

Evansville Regional Economic Partnership Bill Report
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- HB1001 EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS** (GOODRICH C) Amends the definition of "eligible student" to include a sibling of a student with a disability with regards to the education scholarship account program (ESA). Provides that the sibling may not use the ESA account for certain ESA qualified expenses. Establishes the training grant program and fund to provide training grants to eligible applicants. Provides the qualification requirements for an eligible applicant. Allows the commission to provide reimbursement of training cost incurred by intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations under this program. Provides that the program applies in each state fiscal year in which the general assembly makes appropriations for training grants. 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 institution that offers instructional or educational services or training in Indiana to provide to the department of education information to carry out certain reporting requirements and requirements related to the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard. Allows for the revocation of an out-of-state public or nonprofit degree granting institution's authorization if the institution fails to provide the information. **MORE...**
- Current Status:** 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments
All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 271: yeas 38, nays 10
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:** 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments
All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 276: yeas 39, nays 9
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.
- All Bill Status:** 3/4/2024 - House dissented from Senate Amendments
2/27/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments
2/26/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 188: yeas 40, nays 9
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.
- All Bill Status:** 2/29/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 228: yeas 46, nays 0
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, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, 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, 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 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 **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 238: yeas 29, nays 16

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. Defines an "out-of-school-time program". 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, not later than September 30, 2024, the early learning advisory committee to: (1) complete a study regarding compensation in Indiana for early childhood educators and caregivers at out-of-school-time programs; (2) create an online dashboard to allow access to compensation data; and (3) issue a report containing the committee's findings and **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Motion to concur filed
3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments
3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 254: yeas 98, nays 1

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.

All Bill Status: 2/20/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 163: yeas 92, nays 1

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 (college core) or submit a college core feasibility report to the commission for higher education (commission). 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 (department) and institutions, to maintain and post a list and syllabus of each eligible college core course. Requires, by July 1, 2025, the department to partner with one or more institutions to provide online access to all college core courses through the course access program. Requires, by July 1, 2027, the department to make all college core courses available online to all **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Senate dissented from House Amendments
2/28/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments
2/27/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 211: yeas 94, nays 0

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB8](#)

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 race, creed, religion, or national origin.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Motion to dissent filed

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments
3/5/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 272: yeas 42, nays 6

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1002](#)

HB1003 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (STUERWALD G) Makes the office of administrative law proceedings the ultimate authority in any administrative proceeding under its jurisdiction. Provides certain exceptions. Provides that the bill applies to certain proceedings filed after June 30, 2024. 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. Permits a final order to be corrected by means of a motion to correct error. 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. Provides that a court is not bound by a finding of fact made by the ultimate authority if the finding of fact is not supported by the record. 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 related to environmental matters, it must continue to follow and implement rules under 315 IAC. Requires the office of administrative law proceedings to continue to index and make publicly available, in a substantially similar online searchable format, the final orders of contested appeals currently maintained by the office. Makes conforming changes.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 273: yeas 40, nays 7

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1003](#)

HB1183 FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF LAND (CULP K) Provides that, beginning July 1, 2024, a prohibited person may not purchase, lease, or acquire a parcel of real property that is located within a 10 mile radius of a military installation. 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. Provides certain enforcement powers to the attorney general for a transfer of land in violation of the law.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 278: yeas 48, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1183](#)

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: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House without amendments

All Bill Status: 3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 258: yeas 48, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1276](#)

SB4 FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (GARTEN C) Specifies that certain workforce related programs must be reviewed by the legislative services agency at least once rather than every five years. 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 an agency may adopt interim rules to implement a reduction, a full or partial waiver, or an elimination of a fee, fine, or civil penalty included in an administrative rule. Requires the budget agency to transfer money in the phase out trust fund on or before June 30, 2024, to the Medicaid contingency and reserve account. **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Senate dissented from House Amendments

2/28/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

2/27/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 209: yeas 95, nays 0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB4](#)

SB15 MILITARY AND VETERAN ISSUES (TOMES J) Expands the eligibility requirements for admission to the Indiana Veterans' Home. Adds a definition of an "eligible person" for purposes of administering grants for veteran services. Provides that a qualified entity may receive a GVS to provide certain services to support an eligible person. Updates references throughout the Indiana Code relating to the armed forces of the United States or uniformed services to include the United States Space Force. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation, the organizer of a charter school, or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of each secondary school student who is ordered to active duty with the armed forces of the United States, including their reserve components or the Indiana National Guard for at least 15 days in a school year. Provides that certain disability ratings and educational cost exemptions apply to an individual whose parent enlisted in the armed forces after June 30, 2017 (instead of June 30, 2011). 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 display the veterans' benefits and services poster in a conspicuous place.

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Senate dissented from House Amendments

3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 255: yeas 98, nays 0

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.
- All Bill Status:** 2/20/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
2/19/2024 - Third reading Passed (89-2)
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB20](#)
- SB34 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING** (ROGERS L) Requires the professional licensing agency to study universal occupational licensing laws enacted in other states and 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.
- All Bill Status:** 2/28/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
2/27/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 217: yeas 94, nays 0
- 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 initially issued in September 2019 from the gross retail income requirements to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout.
- All Bill Status:** 2/29/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 231: yeas 40, nays 5
2/20/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments
2/19/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 159: yeas 88, nays 6
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB58](#)
- 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.
- All Bill Status:** 2/29/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 232: yeas 31, nays 13
2/20/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 171: yeas 81, nays 10
- Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium
- State Bill Page:** [SB146](#)
- SB148 WORKFORCE DATA COLLECTION** (BROWN L) Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services (division), beginning 12 months after the direct support professional registry is implemented, to post monthly on the division's website the total number of individuals registered under the registry. Requires the division to present information concerning the total number of individuals registered to the division of disability and rehabilitative services advisory council at least quarterly. Requires reports of newly hired employees to be filed electronically. Requires employers to provide an employee's current primary standardized occupational classification code and starting compensation on a report of a newly hired employee. Provides that each workforce focused agency shall deliver a workforce related program report to the management performance hub. 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 each workforce focused agency.
- All Bill Status:** 3/4/2024 - Senate dissented from House Amendments
2/29/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 250: yeas 93, nays 0
- 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:** 3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
All Bill Status: 3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 263: yeas 97, nays 0
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB190](#)
- SB206 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** (NIEMEYER R) Authorizes the department of environmental management (department) 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 the 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.
- All Bill Status:** 2/28/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
2/27/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 228: yeas 91, nays 0
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB206](#)
- 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. 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 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 a license from the department. Reorganizes certain retail merchant certificate provisions. **MORE...**
- Current Status:** 3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
All Bill Status: 3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 266: yeas 98, nays 0
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB228](#)
- 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 to be used only for the operating expenses of the acute care hospital. 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 that the department of local government finance shall make certain adjustments pertaining to the distribution of LIT for Floyd County

in 2025, which provide that the Highlander Fire Protection District (district) shall receive an amount equal to the combined distribution that would have been distributed to the Greenville Fire Protection District (FPD) and the Lafayette Fire Protection District (FPD) in 2024, but for their elimination resulting from the merger to establish the district. Requires corresponding adjustments in 2025 to reduce the distribution for each applicable civil taxing unit and school corporation in Floyd County, excluding the district, by an amount that equals the proportionate share of the amount of LIT received in 2024 of the combined distribution that would have been distributed to the Greenville FPD and the Lafayette FPD in 2024, but for their elimination. Provides that funds accumulated from a Perry County special purpose tax rate to construct or improve the county jail after the redemption of bonds issued or final payment of lease rentals due under a lease shall be transferred to a county capital project fund to be used to finance capital projects within Perry County. **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - House dissented from Senate Amendments
3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments
3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 252: yeas 41, nays 7

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1121](#)

HB1199 ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT (MCGUIRE J) Requires the legislative body to provide notice and conduct a public hearing before a proposed economic enhancement district may be established. Amends the definition of "economic enhancement project". Amends the required contents of an ordinance to establish an economic enhancement district. Increases the number of members of an economic enhancement board from eight to nine and amends the composition of the board. Requires an economic enhancement district to expire not later than 10 years from the date of the adoption of an ordinance. Repeals a provision that allows an economic enhancement district to be extended. Requires that an ordinance establishing an economic enhancement district must be adopted on or before December 31, 2024. Provides that if the legislative body of a city has adopted an ordinance to establish an economic enhancement district before the effective date of this bill, that ordinance shall be void, but may be revised and reenacted by the legislative body by the adoption of a new ordinance, which must comply with the provisions added in the bill.

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 215: yeas 42, nays 7

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1199](#)

HB1243 VARIOUS EDUCATION 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. Establishes notice and posting requirements regarding school corporations that fail to meet: (1) certain expenditure requirements regarding full-time teacher salaries; or (2) the percentage of state tuition support that must be expended on teacher compensation. Requires the following: (1) Each public high school to offer, after June 30, 2028, at least once each school year at least one computer science course as a separate subject in the public high school's curriculum. (2) The department of education (department), in revising and updating academic standards, to consider integrating: (A) computer science; and (B) data literacy and data science; standards into a subject area being revised. (3) Beginning with the cohort of students who are expected to graduate from a public school or a state accredited nonpublic school in 2029, a student to successfully complete instruction on computer science as a separate subject before the student may graduate. (4) Each public school to participate in an annual statewide survey concerning school fees charged to students or parents to be eligible to receive a distribution from the curricular materials fund. (5) The department to develop proposals to align diploma waiver statutes with new diploma requirements. (6) Charter schools to post certain information. Provides that the state board of education may allow **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - Motion to dissent filed

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments
3/5/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 283: yeas 48, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1243](#)

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 (office) under the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program (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 program funds, the office may not exclude cooperatives, nonprofit organizations, public-private partnerships, private companies, public or private utilities, public utility districts, or local governments from eligibility for those funds, as set forth in the Act. Provides that the final proposal submitted by the office to the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) with respect to the program must include the specifications for the required low cost broadband service option that are set forth in the office's initial proposal, as submitted to and approved by NTIA.

Current Status: 3/5/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 283: yeas 90, nays 0

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 223: yeas 47, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1277](#)

HB1329 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS (PRESSEL J) Authorizes the solid waste management district of Vanderburgh County to make grants and loans for certain purposes. Provides that with certain exceptions a governmental entity is prohibited 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. Allows a governmental entity to require certain inspections of properties located in that part of St. Joseph County containing a designated sole source aquifer only if it has been more than 15 years since the property was last sold or transferred, or the Class 2 structure or system was constructed or installed. 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 **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - House dissented from Senate Amendments

3/5/2024 - Returned to the House with amendments

3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 260: yeas 45, nays 3

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1329](#)

SB37 OVERSIGHT OF CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU (NIEMEYER R) Provides that, in making appointments to the convention and visitor bureau, the appointing authority shall give sole consideration to individuals who are employed as executives or managers in certain businesses (instead of either knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers). Provides that Before December 20 of each year, the convention and visitor bureau ("bureau") shall prepare a budget for expenditures during the following year, taking into consideration the recommendations made by a qualified corporation and submit the budget to the county council for its review and approval. Provides that an expenditure may not be made unless it is in accordance with an appropriation made by the county council in the manner provided by law. Provides that a budget prepared by the bureau and approved by the county council must be published on the department of state revenue's interactive and searchable website. Provides that the bureau may expend money from the alternate revenue fund to promote and encourage conventions, trade shows, visitors, special events, sporting events, and exhibitions in the county. Delays the date by which a proposal for the development, operation, and an ownership share in a Lake County convention and event center is considered timely.

All Bill Status: 3/4/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 267: yeas 37, nays

112/28/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

2/27/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 218: yeas 90, nays 4

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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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 210 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. Requires the Indiana department of health to grant a hospital an extension of time to file the hospital's fiscal report if the hospital shows good cause for the extension. Removes an expired provision concerning hospital fiscal reports. 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 **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 241: yeas 45, nays 0
02/28/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments
2/27/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 221: yeas 94, nays 0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB132](#)

SB270 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS (ROGERS L) Establishes limitations regarding the lease of school property. Amends the enrollment threshold regarding when a school building is considered underutilized. Makes changes regarding requiring 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. 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. 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. **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 2/29/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 237: yeas 31, nays 0
142/26/2024 - Motion to concur filed
2/20/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 180: yeas 61, nays 30

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

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SB256 FISCAL MATTERS (MISHLER R) Provides that money in the attorney general contingency fee fund is continuously appropriated and is not subject to allotment. Reinstates provisions concerning meetings of the budget committee. Provides that a state employee may affirmatively elect to enroll in the deferred compensation plan prior to the auto enroll date on day 31 of the state employee's employment. Requires, effective July 1, 2025, the trustee of the state police pension trust to maintain a supplemental allowance reserve account for the purpose of paying postretirement benefit adjustments. Requires certain political subdivisions to present to the interim study committee on pension management oversight concerning a delinquent employee retirement plan offered by the political subdivision. Increases the maximum date that a member or participant of certain retirement funds can participate in the deferred retirement option plan from 36 to 60 months. Reestablishes, and enumerates requirements and procedures for, a petition and remonstrance window for controlled projects funded by debt service if the project scope changes from the purpose initially advertised to taxpayers. Provides that for purposes of annually adjusting the assessed value of real property to account for changes in value since a reassessment, the department of local **MORE...**

All Bill Status: 3/5/2024 - Senate dissented from House Amendments
3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate with amendments
3/4/2024 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 268: yeas 98, nays 0

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