

Evansville Regional Economic Partnership Bill Report

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HB1001 EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS (GOODRICH C) Provides that an annual grant amount awarded under the career scholarship account program (CSA) may be used for costs related to obtaining a driver's license if certain conditions are met. Provides that a CSA annual grant amount may not be used for the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle. Changes certain CSA application time frames from seven days to 30 days. Allows the recipient of a: (1) higher education award; (2) freedom of choice grant; or (3) scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program; to apply the award, grant, or scholarship to the cost of training by an approved intermediary, employer, or labor organization. Allows certain recipients of a scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program to apply the scholarship to the cost of a sequence, course, apprenticeship, or program of study provided by a CSA participating entity. Provides maximum annual amounts and maximum aggregate amounts of an award, grant, or scholarship. Requires the commission for higher education to: (1) create a list of intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations approved to receive reimbursement from a: (A) higher education award; (B) freedom of choice grant; and (C) scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program; and (2) establish requirements or limitations with regard to reimbursements. Requires each state educational institution to provide certain information regarding degrees, degree completion, faculty members, administrative support staff, costs, salaries, and debt loads to the commission. Requires the commission to prepare longitudinal analysis regarding certain data. Requires each private postsecondary educational institution and each out-of-state public and nonprofit degree granting institutions that offers instructional or educational services or training in Indiana to provide to the **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1001](#)

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.

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1093](#)

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: 1/18/2024 - House Family, Children and Human Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1102](#)

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.

Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1157](#)

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. 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, including funding allocated by workforce development boards across Indiana, to be used to support organizations or programs for individuals starting new businesses or to those organizations or programs that provide services to businesses established within the previous five years and whose principal place of business is located within Indiana. Beginning July 1, 2025, requires the secretary of state to eliminate the fees for filing the articles of incorporation of a domestic business corporation. Repeals the provision requiring the secretary of state to collect those fees.

Current Status: 1/16/2024 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1165](#)

HB1236 APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT (GOODRICH C) Provides for an apprenticeship tax credit for an eligible employer. Provides that the amount of the credit is equal to 50% of qualified expenses attributable to the establishment of an apprenticeship program. Provides maximum amounts of the credit: (1) in a taxable year; and (2) in aggregate. Provides that the total amount of credits that may be awarded for a state fiscal year may not exceed \$10,000,000.

Current Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1236](#)

HB1303 QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES GRANT FUND (CULP K) Establishes the quality of life initiatives grant fund July 1, 2025, to provide grants to local units for eligible projects. Defines an "eligible project" as a project that would improve the quality of life or quality of place factors for residents of a local unit, including access to child care, health care, and technology, and creation of recreation or green spaces. Requires a local unit to: (1) have a current comprehensive plan; and (2) before choosing an eligible project, collaborate with the community to determine the local unit's priorities for improving the quality of life or quality of place factors for residents; before applying for a grant from the fund.

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1303](#)

HB1387 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (MILLER D) Makes various changes to the residential housing infrastructure assistance program. Expands the definition of "economic development facilities" applicable to the economic development and pollution control statutes to include facilities for housing for purposes of redevelopment commission programs outside Indianapolis for age-restricted housing or residential housing development. Makes a technical correction.

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1387](#)

HB1395 YOUTH SPORTS AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREAS (JUDY C) Allows the legislative body of a city or town to adopt a resolution establishing a youth sports and tourism development area (tax area). Requires that the tax area include a facility or complex of facilities used by youth sports teams and organizations for practice or competitive sporting events. Requires the legislative body to make findings when adopting a resolution. Requires the legislative body to submit a resolution establishing a tax area to the budget committee and budget agency for review and approval. Allows a tax area to receive incremental state and local income tax revenue

and incremental sales tax revenue attributable to the tax area. Requires a city or town that establishes a tax area to establish a youth sports and tourism development area fund. Limits the amount of incremental tax revenue that may be allocated to \$1,000,000 per tax area per state fiscal year. Provides that a tax area terminates not later than 25 years after the date on which the first obligation payable from tax revenues allocated to the tax area is incurred.

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1395](#)

SB1 READING SKILLS (ROGERS L) Requires certain schools to offer summer school courses for students who are not reading proficient or are at risk of not being reading proficient as indicated on the determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state board of education. Expands eligibility for funding for summer school courses. Requires certain summer school courses to be taught by a teacher who is trained in the science of reading. Requires the department of education to procure a universal screening assessment (assessment) that meets certain criteria. Requires certain schools to administer the assessment to students in kindergarten through grade 2 who are not on track for reading proficiency by grade 3 as determined by the department. Provides that a vendor must supply a student's assessment results to the student and the student's parents. Applies the reading deficiency remediation plan to public schools, charter schools, state accredited nonpublic schools, and eligible schools. Makes the following changes to the plan: (1) Beginning with evaluations administered in the 2024-2025 school year, requires retention of a student in grade 3 in addition to remediation if the student has not achieved a passing score on the evaluation. (2) Requires schools to notify a student's parent of certain assessment results, interventions, or remedial actions provided to the student. (3) Requires schools to monitor the progress of students who have failed to achieve a passing score on the evaluation or the statewide assessment program test. (4) Requires schools to provide reading instruction aligned with the science of reading to all students in kindergarten through grade 8. (5) Requires schools to administer the evaluation to students who are in grade 2. (6) Requires a student to take the evaluation until certain conditions are met. Creates exceptions to the grade 3 retention requirement for a student who meets certain criteria.

Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Appropriations

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB1](#)

SB2 CHILD CARE (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires the Indiana economic development corporation to annually report to the general assembly regarding funds dedicated to supporting child care under specified state and federal programs. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to publish on the FSSA website a dashboard providing monthly information regarding state and federal child care subsidies available to Indiana residents. Provides that a household is eligible to begin receiving assistance under the federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher program if the household, at the time of FSSA's initial determination of the household's income eligibility: (1) has a household income that does not exceed 85% of Indiana's state median income for the household's family size; (2) includes an individual who is employed by a licensed child care center, a licensed child care home, or a licensed or registered child care ministry; and (3) otherwise meets federal eligibility requirements for the CCDF program. Provides, with respect to the individual with certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation required to be present at all times when a child is in the care of a child care provider that is eligible to receive reimbursement through the CCDF program, that the individual is not required to be recertified in CPR annually. Provides that: (1) the early learning advisory committee must commission a third party evaluation to assess existing regulations for child care providers not later than May 1, 2024 (rather than July 1, 2024, under current law); and (2) FSSA must initiate the process of amending FSSA's rules in consideration of the findings of the third party evaluation not later than July 1, 2024. Requires the early learning advisory committee to complete a study of early childhood educator compensation in Indiana not later than September 30, 2024. Amends provisions regarding the On My Way Pre-K voucher program (program) to: (1) provide eligibility for children of child care employees; and (2) amend references to funds provided to children under the program as prekindergarten vouchers, rather than grants. Requires FSSA to establish a micro facility pilot program, under which FSSA shall: (1) develop a regulatory model that: (A) is applicable only to certain licensed or registered child care providers that provide child care for not less than three **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Appropriations

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB2](#)

- SB6 READING PROFICIENCY (RAATZ J)** Requires the department of education (department) to develop a method to identify students in grade 4 through grade 8 who: (1) did not pass the determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state board of education; and (2) are at risk of not being proficient in reading as determined by Lexile scores on the statewide summative assessment. Requires the department to develop guidance for schools regarding how to support students who are at risk of not being proficient in reading.
Recent Status: 1/17/2024 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB6](#)
- SB8 HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS (LEISING J)** Requires, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each high school to offer the Indiana college core or submit a college core implementation plan to the commission for higher education. Provides that: (1) a student who successfully completes an eligible course under the college core is entitled to secondary credit toward graduation requirements; and (2) the student's transcripts must reflect the secondary credit. Requires the department of education, in coordination with the commission, to maintain a list of eligible college core courses. Establishes the reverse transfer program for community college associate degrees. Requires each state educational institution to prepare and submit a report to the commission that includes information regarding a determination by the institution of the feasibility and advisability of establishing and conferring associate degrees to certain students. Establishes certain requirements for the commission regarding the reports. Requires each institution that offers baccalaureate degrees to establish a policy to review each of the institution's four year baccalaureate degree program offerings to determine the feasibility of providing each in a specifically structured manner to allow a full-time student to complete the baccalaureate degree within three years. Requires, not later than July 1, 2025, each institution to offer at least one baccalaureate degree program specifically structured to allow a full-time student to complete the baccalaureate degree within three years. Requires an institution to provide an annual report to the **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/17/2024 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB8](#)
- SB10 COMMUNITY CARES INITIATIVE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM (BALDWIN S)** Establishes the community cares initiative grant pilot program and fund for the purpose of assisting in the costs of starting or expanding mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams in Indiana.
Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB10](#)
- SB147 CHILD CARE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND EVALUATION (ROGERS L)** Makes various changes to a provision granting a property tax exemption to for-profit providers of early childhood education. Provides a partial property tax exemption for an employer that provides onsite child care for employees. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services, in consultation with the early learning advisory committee, to: (1) evaluate and make recommendations; and (2) submit a report; regarding child care.
Current Status: 1/23/2024 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB147](#)
- SB153 CHILD CARE REGULATION MATTERS (ROGERS L)** Provides, with respect to the individual with CPR required to be present at all times when a child is in the care of a child care provider that is eligible to receive reimbursement through the federal Child Care and Development Fund program, that the individual is not required to be recertified in CPR annually. Amends references to funds provided to children under the On My Way Pre-K program or the CCDF program as grants to instead refer to the funds as child care vouchers. Provides that a child who resides with a parent or guardian who receives disability benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is eligible for the On My Way Pre-K program. Makes technical corrections.
Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 6; Nays: 0
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB153](#)

SB213 PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS (ALEXANDER S) Exempts public schools and charter schools from: (1) certain paths to quality program requirements; and (2) certain prekindergarten program eligible provider requirements. Provides that a prekindergarten child care program located in a public school or a charter school is in compliance with certain child care and development fund voucher program requirements if approved by another state regulatory authority. Requires the office of family and social services to request an amendment to include public schools and charter schools in the office's child care and development fund voucher program.

Current Status: 1/9/2024 – Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB213](#)

SB233 CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS (CRIDER M) Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services and the division of mental health and addiction to include each community mental health center that meets certain requirements in: (1) the community mental health services demonstration program, if Indiana is approved to participate in the program and as a state plan amendment for specified reimbursement after the program; or (2) if Indiana is not approved to participate in the program, a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to allow for Medicaid reimbursement for eligible certified community behavioral health clinic services by certain Medicaid providers.

Current Status: 1/17/2024 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9; Nays: 0

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB233](#)

SB248 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GARTEN C) Allows a city on the Ohio River that established a port authority to annex territory that is not contiguous to the city boundaries if a railroad owned by the port authority connects the city to the annexed territory. Prohibits a public official from being appointed to the executive board of a military base reuse authority after June 30, 2024, and sets certain minimum qualifications for members.

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB248](#)

SJR19 SERVICE ON INTERBRANCH COMMISSIONS (MESSMER M) Adds a new section to the Constitution of the State of Indiana specifying that a Senator or Representative may serve on a commission, board, committee, or similar entity organized to govern, advise, or provide oversight to an agency of the administrative or executive departments of the state. Provides that the following apply to a Senator or Representative serving on an entity under the new constitutional provision: (1) The Senator or Representative may be appointed to serve on the entity by a member of the General Assembly or a committee of the General Assembly. (2) The Senator or Representative may be a voting member of the entity. (3) The Senator or Representative may participate in any activity conducted in the fulfillment of the entity's duties as prescribed by law, rule, or executive order. (4) The Senator or Representative may participate in the preparation and adoption of an administrative rule by an agency of the administrative or executive departments of the state.

Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SJR19](#)

HB1002 ENFORCEMENT OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY (JETER C) Defines "antisemitism", specifies that the public policy of the state is to provide educational opportunities free of religious discrimination, and provides that antisemitism is discrimination on the basis of religion.

Current Status: 1/18/2024 – Third reading passed; Roll Call 13: yeas 83, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1002](#)

HB1003 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (STEUERWALD G) Makes the office of administrative law proceedings the ultimate authority in any administrative proceeding under its jurisdiction. Provides certain exceptions. Specifies when a state agency may be required to pay reasonable attorney's fees for judicial review proceedings. Outlines procedures for the ultimate authority regarding nonfinal orders and procedures to file objections to final orders. Provides that the court shall decide all questions of law, including any interpretation of a federal or state constitutional provision, state statute, or agency rule, without deference to any previous interpretation made by

the state agency. Requires the state agency to transmit the agency record to the court for judicial review. Eliminates the office of environmental adjudication and transfers proceedings to the office of administrative law proceedings. Creates requirements for administrative law judges that are assigned to certain environmental matters. Provides that until the office of administrative law proceedings adopts or amends rules **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1003](#)

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

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1033](#)

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

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1048](#)

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 design-builders and any member of a team working on a design-build public works project to comply with certain statutes. Provides that a **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1078](#)

HB1091 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PRESSEL J) Requires, on or after January 1, 2026, health plans to allow health professionals with at least an 85% approval rate of prior authorization requests through a plan to receive a one year exemption from the 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 professional who is being considered for an exemption.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Insurance

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1091](#)

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.

Recent Status: 1/16/2024 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1109](#)

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 contents of the 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 **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1130](#)

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.
Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Agriculture and Rural Development
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1155](#)

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.
Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1159](#)

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.
Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1161](#)

HB1174 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HARRIS JR. E) Establishes the northwest Indiana professional sports development commission. Authorizes the commission to study various plans and recommendations that are proposed with respect to attracting a professional sports franchise to northwest Indiana. Authorizes the commission to prepare a comprehensive master plan for building the facilities and other infrastructure necessary for attracting and developing one or more professional sports franchises in northwest Indiana. Creates the professional sports development fund.
Current Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1174](#)

HB1177 LIMITATIONS ON INTERESTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES (HAGGARD C) Prohibits the state, a state agency, and a political subdivision from entering into a contract with a prohibited person for the provision of goods or services. Amends the amount of a gift received from a foreign source that must be reported by a postsecondary educational institution. Prohibits certain individuals and business entities from purchasing real

property located within Indiana. Permits the attorney general to investigate and issue subpoenas upon receipt of information that leads the attorney general to believe a violation of the critical infrastructure or foreign ownership of real property statutes has occurred. Permits the attorney general to bring an action on behalf of the state or a political subdivision for a violation of the critical infrastructure and foreign ownership of real property statutes.

Recent Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Judiciary

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1177](#)

HB1183 FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND (CULP K) Provides that, beginning July 1, 2024, a real estate closing including agricultural land must include an affidavit in which the purchaser affirms that the purchaser is not prohibited from acquiring or leasing agricultural land. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2024, a prohibited person may not acquire or lease agricultural land or a mineral right or water or riparian right on agricultural land located in Indiana. Requires the attorney general to investigate an acquisition or lease of agricultural land if the attorney general believes the acquisition or lease is in violation of law. Provides that agricultural land or interests in agricultural land acquired in violation of law are subject to forfeiture to the state.

Recent Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Agriculture and Rural Development

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1183](#)

HB1185 ROAD FUNDING (MOED J) Provides that the amounts currently distributed from the motor vehicle highway account and the local road and street account to counties, cities, and towns based upon the proportionate share of road and street mileage shall instead be distributed based on the proportionate share of road and street vehicle miles traveled. Provides that the Indiana department of transportation shall establish guidelines outlining the procedures required to determine vehicle miles traveled. Changes references from the "auditor of state" to the "state comptroller" to conform with P.L.201-2023.

Current Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1185](#)

HB1212 LAND BANKS (ROWRAY E) Allows a county to adopt an ordinance requiring a person who wishes to participate in a tax sale as a bidder to pay a neighborhood investment fee of not more than \$150 and specifies the manner in which neighborhood investment fees collected are to be distributed to land banks. Allows a county to adopt an ordinance to impose, in addition to the 5% penalty for delinquent real property taxes, an additional penalty of not more than 3% for a total penalty that may not exceed 8% of the amount of delinquent real property taxes. Specifies the manner in which the amounts collected attributable to an additional penalty ordinance are to be distributed to land banks. Allows a county to adopt an ordinance imposing a \$15 fee for each document recorded on a tract located in the territory of a land bank and specifies the manner in which the fee shall be distributed to land banks. Makes various changes to the statutes governing land banks that concern certain land bank powers, objectives, and duties. Provides that a majority of the directors of a land **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to House Local Government

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1212](#)

HB1243 VARIOUS EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE RELATED MATTERS (BEHNING R) Makes various changes to the education law concerning the following: (1) Indiana diploma requirements and designations and satisfying certain course requirements by obtaining a diploma. (2) The criteria to receive a waiver from postsecondary readiness competency requirements. (3) The minimum number of alternate diplomas that may be counted in determining a school's or school corporation's graduation rate. (4) Use of the terms "statewide assessment program" and "statewide summative assessment". (5) The responsibilities of the state advisory council on the education of children with disabilities. (6) The criteria an individual must meet to participate in the Indiana high school equivalency diploma program. Requires the following: (1) The department of education to send **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/17/2024 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1243](#)

HB1276 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING (SOLIDAY E) Provides that the commissioner of the department of environmental management (department) may, not later than 10 days after the last day of a public comment period, decide to hold a public hearing or meeting before the issuance or denial of a permit. Requires the department to provide notice if a public hearing or meeting will be held.

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1276](#)

HB1301 INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR RECENT GRADUATES (O'BRIEN T) Provides an adjusted gross income tax deduction for Indiana residents who obtain: (1) a bachelor's or an associate degree from a postsecondary educational institution; or (2) a certificate from a high value workforce certificate program, as determined by the commission for higher education; in taxable years immediately following the taxable year in which the individual obtained the degree or certificate. Provides that a qualified individual is entitled to the tax deduction in each of the first two or four taxable years, depending on the type of degree or certificate obtained, that begin immediately following the taxable year in which the qualified individual completed the applicable educational program. Provides that the tax deduction for a particular qualified year is equal to the lesser of: (1) the amount of the qualified individual's Indiana adjusted gross income; or (2) \$50,000.

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1301](#)

HB1305 MAJOR GROUND WATER WITHDRAWAL FACILITIES (NEGELE S) Defines a facility as a "major ground water withdrawal facility" if: (1) the facility includes one or more wells that have the capability of withdrawing at least 10,000,000 gallons of ground water from one or more aquifers in one day; and (2) the facility is connected, or plans provide for the facility to be connected, to pipeline facilities through which at least 10,000,000 gallons of ground water withdrawn by the facility's well or wells could be transported in one day to a destination located at least 20 miles from the facility. Provides that, after June 30, 2024, a person may not establish a major ground water withdrawal facility if the ground water withdrawn by the facility will be used primarily for: (1) commercial purposes; (2) industrial purposes; or (3) a combination of commercial purposes and industrial purposes; unless the person has obtained a permit from the natural resources **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1305](#)

HB1316 NEXT LEVEL TRUST FUND (SNOW C) Repeals the provision establishing the next generation trust fund. Requires that title to any proceeds transferred to and held in the next generation trust fund, including any money and investments held in the next generation trust fund, and under any trust agreement entered into by the Indiana finance authority (authority) and the treasurer of state, be transferred to the next level Indiana trust fund. Provides that upon completion of the transfer to the next level Indiana trust fund, the next **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1316](#)

HB1326 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (CARBAUGH M) Provides that the commissioner of labor or the commissioner's duly designated representative may assess a civil penalty of not less than the minimum civil penalty and not more than the maximum civil penalty adopted by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration under the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 for an employer who violates certain health and safety standards.

Recent Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1326](#)

HB1329 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS (PRESSEL J) Authorizes the solid waste management district of Vanderburgh County to make grants and loans for certain purposes. Prohibits a governmental entity from requiring that a Class 2 structure or a residential onsite sewage system be inspected in connection with or as a condition of the sale of or transfer of title to the property containing the Class 2 structure or residential onsite

sewage system. Provides, for purposes of posting a license bond, that a political subdivision may not impose any requirement for the political subdivision to be identified as an obligee on the license bond other than the requirement in statute. Provides that an obligor may initiate a civil action against a political subdivision that does not recognize or does not allow an obligor to post a license bond that satisfies certain **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/23/2024 - House Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1329](#)

HB1345 TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (BAIRD B) Provides that a person may circulate a petition to create a tourism improvement 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, a county, city, or town legislative body may adopt the ordinance establishing the 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 **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1345](#)

HB1368 RIVERFRONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX AREA (PFAFF T) Allows the legislative body of a city or a county without a consolidated city to adopt a resolution establishing a riverfront economic development tax area. Sets forth requirements for the location of the tax area. Requires the legislative body to make findings when adopting a resolution. Requires the legislative body to submit a resolution establishing a tax area to the budget committee and budget agency for review and approval. Allows a tax area to receive incremental state income tax revenue and incremental sales tax revenue attributable to the tax area. Requires a city or county that establishes a tax area to establish a riverfront economic development area fund. Provides that a tax area terminates not later than 25 years after the date on which the resolution establishing the tax area is adopted.

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Local Government

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1368](#)

HB1372 DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARDS (KARICKHOFF M) Provides that an individual who is an Indiana resident and cannot provide proof of identity and lawful status in the United States may apply for a driving privilege card to obtain driving privileges. Sets forth the requirements to obtain a driving privilege card. Provides that a driving privilege card may not be used as identification for any state or federal purpose, for the purpose of voting, or to verify employment. Requires an individual who holds a driving privilege card and operates a motor vehicle to verify and continuously maintain financial responsibility on any motor vehicle operated by the individual who holds the driving privilege card in the amount required by law. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles may not disclose certain information unless presented with a lawful court order or judicial warrant. **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1372](#)

HB1394 DNR BEST AVAILABLE FLOOD HAZARD DATA (ABBOTT D) Defines "DNR best available data" as: (1) flood hazard mapping data that were created by the department of natural resources and are available on January 1, 2024, on the Indiana Floodplain Information Portal; or (2) any other mapping data created by the department after October 2018 at least in part through the use of techniques other than direct observation and measurement by individuals physically present on the land that is the subject of the mapping data. Amends the law under which a person applying to a county or municipality for a permit authorizing a structure or construction activity in or near a floodplain must be allowed to make an election as to the mapping data to be used by the local floodplain administrator when reviewing the person's permit application to provide **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Natural Resources

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1394](#)

HB1398 CHILD CARE CENTERS (LINDAUER S) Provides that the results of a national criminal history background check of an individual conducted for purposes of the individual's presence on the premises of a provider's child care center apply for purposes of the individual's presence on the premises of any child care center operated by the provider. Allows a child care center to allow an individual to work, while supervised, at the child care center during the period after submission of requests for any required preemployment verification of the individual but before the child care center receives the results of the preemployment verification. Provides that a child care center may allow an employee of the child care center who: (1) is at least 18 years of age; and (2) **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1398](#)

HB1399 PFAS CHEMICALS (LINDAUER S) Defines "PFAS chemicals" and requires the environmental rules board to use the definition in certain rules concerning industrial processes and research and development.

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1399](#)

HB1405 RESTAURANT CARRYOUT SALES (GIAQUINTA P) Exempts a specialty or gourmet market issued a beer and wine retailer's permit in September 2019 from the gross retail income requirements to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout.

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Public Policy

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1405](#)

SB3 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (JOHNSON T) Provides that a utilization review entity may only impose prior authorization requirements on less than 1% of any given specialty or health care service and 1% of health care providers overall in a calendar year. Prohibits a utilization review entity from requiring prior authorization for: (1) a health care service that is part of the usual and customary standard of care; (2) a prescription drug that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; (3) medication for opioid use disorder; (4) pre-hospital transportation; or (5) the provision of an emergency health care service. Sets forth requirements for a utilization review entity that requires prior authorization of a health care service. Provides that all adverse determinations and appeals must be reviewed by a physician who meets certain conditions. **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/18/2024 – Committee Report do pass, adopted; Reassigned to Appropriations

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB3](#)

SB4 FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (GARTEN C) Requires the legislative services agency (LSA) to prepare a report on administrative rules oversight during the 2024 interim. Requires the budget agency to biennially prepare a list of dedicated funds that have not been used in the previous two state fiscal years. Makes technical corrections to various statutes concerning rulemaking. Requires agencies to submit a copy of the notice of the first public comment period and regulatory analysis to the small business ombudsman. Provides that the legislative notice required for rule readoptions must be submitted not later than January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the rule expires. Provides that the publisher assigns a document **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB4](#)

SB15 VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES POSTER (TOMES J) Requires that the Indiana department of labor consult with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to create and distribute a veterans' benefits and services poster. Provides that the poster must contain certain information. Requires that Indiana employers with more than 50 full-time employees display the poster in a conspicuous place.

Current Status: 1/18/2024 – Second Reading ordered engrossed

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB15](#)

- 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.
Recent Status: 1/16/2024 - Committee Report do pass, adopted
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB20](#)
- SB34 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING** (ROGERS L) Requires the professional licensing 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.
Current Status: 1/24/2024 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB34](#)
- SB58 RESTAURANT CARRYOUT SALES** (HOLDMAN T) Exempts a specialty or gourmet market holding a retailer's permit with carryout privileges that was originally issued on or before January 1, 2024, from the gross retail income requirements to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout.
Current Status: 1/23/2024 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Tax and Fiscal Policy
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB58](#)
- SB61 TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS** (HOLDMAN T) Provides that a person may circulate a petition to create a tourism improvement 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, a county, city, or town legislative body may adopt the ordinance establishing the 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 **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB61](#)
- SB110 SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT** (CRIDER M) Establishes the social work licensure compact.
Recent Status: 1/11/2024 – Committee Report do pass adopted; Reassigned to Appropriations
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB110](#)
- SB131 CARBON SEQUESTRATION** (NIEMEYER R) Provides that a carbon sequestration project that stores carbon dioxide generated outside a county and transported to the sequestration project in another county may not be undertaken unless the project is approved by the appropriate county legislative body or plan commission.
Current Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to Senate Utilities
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB131](#)
- SB132 PROFESSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** (BROWN L) Authorizes the office of the secretary of family and social services to implement a risk based managed care program for certain Medicaid recipients. Establishes claim payment requirements for a managed care organization that contracts with the office to provide services under a risk based managed care program to these recipients for 180 days and sets forth a penalty per claim violation. Amends statutes concerning Medicaid provider agreements, health insurance reimbursement agreements, and Medicare supplement insurance to specify that a 15 day period consists of 15 business days. Eliminates the requirement that a provider who is licensed in Indiana, physically located outside Indiana, but providing telehealth services to patients who are in Indiana, file a certification constituting a waiver of

jurisdiction. Makes a number of changes in the law concerning health facility administrators, including eliminating the requirement that a health facility administrator display the individual's license in a prominent location in the individual's principal office and providing that a particular course of study for administrators in training is not mandatory. Specifies: (1) the manner in which certain nurse applicants may demonstrate English proficiency; (2) that a graduate of a foreign nursing school must pass a specified examination; and (3) additional credentialing verification assessment organizations for certain nurse applicants. Prohibits **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Appropriations

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB132](#)

SB133 SUPPLIER DIVERSITY FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (BROWN L) Requires a unit of local government to accept the Indiana department of administration's certification of: (1) a minority business enterprise; (2) a women's business enterprise; and (3) a veteran owned small business; as evidence that a business entity is eligible to participate in the unit of local government's initiatives and programs related to the certification.

Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Senate Commerce and Technology, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB133](#)

SB138 DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARDS (DORIOT B) Provides that an individual who is an Indiana resident and cannot provide proof of identity and lawful status in the United States may apply for a driving privilege card to obtain driving privileges. Provides that a driving privilege card may not be used as identification for any state or federal purpose, for the purpose of voting, or to verify employment. Requires an individual who holds a driving privilege card and operates a motor vehicle to verify and continuously maintain financial responsibility on any motor vehicle operated by the individual who holds the driving privilege card in the amount required by law. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles may not disclose certain information unless presented with a lawful court order or judicial warrant. Requires an applicant for a driving privilege card or driving privilege card renewal to sign up for selective service. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to submit an annual report to the legislative council and the interim study committee on roads and transportation.

Recent Status: 1/10/2024 – Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation.

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB138](#)

SB146 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (ROGERS L) Allows a person who is at least 18 years of age to ring up a sale of alcoholic beverages in the course of the person's employment. Allows a waiter, waitress, or server who is at least 18 years of age to serve alcoholic beverages in a dining room of a restaurant or hotel under certain conditions. Provides an exemption from the employment of minors law for a legal entity in which a parent of the employed minor or a person standing in place of the parent has an ownership interest. Changes certain hour and time restrictions for the employment of a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age. Allows, under certain conditions, the department of labor to grant a waiver from the restrictions on hazardous occupations for an apprentice or a student-learner who is 16 or 17 years of age. Requires an employer to update **MORE...**

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

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB146](#)

SB148 WORKFORCE DATA COLLECTION (BROWN L) Requires employers to provide an employee's current primary standardized occupational classification code and starting compensation on the employee's withholding allowance certificate or an equivalent form. Requires certain state providers to deliver to the management performance hub a workforce related program submission. Sets out the information to be included in the workforce related program submission. Requires the management performance hub to: (1) compile the workforce related program submissions into an annual data product; and (2) make the data product available to the department of workforce development and the governor's workforce cabinet. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB148](#)

- SB152 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (ALEXANDER S) Reduces the maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits to 14 times the individual's weekly benefit. Provides for additional benefits in an amount not to exceed two times the individual's weekly benefit if the individual meets certain conditions. Removes outdated provisions. Makes conforming changes.
Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB152](#)
- SB155 COMPENSATION FOR BUSINESS LOSSES** (BUCK J) Provides that a person operating a business on a property may be compensated for business losses resulting from a condemnation of the property. Provides that a municipality may not acquire property using an alternative condemnation procedure if the municipality is notified of the person's intent to claim compensation for business losses.
Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Tax and Fiscal Policy
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB155](#)
- SB165 EDUCATION MATTERS** (YOUNG M) Provides that, for each school year, a school corporation shall conduct at least: (1) 54,000 minutes of instructional time for students in grades 1 through 6; and (2) 64,800 minutes of instructional time for students in grades 7 through 12. Defines "instructional day". Simplifies and makes corresponding changes to reducing tuition support if a school corporation fails to conduct the minimum number of instructional minutes during a school year. Provides that the plan to improve reading skills of students must include a review of the reading skills of students in grade 2 and implementation of remedial action before grade 3 for a student if the student's reading skills are determined to be below the standard. Requires a **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB165](#)
- SB190 STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND** (CARRASCO C) Makes changes to the permissible uses for the state disaster relief fund. Makes changes to the requirements for an eligible entity to receive financial assistance from the fund. Makes changes to the calculations used to determine the amount of financial assistance an eligible entity may receive from the fund. Increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the amount of loss that may be compensated for damages to an individual's property. Repeals provisions that: (1) provide a definition of "public facility"; (2) provide limitations for an entity suffering multiple disaster emergencies; and (3) provide requirements for an application of an eligible entity that is an individual to obtain financial assistance from the fund.
Recent Status: 1/16/2024 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Appropriations
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB190](#)
- SB206 IDEM AGENCY BILL** (NIEMEYER R) Allows the department of environmental management (IDEM) to use electronic means to complete mail delivery communications, accept applications, post public notices, and provide access to documents for public comment. Requires existing easements to be identified in a corrective action plan before an environmental restrictive covenant is approved. Creates a cause of action for a responsible party to sue a property owner to receive access to a site to perform remediation activities. Requires the IDEM to make a determination, within 90 days, concerning prior approval for constructing or expanding a biomass anaerobic digestion facility or biomass gasification facility.
Current Status: 1/9/2024 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB206](#)
- SB209 HISTORIC SITES** (LEISING J) Establishes the division of historic sites (division) in the department of natural resources. Transfers management of historic sites from the Indiana state museum and historic sites corporation to the division. Makes an appropriation.
Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Senate Natural Resources, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB209](#)

SB223 CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE TASK FORCE (MESSMER M) Establishes the building Indiana's construction workforce task force. Establishes quorum and voting rules for the task force. Provides that the task force is otherwise subject to the law governing study committees and the policies and rules of the legislative council. Specifies topics for the task force to review. Provides that the task force expires December 31, 2027.

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB223](#)

SB228 VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (HOLDMAN T) Amends the economic threshold for sales tax nexus to remove the number of sales transactions in the state as one of the two current triggers that require retail merchants to collect and remit sales tax. Allows a retail merchant that receives 75% or more of its receipts from the sale of prepared food to elect to claim a sales tax exemption on transactions involving electricity equal to 50% of the tax imposed on the transactions. Makes certain changes to statutes of limitations provisions. Requires sheriffs to transfer funds collected through executions of tax warrants twice a month electronically through the department of state revenue payment portal. Specifies that the service of process fee for postjudgment service can only be assessed one time per case. Authorizes the department to disclose a taxpayer's name **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB228](#)

SB249 MAJOR GROUND WATER WITHDRAWAL FACILITIES (DEERY S) Defines a facility as a "major ground water withdrawal facility" if: (1) the facility includes one or more wells that have the capability of withdrawing at least 10,000,000 gallons of ground water from one or more aquifers in one day; and (2) the facility is connected, or plans provide for the facility to be connected, to pipeline facilities through which at least 10,000,000 gallons of ground water withdrawn by the facility's well or wells could be transported in one day to a destination located at least 20 miles from the facility. Provides that, after June 30, 2024, a person may not establish a major ground water withdrawal facility if the ground water withdrawn by the facility will be used primarily for: (1) commercial purposes; (2) industrial purposes; or (3) a combination of commercial purposes and industrial purposes; unless the person has obtained a permit from the natural resources commission (commission). Establishes the following prerequisites to the commission's issuance of a permit: (1) **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to Senate Utilities

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB249](#)

SB260 NEIGHBORHOOD AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES (BECKER V) Defines a "community based organization" as a private, nonprofit corporation whose purpose includes the provision of services that primarily benefit low income individuals and communities and provides that such an organization is eligible to administer, through a financial institution, an individual development account. (Current law limits administration, through a financial institution, of an account to community development corporations.) Provides that: (1) the first \$1,500 (rather than \$800) is eligible for a state deposit in an individual's account; (2) the allocation, for each account that has been established for not more than five years, is \$3 for each \$1 **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB260](#)

SB264 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM WORKER'S COMPENSATION (BASSLER E) Provides an exemption from worker's compensation and occupational diseases coverage for a member of certain religious sects or a division of a religious sect who meets certain requirements and obtains a certificate of exemption (certificate) from the worker's compensation board (board). Provides that if certain information about an individual who holds a certificate is no longer true: (1) the individual and the individual's employer must take certain steps; and (2) the certificate is no longer effective. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 1/24/2024 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB264](#)

- SB285 PROPERTY TAXES** (MISHLER R) Provides a property tax credit for homesteads (homestead credit), excluding the property tax liability on a homestead for any voter approved referenda, which applies beginning on January 1 of the year that immediately succeeds the year in which the balance in the pension stabilization fund is sufficient to pay the liabilities of the pre-1996 account without the need for further appropriation by the general assembly. Requires the Indiana public retirement system to determine whether the balance of the pension stabilization fund is sufficient to pay the liabilities of the pre-1996 account without the need for an appropriation by the general assembly and report the determination to the state budget committee on or before March 1, 2025, and on or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter. Establishes the homestead **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB285](#)
- SB295 INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (BUCHANAN B) Provides for the appointment of two nonvoting, advisory members to the board of the IEDC who are members of the general assembly. Requires the IEDC, before purchasing land in a county that exceeds 100 acres, to first give notice to the county or municipality, or both, in which the land is located not later than 30 days before the closing date for the purchase. Provides that a school corporation that receives a portion of the aggregate percentage of incremental property tax revenue transferred may use those funds with no restrictions or specified uses.
Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB295](#)
- SB296 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS** (GARTEN C) Provides that the office of administrative legal proceedings is the ultimate authority for agencies subject to the jurisdiction of the OALP. Provides that a court conducting a judicial review hearing shall review questions of law and fact de novo. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB296](#)
- SB297 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES** (GARTEN C) Requires the OMB to determine if the implementation and compliance costs of a proposed rule is at least \$1,000,000. Requires an agency to conduct a regulatory analysis for a proposed interim or provisional rule. Requires the OMB to notify the legislative council of certain proposed rules that have a fiscal impact of over \$1,000,000 over the course of two years. Provides that certain proposed rules shall not be effective until the general assembly passes a bill authorizing the rule.
Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report do pass, adopted
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB297](#)
- 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 in the automated tractor-trailer to monitor the performance of the automated tractor-trailer 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
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [HB1022](#)
- 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
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [HB1024](#)

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 employer 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. Requires the department to provide a list of employers that have four or more violations to the office of the chief equity, inclusion, and opportunity officer. Requires the office to post the list on the equity data portal.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1046](#)

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.

Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1062](#)

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1074](#)

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1085](#)

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: 1/11/2024 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1121](#)

HB1129 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (MANNING E) Defines "J-turn intersection". Adds a provision allowing the general assembly to pass a bill that disapproves funding for one or more projects on the Indiana department of transportation's project priority list. Prohibits money in the state highway fund from being used for the study, design, development, survey, construction, reconstruction, operation, or maintenance of a J-turn intersection that is not completed before June 30, 2024.

Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1129](#)

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1131](#)

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 **MORE...**

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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 appealing to children. Authorizes research on medical marijuana in accordance with rules set forth by the state department. Prohibits discrimination against medical marijuana users. Prohibits harassment of medical marijuana users by law enforcement officers, and prohibits **MORE...**

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1146](#)

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) **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to House Agriculture and Rural Development

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1154](#)

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1172](#)

HB1199 REPEAL OF ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT LAW (MCGUIRE J) Repeals the chapter in the Indiana Code authorizing the legislative body of a first class city to establish a special assessment district known as an economic enhancement district.

Current Status: 1/17/2024 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1199](#)

HB1277 STATE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL BEAD PROGRAM (SOLIDAY E) Specifies that the existing Indiana statute concerning the awarding of grants by the office of community and rural affairs for certain eligible broadband projects does not apply to subgrants awarded by the Indiana broadband office under the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. Establishes a new Indiana Code chapter governing the administration of the program by the office. Requires the office to administer the program in Indiana in compliance with all mandatory provisions set forth in: (1) the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Act); and (2) the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (BEAD NOFO); with respect to the **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1277](#)

HB1331 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT (DELANEY E) Establishes the economic development policy oversight commission. Requires the commission to review, consider, and make recommendations concerning the following: (1) The activities of the Indiana economic development corporation. (2) The activities of local and regional economic development organizations. (3) The expenditure of money appropriated for economic development purposes. Establishes the finance policy oversight commission. Requires the commission to review, consider, and make recommendations concerning the following: (1) The activities of the Indiana finance authority. (2) The **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1331](#)

HB1375 EXTENSION OF INNKEEPER'S TAX (KARICKHOFF M) Allows a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to extend the duration for which an innkeeper's tax is imposed on a person engaged in the business of renting or furnishing any rooms, lodging, or accommodations for a period of more than 30 days but not more than one year. Provides that a county fiscal body may renew a previously adopted ordinance extending the duration of the innkeeper's tax. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 1/10/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1375](#)

HB1396 GOVERNMENT BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND COMMISSIONS (BARTELS S) Repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, and funds. Removes certain appointed members from various boards, commissions, and districts. Modifies the appointing authority for particular funds, boards, and councils.

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1396](#)

HB1397 EMERGENCY POWERS (LINDAUER S) Provides that in the event of a disaster emergency, an emergency order issued by a state agency must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Entitles a person to relief if a court determines that the person seeking judicial relief has been prejudiced by an agency action issued during a disaster emergency that has not been: (1) applied equally to a similarly situated person; and (2) narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. 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. Requires any state or local agency, including the Indiana department of health and local boards of health, to only impose a restriction that is narrowly tailored **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Public Health

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1397](#)

HB1411 ELIMINATION OF STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX (PAYNE Z) Eliminates the state individual adjusted gross income tax by reducing the rate to 0%. Provides that in calculating the local income tax (LIT), which is imposed based on a local taxpayer's state adjusted gross income, the calculation of a taxpayer's state adjusted gross income for LIT purposes shall be calculated under the adjusted gross income tax provisions as if those provisions, and the most recent adjusted gross income tax rate before its elimination, were still in effect.

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1411](#)

HB1413 STATE AND LOCAL POLICIES ON HOMELESSNESS (DAVIS M) Cancels the appropriation in the 2023 budget bill for the state's housing first program and reallocates that appropriation to the Indiana housing and community development authority as follows: (1) Provides that state funds for homelessness must be used for: (A) parking areas; (B) camping facilities; (C) individual shelters; and (D) congregate shelters; and specifies conditions and requirements applicable to those facilities. (2) Provides that state funds otherwise used for permanent housing must be used to assist individuals with substance use, mental health treatment, and other services, including short term housing. Provides that the authority must award certain funds as **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/11/2024 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1413](#)

HB1427 INCOME TAX REPLACEMENT (BORDERS B) Eliminates the state adjusted gross income tax by reducing the rate to 0%. Provides that the reduction in revenue resulting from the elimination of the state income tax must be offset by adjustments to the state gross retail tax. Provides that in calculating the local income tax (LIT), which is imposed based on a local taxpayer's state adjusted gross income, the calculation of a taxpayer's state adjusted gross income for LIT purposes shall be calculated under the adjusted gross income tax provisions as if those provisions, and the most recent adjusted gross income tax rate before its elimination, were still in effect.

Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1427](#)

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

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB31](#)

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 by a special tax levy, a specific appropriation, or both. Provides that a special tax levy for public library purposes is included in the calculation of **MORE...**

Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB32](#)

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.

Recent Status: 1/16/2024 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB37](#)

- 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 providers. Provides that a manufacturer 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 **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB53](#)
- 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.
Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB100](#)
- SB127 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY (TAYLOR G)** Adds various job and employee definitions to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) laws. Requires that all records related to taxpayer funded economic development incentives must be disclosed under the open records law. Requires that the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report must be published on the Indiana transparency portal Internet web site. Requires the IEDC and the department of state revenue to compile information on all job creation incentives granted, including the total amount of uncollected or diverted state tax revenues resulting from each incentive, and requires that this information must be included as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires the IEDC to recapture job creation incentives **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB127](#)
- SB256 STATE FUNDS (MISHLER R)** Reinstates provisions concerning meetings of the budget committee. Streamlines the Medicaid oversight committee duties. Extends the funding Indiana's roads for a stronger, safer tomorrow task force for one additional year. Provides that money in the attorney general contingency fee fund is continuously appropriated and is not subject to allotment. Provides that money in the high tech crimes unit fund is continuously appropriated for purposes of the fund. Provides that transfers may not be made by the state budget agency, the state board of finance, or any entity from any source to the Indiana **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/18/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB256](#)
- SB259 LOCAL WASTEWATER AND CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICTS (QADDOURA F)** Authorizes the metropolitan development commission of a consolidated city or city plan commission of a city other than a consolidated city (commission), following a written recommendation from the board of public works or board of public works and safety (works board) of the city, and subject to the approval of the city legislative body, to adopt a resolution designating a wastewater facility improvement district (district) as an allocation area for purposes of the allocation and distribution of property taxes, allowing incremental property tax revenue to be captured to connect properties in the district to the municipal sewer system. Provides that, before making a recommendation to the commission to establish a district, a works board must: (1) establish the **MORE...**
Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy
Priority: Tier 3 - Low
State Bill Page: [SB259](#)

SB270 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (ROGERS L) Establishes the educational improvement task force to study the following: (1) Solutions to improve consistently academically failing schools. (2) Ways to address the lack of parental involvement. (3) Chronic absenteeism. Requires the department of education (department) to: (1) study or contract with a third party to study; and (2) submit a report regarding; the feasibility of a community bus system serving two or more public schools located in the same metropolitan area to transport each student to the school of the student's choice. Requires the department to study: (1) creating a clearinghouse for each region of Indiana; and (2) selecting a single nonprofit organization to design, operate, and maintain all the regional clearinghouses. Provides that an organizer that operates more than one charter school may: (1) file a single school financial report; and (2) file a single form for any state or federal funding program; for all the charter schools operated by the organizer. Establishes limitations regarding the lease of school property. Amends the enrollment threshold regarding when a school building is considered underutilized. **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB270](#)

SB271 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (FORD J) Makes the Indiana finance authority the entity with primary authority for the gathering, interpretation, and dissemination of Indiana water resource data. Requires the authority to coordinate and facilitate statewide water resource planning in Indiana. Defines "water supply reservoir" as a body of water that was formed by the construction of a dam and from which water is drawn by a water treatment plant that provides water utility service to the public. Provides that effluent from **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Utilities

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB271](#)

SB294 MEDICAL CANNABIS (BASSLER E) After marijuana is removed as a federal schedule I controlled substance, permits the use of cannabis by a person with a serious medical condition as determined by the person's physician. Establishes a cannabis program to permit the cultivation, processing, testing, transportation, and sale of cannabis by holders of a valid permit. Establishes the Indiana cannabis commission (ICC) as a state agency to oversee, implement, and enforce the program, and establishes the ICC advisory committee to review the effectiveness of the program. Requires that permit holders take steps to prevent diversion of cannabis to unauthorized persons. Requires that cannabis and cannabis products be properly labeled, placed in **MORE...**

Current Status: 1/16/2024 - Referred to Senate Commerce and Technology

Recent Status: 1/16/2024 - Authored By Eric Bassler

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB294](#)

SJR17 EXEMPTION FROM TAX LIABILITY (YOUNG M) Eliminates any property tax liability remaining after the application of all deductions, credits, or abatements provided under any law: (1) on real property that is the principal homestead residence of an individual who is at least 65 years of age; and (2) on business personal property. Requires the general assembly to replace the lost revenue to local taxing units. Eliminates an obsolete provision. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Current Status: 1/8/2024 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

Recent Status: 1/8/2024 - Authored By Michael Young

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SJR17](#)