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HB1022 AUTOMATED TRACTOR-TRAILERS (LEDBETTER C) Provides that an automated tractor-trailer may not be operated on a highway to transport passengers or goods unless a human operator who meets all state and federal qualifications to operate a tractor-trailer is physically present to monitor the performance and to take control of all or part of the automated tractor-trailer's operation if necessary. Provides that an automated tractor-trailer operated in Indiana must meet federal motor vehicle standards and regulations.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1022</u>

HB1024 PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS (NEGELE S) Codifies a section of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. Repeals superseded provisions.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1024</u>

HB1026 COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD ADMINISTRATION (ENGLEMAN K) Specifies certain duties and responsibilities relating to the operations of various task forces, committees, boards, and councils. Renames the Indiana code revision commission, probate code study commission, and other statutory entities. Authorizes a designee of the revisor of statutes to serve as a member of the uniform law commission (ULC). Provides that any Indiana commissioner who has previously served as a member of the ULC and has been elected as a life member by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is a member of the ULC. Repeals statutes governing the Medicaid oversight committee and relocates them to the law governing interim study committees. *MORE...*

Current Status: 1/9/2024 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing) *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1026</u>

HB1033 CAUSES OF ACTION (TORR J) Prohibits causes of action against a property owner, a business owner, or a third party business operator for a criminal act committed by another person on the property, at the business, or on premises owned by another person. Provides limitations on actions related to public nuisances.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Judiciary *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1033</u>

HB1046 WAGE HISTORY AND WAGE RANGE (ERRINGTON S) Prohibits, with certain exceptions, an employer from relying on the wage history of an applicant in the hiring process and in determining wages. Prohibits an employer from failing or refusing to: (1) disclose the wage or wage range and a general description of benefits in a posting for a job, promotion, transfer, or other employment opportunity; and (2) provide an employee with the current wage or wage range and a general description of the benefits upon hire, promotion, transfer, and the employee's request. Prohibits an employee from retaliating against an applicant under the wage history provisions and an applicant or employee under the wage range provisions. Provides that an applicant or employee may file a complaint alleging a violation with the department of labor, or the department on its own may initiate an investigation and file a complaint alleging a violation. Sets forth civil penalties for a violation. *MORE...*

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1046</u>

HB1048 VARIOUS GAMING ISSUES (MORRISON A) Provides that a hold harmless agreement or an agreement to offset a financial loss between a casino, riverboat, or unit of government and another unit of government concerning potential losses of revenue by the other unit of government is prohibited and unenforceable. Repeals the requirement that the licensed owner of a riverboat operating in Vigo County pay certain payments to the city of Evansville. Repeals language concerning a supplemental payment to East Chicago, Hammond, and Michigan City under certain circumstances. Repeals the historic hotel district community support fee.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Public Policy *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1048</u>

HB1062 WORK EXCEPTIONS FOR MINORS (KING J) Defines "exempted minor" for purposes of the law concerning employment of minors. Permits certain exempted minors to work at farm labor during school hours on a school day. Permits certain exempted minors to work during school hours on a school day with limitations.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1062</u>

HB1074 BAN ON HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP AS FOOD INGREDIENT (BARTLETT J) Prohibits businesses

from using high fructose corn syrup in food in Indiana.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Public Health

State Bill Page: <u>HB1074</u>

HB1078 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (TORR J) Provides that a contractor that employs 10 or more employees on a design-build public works project must provide its employees access to a training program applicable to the tasks to be performed in the normal course of the employee's employment with the contractor on the public project. Provides that a tier 1 or tier 2 contractor that employs 50 or more journeymen must participate in an apprenticeship or training program that meets certain standards. Requires designbuilders and any member of a team working on a design-build public works project to comply with certain statutes. Provides that a public agency awarding a contract for a construction manager as constructor project may not take certain actions based on a bidder's, offeror's, or contractor's entering into, refusing to enter into, adhering to, or refusing to adhere to an agreement with a labor organization.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions *State Bill Page:* HB1078

HB1085 PFAS WATER SAFETY STANDARDS (DVORAK R) Requires the Indiana department of health (department) to establish state maximum contaminant levels for PFAS in water provided by public water systems. Provides that maximum contaminant levels established by the department: (1) must be protective of public health, including the health of vulnerable subpopulations; and (2) may not be less stringent than any maximum contaminant level or health advisory promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Environmental Affairs *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1085</u>

HB1091 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PRESSEL J) Requires, on or after January 1, 2026, health plans (plan) to allow health professionals who have at least an 85% approval rate of prior authorization requests through a plan to receive a one year exemption from the plan's prior authorization requirements. Provides that health professionals have a right to an appeal of a prior authorization denial or rescission. Provides that the appeal is to be conducted by a health professional of the same or similar specialty as the health professional who has or is being considered for an exemption.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Insurance *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1091</u>

HB1093 EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS (CULP K) Provides certain exemptions from the employment of minors law. Repeals a provision concerning conditions for the employment of a minor as a performer. Provides exemptions from certain hour and time restrictions for the employment of a minor who is at least 14 years of age and less than 16 years of age. Removes language providing that a minor who is at least 14 years of age and less than 16 years of age may only work until 7 p.m. on a day that precedes a school day from June 1 through Labor Day. Repeals provisions concerning hour and time restrictions for the employment a minor who is at least 16 years of age and less than 18 years of age. Specifies that the prohibition on a minor from working in a hazardous occupation does not apply to a minor who is at least 16 years of age and less than 18 years of age who performs farm labor. Repeals a provision concerning restrictions on an employer who employs a minor to work after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m. Makes corresponding changes.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1093</u>

 HB1102 DEREGULATION OF CHILD CARE (HEINE D) Allows a class I child care home to operate without a license if the class I child care home registers with the division of family resources.

 Current Status:
 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

 State Bill Page:
 HB1102

HB1109 GOVERNANCE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENTS (HEINE D) Requires a governmental body to entertain more than one bidder before entering into a public-private agreement for a qualifying project. Provides that for both performance and payment bonds, the amount must be an amount not less than 100% of the cost to design and construct the qualifying project. Requires the operator to perform at least 30% of the work on the qualifying project. Requires the governmental body and the operator to provide full disclosure in the public-private agreement and to the public of any imputed interest rate regarding the qualifying project. Requires the governmental body to report to the department of local government finance the amount and duration of any availability payment related to the qualifying project. Requires the governmental body to hold a public comment hearing regarding the necessity of the qualifying project.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform *State Bill Page:* HB1109

HB1121 LOCAL INCOME TAXES (THOMPSON J) Extends the expiration of provisions concerning a county with a single voting bloc and the allocation of votes for a local income tax council. Specifies the amount of revenue from a local income tax rate imposed for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in a county that may be used for operating expenses of those facilities.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means *State Bill Page:* HB1121

HB1130 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (MANNING E) Creates a procedure to establish a community infrastructure improvement district. Specifies that the procedure added by the bill allowing for the establishment of a district does not authorize the unit to establish a district that overlaps with an economic improvement district. Requires a petition for the establishment of a district to include a rate and methodology report. Specifies the basis upon which benefits accruing to parcels of real property within a district may be apportioned among those parcels. Requires a determination that the aggregate assessments within a district: (1) do not exceed 30% of the projected assessed value of property within the district; or (2) in the case of a district that is established for single family residences, do not exceed 10% of the projected assessed value per single family residence within the district; before a legislative body may adopt an ordinance to establish a district. Requires a community infrastructure improvement board to assist the county treasurer in order to make certain specified determinations and designations regarding annual assessments within a district.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1130</u>

HB1131 SUPPLIER CERTIFICATION (SUMMERS V) Prohibits the department of administration from considering a qualifying member's current or former status as a stay-at-home parent as a negative factor in determining whether to certify a minority business enterprise, veteran owned small business, or women's business enterprise.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development

State Bill Page: <u>HB1131</u>

HB1145 EMERGENCY POWERS (LUCAS J) Provides that the governor shall declare a disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation only to the extent necessary to provide assistance or otherwise implement measures directly related to a federal declaration of emergency for all or a portion of Indiana. Provides that the orders, rules, and regulations made, amended, or rescinded by the governor must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Provides that if the governor declares a state of disaster emergency, the state of disaster emergency expires not later than 14 days after the declaration and may not be renewed. Provides that the governor may suspend certain regulatory statutes only to the extent necessary to carry out certain emergency responses. Provides that the governor may not suspend any provision of any regulatory statute if that suspension infringes upon any

right or protection guaranteed or provided in the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Indiana. Provides that nothing may be construed to authorize the executive board of the Indiana department of health (department) to suspend any law, ordinance, or regulation enacted by the general assembly or other legislative body as part of a rule adopted by the executive board. Provides that the department may establish quarantine and may do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease if the department is authorized to do so in a declared **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Public Health *State Bill Page:* HB1145

HB1146 MEDICAL MARIJUANA (LUCAS J) Permits the use of medical marijuana by persons with serious medical conditions as determined by their physician. Establishes a medical marijuana program to permit the cultivation, processing, testing, transportation, and dispensing of medical marijuana by holders of a valid permit. Requires the Indiana department of health to implement and enforce the medical marijuana program. Requires that permit holders undertake steps to prevent diversion of medical marijuana to unauthorized persons. Requires that medical marijuana and medical marijuana products be properly labeled, placed in child resistant packaging, and tested by an independent testing laboratory before being made available for purchase. Prohibits packaging medical marijuana in a manner that is *MORE...*

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Public Health

State Bill Page: <u>HB1146</u>

HB1154 PROHIBITION ON TAKING OF DESIGNATED HOMESTEAD (GREENE R) Creates the Hoosier homestead farm program administered by the Indiana state department of agriculture to: (1) commemorate as Hoosier homestead farms, those properties that have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years; and (2) maintain an electronic registry of Hoosier homestead farms. With certain exceptions, provides that if a public project involves condemnation of a Hoosier homestead farm, the Indiana land resources council (council) must approve condemnation of the farm before the condemnor may take steps to acquire any other property for the project. Provides that the council may only approve a condemnation if the council finds that: (1) there is no feasible and prudent alternative to using the Hoosier homestead farm for the project; and (2) condemnation of the Hoosier homestead farm would not have an unreasonably adverse effect upon the preservation and enhancement of agriculture within the county. Requires a real estate sales disclosure form to: (1) indicate transfers of Hoosier homestead farms and the familial relationships (if any) between transferors and transferees; and (2) requires the local assessor to forward the forms to the department for use in updating the Hoosier homestead farms registry.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Agriculture and Rural Development *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1154</u>

HB1155 RIGHT TO REPAIR (GREENE R) Requires a manufacturer of a piece of agricultural equipment that is sold in Indiana, subject to certain exceptions, to: (1) provide to an independent service provider or owner of the agricultural equipment any service documentation the manufacturer provides to its authorized service providers; and (2) make available for purchase, upon reasonable terms, any part or tool the manufacturer provides to its authorized service providers. Provides that a violation of the requirements is: (1) actionable by the attorney general; and (2) subject to the remedies and penalties that apply to a deceptive consumer sales practice.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Agriculture and Rural Development *State Bill Page:* HB1155

HB1157 NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GREENE R) Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation, the state, any instrumentality of the state, or any other public authority, or any party negotiating on behalf of any of those entities, may not, after June 30, 2024, enter into an economic development agreement or contract that contains any provision, clause, or language that provides that the agreement or contract, or any of its terms, is confidential, or that the parties to the agreement or contract are prohibited from disclosing, discussing, describing, or commenting upon the terms of the agreement or contract.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform *State Bill Page:* HB1157

HB1159 WORKER'S COMPENSATION (LEHMAN M) Provides that a bid specification that is entered into, issued, amended, or renewed after June 30, 2024, may not contain a provision requiring an employer to have or maintain a specified experience rating. Requires certain insurance companies that make a successful subrogation claim to revise an insured party's prior experience ratings in a specified manner. Provides exceptions. Defines terms and makes a conforming amendment.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1159</u>

HB1161 GAMING REVENUE DISTRIBUTION (PRESSEL J) Establishes the gaming revenue fund (fund). Provides that tax revenue collected after June 30, 2024, from the imposition of the wagering tax, the supplemental wagering tax, the graduated slot machine wagering tax, the county gambling game wagering fee, the sports wagering tax, and taxes and fees imposed on pari-mutuel wagering, except for tax revenue collected from an operating agent, is deposited in the fund. Provides that the state comptroller administers the fund. Provides for distribution of the money in the fund. Makes corresponding changes. Makes an appropriation. Reconciles conflicting statutes.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means *State Bill Page:* <u>HB1161</u>

HB1165 REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM AND RIGHT TO START ACT (TESHKA J) Establishes a regulatory sandbox program. Creates the regulatory relief office within the Indiana economic development corporation. Creates, and establishes duties for, an advisory council within the regulatory sandbox program. Directs that the secretary of commerce, who serves as executive director of the regulatory relief office, to prepare an annual report on the activities of the regulatory relief office. Provides for regulatory sandbox program application requirements and describes the scope of the regulatory sandbox program. Makes consumer protection provisions. Describes requirements for exiting the regulatory sandbox program and for extensions to remain in the regulatory sandbox program. Makes record keeping and reporting requirements. Provides requirements for the creation and maintenance of a regulatory relief office web page. Establishes a right to start act. Requires the secretary of state, the department of administration, and the department of workforce development to annually file reports with the general assembly. Requires the state to encourage 5% of the total number of state contracts to be awarded to businesses that have been in operation for fewer than five years and whose principal place of business is in Indiana. Requires the state to encourage 5% of workforce development funding, *MORE...*

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform *State Bill Page:* HB1165

HB1172 COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH (HAMILTON C) Establishes a committee to study the impact of climate change in Indiana and annually report findings to the general assembly and the governor from December 1, 2024, to December 1, 2027.
 Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Environmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <u>HB1172</u>

SB20 MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PERMITS (HOLDMAN T) Specifies that the alcohol and tobacco commission may issue restaurant permits for a municipal riverfront development district established by a town.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy *State Bill Page:* <u>SB20</u>

SB31 ELIMINATION OF ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS OF ASSESSED VALUES (NIEMEYER R) Eliminates the annual adjustments (or "trending") to assessed values of certain real property for assessment dates beginning after December 31, 2024. Retains the provisions in current law that require four year cyclical reassessments. Allows a reassessment plan for the four year cyclical reassessments to include trending factors in the plan. Does not eliminate the annual adjustment for agricultural land. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical corrections.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy *State Bill Page:* <u>SB31</u>

SB32 TAX AND FISCAL CONTROL OVER LIBRARIES (TOMES J) Eliminates the authority of public libraries to impose an ad valorem property tax as a "taxing unit". Requires a public library to prepare and submit an annual budget in the same manner as other departments of county or municipal government. Requires the fiscal body of a county or municipality in which the territory of the public library is located to provide the revenues necessary for the operation and maintenance of the public library purposes is included in the calculation of the maximum permissible property tax levy for public library purposes is included in the calculation of the maximum permissible property tax levy for the county or municipality. Prohibits public libraries from providing a function or service that is not a core public function of the library, unless the specific function or service is included as a line item request in the public library's budget and is approved and funded by the county or municipality to which the budget proposal is submitted. Defines "core public function" for purposes of the statute.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy *State Bill Page:* <u>SB32</u>

SB34 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (ROGERS L) Requires the professional licensing agency (agency) to study occupational licensing laws enacted in other states and contact representatives of each of the occupations regulated by the agency for certain recommendations. Requires the agency to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the general assembly not later than October 31, 2024. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on employment and labor.)

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology *State Bill Page:* <u>SB34</u>

SB37 OVERSIGHT OF CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU (NIEMEYER R) Requires county council review and approval of the Lake County convention and visitor bureau annual budget.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Local Government *State Bill Page:* <u>SB37</u>

SB51 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM (WALKER G) Authorizes counties, cities, and towns to adopt an ordinance for a commercial property assessed capital expenditure program and enter into an assessment contract with the owner or owners of commercial property to impose a voluntary C-PACE tax assessment and lien on an applicant's property as a means of assisting the applicant in obtaining financing of eligible clean energy improvements on the property. Requires the local unit to obtain written consent of each existing mortgage lienholder on the property stating that the lienholder does not object to the imposition of the C-PACE tax assessment. Requires certain provisions to be included in an assessment contract. Specifies the procedures for imposing the assessment, collection, enforcement, and the priority of any tax lien. Prohibits the local unit shall have no financial obligation or liability for the payment of tax revenue from a special assessment, other than to transfer the proceeds to the financing provider for the improvements.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions *State Bill Page:* <u>SB51</u>

SB53 RIGHT TO REPAIR (FORD J) Requires a manufacturer of a consumer electronic device or a piece of agricultural equipment that is sold in Indiana, subject to certain exceptions, to: (1) provide to an independent service provider or owner of the consumer electronic device or agricultural equipment any service documentation the manufacturer provides to its authorized service providers; and (2) make available for purchase, upon reasonable terms, any service part the manufacturer provides to its authorized service documentation to an independent service provider or owner: (1) in a format that sells service documentation to an independent service provider or owner: (1) in a format that is standardized with respect to comparable information supplied by manufacturers of comparable consumer electronic devices or agricultural equipment; and (2) under terms and conditions more favorable than the terms and conditions under which the manufacturer provides the information to an authorized service provider; may not require an authorized service provider to purchase the service documentation in a proprietary format unless the proprietary format includes content or functionality that is not available in the standardized *MORE...*

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

State Bill Page: <u>SB53</u>

- SB58
 RESTAURANT CARRYOUT SALES (HOLDMAN T) Exempts a specialty or gourmet market issued a restaurant permit from the gross retail income requirements to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout.

 Current Status:
 1/8/2024 Referred to Senate Public Policy

 State Bill Page:
 SB58
- **SB61 TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS** (HOLDMAN T) Provides that a person may circulate a petition to create a tourism improvement district (district) within the territory of a county, city, or town. Specifies the contents of the tourism improvement district plan that must be filed with a petition to establish a district. Excludes property that receives a homestead standard deduction from inclusion within a district. Provides that owners of real property or businesses located within a district may be charged a special assessment to fund improvements and other district activities. Provides that, after a hearing on a petition to establish a district only if it determines that the petition has been signed by at least 50% of the owners of real property or businesses within the district who will pay the special assessment. Specifies the contents of the ordinance establishing a district and the length of time for which a district may exist. Allows a district to issue bonds. Requires the county, city, or town legislative body to contract with a nonprofit district management association to administer and implement the district's activities and improvements.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy *State Bill Page:* <u>SB61</u>

SB100 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (POL R) Amends the definition of "wage credits". Specifies the rate for unemployment insurance benefits for initial claims filed by an individual who is totally unemployed for any week beginning after June 30, 2024. Specifies, for initial claims filed for any week beginning after June 30, 2024: (1) the maximum weekly benefit amount; and (2) an additional weekly benefit for eligible and qualified individuals with dependents.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor *State Bill Page:* <u>SB100</u>

- SB110
 SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT (CRIDER M) Establishes the social work licensure compact.

 Current Status:
 1/8/2024 Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

 State Bill Page:
 SB110
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY (TAYLOR G) Adds various job and SB127 employee definitions to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) laws. Requires that all records related to taxpayer funded economic development incentives must be disclosed under the open records law. Requires that the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report must be published on the Indiana transparency portal Internet web site. Requires the IEDC and the department of state revenue to compile information on all job creation incentives granted, including the total amount of uncollected or diverted state tax revenues resulting from each incentive, and requires that this information must be included as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires the IEDC to recapture job creation incentives from a recipient that: (1) fails to make the level of capital investment; (2) fails to create or retain the promised number of jobs; or (3) pays less in wages; than specified in an incentive agreement. Requires the IEDC to compile information on all recapture activities and incentives recouped from unfulfilled commitments and to include the information as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires incentive recipients to prepare an annual compliance report on the number of jobs created or retained, employee pay, and various other information concerning the use of the incentives, and requires the IEDC to compile this information and include it in the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Repeals and replaces the definition of "job creation incentive" without change to maintain alphabetical order.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

State Bill Page: SB127