

**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, beginning July 1, 2025, 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, beginning July 1, 2025, 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 (commission) 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 **MORE...**

**Recent Status:** 2/14/2024 - Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**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 of 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 is employed in agriculture. Repeals a provision concerning restrictions on an employer who employs a minor to work after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m. Makes corresponding changes.

**Current Status:** 2/21/2024 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1093](#)

**HB1102 CHILD CARE** (HEINE D) Revises the definition of "child care home". Limits the number of children under twelve months of age that may be provided care in a child care home. Provides that certain child care programs are exempt from licensure. Amends certain licensing requirements for a class II child care home and a child care center. Provides that certain child care providers are eligible for voucher payments. Allows certain child care programs at schools to provide services to business employees' children when the business enters into a contract with the school and certain conditions are met.

**Recent Status:** 2/15/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1102](#)

**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.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2024 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1387](#)

**SB1** **READING SKILLS** (ROGERS L) Provides that the department of education (department) may grant certain individuals a waiver that provides an exception to the literacy endorsement requirements if the department submits a report to the legislative council by a specified date. 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 (evaluation). Expands eligibility for funding for summer school courses. Requires certain summer school courses to be taught by a teacher, instructor, or tutor who is trained in the science of reading. Provides that if a student does not achieve a 90% attendance rate in a summer reading course, the student is required to participate in an individual reading plan in the following school year. 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. Requires the state board of education to establish a method for virtual administration of the ILEARN statewide assessment. 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 (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 **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/15/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 2/14/2024 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9; Nays: 4

**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 (FSSA) 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 (CCDF) 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 (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 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 **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/6/2024 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

**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:** 2/14/2024 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 10; Nays: 0

**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. Establishes the reverse transfer program for community college associate degrees. Requires each state educational institution (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 commission regarding offering four year baccalaureate degree programs completed in three years. Expands the schools to which requirements regarding secondary credit apply. Changes the name of the statewide transfer general education core to the Indiana college core. Requires the commission, in coordination with the department of education and institutions, to maintain and post a list and syllabus of each eligible college core course.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Education

**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:** 2/13/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

2/13/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [SB10](#)

**SB147 CHILD CARE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND EVALUATION (ROGERS L)** Amends the property tax exemption for property used by a for-profit provider of early childhood education, including by requiring the provider to offer age appropriate curriculum and by excluding from the exemption tangible property that has been granted a homestead standard deduction. Provides a partial property tax exemption for an employer that provides child care on the employer's property for the employer's employees, and for the employees of another business if the employer and the other business enter into an agreement that outlines the terms under which the child care is to be provided. Specifies the conditions that must be met to obtain the partial property tax exemption. 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:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [SB147](#)

**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 (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.

**Recent Status:** 2/13/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means

2/13/2024 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [SB233](#)

**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, an alternate member, or a nonvoting advisory 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, other than the preparation or adoption of an administrative rule. Limits the number of Senators and Representatives that may be appointed to serve as voting members of an entity to: (1) one Senator from each major political party; and (2) one Representative from each major political party.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Judiciary

**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:** 2/14/2024 – House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**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...**

**Current Status:** 2/5/2024 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1003](#)

**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 certain enforcement powers to the attorney general for a transfer of agricultural land in violation of the law. Provides that agricultural land or interests in agricultural land found to be acquired in violation of law are subject to judicial foreclosure.

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to Senate Agriculture

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1183](#)

**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 a notice to a school corporation that fails to meet the percentage of state tuition support that must be expended on teacher compensation. (2) A school corporation that receives a notice to meet certain requirements and post the notice and any relevant individual reports on the school corporation's website until the school **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**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.

**Current Status:** 2/5/2024 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1276](#)

**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 certain obligors 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:** 2/22/2024 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1329](#)

**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.

**Current Status:** 2/19/2024 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1399](#)

**SB4 FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (GARTEN C)** Specifies that certain workforce related programs must be reviewed by the legislative services agency (LSA) at least once rather than every five years. Requires the 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 control number when the agency submits the legislative notice during rule readoption instead of when the agency submits the notice of proposed readoption. Provides that an agency may adopt interim rules to **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/14/2024 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**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 veterans' benefits and services poster must contain certain information. Requires that Indiana employers with more than 50 full-time employees (or their equivalent) display the veterans' benefits and services poster in a conspicuous place.

**Current Status:** 2/19/2024 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**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:** 2/15/2024 - Second reading ordered engrossed
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB20](#)
- SB34 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING** (ROGERS L) Requires the professional licensing agency (agency) to study universal occupational licensing laws enacted in other states. Requires the agency to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the general assembly not later than October 31, 2025. Extends certain dates and expands certain duties regarding the comprehensive review of occupational licensing by public agencies. Delays the date that certain individuals may begin to file a petition to repeal or modify certain occupational regulations. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on employment and labor.)
- Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB34](#)
- SB52 PROHIBITION ON USE OF DEDICATED LANES** (FREEMAN A) Prohibits, until July 1, 2025, a unit of local government from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or other requirement concerning a public transportation project, including the blue line, that seeks to: (1) convert; (2) restrict; or (3) otherwise establish; a vehicular traffic lane for use as a dedicated lane. Specifies exclusions from the scope of the bill's temporary prohibition.
- Current Status:** 2/20/2024 - House Roads and Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB52](#)
- SB58 RESTAURANT CARRYOUT SALES** (HOLDMAN T) Exempts a specialty or gourmet market holding a retailer's permit with carryout privileges that was initially issued in September 2019 from the gross retail income requirements to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout.
- Recent Status:** 2/15/2024 - Second reading ordered engrossed
- 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 (district) within the territory of a county, city, or town (local unit). Specifies the contents of the tourism improvement district plan that must be filed with a petition to establish a district. Provides that, after a hearing on a petition to establish a district, the legislative body of a local unit may adopt the ordinance establishing the district only if it determines that the petition has been signed by at least: (1) 65% of the owners within the proposed district that will pay the assessments; and (2) the owners of 65% of the total net assessed value of the real property within the proposed district that will pay the assessments. Provides that owners located within a district may be charged a special assessment to fund improvements and other district activities. Defines the term "owner". Excludes from inclusion within a district: (1) property that receives a homestead standard deduction; (2) property used for single family residential housing; and (3) property used for multi-unit residential housing. Specifies the contents of the ordinance establishing a district and the length of time for which a district may exist. Allows a district to issue bonds. Requires the county, city, or town legislative body to contract with a nonprofit district management association to administer and implement the district's activities and improvements. Requires a district management association to annually engage an independent certified public accounting firm to conduct an examination of the district's funds, accounts, and financial affairs and submit the examination to the legislative body and the fiscal body. Excludes Marion County from the provisions of the bill.
- Recent Status:** 2/14/2024 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB61](#)

**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. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to convene a workgroup and, with managed care organizations, to conduct a claims submission testing period before the risk based managed care program is established.~ Provides that, during the first 180 days after the risk based managed care program is implemented, a provider that experiences a financial emergency due to claims payment issues shall receive temporary emergency assistance from the managed care organizations with which the provider is contracted. 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) **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Public Health

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB132](#)

**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 certain exemptions from the employment of minors law. Provides, for purposes of the reporting requirement applicable to an employer that employs a specified number of minors, that: (1) a minor's date of hire is the first date on which the minor performs work for the employer; and (2) an employer must report any new or changed information not later than the fifteenth and last business days of each month. Provides that a civil penalty for a violation of certain provisions regarding the employment of minors may not be assessed for a violation of 10 minutes or less.

**Recent Status:** 2/15/2024 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**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. Provides that each workforce focused agency shall deliver a workforce related program report to the management performance hub. Sets out the information to be included in the workforce related program report. Requires the management performance hub to: (1) compile the workforce related program reports into an annual data product; and (2) make the data product available to the department of workforce development and the governor's workforce cabinet. Provides that a workforce focused agency may not enter into a contract with a person to conduct, operate, or administer a workforce related program unless the contract contains certain requirements. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 2/6/2024 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB148](#)

**SB190 STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND (CARRASCO C)** Makes changes to the permissible uses for the state disaster relief fund (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.

**Current Status:** 2/19/2024 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB190](#)

- SB206 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** (NIEMEYER R) Authorizes the department of environmental management to use electronic means to deliver mail communications, send or publish notices, accept notices and permit applications, provide access to documents for public comment, and store documents for future access. Authorizes the use of electronic communications in proceedings involving regional water, sewage, and solid waste districts. Requires IDEM to make a determination concerning prior approval for the construction or expansion of a biomass anaerobic digestion facility or biomass gasification facility not more than 90 days after the date on which the department receives the completed application. Eliminates a provision of law stating that a person constructing or expanding a biomass anaerobic digestion facility or a biomass gasification facility is not required to obtain the prior approval of the department if air pollution control permit requirements apply to the facility.
- Current Status:** 2/21/2024 - House Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB206](#)
- SB223 CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE TASK FORCE** (MESSMER M) Establishes the building Indiana's construction workforce task force (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.
- Current Status:** 2/6/2024 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures  
**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. Authorizes the department to disclose a taxpayer's name and other personal identification information with a tax preparer or tax preparation software provider in cases where the department suspects that a fraudulent return has been filed on behalf of a taxpayer and that the system of a taxpayer's previous year tax preparer or tax preparation software provider has been breached. Specifies the pass through entity tax liability for pass through entities in certain circumstances. Repeals an outdated provision that requires an owner of a truck stop to obtain **MORE...**
- Current Status:** 2/14/2024 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB228](#)
- 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:** 2/15/2024 - House Employment, Labor and Pensions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB264](#)
- SB295 INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (BUCHANAN B) Provides for appointment to the board of the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) of two nonvoting, advisory members 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 transfer of incremental property tax revenue from a local innovation development district fund may use those funds with no restrictions or specified uses.
- Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Ways and Means  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB295](#)



**SB297 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES** (GARTEN C) Requires an agency to conduct a regulatory analysis for certain proposed rules, including if the implementation and compliance costs are at least \$1,000,000. Requires the office of management and budget 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.

**Recent Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Judiciary

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB297](#)

**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. Allows a county fiscal body to adopt a local income tax rate for an acute care hospital located in the county. Allows the adopting body in Marion County to adopt a local income tax rate to be used for improvement and services projects (projects) located within the boundaries of the Mile Square area. Provides that if the local income tax rate is adopted, the Mile Square improvement and services projects board is established to use the revenue generated for the projects. Provides that, for the purpose of distributing the local income tax (LIT), if two or more school corporations or civil taxing units merge or consolidate to form a single school corporation or civil taxing unit, the school corporation or civil taxing unit is entitled to the combined pro rata distribution of the LIT revenue allocated to each applicable school corporation or civil taxing unit in existence on January 1 of the immediately preceding calendar year prior to the merger or consolidation. Provides, for purposes of calculating distributions of the financial institutions tax to local taxing units, how to calculate distributions for a taxing unit that did not receive distributions in **MORE...**

**Recent Status:** 2/13/2024 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1121](#)

**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:** 2/20/2024 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (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 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 program. Provides that before awarding a subgrant to an eligible broadband service provider during any round of funding under the program, the office shall submit to the budget committee for review the proposed amount and terms of the subgrant. Provides that in awarding subgrants for the deployment of a broadband network using **MORE...**

**Current Status:** 2/5/2024 - Referred to Senate Utilities

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1277](#)

**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, if the county council adopts an ordinance to increase the innkeeper's tax rate.

**Current Status:** 2/14/2024 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB37](#)

**SB270 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (ROGERS L)** Requires the department of education to study: (1) creating clearinghouses for each region of Indiana; and (2) selecting organizations to design, operate, and maintain all the regional clearinghouses. Establishes limitations regarding the lease of school property. Amends the enrollment threshold regarding when a school building is considered underutilized. Makes changes regarding requiring (instead of allowing) a school building to be closed or made available for lease or purchase. Provides that school corporations that meet certain requirements regarding sharing operating referendum tax levy and school safety referendum tax levy revenue are not subject to the transfer of vacant school building provisions. Provides that no resolution, referenda, or distributed revenue prior to May 10, 2023, are effective to provide exemption from the transfer of vacant school building provisions. Exempts school corporations that have had a designation as a distressed political subdivision within the previous three years from the transfer of vacant school building provisions. Establishes additional requirements regarding notice, determinations, and appeals under the transfer of vacant school building provisions. Amends requirements with regard to: (1) bringing a civil action to enforce a final order to make a covered school building available for purchase or lease; (2) the time frame for which a school building must be used; and (3) transferring a school building back to a school corporation. Provides that, if a school corporation transfers a covered school building in violation of the transfer of vacant school building provisions, the transfer is void and allows for a court action with the award of attorney's fees. Changes certain formulas to reference property tax levies collected (current law references property tax levies imposed). Requires the commission for higher education to: (1) study and make recommendations; and (2) submit a report; regarding allowing Ivy Tech Community College to award bachelor's degrees and Vincennes University to offer additional programs that lead to a bachelor's degree. Urges the legislative council to assign certain topics during the 2024 legislative interim.

**Recent Status:** 2/14/2024 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 7; Nays: 4

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB270](#)

**HB1019 CHILD OPERATED REFRESHMENT STANDS (JOHNSON B)** Provides that a local health department, the health and hospital corporation of Marion County, a county, a municipality, or a township may not adopt or enforce a law, rule, ordinance, or resolution that prohibits or regulates, including by requiring a license, permit, or fee, the sale of lemonade or other nonalcoholic beverages from a stand on private property by an individual who is less than 18 years of age. Provides that the individual who operates the stand must comply with certain requirements. Provides that a stand is not considered a food establishment and does not require a certified food protection manager. Provides that the governing documents of a homeowners association may not prohibit or regulate, including by requiring a permit or fee, the sale of lemonade or other nonalcoholic beverages from a stand on property located in the subdivision by an individual who is less than 18 years of age. Provides that a homeowners association: (1) does not owe a duty of care to persons participating in a beverage sale; and (2) is not liable for any injury to persons participating in a beverage sale; except for willful or wanton acts or gross negligence of the homeowners association.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**State Bill Page:** [HB1019](#)

**SB287 EDUCATION MATTERS (TOMES J)** Requires each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum. Provides that a school corporation may include instruction regarding Internet safety in the school corporation's curriculum. Requires the department of education to develop, or approve previously developed, age appropriate curricula in Internet safety for use at multiple grade levels not later than July 1, 2025. Amends requirements regarding: (1) eligibility for career coaching grants; and (2) instruction on career awareness. Repeals a provision that provides that each school corporation may include cursive writing in the school corporation's curriculum.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2024 - Referred to House Education

**State Bill Page:** [SB287](#)