

**Southwest Indiana Chamber Bill Report**  
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**HB1002 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MATTERS** (SULLIVAN H) Requires the management performance hub to: (1) collect certain postsecondary academic data or employment data of a student upon the student's graduation from high school that can be linked to the student's kindergarten through grade 12 student identification number; and (2) on November 1, 2019, and each November 1 thereafter, send a report to the legislative council that summarizes the data. Establishes the career coaching grant program and fund. Provides that the governor's workforce cabinet (cabinet) shall administer the grant program and fund. Provides that the skills enhancement fund may be used to support cooperative arrangements between school corporations or charter schools and businesses if the cooperative arrangement leads to: (1) certain credentials or training for a new hire; or (2) an increase of wages and certain credentials or training for an incumbent employee. **MORE**

**Recent Status:** 1/29/2019 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 52: yeas 99, nays 0

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1002](#)

**HB1033 LOCAL INCOME TAXES** (THOMPSON J) Expires the existing local income tax law on December 31, 2021, and adds a new local income tax law effective in 2022 and thereafter. Does the following under the new local income tax law: (1) Authorizes counties, municipalities, and school corporations to each enact a property tax relief rate of not more than 0.5% in the case of counties and municipalities and not more than 0.25% in the case of school corporations. **MORE**

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1033](#)

**HB1052 LOCAL INCOME TAX** (THOMPSON J) Specifies that a county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to fund a correctional or rehabilitation facility with local income tax (LIT) revenue only if a local income tax council is not the adopting body or the local income tax council has failed to dedicate at least 0.2% of the expenditure tax rate to this funding. Requires an additional expenditure rate to be adopted by a county fiscal body for funding a public safety access point or a correctional or rehabilitation facility unless all civil taxing units receiving a distribution approve a reallocation under the existing expenditure rate. Limits the use of LIT revenue to constructing or making improvements to a correctional or rehabilitation facility. Beginning in 2021, redistributes the first 0.25% of the expenditure rate in counties that had adopted the former county option income tax (COIT) to match the allocations in counties that had adopted the former county adjusted gross income tax (CAGIT). Changes the allocation of LIT revenue that is based on property taxes to be based on maximum permissible property tax levies instead of actual levies. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1052](#)

**HB1057 VANDERBURGH COUNTY MAGISTRATES** (MCNAMARA W) Allows the judge of the Vanderburgh circuit court to appoint an additional magistrate to serve the Vanderburgh circuit court. Allows the judges of the Vanderburgh superior court to jointly appoint an additional magistrate to serve the Vanderburgh superior court.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2019 – Ways and Means Committee Report do pass, adopted

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1057](#)

**HB1194 TAX CREDITS** (LEHMAN M) Establishes the regional development tax credit (credit). Allows a taxpayer to apply to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) for the credit. Provides that a taxpayer is entitled to a credit against state tax liability if: (1) the taxpayer makes a qualified investment for the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property that is vacant or underused; and (2) the qualified investment is approved by the IEDC. Specifies the factors that the IEDC shall consider in evaluating applications for a proposed qualified investment. Specifies that the credit is subject to an

agreement entered into by the IEDC and the taxpayer. Provides that the amount of the credit is equal to: (1) the qualified investment made by the taxpayer and approved by the IEDC in the agreement; multiplied by (2) the applicable credit percentage determined by the IEDC. **MORE**

**Recent Status:** 1/10/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1194](#)

**HB1243 VANDERBURGH COUNTY INNKEEPER'S TAX (SULLIVAN H)** Renames the convention center operating fund established under the Vanderburgh County innkeeper's statute to the convention center operating, capital improvement, and financial incentive fund (fund). Provides that expenditures from the fund for a convention center in Vanderburgh County may only be used for operating expenses, capital improvements, and financial incentives to attract new businesses. Changes the date on which innkeeper's tax revenue deposited in the fund decreases from the amount equal to revenue generated by a 2% innkeeper's tax rate to the amount equal to revenue generated by a 1% innkeeper's tax rate.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1243](#)

**HB1344 NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (CLERE E)** Specifies requirements for participation by the state in a multistate nurse licensure compact, including provisions concerning: (1) nurse qualifications, practice, and participation; (2) a compact commission; (3) interstate commission and state board of nursing authority and rulemaking; (4) a coordinated licensure information system; (5) oversight and enforcement; and (6) termination or withdrawal from the compact.

**Recent Status:** 1/31/2019 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 77: yeas 96, nays 0

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1344](#)

**HB1395 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (NEGELE S)** Provides that the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) may adopt rules necessary to administer the Indiana universal service fund (IUSF), including rules to: (1) adjust the amount of the surcharge percentage required to be collected by communications service providers and remitted to the IUSF; and (2) establish the types of communications service providers that are required to assess a surcharge for remittance to the IUSF. **MORE**

**Recent Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1395](#)

**HB1438 WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE (SOLIDAY E)** Establishes the water infrastructure task force to examine an inventory and assessment of the water resources of the state and study other subjects related to water and wastewater infrastructure. Requires the water infrastructure task force to issue a report setting forth its findings and recommendations not later than December 1, 2019. Requires a water utility to submit a water loss audit report to the utility regulatory commission (commission) every year, beginning with the water loss audit report due before July 1, 2021. **MORE**

**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1438](#)

**HB1514 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FEES (MORRIS R)** Specifies that the environmental rules board (board) may adopt rules that prescribe fees. Provides that the department of environmental management (IDEM), rather than the board, is to deposit solid waste fees in the waste facility operator trust fund. Provides for IDEM to receive payment of solid waste fees by electronic fund transfer. Requires the board, in changing the amount of a fee, to take into account the cost to IDEM of amendments, modifications, and renewals of a permit, license, or approval. Provides that a fee established by the board for a type or class of permit: (1) may be set at a particular amount in consideration of the type and amount of discharge or emission to which the permit relates; and (2) may not be different in amount for public sector permit holders than for private sector permit holders unless

the difference is specifically authorized by law. Requires IDEM, to assist the board in periodically reviewing fees, to: (1) arrange for an independent study of certain IDEM costs; (2) develop information on fees charged for equivalent activities in other states; and (3) develop information on activities, functions, and permits that have been added or eliminated since fees were last changed. Provides that the board may not increase any major confined feeding operation, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, or air permit fee: (1) more than once in five years; or (2) by more than 10%. Makes conforming changes. Requires the board to adopt rules to implement a one-time increase in fees before January 1, 2022. Provides that: (1) the pre-2022 fee increase may not raise the major confined feeding operation, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, and air permit fees by so much that IDEM's annual aggregate fee revenue is reasonably anticipated to rise by more than \$3,200,000; but (2) the restriction prohibiting a fee increase of more than 10% does not apply to the one-time, pre-2022 fee increase.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2019 - House Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1514](#)

**HB1593 CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARK FUNDING** (HEINE D) Changes the recertification period for certified technology parks from three years to four years. Provides that once a certified technology park reaches its cap, an additional amount equal to incremental income taxes shall be captured (not to exceed \$500,000 annually or in the case of a certified technology park operated by two or more redevelopment commissions, \$500,000 per redevelopment commission). Requires a redevelopment commission that has designated a third party manager or operator of a certified technology park to transfer to the manager or operator the amount owed within 30 days of receiving a distribution.

**Recent Status:** 1/22/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1593](#)

**HB1594 INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY MATTERS** (HUSTON T) Requires state budget committee review of any proposed extension or amendment to a public-private agreement to which the Indiana finance authority or the state is a party. Prohibits any extension or amendment to such a public-private agreement until after the budget committee has reviewed the proposed extension or amendment. Specifies that any lump sum amounts received under such a public-private agreement must be held in reserve until May 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the lump sum payment was received. Removes the power to make transfers from the major moves construction fund to the state highway fund.

**Current Status:** 2/5/2019 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1594](#)

**HB1596 EXPENDITURES OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS** (FLEMING R) Provides that allocated property tax proceeds may be expended for projects located outside a redevelopment district only if the redevelopment commission adopts a declaratory resolution that finds that the expenditures: (1) will directly benefit the redevelopment district; and (2) will result in the creation of jobs in the private sector. Adds various requirements related to expenditures under contracts between redevelopment commissions and providers of educational and training programs to establish programs designed to prepare individuals to participate in the competitive and global economy.

**Recent Status:** 1/22/2019 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1596](#)

**HB1613 TRANSFER OF STATE REAL PROPERTY** (HATFIELD R) Requires the conveyance of certain real property by the state to the University of Evansville to remove restrictions on use of the property by the university that were required by legislation enacted in 1988 and 1997.

**Recent Status:** 1/24/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 1 - High

**State Bill Page:** [HB1613](#)

- SB4 WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES AND RUNOFF** (CHARBONNEAU E) Establishes a storm water management task force to study issues related to storm water management systems. Provides for the task force to consist of: (1) two members of the senate; (2) two members of the house; and (3) other members appointed by the governor. Requires the task force to issue a report setting forth its findings and recommendations not later than December 1, 2019. Requires the governor to appoint a water data officer. **MORE**  
**Current Status:** 1/28/2019 – Third Reading Passed; yeas 48, nays 0  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB4](#)
- SB114 VANDERBURGH COUNTY MAGISTRATES** (BECKER V) Allows the judge of the Vanderburgh circuit court to appoint an additional magistrate to serve the Vanderburgh circuit court. Allows the judges of the Vanderburgh superior court to jointly appoint an additional magistrate to serve the Vanderburgh superior court.  
**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 - Committee Report do pass, Yeas 9; Nays 0; adopted  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB114](#)
- SB191 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION GRANTS** (FORD J) Provides that for purposes of the historic preservation and rehabilitation grant program, the term "person" includes a nonprofit organization or nonprofit corporation. Provides that the office of community and rural affairs may award a grant under the program to a nonprofit organization or nonprofit corporation if the historic property will be used by the nonprofit organization or nonprofit corporation for the organization's or corporation's purposes and functions.  
**Recent Status:** 1/30/2019 - Senate Public Policy Committee Yeas: 10; Nays: 0  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB191](#)
- SB255 CULTURAL DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT** (FORD J) Provides that an arts and cultural district certified by the Indiana arts commission is subject to annual review by the commission and must be recertified every four years. Specifies certain requirements for certification (or recertification) of a district.  
**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB255](#)
- SB436 NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT** (ZAY A) Specifies requirements for participation by the state in a multistate nurse licensure compact, including provisions concerning: (1) nurse qualifications, practice, and participation; (2) a compact commission; (3) interstate commission and state board of nursing authority and rulemaking; (4) a coordinated licensure information system; (5) oversight and enforcement; and (6) termination or withdrawal from the compact.  
**Current Status:** 1/24/2019 – Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b); reassigned to Committee on Appropriations  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB436](#)
- SB479 TRANSFER OF STATE REAL PROPERTY** (BECKER V) Requires the conveyance of certain real property by the state to the University of Evansville to remove restrictions on use of the property by the university that were required by legislation enacted in 1988 and 1997.  
**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB479](#)

- SB552 GAMING MATTERS** (MESSMER M) Authorizes sports wagering at riverboats, racinos, a Vigo County casino, and satellite facilities. Provides for the administration and conduct of sports wagering. Imposes initial and annual fees on a licensed owner, operating agent, or permit holder conducting sports wagering. Prohibits wagering on e-sports. Allows live table games at racetracks in 2019. Authorizes a holder of a Gary riverboat license to change locations under certain circumstances, to a location in Lake County or to Vigo County. Allows: (1) a holder of one of the Gary riverboat licenses to move a license to a casino in Vigo County; or (2) a licensed owner of a riverboat license to apply to the commission to move to a casino in Vigo County. **MORE**
- Current Status:** 2/6/2019 - Senate Public Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB552](#)
- SB563 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (HOLDMAN T) Establishes the small business innovation voucher program (program) to provide vouchers to eligible small businesses to be used by the business to purchase research and development support or other forms of technical assistance and services from an Indiana institution of higher education or other authorized research provider. Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) shall administer the program. Provides that the program is subject to appropriation from the general assembly. Amends the definition of "sales" and adds a definition of "telecommunication services" and "broadcast services" under the state adjusted gross income tax provisions. Amends the provisions for determining when sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, are derived from sources within Indiana for purposes of determining the state adjusted gross income of corporations and nonresident persons. **MORE**
- Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB563](#)
- SB601 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT** (MISHLER R) Establishes the regional development tax credit (credit). Allows a taxpayer to apply to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) for the credit. Provides that a taxpayer is entitled to a credit against state tax liability if: (1) the taxpayer makes a qualified investment for the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property that is vacant or underused; (2) the qualified investment is part of a project that is located within the area of a regional development authority and is included in the regional development authority's regional redevelopment plan; and (3) the qualified investment is approved by the IEDC. Specifies the factors that the IEDC shall consider in evaluating a taxpayer's application for a proposed qualified investment. Provides that the amount of the credit is equal to: (1) the qualified investment made by the taxpayer and approved by the IEDC in an agreement; multiplied by (2) the applicable credit percentage determined by the IEDC. Allows a taxpayer to carry forward any unused credit amounts for nine taxable years following the unused credit year. Provides that the aggregate amount of the credits awarded in a state fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000,000. Provides that the aggregate amount of EDGE credit awards in a state fiscal year for projects to create new jobs in Indiana may not exceed \$100,000,000. Provides that a taxpayer is not entitled to receive any of the following (with certain exceptions): (1) An industrial recovery tax credit for a qualified investment made after December 31, 2019. (2) A community revitalization enhancement district tax credit for a qualified investment made after December 31, 2019. Makes conforming changes.
- Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
**Priority:** Tier 1 - High  
**State Bill Page:** [SB601](#)
- HB1001 BIENNIAL BUDGET** (HUSTON T) Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. **MORE**
- Recent Status:** 1/10/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1001](#)

**HB1020 HATE CRIMES (COOK A)** Makes it an aggravating circumstance (for purposes of imposing a criminal sentence) that the crime was committed with the intent to harm or intimidate an individual or a group of individuals because of certain perceived or actual characteristics of the individual or group of individuals. Requires law enforcement agencies to report hate crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Requires the law enforcement training board to adopt, not later than January 1, 2020, minimum standards for training of law enforcement officers regarding: (1) identifying hate crimes; (2) responding to hate crimes; and (3) reporting hate crimes.

**Recent Status:** 1/29/2019 – Referred to Criminal Courts & Code

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1020](#)

**HB1034 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION CONTROLLED PROJECTS AND DEBT (THOMPSON J)** Modifies the threshold amounts used for determining whether a political subdivision's project is a controlled project and whether the petition and remonstrance process or the referendum process applies. Bases these threshold amounts on gross assessed value. Provides that for a road, street, or designated bridge project, only the costs paid from property taxes are considered when applying these threshold amounts. Provides that if the estimated increase in a political subdivision's property tax levy for debt service for a proposed controlled project will be offset in whole or in part because of the retirement of existing debt of the political subdivision, the proper officers of the political subdivision may adopt a resolution that includes certain information and statements. Provides that if a political subdivision experiences a decrease in net assessed value it may be stated as an exception to a political subdivision's statement about maintaining its property tax rate to fund a new controlled project because of the retirement of debt. Specifies the ballot language for the referendum on such a proposed controlled project. Provides that the restrictions on supporting a position on a controlled project apply to any political subdivision that has assessed value within the same taxing district as the political subdivision proposing the project.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2019 - Referred to Senate

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1034](#)

**HB1062 UNEMPLOYMENT MATTERS (LEONARD D)** Makes various changes to unemployment compensation law concerning confidentiality, the method of sending notices to claimants and employers, the removal of the cap on expenditures from the special employment and training services fund, employing units subject to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and appeals regarding seasonal determinations. Updates and eliminates outdated language. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 – Second Reading; ordered engrossed

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1062](#)

**HB1088 SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR DATA WAREHOUSE EQUIPMENT (PRESSEL J)** Provides a state sales and use tax exemption (exemption) for the purchase of certain enterprise information technology equipment and the sale of electricity used to operate the enterprise information technology equipment. Provides that, to be eligible for the exemption, a business must invest in the aggregate at least \$10,000,000 in enterprise information technology equipment that will be located at one or more data centers in Indiana. Requires the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) to take applications for the exemption and certify an entity as a business eligible for the exemption. Provides that the IEDC may not certify eligible businesses after June 30, 2029. Provides that a business once certified by the IEDC may use the exemption for purchases of enterprise information technology equipment after June 30, 2029. Sunsets the sales and use tax exemption for the sale of electricity used to operate the enterprise information technology equipment on June 30, 2029.

**Recent Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1088](#)

**HB1093 BIAS CRIMES (STEUERWALD G)** Makes it an aggravating circumstance (for purposes of imposing a criminal sentence) that a crime was committed with bias and with the intent to harm or intimidate: (1)

an individual; (2) a group of individuals; (3) the property of an individual; or (4) the property of a group of individuals; because of the individual's or the group's real or perceived characteristic, trait, belief, practice, association, or other attribute the court chooses to consider.

**Recent Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

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

**HB1102 LOCAL INCOME TAX RATE (CHERRY R)** Increases the maximum portion of the local income tax expenditure rate that a county fiscal body may allocate for correctional and rehabilitation facilities from 0.2% to 0.4%. Extends the maximum time period for the allocation from 20 to 22 years.

**Recent Status:** 1/7/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

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

**HB1112 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (BARTELS S)** Establishes the additive manufacturing pilot grant program to: (1) make grants to school corporations to facilitate eligible student instruction in the use of additive manufacturing equipment; and (2) provide eligible students with an industry recognized certificate or credential in operating additive manufacturing equipment. Provides that a school corporation may apply for a grant from the additive manufacturing pilot fund (fund) to purchase additive manufacturing equipment. Establishes criteria that a school corporation must meet to receive a grant from the fund. Provides that the maximum amount of a grant awarded from the fund is \$150,000.

**Current Status:** 1/7/2019 - Referred to House Education

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1112](#)

**HB1166 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP (COOK A)** Requires one member of a municipal or county redevelopment commission (commission) appointed by the executive of the municipality or county after December 31, 2019, to be: (1) a member of the governing body of a school corporation; or (2) an individual recommended by the governing body of a school corporation; that is located within the commission's territory. Provides that if there is more than one school corporation within the commission's territory, the individual must be a member of, or recommended by, the governing body of the school corporation having the largest average daily membership. Effective January 1, 2020, eliminates the appointment of and term of office of a nonvoting adviser to the commission. Provides that the executive of the municipality for a municipal redevelopment commission, or the president of the county executive for a county redevelopment commission, serves as an ex officio member of the commission to cast the deciding vote to break a tie.

**Current Status:** 1/30/2019 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1166](#)

**HB1215 SMALL SCHOOL GRANTS (MANNING E)** Reestablishes a small school grant for school corporations having a current ADM (average daily membership) of less than 2,400. Appropriates from the state general fund an amount sufficient to make the grants for the 2019-2021 biennium.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1215](#)

**HB1374 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS (LEHMAN M)** Provides that for public-private BOT agreements, public-private agreements for toll road projects, and public-private partnership agreements for transportation projects entered into after June 30, 2019, requirements for the amount of performance and payment bonds are based on the cost to design and construct the project.

**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Reassigned to Committee on Roads and Transportation

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1374](#)

**HB1450 GRANT PROGRAM FOR HIRING EX-OFFENDERS** (MAYFIELD P) Establishes a grant program to provide grants each taxable year to an employer that hires an individual who has been convicted of a felony. Specifies that the amount of the grant is \$3,000 for each qualified individual the employer hires during the taxable year. Provides that the maximum amount of grants allowed per state fiscal year may not exceed \$2,500,000. Requires a report on the grant program before August 1, 2022. Provides immunity to employers for hiring ex-offenders. Provides that certain conditions of sentencing and probation may not be construed to prevent a person from employing two or more ex-offenders at the same location.

**Recent Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1450](#)

**HB1467 INCENTIVES FOR VETERANS TO RELOCATE TO INDIANA** (VANNATTER H) Establishes the regional veterans hiring initiative fund (fund). Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) shall administer the fund. Allows the IEDC to enter into a regional veterans hiring initiative agreement with: (1) counties, cities, towns, and regional development authorities; and (2) local employers; in a region to provide marketing and recruiting services to attract eligible veterans for employment in the region and provide financial support to eligible veterans who relocate to the region to accept employment. **MORE**

**Recent Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1467](#)

**HB1477 PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM FOR LOCAL OPERATING FUND** (HUSTON T) Permits counties, cities, and towns to adopt a resolution to hold a referendum to impose a property tax levy for a referendum tax levy operating fund.

**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1477](#)

**HB1487 BUSINESS SERVICES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE** (CARBAUGH M) Amends the law concerning the business practices of the secretary of state, including: (1) access to information maintained by the secretary of state; (2) use of electronic information and transmissions; (3) striking the current Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) financing statement form; adding use of a format that meets certain criteria for the filings; and amending the UCC fees; (4) adding to the requirement to include a notary public's Indiana county on an authentication certificate; (5) amending requirements concerning notary public examination and education; (6) prohibiting performance of a notarial act: (a) to benefit oneself or one's spouse; or (b) when a commission is suspended or revoked; (7) specifying a notarial act fee applies; (8) providing for issuance of a certificate of fact for a notary public per signature; (9) requiring maintenance of a remote notary public electronic journal for 10 years; and (10) providing for nonresident corporate service of process on the secretary of state. Repeals current law concerning excavation contractor filings and precontracting documentation of compliance with underground facility damage law. Requires the formatting of certain documents to be approved by the International Association of Commercial Administrators or the secretary of state. Specifies October 1, 2019, as the date for a fee increase concerning the indexing of certain documents. Increases the fee that a notary public may charge for a remote notarial act from \$15 to \$25. Makes a technical amendment and conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2019 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1487](#)

**HB1551 TOBACCO ISSUES** (AYLESWORTH M) Increases the cigarette tax from \$0.995 per pack to \$1.995 per pack. Raises the age from 18 years of age to 21 years of age for prohibitions and crimes concerning the sale, purchase, and possession of cigarettes and other tobacco products. Makes a corresponding change to the laws concerning electronic cigarettes, tobacco retailer permits, and admission to establishments



where smoking is permitted. Repeals employment protections for individuals who smoke cigarettes or use other tobacco products.

**Recent Status:** 1/17/2019 - Referred to House Public Health

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1551](#)

**HB1565 CIGARETTE TAXES** (KIRCHHOFER C) Increases the cigarette tax by \$2 to \$2.995 per pack of regular size cigarettes and a corresponding increase for larger cigarettes. Appropriates for each year of the 2019-2021 biennium \$35,000,000 from the tobacco master settlement agreement fund to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund for the state department of health to implement the long range state plan for the prevention and reduction of the usage of tobacco and tobacco products in Indiana.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2019 - Referred to House Public Health

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1565](#)

**HB1609 WORK SHARING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT** (HATFIELD R) Establishes a work sharing unemployment insurance program. Requires an employer to submit a work sharing plan for approval by the commissioner of the department of workforce development. Establishes the work sharing benefit as equal to an employee's unemployment benefit reduced by a percentage that is equivalent to the number of hours by which the employee's normal weekly work hours are reduced.

**Recent Status:** 1/22/2019 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1609](#)

**HB1621 AVIATION TAXES** (SULLIVAN H) Provides that: (1) sales and use tax revenue attributable to the sale of aircraft; and (2) aviation fuel excise tax revenue; shall be deposited in the airport development grant fund.

**Current Status:** 1/22/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1621](#)

**HB1622 COUNTY JAILS** (LAUER R) Provides that the per diem from the department of correction for the cost of incarcerating a Level 6 felon is \$55 per day. Provides that a county must appropriate at least \$25 of each \$55 per diem to the county sheriff which shall be used by the sheriff only for the purposes of law enforcement or county jail operations. Provides that upon a request from the sheriff, the commissioner may agree to accept custody of a person convicted of a Level 6 felony: (1) if placement in the county jail represents a substantial threat to the safety of others; (2) the inmate committed a new criminal offense while incarcerated in the county jail; or (3) for other good cause shown.

**Current Status:** 1/22/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1622](#)

**HB1626 INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY TAX CREDIT** (TORR J) Provides that a taxpayer is entitled each taxable year beginning after December 31, 2019, to an industrial recovery tax credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability for a qualified investment in a qualified community development entity. Provides that the credit is equal to 25% of the taxpayer's qualified investment in a qualified community development entity made during the taxable year.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1626](#)

**HB1665 EDGE TAX CREDITS** (SMALTZ B) Provides that the credit amount for the economic development for a growing economy tax credit may not exceed an amount equal to the total amount of incremental income tax withholdings attributable to employees and the amount of incremental income tax

withholdings that would be collected from employees who reside in a different state, if that state has an income tax reciprocal provision under IC 6-3-5-1.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1665](#)

**HB1673 USE OF REVENUE BY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS** (GIAQUINTA P) Allows revenue received by a redevelopment commission from a tax increment financing allocation area to be used to improve, repair, and maintain publicly owned buildings, structures, and improvements as necessary to carry out the commission's redevelopment plan.

**Current Status:** 1/24/2019 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [HB1673](#)

**SB33 COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTERS** (MERRITT J) Establishes a comprehensive addiction recovery center grant program (grant program) to be administered by the division of mental health and addiction (division). Sets forth requirements for a grant. Requires entities that are awarded a grant to report specified data to the division. Appropriates \$9,000,000 to the division from the state general fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, for purposes of the grant program. Provides that the division may award only one grant per congressional district, and specifies that not more than \$1,000,000 may be granted per congressional district.

**Current Status:** 2/6/2019 - Senate Health and Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB33](#)

**SB75 BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES** (BRAY R) Makes it an aggravating circumstance (for purposes of imposing a criminal sentence) that the crime was committed with the intent to harm or intimidate an individual because of certain perceived or actual characteristics of the individual. Requires law enforcement agencies to report bias motivated crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 – Rules and Legislative Committee report: amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB75](#)

**SB83 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (MELTON E) Allows a redevelopment commission (including the Indianapolis metropolitan development commission) to the use up to 15% of the property tax proceeds allocated to a redevelopment district in a fiscal year for ongoing maintenance and repair of: (1) public ways; and (2) sewers, central water systems, central sewer systems, roads, sidewalks, and levees; that are located in an allocation area and that were funded in whole or in part with tax proceeds allocated to the redevelopment district.

**Current Status:** 1/28/2019 – Third Reading Passed; yeas 35, Nays 13

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB83](#)

**SB93 LET INDIANA WORK FOR YOU PROGRAM** (RUCKELSHAUS J) Requires the commission for higher education (commission) to establish, in coordination with the department of workforce development (department) and the Indiana economic development corporation, the Let Indiana Work for You program (program) to: (1) provide to students attending colleges and universities in Indiana information concerning workforce opportunities in Indiana and other benefits of residing and working in Indiana after graduating from the college or university; (2) implement the program; and (3) upon approval by the college or university, present in-person and use other communication mediums to provide to students of each college or university information concerning workforce opportunities and the benefits of residing and working in Indiana. Requires the Indiana economic development corporation to assemble and provide to the commission and the department information concerning the economic benefits of residing and working in Indiana.

**Current Status:** 1/03/2019 – First reading: referred to Committee on Education and Career Development

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB93](#)

**SB120 SHERIFF REIMBURSEMENT RATE (TOMES J)** Provides that the per diem rate paid from the county jail maintenance contingency fund or any other fund after June 30, 2019, and before July 1, 2021, may not be less than \$55 per day for persons convicted of felonies, including: (1) persons convicted of a Level 6 felony; and (2) convicted felons who are incarcerated for more than five days after the day of sentencing or the date upon which the department of correction receives the abstract of judgment and sentencing order, whichever occurs later.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB120](#)

**SB158 INDIANA YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAM (RUCKELSHAUS J)** Establishes the Indiana youth service program (program) to provide high school graduates with the opportunity to learn various skills and participate in nine months of service at host sites throughout Indiana. Establishes the Indiana youth service program fund (fund). Provides that the department of workforce development shall administer the program and the fund.

**Recent Status:** 1/16/2019 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB158](#)

**SB171 REPEAL OF CERTAIN TAX INCENTIVES (HOLDMAN T)** Repeals the coal conversion system property tax deduction, the coal combustion product property tax deduction, the recycled coal combustion byproduct personal property tax deduction, the aircraft property tax deduction, the intrastate aircraft property tax deduction, the Hoosier alternative fuel vehicle manufacturer investment income tax credit, and the local income tax option hiring incentive credit.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB171](#)

**SB215 COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS (BOOTS P)** Provides that for appointments made to a five member county redevelopment commission after December 31, 2019: (1) the county executive appoints two (instead of three) members; and (2) the county fiscal body appoints three (instead of two) members. Provides that for appointments made to a seven member county redevelopment commission after December 31, 2019: (1) the county executive appoints three (instead of four) members; and (2) the county fiscal body appoints four (instead of three) members.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to Senate Local Government

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB215](#)

**SB233 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (FREEMAN A)** Increases, from \$20,000 to \$40,000, the acquisition cost threshold for the business personal property tax exemption. Specifies that a taxpayer who is eligible for a personal property tax exemption must include on the taxpayer's personal property tax return: (1) information concerning whether the taxpayer's business personal property within the county is in one location or multiple locations; and (2) an address for the location of the property. Provides that the appropriate county officer designated by the county executive (rather than the assessor, under current law) is responsible for: (1) maintaining data files of the geographic information system characteristics of each parcel in the county as of each assessment date; and (2) submitting those files to the geographic information office of the office of technology. Repeals provisions in current law that allow a county council to impose a local service fee on each person that has exempt

business personal property because the business personal property does not exceed the acquisition threshold. Removes outdated provisions.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2019 – Third Reading Passed; Yeas 48, Nays 0

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

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

**SB342 EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS (PERFECT C)** Eliminates limitations on the employment of students. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 – Senate Pensions and Labor Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB342](#)

**SB460 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (MESSMER M)** Amends the definition of "public utility" to include providers of Internet Protocol enabled retail services, and providers of software, hardware, transmission service, or a transmission path for Internet Protocol enabled retail services, for purposes of numerous provisions throughout the Indiana Code, including the following: (1) Provisions regarding transfer of state property for purposes of a right-of-way. (2) The definition of a mortgage lender used in statutes regarding the Indiana housing and community development authority. (3) The assessed value deduction for wind powered devices. (4) The utility services use tax exemption. (5) Tax exemptions for disaster recovery. (6) Certain provisions regarding the Indiana utility regulatory commission. (7) Provisions regarding filing of mortgages by utilities. (8) The exemption of certain utility workers, during a utility service interruption emergency, from federal regulations regarding the maximum number of hours an employee may work. (9) Provisions regarding registration of excavation contractors. (10) Provisions regarding utility rate charges for recovery of infrastructure costs. (11) Provisions regarding utility system integrity adjustments. (12) Provisions regarding joint use of utility infrastructure. (13) Exemption of public utilities from local franchise fees. (14) Provisions regarding access by public utilities to public rights-of-way. (15) Provisions regarding transmission, distribution, and storage system improvement charges and deferrals. (16) Certain provisions regarding municipal utilities. (17) Provisions regarding combined vehicles and towing permits. (18) Certain provisions regarding historic preservation and archeology. (19) Exercise by a public utility of the power of eminent domain. (20) Provisions regarding mechanic's liens on real property. (21) Provisions regarding persons who may act as a private judge.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 - Senate Utilities Committee do pass, as amended Yeas: 10; Nays: 0

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB460](#)

**SB461 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (MESSMER M)** Provides that a state agency that awards a grant to a broadband service provider for purposes of extending broadband service to unserved areas must follow procedures established and guidelines adopted by the office of community and rural affairs for the award of such grants. Provides that a state agency may not award a grant of more than \$5,000,000 for any one qualified broadband project. Establishes the rural broadband fund (fund) for the purpose of awarding grants for funding of deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved areas. Provides that the office of community and rural affairs may make grants from the fund for the purpose of awarding grants for funding of deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved areas. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/31/2019 - Senate Utilities, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB461](#)

**SB510 EMS PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT (CHARBONNEAU E)** Implements the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB510](#)

- SB526 USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR BROADBAND PROJECTS** (HOUCHIN E) Defines a "qualified broadband project" as a project for the deployment of broadband infrastructure to provide broadband service for connections to the Internet at specified speeds, regardless of the delivery technology, in unserved areas in Indiana. Defines an "unserved area" as a geographic area of Indiana in which there is not at least one provider of terrestrial broadband service at the designated speeds. **MORE**  
**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Utilities  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB526](#)
- SB536 INCENTIVES FOR ATTRACTING AND HIRING VETERANS** (BOOTS P) Establishes the regional veterans hiring initiative fund (fund). Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) shall administer the fund. Allows the IEDC to enter into a regional veterans hiring initiative agreement with: (1) counties, cities, towns, and development authorities; and (2) local employers; in a region to provide marketing and recruiting services to attract eligible veterans for employment in the region and provide financial support to eligible veterans who relocate to the region to accept employment. **MORE**  
**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB536](#)
- SB564 DISTRIBUTION OF AVIATION TAXES AND FEES** (HOLDMAN T) Provides that aviation fuel excise taxes and inspection fees on aviation fuel must be deposited in the airport development grant fund. (Current law requires: (1) aviation fuel excise taxes to be deposited in equal amounts in the airport development grant fund and the state general fund; and (2) all fuel inspection fees to be deposited in the underground petroleum storage tank excess liability trust fund.)  
**Current Status:** 1/29/2019 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB564](#)
- SB569 ENTREPRENEUR AND ENTERPRISE DISTRICT GRANTS** (BUCHANAN B) Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) shall award a grant from the twenty-first century research and technology fund (fund) to a district board established in Lafayette or Fort Wayne by September 1 of a state fiscal year if the district board applies for a grant. Requires the IEDC to allocate amounts within the fund each state fiscal year for purposes of awarding a grant to a district board established in Lafayette or Fort Wayne.  
**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB569](#)
- SB617 BROADBAND ACCESS GRANTS** (BUCHANAN B) Provides that the office of community and rural affairs (office) may award a grant from the rural economic development fund to an Internet service provider (ISP) that provides Internet service with a transmission speed of: (1) not less than three megabits per second upstream; and (2) not less than 25 megabits per second downstream; in an unserved area. Provides that the amount of the grant is equal to \$750 for each customer in an unserved area who subscribes to the ISP's broadband Internet service for one year under subscription terms established by the office, subject to reporting and verification rules developed by the office and approved by the state director of broadband opportunities.  
**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Utilities  
**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium  
**State Bill Page:** [SB617](#)
- SB623 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS** (BUCHANAN B) Provides that a county assessor or township assessor (if any) may request the department of local government finance (department) to perform a state conducted assessment of a particular commercial building or structure used for retail purposes. Specifies the procedures for the state conducted assessment. Requires assessing officials to apply a cost

approach to assessments of commercial real property used for retail purposes if the property is occupied by the original owner or by a tenant for which the improvement was built. **MORE**

**Recent Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB623](#)

**SB624 INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (BUCHANAN B) Eliminates, for property placed in service by a taxpayer after December 31, 2018: (1) the bonus depreciation add back of the amount that is allowed for federal income tax purposes; and (2) the Section 179 expense add back of the amount that is allowed for federal income tax purposes in excess of \$25,000 per year.

**Recent Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

**Priority:** Tier 2 - Medium

**State Bill Page:** [SB624](#)

**HB1012 PRODUCT LIABILITY ACTIONS** (TORR J) Specifies causes of action that may constitute a product liability action. Repeals provisions pertaining to product liability actions that are based on: (1) property damage resulting from asbestos; and (2) personal injury, disability, disease, or death resulting from exposure to asbestos.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Judiciary

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1012](#)

**HB1021 EDUCATION FINANCE** (THOMPSON J) Replaces references to pre-2019 school funds with references to conform to the education funding and accounting changes made by HEA 1009-2017 and HEA 1167-2018. Extends (through 2022) the ability in current law for a school corporation to allocate circuit breaker credits proportionately (without taking protected taxes into account) under certain circumstances. **MORE**

**Current Status:** 1/29/2019 - Referred to Senate

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1021](#)

**HB1031 CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYABILITY** (HARRIS JR. E) Creates a certificate of employability for persons convicted of misdemeanors and certain felonies. Provides that a court shall issue a certificate of employability to persons convicted of misdemeanors and Class D or Level 6 felonies under certain circumstances, and that a court may issue a certificate of employability to persons convicted of certain more serious felonies. **MORE**

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1031](#)

**HB1037 COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION** (PRYOR C) Establishes the complete count commission to develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to House Elections and Apportionment

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1037](#)

**HB1126 LOCAL TAX MATTERS** (ELLINGTON J) Provides that the local income tax council is the county adopting body for purposes of the local income tax only if: (1) the county income tax council (under the prior law) adopted either the county option income tax or the county economic development income tax; and (2) the population of the county is more than 140,000. Specifies that in all other cases, the county adopting body is the county council. Provides that Highland Township in Greene County may increase its maximum township property tax levy for 2020 and thereafter. Provides that Taylor Township

in Greene County may increase its maximum township property tax levy and its maximum fire protection and emergency services property tax levy for 2020 and thereafter.

**Current Status:** 1/7/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1126](#)

**HB1154 INDIANA STATE CENSUS COUNT COMMITTEE** (HARRIS JR. E) Establishes the Indiana state census count committee to develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census. Appropriates \$13,000,000 from the state general fund beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, to provide funding for the committee's activities.

**Current Status:** 1/7/2019 - Referred to House Elections and Apportionment

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1154](#)

**HB1267 TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYING GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBERS** (GUTWEIN D) Provides a tax credit against state tax liability each taxable year to an employer that employs a member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States who is called to active duty.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1267](#)

**HB1278 VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** (WOLKINS D) In the law concerning the transportation of septage, replaces the term "wastewater management vehicle" with the term "septage management vehicle". Requires certain reports concerning public water systems to be submitted to the department of environmental management (department) electronically. Corrects two references to the code of federal regulations. Eliminates the requirement that a solid waste hauler keep for at least one year certain records about the waste that the hauler collected in Indiana and transported outside Indiana for final disposal. Revises the law concerning the assessment of the state solid waste management fee and provides for the department to deposit the revenue from the state solid waste management fee quarterly rather than monthly. Changes the latest date for the department's annual assessment of hazardous waste annual operation fees from January 15 to June 15. Makes technical changes.

**Current Status:** 2/4/2019 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1278](#)

**HB1384 MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (LUCAS J) Permits the use of medical marijuana by persons with serious medical conditions as determined by their physician. Establishes a medical marijuana program to permit the cultivation, processing, testing, transportation, and dispensing of medical marijuana by holders of a valid permit. Requires the state department of health (state department) to implement and enforce the medical marijuana program. Requires that permit holders undertake steps to prevent diversion of medical marijuana to unauthorized persons. Requires that medical marijuana and medical marijuana products be properly labeled, placed in child resistant packaging, and tested by an independent testing laboratory before being made available for purchase. Prohibits packaging medical marijuana in a manner that is appealing to children. Authorizes research on medical marijuana in accordance with rules set forth by the state department. Prohibits discrimination against medical marijuana users. Prohibits harassment of medical marijuana users by law enforcement officers, and prohibits cooperation with federal law enforcement officials seeking to enforce federal laws that criminalize the use of marijuana authorized in Indiana. Makes conforming amendments.

**Recent Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to House Public Health

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1384](#)

**HB1396 TEACHER SALARIES** (COOK A) Establishes the teacher supplemental compensation fund (fund). Increases the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$1.995 per pack of regular size cigarettes (and a corresponding

increase for larger cigarettes) with the additional revenue deposited in the fund. Provides that the budget agency may approve to deposit into the fund: (1) amounts reverted to the state general fund in a state fiscal year from funds appropriated; or (2) money in the state general fund attributable to the collection of sales tax from retailers without a physical presence in Indiana. Provides that, for each school year beginning after June 30, 2019, and before July 1, 2022, each teacher who provides classroom instruction is entitled to a supplemental payment in excess of the salary specified in the school corporation's compensation plan in the amount of \$2,000.

**Recent Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1396](#)

**HB1460 MARIJUANA (YOUNG J)** Permits a person at least 21 years of age to lawfully possess up to one ounce of marijuana. Makes possession of marijuana in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle a Class C infraction, and makes ingesting marijuana while operating a motor vehicle a Class B misdemeanor. Establishes a per se intoxication level of 10 nanograms of THC per milliliter of whole blood for purposes of operating while intoxicated laws, and requires that the analysis of controlled substances in a person's blood measure only the controlled substance and not metabolites of the controlled substance.

**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1460](#)

**HB1482 DEALER SERVICES (SULLIVAN H)** Provides that a broker is not defined as a lead generation or other marketing service except in certain instances. Defines "dealer owner" for a business entity. Moves certain provisions providing temporary license plates and dealer plates to the dealer services law. **MORE**

**Current Status:** 2/4/2019 - House Bills on Second Reading

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1482](#)

**HB1515 AUTO DEALER FRANCHISES (MORRIS R)** Provides that a manufacturer or distributor of a motor vehicle may not, as a condition of approval for the acquisition of franchise rights, require: (1) the appointment of general management chosen by the manufacturer or distributor; or (2) prior experience with the manufacturer's or distributor's product line. **MORE**

**Recent Status:** 1/17/2019 - Referred to House Roads and Transportation

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1515](#)

**HB1519 CAPTURE OF SALES TAX ON WATER (GIAQUINTA P)** Permits certain units to establish a water infrastructure area (tax area) to capture sales tax within the tax area to be used for repairing or replacing lead water systems used to provide water service to the public. Requires the fiscal officer of the unit to establish a waterline services repair fund in a unit that has established a tax area. Provides that captured sales tax revenue allocated to an account may be used only to repair or replace lead water systems used to provide water service to the public.

**Current Status:** 1/17/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1519](#)

**HB1628 PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS (BEHNING R)** Provides that, after June 30, 2019, in addition to the counties currently participating in the prekindergarten pilot program (program), the program includes eligible providers in any county in Indiana. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to conduct an annual statewide needs assessment to determine which eligible providers are approved to accept grants. **MORE**

**Current Status:** 2/6/2019 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [HB1628](#)



- HB1670 TRANSPORTATION FINANCE** (LAUER R) Repeals the fuel tax index factors. Fixes the gasoline tax rate at 29 cents per gallon, the gasoline tax rate in effect on July 1, 2018. Fixes the special fuel tax rate at 48 cents per gallon, the special fuel tax rate in effect on July 1, 2018. Increases the percentages for distributions from the motor vehicle highway account to counties, cities, and towns: (1) from 12.13% to 15%, for cities and towns; and (2) from 25.87% to 30%, for counties. Eliminates the inflation adjustment of the supplemental fees to register electric and hybrid vehicles.
- Current Status:** 1/24/2019 - Referred to House Ways and Means  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [HB1670](#)
- SB7 MARION COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD** (MISHLER R) Allows the expansion of the professional sports development area (tax area) in Marion County. Changes the maximum amount of state revenue that may be captured in the tax area after July 1, 2021. Authorizes the city-county council to adopt a resolution that continues imposition of the increase to the county supplemental auto rental excise tax through February 28, 2038. Authorizes the city-county council to adopt a resolution that continues imposition of the increase to the county admissions tax through February 28, 2038. Authorizes the city-county council to adopt a resolution that continues the capture of local income taxes attributable to the tax area until December 31, 2040. Allows the treasurer of state to enter into an agreement with the capital improvement board (CIB) in Marion County under which estimated excess revenues may be distributed to the CIB as a loan that must be repaid with interest no later than June 30, 2038.
- Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Appropriations  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB7](#)
- SB94 ANNEXATION** (BOOTS P) Provides, with certain exceptions, that the following apply to annexations for which an annexation ordinance is adopted after April 30, 2019: (1) A municipality initiating an annexation must file a petition with the court signed by at least: (A) 51% of the owners of land that is not exempt from property taxes in the annexation territory; or (B) the owners of more than 75% in assessed valuation of land that is not exempt from property taxes in the annexation territory. (2) If the petition filed by the municipality has enough signatures, the court must hold a hearing to review the annexation. (3) Adds provisions regarding the validity of a signature on an annexation petition. (4) Eliminates the remonstrance procedure for annexations and reimbursement of remonstrator's attorney's fees and costs. (5) Voids remonstrance waivers. (6) Provides that a settlement agreement in lieu of annexation that is executed after April 30, 2019, is void. (7) Eliminates provisions regarding the contiguity of a public highway. Eliminates provisions that prohibit an annexation from taking effect in the year preceding the year that a federal decennial census is conducted.
- Current Status:** 1/31/2019 – Second reading: amended, ordered engrossed  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB94](#)
- SB111 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAMS** (KOCH E) Requires the division of mental health and addiction to establish and administer the: (1) community and faith based substance abuse programs grant; and (2) community and faith based substance abuse transportation assistance grant program. Sets forth requirements and establishes accounts for the grants. Appropriates \$100,000 annually to the community and faith based substance abuse programs grant. Appropriates \$50,000 annually to the community and faith based substance abuse transportation assistance grant program.
- Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services  
**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low  
**State Bill Page:** [SB111](#)
- SB178 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION** (ALTING R) Provides that a person seeking a property tax exemption for property used for a charitable purpose may file an exemption application up to 30 days after the statutory deadline if the person pays a late filing fee. Requires the county auditor deposit all money

collected from the late filing fee in the county's property reassessment fund. Provides that a property owner may submit a property tax exemption application before September 1, 2019, for any real and personal property: (1) for which an exemption application was filed after April 1, 2017, and before April 10, 2017; and (2) that would have been eligible for a property tax exemption if an exemption application had been properly and timely filed for the real and personal property. Specifies that if a property owner files such an exemption application, the property tax exemption shall be allowed and granted for the January 1, 2017, assessment date, and the property owner is entitled to a refund for any taxes, penalties, and interest paid with respect to the property for that assessment date.

**Recent Status:** 1/24/2019 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 28: yeas 48, nays 0

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB178](#)

**SB179 ENTERTAINMENT (ALTING R)** Amends the definition of "entertainment" for purposes of alcohol regulation to include meals and entertainment that were deductible as business expenses before the enactment of the federal Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017.

**Recent Status:** 1/31/2019 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB179](#)

**SB239 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS (FREEMAN A)** Repeals a statute requiring the Indiana board of tax review (board) to recommend that parties settle or mediate any case pending before the board if certain conditions are met. Provides that certain burden shifting requirements do not apply if the assessment that is the subject of the review or appeal is based on substantial renovations or new improvements. Provides that "small claim" means an appeal where the parties have elected to proceed under the board's small claims rules. (Current law defines the term as an appeal of a final determination of assessed valuation that does not exceed \$1,000,000.) Provides that a party must be able to elect out of the small claims rules.

**Current Status:** 1/3/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB239](#)

**SB346 PREKINDERGARTEN PILOT PROGRAM (FORD J)** Provides that, after June 30, 2019, in addition to the counties currently participating in the prekindergarten pilot program (program), the program includes eligible providers in any county in Indiana. Provides that the total amount of grants the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) awards to eligible children in certain participating counties during a state fiscal year may not be less than the total amount of grants the office awarded to eligible children in that county during the immediately preceding state fiscal year unless the office determines that there is an insufficient number of eligible children or eligible providers in the county to justify the total amount of grants for that county.

**Recent Status:** 1/8/2019 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB346](#)

**SB371 PRESUMPTION OF WORKER STATUS (BOOTS P)** Establishes a presumption that a worker performing work at a licensed premises is an independent contractor if certain conditions are met. Provides that the presumption applies for purposes of construing statutes concerning the minimum wage, frequency of wage payments, wage claims, employee breaks, worker's compensation and occupational diseases compensation, unemployment compensation, the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act, and civil rights enforcement. Provides that the presumption may be rebutted with competent evidence and that a meeting or hearing held to rebut the presumption may be held as an executive session under the public meetings law. Provides that, if a worker does not satisfy the conditions and the presumption does not apply to the worker, a presumption is not created that the worker is an employee.

**Current Status:** 1/10/2019 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB371](#)

- SB378 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS** (HEAD R) Requires an addiction treatment team and an office based opioid provider to use one of the three most effective medications as indicated by the federal Food and Drug Administration, unless contraindicated for the patient. Requires the coroner to notify the state department of health (department) and a deceased individual's prescribing physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse upon learning of the death of the individual in the coroner's jurisdiction as the result of a controlled substance overdose. Requires the department to maintain a list of physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses who prescribe a controlled substance that results in an overdose death. Requires the medical licensing board to adopt rules to establish treatment requirements for physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses who treat patients with chronic pain that are based on the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain. Requires that the medical licensing board adopt rules to require physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses who treat patients with a drug addiction to use one of the three most effective medications as indicated by the federal Food and Drug Administration, unless contraindicated for the patient.
- Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** [SB378](#)
- SB420 TAX CREDIT FOR WORKFORCE EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS** (RAATZ J) Provides an income tax credit for contributions made to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that is certified by the department of education and the department of workforce development as an Industry Credentialing Organization (ICO). Provides that the amount of the credit equals 50% of the amount of the contribution made to the ICO. Allows a taxpayer to carry forward any unused credit amounts for nine taxable years following the unused credit year. Provides that the total amount of tax credits awarded in a state fiscal year may not exceed \$14,000,000. **MORE**
- Current Status:** 1/24/2019 – Education and Career Development Committee report: amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** [SB420](#)
- SB495 TOLL REDUCTIONS** (GROOMS R) Establishes a toll bridge charges rebate program (rebate program) to provide rebates to individuals who are residents of Floyd County and Harrison County and who incur charges to access an Ohio River toll bridge as a result of a closure of the Sherman Minton Bridge for a period of more than six months. Provides that the amount of the rebate is 50% of the amount of tolls paid by the individual during the period of time that the Sherman Minton Bridge is closed. Provides that the department of transportation (department) shall administer the rebate program. Establishes the procedures for claiming a rebate. Appropriates amounts necessary to make the rebate payments from the state general fund to the department.
- Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** [SB495](#)
- SB496 VOLUNTARY FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM** (TALLIAN K) Requires the department of insurance (department) to establish, not later than January 1, 2020, a voluntary family leave insurance program (program) for the purpose of providing benefits to employees who elect to participate in the program. **MORE**
- Current Status:** 2/6/2019 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
- Priority:** Tier 3 - Low
- State Bill Page:** [SB496](#)
- SB542 PETITION FOR CHANGING TIME ZONES** (BASSLER E) Requires the governor to petition the United States Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings under the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to locate all of Indiana in the Central Time Zone. Requires the governor's petition to request that the

change of Indiana's time zone becomes effective on the date that daylight saving time begins in Indiana in 2021.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB542](#)

**SB543 MARION COUNTY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AREA (SANDLIN J)** Establishes an additional professional sports development area in Marion County to capture state and local revenue for capital improvements. Provides for the issuance of indebtedness to finance a multipurpose soccer stadium.

**Recent Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB543](#)

**SB578 TAX CREDIT FOR BRIDGE TOLL EXPENSES (GROOMS R)** Provides a state tax credit to qualified businesses that pay tolls to cross certain Ohio River bridges. Provides that a qualified business is a business entity that: (1) is authorized to transact business in Indiana; (2) maintains its principal office, or a branch office, in Clark County or Floyd County; (3) incurs at least \$500 of qualified toll expenses to cross certain Ohio River bridges during a taxable year; and (4) has a Riverlink commercial account. Provides that the amount of the tax credit may not exceed the lesser of: (1) the amount of qualified toll expenses paid by the qualified business during the taxable year; or (2) \$1,000. Provides that a business entity wishing to claim the credit must file an application with the department of state revenue during the taxable year requesting certification of the business entity as a qualified business for that taxable year.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB578](#)

**SB579 TAX DEDUCTION FOR OHIO RIVER BRIDGE TOLLS (GROOMS R)** Provides an income tax deduction to qualified individuals who pay tolls to cross a bridge across the Ohio River that has its northern terminus in Clark County. Provides that a qualified individual is an individual who: (1) resides in Clark County; (2) incurs at least \$100 in nonreimbursed toll expenses to cross the Ohio River bridge in Clark County during a taxable year; and (3) has a Riverlink personal account. Provides that the amount of the tax deduction may not exceed the lesser of: (1) the amount of nonreimbursed tolls paid by the qualified individual during the taxable year; or (2) \$500.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2019 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB579](#)

**SB592 EXCESS LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS (GLICK S)** Provides that, if certain conditions are met, a person who was not an owner or operator of an underground storage tank (UST) at the time of a release from the UST may assume liability for corrective action in response to the release from the UST and may receive reimbursement from the underground petroleum storage tank excess liability trust fund (ELTF). **MORE**

**Current Status:** 1/15/2019 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

**Priority:** Tier 3 - Low

**State Bill Page:** [SB592](#)