

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. Provides that an annual grant amount awarded under the career scholarship account (CSA) program may be used for costs related to obtaining a driver's license if certain conditions are met. Establishes conditions regarding the amount of funds that may be used from CSA annual grant amounts for transportation costs. Amends certain requirements regarding ESA and CSA participating entities regarding providing evidence of unencumbered assets. Changes certain CSA application time frames from seven days to 30 days. Requires each state educational institution to provide to the commission for higher education (commission) certain information regarding degrees, degree completion, faculty members, administrative support staff, costs, compensation, and debt loads. 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. Adds teaching to the employment sectors eligible for the next level jobs employer training grant program. Amends requirements regarding: (1) eligibility for career coaching grants; and (2) instruction on career awareness.

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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: 3/6/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 297: yeas 62, nays 31

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.

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Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 321: yeas 82, nays 12; Rules Suspended

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: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1387](#)

SB1 READING SKILLS (ROGERS L) Provides that the department of education 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 (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 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 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 **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

3/5/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

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 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, currently); 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 recommendations. Amends provisions regarding the On My Way Pre-K voucher 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 children and not more than 30 children for at least four hours per day; and (B) incorporates waivers or variances from FSSA's rules applicable to certain child care providers; (2) apply the regulatory model to at least three micro facilities and evaluate the operation of the micro facilities under the regulatory model; and (3) not later than October 1, 2026: (A) make a determination as to whether FSSA will adopt rules specific to micro facilities that incorporate some or all aspects of the regulatory model; and (B) submit to the general assembly a report regarding the pilot program. Requires FSSA to do the following: (1) Amend FSSA's rules to define a "substitute educator" caregiver type for purposes of FSSA's rules pertaining to all categories of child care providers regulated by FSSA. (2) Amend FSSA's rules to allow an employee of a child care provider who: (A) is 16 or 17 years of age; (B) is assigned to a lead caregiver who supervises the employee at all times during which the employee is supervising a child; (C) is never left alone with a child; and (D) meets specified qualifications; to be counted in child/staff ratios for school age child care rooms. (3) Amend FSSA's **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/6/2024 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ; Roll Call 291: yeas 45, nays 2

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.

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/4/2024 - Signed by the Speaker

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 each high school to: (1) beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, offer the Indiana college core (college core); or (2) not later than October 1, 2024, submit a plan or report that meets certain requirements 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 or course outline record of each eligible college core course. Requires, by July 1, 2025, the department to **MORE...**

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 298: yeas 48, nays 0

3/7/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 312: yeas 85, nays 0; Rules Suspended

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: 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 345: yeas 99, nays 0; Rules Suspended

Recent Status: 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 327: yeas 45, nays 1; Rules Suspended

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. 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 **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/6/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 296: yeas 71, nays 24

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: (1) located in Indiana; and (2) located within a 10 mile radius of a military installation; with certain exceptions. 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.

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Recent Status: 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 334: yeas 92, nays 1; Rules Suspended

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: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
3/5/2024 - Returned to the House without amendments

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 the publisher

of the Indiana Register shall assign a document control number when an 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 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. Expires the phase out trust fund on July 1, 2024, and makes corresponding changes. Specifies certain deadlines within the statutes governing an agency's failure to enact required licensure rules. 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. Provides that if a proposed rule has implementation and compliance costs of at least \$1,000,000, the following: (1) The rule cannot be published in the Indiana Register until the budget committee has reviewed the rule. (2) The budget agency and the office of management and budget may not approve any part of the proposed rule prior to review of the proposed rule by the budget committee. Provides that for a provisional rule or an interim rule that **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 330: yeas 46, nays 0; Rules Suspended

Recent Status: 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 350: yeas 68, nays 25; Rules Suspended

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB4](#)

SB15 **MILITARY 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: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 336: yeas 97, nays 0; Rules Suspended
3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 305: yeas 48, nays 0; Rules Suspended

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.

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
3/4/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

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: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
3/4/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

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.
- Current Status:** 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate
- Recent Status:** 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
3/5/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
- 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.
- Current Status:** 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate
- Recent Status:** 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
3/5/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
- 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.
- Current Status:** 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
- Recent Status:** 3/8/2024 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (S) Report 1: adopted by the Senate; Roll Call 308: yeas 40, nays 8; Rules Suspended
3/8/2024 - Senate Conference Committees Eligible for Action
- 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:** 3/7/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore
- Recent Status:** 3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
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.

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
3/4/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

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. 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 (department) 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.

Current Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

Recent Status: 3/5/2024 - Returned to the Senate without amendments
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 **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 352: yeas 81, nays 13

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1121](#)

HB1199 ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT (THOMPSON 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.

Current Status: 3/7/2024 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments ; Roll Call 316: yeas 89, nays 4

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Concurrences Eligible for Action
3/7/2024 - Motion to concur filed

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. Provides that the amount a school corporation expends on teacher compensation shall also include amounts the school corporation expends on certain dropout recovery education services. Provides that state tuition support for certain virtual students is not included in determining the amount a school corporation expends on teacher compensation. Requires the following: (1) Each public high school to offer, after June 30, 2028, at least once each school year **MORE...**

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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 **MORE...**

Current Status: 3/8/2024 - Signed by the President of the Senate

Recent Status: 3/7/2024 - Signed by the Speaker
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Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1277](#)

HB1329 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS (PRESSEL J) Reduces the membership of the board of directors of the Indiana stadium and convention building authority (board) from seven members to three members. Provides that the director of the budget agency or the director's designee serves as chair of the board. 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 when a property is sold or transferred. 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: (1) the property was last sold or transferred; or (2) 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 civil action against a political subdivision that does not recognize or does not allow an obligor to post a license bond that satisfies certain requirements. Provides that, if the obligor prevails in the action, the obligor shall be awarded an amount equal to: (1) 300% of the cost of obtaining the license bond; (2) compensatory damages; and (3) reasonable attorney's fees. **MORE...**

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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 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.

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Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB37](#)

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 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 a third party administrator or another person from arranging for a dental provider to

provide dental services for a dental plan that sets the amount of the fee for any dental services unless the dental services are covered services under the dental plan. Provides that a contracting entity (a dental carrier, a third party administrator, or another person that enters into a provider network contract with providers of dental services) may not grant a third party access to the provider network contract or to dental services or contractual discounts provided pursuant to the provider network contract unless certain **MORE...**

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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 (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. Makes conforming changes.

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State Bill Page: [SB270](#)

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 money in the high tech crimes unit fund is continuously appropriated for purposes of the fund. Allows the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) to designate territory located in an existing allocation area as an innovation development district if certain conditions are met. Removes the sunset provision for when the IEDC may designate an innovation development district. Provides that if an existing allocation area is located in territory subsequently designated as an innovation development district, property tax increment revenue continues to be allocated to the existing allocation area and provides that the allocation area may not be renewed or extended until the term of the innovation development district expires. Extends the funding Indiana's roads for a stronger, safer tomorrow task force for one additional year. Provides that transfers may not be made by the budget agency, the state board of finance, or any entity from any source to the Indiana gaming commission without prior budget committee review. Provides that certain appropriations from the state gaming fund in the most recent biennial budget act may not be augmented. Amends certain language in the Medicaid oversight committee provisions in House Enrolled Act 1026.

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State Bill Page: [SB256](#)