutions alleging: (1) the dissemination of material harmful to minors; or (2) a performance harmful to minors.
- Recent Status:** 2/23/2023 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB12](#)
- SB33 SOLAR PANEL AND WIND POWER EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL STUDY (WALKER G)** Directs the Indiana department of environmental management (IDEM) and the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) to conduct a joint study concerning decommissioning and disposal of solar panels and wind power equipment. Requires IDEM and the IURC to report the findings and recommendations resulting from the study to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2023.
- Current Status:** 2/23/2023 - added as cosponsors Representatives Negele and Aylesworth  
**Recent Status:** 2/7/2023 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB33](#)

- SB247 CARBON SEQUESTRATION (NIEMEYER R)** Provides that a carbon sequestration project may not be undertaken unless the project is approved by the county legislative body (for a project located in the unincorporated area of a county) or the city or town legislative body (for a project located in a city or town).  
**Current Status:** 2/20/2023 - FAILED Yeas: 4; Nays: 7  
**Recent Status:** 2/20/2023 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB247](#)
- SB339 ATTAINABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP TAX CREDIT (ROGERS L)** Establishes a tax credit (credit) for a contribution to an affordable housing organization (organization). Requires the Indiana economic development corporation to approve each organization applicant as an organization for which a taxpayer is eligible to claim a credit for a contribution. Provides that the amount of the credit is equal to 50% of the amount of the contribution that is not more than \$20,000 made to the organization. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for five years following the unused credit year. Provides (subject to certain conditions) that the total amount of tax credits awarded may not exceed \$100,000 in each state fiscal year. Requires the department of state revenue (department) to post certain information about the credit on a website used by the department to provide information to the public. Allows the department to adopt rules to implement the credit.  
**Current Status:** 2/21/2023 - Cosponsors: Representatives Bauer M, O'Brien T, DeVon  
**Recent Status:** 2/21/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Miller D  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB339](#)
- SB388 FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAXES (HOLDMAN T)** Requires each local unit that imposes a food and beverage tax to annually report information concerning distributions and expenditures of amounts received from the food and beverage tax. Authorizes the city of Columbia City to impose a food and beverage tax.  
**Recent Status:** 2/7/2023 - House sponsor: Representative Judy  
2/7/2023 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 86: yeas 47, nays 1  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB388](#)