

Southwest Indiana Chamber Bill Report

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HB1004 SMALL BUSINESS RESTART GRANT PROGRAM (LINDAUER S) Establishes the Hoosier hospitality small business restart grant program to provide grants to eligible entities to accelerate economic recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus disease pandemic. Establishes the small business restart grant fund. Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation administers the program and fund. Provides parameters for the program. However, authorizes the corporation to change the parameters of the program, which, if a change is made, must be reviewed by the budget committee at the meeting following the change. Makes an appropriation.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Motion to concur filed

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1004](#)

HB1007 STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND GRANT PROGRAM (VERMILION A) Requires the state department of health, in consultation with the office of the secretary of family and social services, to study and prepare a plan to improve the health and behavioral health of Indiana residents based on specified criteria. Requires the department to submit and present the plan to the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services. Requires the department to prepare and present an annual report to the interim study committee regarding the progress made in meeting the metrics and goals of the plan. Requires that the department establish and maintain on the department's Internet web site a web page that indicates the performance and progress of the metrics and goals of the most significant areas identified in the plan. Establishes the prevention and addressing of health issues...**MORE**

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1007](#)

HB1009 TANF PROGRAM (GOODRICH C) Provides that for purposes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, income earned by a certain individual in the household who is participating in or pursuing a postsecondary degree, workforce certificate, pre-apprenticeship, or apprenticeship may not disqualify an eligible household from receiving benefits, and may not be considered in determining the amount of assistance. Increases the state earned income tax credit to an amount equal to 10% (instead of 9%) of the federal earned income tax credit that an individual claimed for a taxable year.

Recent Status: 3/22/2021 - Committee Report do pass adopted; 8-0; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1009](#)

HB1309 PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATION (ENGLEMAN K) Allows an employee to request an accommodation for the employee's pregnancy. Requires an employer to respond to an employee's request for an accommodation within a reasonable time frame. Provides that a request for accommodation does not require an employer to provide an accommodation for an employee's pregnancy, or impose a duty or obligation upon the employer to provide an accommodation or an exception to the employer's policies unless existing federal or state laws require that an accommodation must be made. Prohibits an employer from disciplining, terminating, or retaliating against an employee because the employee has requested or used an accommodation for the employee's pregnancy.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Committee Report do pass, 6-4

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1309](#)

HB1397 TECHNICAL TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (GOODRICH C) Provides that the governor's workforce cabinet may establish a course catalog that shall list all: (1) work based learning, preapprenticeship, and apprenticeship opportunities in Indiana; and (2) providers that are eligible to receive high value workforce ready grants. Provides that a high school may replace certain high school courses on the high school transcript with alternative courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in order to satisfy an Indiana diploma with a Core 40 with academic honors designation or another designation requirement.

Current Status: 3/25/2021 - Committee Report do pass adopted (Yeas 12, Nays 0); reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1397](#)

HB1418 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES (NEGELE S) Provides that application information declared confidential by the Indiana economic development corporation is exempt from public disclosure under the Access to Public Records Act. Provides that the corporation shall establish a transparency portal on its Internet web site. Removes the responsibility of the governor to appoint a president to the corporation. Requires the corporation to upload on its Internet web site (1) final public financial resource agreements to which the corporation is a party and (2) reports that the corporation submitted to the general assembly. Establishes provisions that require greater transparency in state and local government actions related to incentives received by the corporation and the Indiana destination development corporation.

Current Status: 4/5/2021 - Senate Commerce and Technology, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1418](#)

HB1449 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (SOLIDAY E) Amends the statute governing the awarding of grants from the rural broadband fund as follows: (1) Provides that an "eligible broadband project" for purposes of the statute includes a project for the deployment of terrestrial broadband infrastructure: (A) to buildings used by public school corporations primarily for educating students; (B) to rural health clinics; (C) to ensure that eligible students (defined as Indiana residents who are less than 23 years of age and who are enrolled in a K-12 school in Indiana) have access points providing a connection to eligible broadband service; and (D) in rural areas in Indiana. (2) Specifies that terrestrial broadband infrastructure includes infrastructure used for a fixed wireless Internet connection but does not include infrastructure used for a satellite Internet connection. (3) Provides that with respect to an eligible broadband project involving the deployment of broadband infrastructure to public school ...**MORE**

Current Status: 3/30/2021 – Third reading passed, 50-0

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [HB1449](#)

SB1 CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19 (MESSMER M) Provides civil tort immunity for damages arising from COVID-19 on the premises owned or operated by a person, on any premises on which the person or an employee or agent of the person provided property or services to the individual, or during an activity managed, organized, or sponsored by the person, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Defines "COVID-19 protective product" and provides civil tort immunity for harm that results from the design, manufacture, labeling, sale, distribution, or donation of a COVID-19 protective product, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Prohibits class action suits.

Current Status: 2/18/2021 - Public Law 1

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB1](#)

- SB2 FUNDING FOR VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (RAATZ J) Establishes a definition of "virtual instruction" for purposes of determining a school corporation's basic tuition support using the: 2020 fall count; and 2021 spring count; of average daily membership.
Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Signed by the Governor
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB2](#)
- SB5 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES** (GARTEN C) Provides that if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared emergency addressed by an executive order, the local order may be less stringent than the executive order to the extent permitted by the executive order. Provides that if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared emergency that is not addressed by an executive order or if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared emergency more stringently than an executive order, the local order may not take effect, or remain in effect, unless the local order is approved by the county legislative body (in the case of a county health department) or by an ordinance adopted by the city legislative body...**MORE**
Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, 7-3
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB5](#)
- SB213 CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARKS** (HOLDMAN T) Specifies additional information that a certified technology park (park) is required to provide to the Indiana economic development corporation (corporation) in the course of a review. Provides that if a park has reached the limit on deposits and maintains its certification the park shall become a Level 2 park. Increases, from \$100,000 to \$250,000, the annual additional incremental income tax deposit amount that a park captures once it has reached its limit on deposits. Clarifies the calculation of the additional incremental income tax deposit amount in the year in which a park reaches its limit on deposits. Provides that when the corporation certifies a Level 2 park the corporation shall make a determination of whether the park shall continue to be designated as a Level 2 park.
Current Status: 3/4/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB213](#)
- SB214 LOW INCOME HOUSING** (HOLDMAN T) Reinstates provisions that were repealed in the 2016 session in Senate Bill 309 regarding eligibility for the property tax exemption for improvements on real property that are constructed, rehabilitated, or acquired for the purpose of providing low income housing. Provides that payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) may be required from a property owner claiming such an exemption.
Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments ;
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB214](#)
- SB264 BROADBAND CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY** (KOCH E) Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications (committee) the topic of the installation and leasing of broadband capacity infrastructure by investor owned electric utilities to broadband service providers for the provision of broadband Internet service to unserved and underserved areas in Indiana. Provides that if a study is assigned to the committee: (1) the committee must consider certain specified issues; and (2) an electric utility may submit to the committee, not later than July 1, 2021, a study concerning the feasibility of making available broadband capacity infrastructure for use by broadband service providers in providing broadband service in unserved or underserved areas in the electric utility's assigned service area.
Current Status: 3/2/2021 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB264](#)

SB352 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (HOUCHIN E) Requires the office of community and rural affairs (office) to establish a process to be used before each formal submission of applications for grants from the rural broadband fund (fund) in which the office will: (1) invite any prospective grant applicant to submit a letter of intent identifying all addresses and census blocks that the applicant intends to include in a grant application; and (2) make all addresses and census blocks submitted in letters of intent publicly available for a period of time, during which eligible broadband service providers will have the opportunity to challenge a listed address or census block. Provides that challenges under the new process are to be based on the asserted deployment of "minimum broadband Internet" at a specific address. Specifies that the process established is to precede and remain distinct from the statutory procedures for actual grant applications. Provides that the department of transportation (INDOT) ...**MORE**

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB352](#)

SB359 BROADBAND PROJECTS (BALDWIN S) Requires the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT) to create a broadband corridor program (dig once program) to manage the location, installation, and maintenance of communications infrastructure that is used for the provision of broadband services and is located within the rights-of-way of limited access highways. Requires INDOT to adopt policies, procedures, and standards under the dig once program for required installation of fiber conduit by a public or private entity that performs an excavation within a limited access highway right-of-way.

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Second reading ordered engrossed

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB359](#)

SB377 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (ZAY A) Provides that if the office of community and rural affairs (office) determines that a county has achieved broadband Internet connectivity for at least 90% of the county's residents before January 1, 2026, the office may certify the county as 21st Century Connected. Provides that the office may allocate to each certified county \$50,000 from the rural broadband fund (fund) for the provision of digital literacy programs in the county. Establishes the Indiana broadband connectivity program (program) for the purpose of expanding availability of broadband Internet connectivity throughout Indiana. Provides that as part of the program, the office must establish a public broadband portal through which an individual may report that minimum broadband Internet (defined as a connection to the Internet at an actual speed of at least 25 megabits per second downstream and at least three megabits per second upstream) is unavailable at the individual's residential or business address. Provides that a broadband Internet provider may: (1) register with the program; (2) receive, at least every three months, listings of addresses submitted to the office as addresses at which minimum broadband Internet is unavailable; (3) report to the office any listed address at which the provider's minimum broadband Internet service is already available...**MORE**

Recent Status: 3/29/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB377](#)

SB384 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS AND CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT AREAS (HOLDMAN T) Provides that the Evansville PSCDA (which is currently expired) is renewed beginning after June 30, 2021, for an additional 20 years, including the addition of the downtown convention center hotel to the Evansville PSCDA. ...**MORE**

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments

Priority: Tier 1 - High

State Bill Page: [SB384](#)

SB386 COST SECURITIZATION FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY ASSETS (KOCH E) Provides that an electric utility that has certain qualified costs that: (1) are associated with an electric generation facility that will be retired from service within 24 months; and (2) are equal to at least 5% of the electric utility's total electric base rate; may file a petition with the utility regulatory commission (IURC) for a financing order authorizing the securitization of the qualified costs. Provides that an "electric utility", for purposes of the bill, is a public utility that: (1) owns or operates any electric generation facility for the provision of electric utility service to Indiana customers; (2) is under the jurisdiction of the IURC; and (3) has a total of not more than 200,000 retail electric customers. Provides that not later than 240 days after a petition for a financing order is filed, the IURC shall conduct a hearing and issue an order on the petition. Provides that in issuing a financing order for cost securitization, the IURC must find **...MORE**
Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Senate Concurred in House Amendments
Priority: Tier 1 - High
State Bill Page: [SB386](#)

HB1001 STATE BUDGET (BROWN 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**
Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1001](#)

HB1002 CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19 (TORR J) Protects health care providers from professional discipline for certain acts or omissions arising from a disaster emergency unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. Provides that a health care provider is not protected from professional discipline for actions that are outside the skills, education, and training of the health care provider, unless certain circumstances apply. Specifies that orders and recommendations issued by local, state, and federal government agencies and officials during a state disaster emergency do not create new causes of action or new legal duties. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are presumed irrelevant to the issue of the existence of a duty or breach of a duty. Prohibits filing a class action lawsuit against a defendant in a civil action **...MORE**
Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, 7-1
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1002](#)

HB1005 SCHOOL CHOICE MATTERS (BEHNING R) Establishes the Indiana education scholarship account program (program). Provides that, after June 30, 2022, a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may establish an account in the program. Defines an eligible student as: (1) a student with a disability who requires special education; (2) a student with a parent who is on active duty service in the armed forces of the United States or national guard; or (3) a student placed in foster care or otherwise under care and supervision of the department of child services. Provides that an eligible student who has an account and attends a qualified school is eligible to receive an annual grant amount that may be used to pay for tuition at an accredited nonpublic school or education related expenses. Provides that the treasurer of state shall administer the program. Provides a deduction from Indiana adjusted gross income for a grant amount that is distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana education savings account and used for a qualified expense, to the extent the distribution is included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income. Changes the eligibility requirements to receive choice scholarships. Makes changes to the amount of tuition an eligible choice scholarship **...MORE**
Recent Status: 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1005](#)

HB1025 ENTERPRISE ZONE RENEWALS (PRESSEL J) Provides that an enterprise zone may be renewed for an additional five year period if the fiscal body of the municipality in which the enterprise zone is located adopts a resolution to renew the enterprise zone. Provides that a zone business located in the renewed enterprise zone may only access the property tax deduction incentive.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Second reading ordered engrossed

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1025](#)

HB1101 DAYCARE LICENSURE EXEMPTION IN DECLARED EMERGENCY (DAVISSON S) Exempts from day care licensure requirements a child care program that: (1) is operated by a public or private organization under a contract with a public or private school; (2) serves children who are enrolled in a public or private school in grades kindergarten through 12, or in a preschool program offered by the public or private school; (3) serves children who are: (A) attending school through remote or e-learning due to a disaster emergency; or (B) participating in a learning enrichment program operated in cooperation with the public or private school.

Recent Status: 3/23/2021 - Third reading passed; 48-0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1101](#)

HB1127 MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION FORENSIC TREATMENTS (STEUERWALD

G) Removes a provision that allows a: (1) delinquent child's; or (2) person's; Medicaid participation to be terminated following a two year suspension due to certain adjudications or incarceration. Adds competency restoration services to the list of treatment and wraparound recovery services made available to certain persons in the criminal justice system. Adds competency restoration services to the list of services that qualify a person for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Adds: (1) recovery community organizations; and (2) recovery residences; certified by the division of mental health and addiction or its designee to the list of organizations eligible for certain funds and grants from the division. **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/29/2021 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments; 93-0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1127](#)

HB1152 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (LEONARD D) Clarifies provisions concerning the overpayment of unemployment benefits resulting from fraud or failure to disclose wages and the forfeiture of benefits or wage credits.

Recent Status: 3/23/2021 - Third reading passed; 39-10

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1152](#)

HB1164 VARIOUS UTILITY MATTERS (MANNING E) Exempts a contract for the lease of state property under which no state expenditures are required from provisions: (1) requiring certain disclosures and certifications by a prospective state contractor regarding violations of Indiana telephone solicitation and automated calling statutes; (2) regarding cancellation of public purchasing contracts due to lack of funds; (3) regarding state contractor use of the E-Verify program; and (4) prohibiting state contractor employment of unauthorized aliens. Provides that: (1) rural electric cooperatives; and (2) municipalities providing electric service; shall permit attachments by communications service providers to poles owned or controlled by the cooperatives or municipalities. Provides that any pole attachment rental fee imposed by a rural electric cooperative or a municipality: (1) must be calculated on an annual, per-pole...**MORE**

Current Status: 4/8/2021 - Senate Utilities, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1164](#)

HB1190 OVERWEIGHT TRUCK PERMITS (PRESSEL J) Removes the list of commodities and the specific weight limitations for certain commodities from the definition of "overweight divisible load". Provides that the Indiana department of transportation may issue an overweight permit for transporting overweight vehicles and loads carrying resources on certain highways in the state highway system. Provides that the department shall recalculate and apply permit fees for annual and trip permits based on the 2014 Purdue Study, and shall consider the impact of overweight divisible loads on roads and highways. Provides that not more than 118,950 trip permits may be issued annually for applicants with a total equivalent single axle load calculation is more than 2.40 equivalent single axle load credit. Provides that if the number of permits issued comes close to the set limits, the department may give preference to those applicants that have obtained prior permits before January 1, 2021, for overweight divisible loads, not to exceed the number of permits previously issued to that applicant...**MORE**

Current Status: 4/6/2021 - Senate Homeland Security and Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1190](#)

HB1197 HOOSIER SPIRIT II DESIGNATED STATE AIRCRAFT (MCNAMARA W) Specifies that the P-47 Thunderbolt known as the Hoosier Spirit II is designated as the official state aircraft of Indiana. (Current law designates the P-47 Thunderbolt as the official state aircraft of Indiana.)

Current Status: 3/30/2021 - Returned to the House with amendments
3/29/2021 – Third reading passed; 47-1

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1197](#)

HB1220 21ST CENTURY ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (SOLIDAY

E) Reestablishes the 21st century energy policy development task force (task force), following its expiration on December 2, 2020. Provides that the task force consists of 17 members as follows: (1) Six members of the house of representatives, with four of those members appointed by the speaker, and two appointed by the minority leader. (2) Six members of the senate, with four of those members appointed by the president pro tempore, and two appointed by the minority leader. (3) The utility consumer counselor or the utility consumer counselor's designee. (4) The public finance director or the public finance director's designee. (5) Three members appointed by the governor, each of whom must have specified experience with respect to energy. Provides that: (1) one of the members appointed by the speaker; and (2) one of the members appointed by the president pro tempore; shall serve as...**MORE**

Current Status: 3/30/2021 – Third reading passed, 49-0

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1220](#)

HB1225 OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS (VERMILION A) Requires an opioid treatment program to obtain prior authorization from the division of mental health and addiction (division) for patients receiving more than 14 days of opioid treatment medication from an opioid treatment program unless otherwise prescribed by the division. Allows the state opioid treatment authority (authority) to: (1) take certain remedial actions; and (2) impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000; in response to certain violations concerning the operation of an opioid treatment program. Specifies that the authority may issue a civil penalty for each violation found by the authority. Requires the division to report certain findings to the general assembly not later than April 1 of each year. Requires certain information to be provided to the division for the purpose of completing specified reporting requirements.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [HB1225](#)

HB1266 EDUCATION BUILDING AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES (CLERE E) Requires the department of education to issue a request for information concerning the possible establishment of educational building authorities and educational transportation authorities that would operate kindergarten through grade 12 school buildings, or other educational experience centers, and kindergarten through grade 12 transportation, respectively. Provides that the deadline for submission of responses to the request for information may not be later than September 1, 2021. Requires the department to prepare and submit, not later than October 1, 2021, a report that includes the information regarding the responses to the request...**MORE**
Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Second reading ordered engrossed
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1266](#)

HB1286 TELEHEALTH MATTERS (LINDAUER S) Provides for a standard definition of telehealth in titles 12, 16, 25, and 27. Prohibits the Medicaid program from specifying originating sites and distant sites for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement. Changes the use of the term "telemedicine" to "telehealth". Expands the application of the telehealth statute to additional licensed practitioners instead of applying only to prescribers. Provides that veterinarians may provide telehealth services only when an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship has been established. Amends the definition of "telehealth". Requires that the telehealth medical records be created and maintained under the same standards of appropriate practice for medical records for patients in an in-person setting. Amends requirements for a ...**MORE**
Current Status: 2/24/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1286](#)

HB1348 ASSESSMENT OF UTILITY GRADE SOLAR PROJECTS (SOLIDAY E) Provides that, for assessment dates beginning after December 31, 2021, the land portion of the fixed property of a utility grade solar energy installation facility shall be assessed at an amount that does not exceed the solar land base rate for the region in which the property is located. Provides that the land portion of the fixed property is considered nonresidential real property for purposes of calculating a person's credit under the tax caps. Provides a limited exception for certain utility grade solar energy installation facilities that were assessed on the January 1, 2021, assessment date. Requires the department of local government finance to annually determine and release a solar land base rate for each region based on the median true tax value per acre of...**MORE**
Current Status: 4/6/2021 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1348](#)

HB1381 COMMERCIAL WIND AND SOLAR STANDARDS AND SITING (SOLIDAY E) Establishes default standards concerning the following with respect to developments to install or locate wind power devices in local units: (1) Setback requirements. (2) Height restrictions. (3) Shadow flicker limitations. (4) Signal interference. (5) Sound level limitations. (6) Project decommissioning. Provides that a permit authority for a local unit may not restrict, or impose conditions or limitations on, the construction, installation, siting, modification, operation, or decommissioning of wind power devices in the unit unless the unit first adopts a wind power regulation. Provides that a permit authority may not impose standards that: (1) concern wind power devices in the unit; and (2) are more restrictive than the default standards. Specifies that a unit may do the following: (1) Adopt and enforce a wind power regulation that includes standards that are less restrictive than the default wind power standards set forth in the bill. (2) Waive or make less restrictive any standard set forth in: (A) the bill's default ...**MORE**
Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1381](#)

HB1396 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO (SMALTZ B) Makes the following changes to IC 7.1: (1) Provides that the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) has additional powers with regard to tobacco. (2) Allows the holder of a food hall vendor's permit and a retailer's permit who also holds a permit for a small brewery, a farm winery, or an artisan distillery (craft manufacturer) to sell carryout alcoholic beverages at the retailer's permit premises that are produced under the craft manufacturer's permit. (3) Amends the definition of "entertainment complex" to include a venue with permanent seating for at least 600 (instead of 800) persons. Also amends the requirements for an entertainment complex to include, in part, a premises: (A) located entirely within a two mile radius of the center of a consolidated city; and (B) used by a nonprofit organization primarily as a fine arts theater or for the professional performance of musical or theatrical entertainment. (4) Removes the requirement that the **...MORE**

Current Status: 4/7/2021 - Senate Public Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1396](#)

HB1520 ELECTRIC UTILITY RELIABILITY ADEQUACY METRICS (SOLIDAY E) Provides that a public utility that owns and operates an electric generating facility serving Indiana customers shall operate and maintain the facility using good utility practices and in a manner: (1) reasonably intended to support the provision of reliable and economic electric service to customers; and (2) reasonably consistent with the resource reliability requirements of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) or any other appropriate regional transmission organization. Provides that, not later than 30 days after the deadline for submitting an annual planning reserve margin report to MISO, each public utility providing electric service to Indiana customers shall file with the IURC a report that provides the following information for each of the next three resource planning years: (1) The capacity, location, and fuel source for each electric generating facility that is owned and **...MORE**

Recent Status: 3/30/2021 - Third reading passed; 50-0
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [HB1520](#)

SB3 TELEHEALTH MATTERS (CHARBONNEAU E) Prohibits the Medicaid program from specifying originating sites and distant sites for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement. Prohibits the use of telehealth to provide any abortion, including the writing or filling of a prescription for any purpose that is intended to result in an abortion. Changes the use of the term "telemedicine" to "telehealth". Specifies certain activities that are considered to be health care services for purposes of the telehealth laws. Expands the application of the telehealth statute to additional licensed practitioners instead of applying only to prescribers. Amends the definition of "prescriber" and "telehealth". Provides that a practitioner who directs an employee to perform a specified health service is held to the same standards of appropriate practice as those standards for health care services provided at an in-person setting. Requires that the **...MORE**

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 – Motion to concur filed
3/30/2021 - Third reading passed; 91-1
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB3](#)

SB54 FAFSA COMPLETION INCENTIVE AWARDS (LEISING J) Requires the department of education to establish a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion incentive pilot program. Provides requirements for a school corporation to receive a FAFSA completion incentive award. Provides a formula to determine the amount of a school corporation's FAFSA completion incentive award.

Recent Status: 3/30/2021 - Third reading passed; 87-6
Priority: Tier 2 - Medium
State Bill Page: [SB54](#)

SB215 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (HOLDMAN T) Provides for an expiration date of an allocation area of not more than 50 years in the case of an allocation area established by the redevelopment commission of a qualified city for the purpose of financing a mixed use development project, but only if the legislative body of the qualified city adopts a resolution to approve an independent analysis with regard to the proposed development project that demonstrates the need for an allocation area that exceeds 25 years. Authorizes a qualified city, subject to the same requirement for a resolution of the legislative body, to enter into leases financed with incremental tax revenue from the allocation area for a term not to **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/4/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB215](#)

SB220 WORKER'S COMPENSATION (TALLIAN K) Provides that if, after the occurrence of an accident, compensation is paid for temporary total disability or temporary partial disability, then the two year limitation period to file an application for adjustment of claim begins to run on the last date for which such compensation was paid. Increases benefits for injuries and disablements by 2% each year for three years, beginning on July 1, 2021. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 3/2/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB220](#)

SB238 DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREAS (BROWN L) Modifies the term "entertainment complex." Allows a county or municipality to designate an area of the county or municipality as an outdoor refreshment area (refreshment area) with the approval of the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission). Provides that if a refreshment area is approved, the commission designates retailer permittees (designated permittees) located within the refreshment area. Allows a consumer to exit a designated permittee's premises with one open container of an alcoholic beverage at a time to consume within the refreshment area. Limits the volume of an open container (based upon the type of alcoholic beverage) that a **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/2/2021 - Referred to House Public Policy

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB238](#)

SB271 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (MESSMER M) Provides that a property owner claiming the industrial waste control facility property tax exemption must: (1) provide a written statement attesting that the property claimed as exempt meets the requirements for the exemption; and (2) file the statement along with the exemption claim. Eliminates provisions under which the property owner must mail a copy of the exemption claim to the department of environmental management (department) and the assessor is required to allow the total exemption claimed by the property owner if the department does not certify its determination to the assessor within 120 days. Amends the law concerning the department's preparation of a list of impaired waters to provide for the list to be posted to the department's Internet web site **...MORE**

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, 15-8

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB271](#)

SB336 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (FREEMAN A) Increases, from \$40,000 to \$60,000, the acquisition cost threshold for the business personal property tax exemption.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Returned to the Senate with amendments

4/1/2021 – Third reading passed; 68-21

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB336](#)

SB373 CARBON CREDIT PROGRAMS (GLICK S) Amends the law concerning the President Benjamin Harrison conservation trust program to give the program additional powers relating to the reduction of carbon footprints. Authorizes the program to: (1) receive money from persons wishing to invest in actions that will result in carbon sequestration; (2) deposit the money in an account called the INpact forest carbon account; (3) use money in the account to purchase property that will generate carbon offsets and make grants to land trusts or other entities that will purchase property to generate carbon offsets; and (4) sell or facilitate the sale of carbon offsets. Provides that money in the INpact forest carbon account may be used to pay **...MORE**

Current Status: 3/30/2021 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended 10-3

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB373](#)

SB389 REPEALS STATE REGULATED WETLANDS LAW (GARTEN C) Repeals the law requiring a permit from the department of environmental management for wetland activity in a state regulated wetland. Makes corresponding changes to eliminate references to that law. States that the repeal of that law is not intended to affect: (1) the regulation in Indiana under the federal Clean Water Act of the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; or (2) the authorization of the state of Indiana to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program. Provides that the repeal of that law extinguishes any judicial or administrative proceeding concerning an alleged violation of IC 13-18-22, an administrative rule concerning IC 13-18-22, or the terms of a permit issued under IC 13-18-22.

Recent Status: 3/22/2021 - House Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 2 - Medium

State Bill Page: [SB389](#)

HB1003 TUITION SUPPORT (SLAGER H) Establishes a definition of "virtual instruction" for purposes of determining a school corporation's basic tuition support using the average daily membership.

Current Status: 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1003](#)

HB1008 STUDENT LEARNING RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM (CARBAUGH M) Establishes the: (1) student learning recovery grant program; and (2) student learning recovery grant program fund. Provides that, to be eligible to receive a grant, an eligible entity must develop and submit a student learning acceleration plan (plan). Establishes requirements for a plan and certain information reporting requirements for those eligible entities that are awarded a grant. Requires, before November 1, 2021, and November 1, 2022, the department of education to submit a report to the interim committee on education. Appropriates to the fund from the state general fund for the purposes of the program \$150,000,000 for the 2021 state fiscal year.

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - House Bills on Third Reading

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1008](#)

HB1123 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN FISCAL AND EMERGENCY MATTERS (LEHMAN M) Specifies that the bill is severable. Provides that the general assembly may convene in an emergency session if the legislative council adopts a resolution making certain findings concerning a state of emergency declared by the governor. Specifies the maximum length of an emergency session. Provides that in an emergency session the general assembly may enact only bills relating to the agenda stated in the legislative council's resolution. Provides that the general assembly may adopt concurrent resolutions and each house may adopt simple resolutions during an emergency session. Establishes the legislative state of **...MORE**

Current Status: 4/5/2021 - House Conference Committees Eligible for Action CCR #1

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1123](#)

HB1238 NORTHEAST INDIANA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HEINE D) Establishes the northeast Indiana strategic development commission as a body corporate and politic. Provides for appointment of members of the commission. Specifies the purposes of the commission.

Current Status: 3/29/2021 - House Concurred in Senate Amendments; 89-2

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1238](#)

HB1337 PLANNING AND ZONING (HOSTETTLER M) Provides that the legislative body (instead of the area board of zoning appeals) has final approval or disapproval of petitions for special exceptions or special uses in a county that has an area plan commission. Provides that the transfer of authority to the legislative body does not affect a petition filed before July 1, 2021. Requires the legislative services agency to prepare legislation for introduction in the 2022 regular session of the general assembly to organize and correct statutes relating to the transfer of responsibilities. Provides that the advisory planning law does not authorize an ordinance or action of the advisory plan commission to prevent complete alienation of forests or agricultural uses outside the corporate boundaries of a municipality.

Current Status: 3/18/2021 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1337](#)

HB1402 ALL PAYER CLAIMS DATA BASE (SCHAIBLEY D) Amends the definition of "health payer" to except some policies of accident and sickness insurance. Establishes requirements for the development and administration of the all payer claims data base. Establishes the all payer claims data base advisory board (advisory board) and sets forth membership requirements. Specifies the duties of: (1) the advisory board; and (2) the executive director who oversees the operation of the data base. Requires the establishment of a fee formula for data licensing and claims data collection and release.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [HB1402](#)

SB36 PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (BECKER V) Establishes the psychology interjurisdictional compact concerning interjurisdictional telepsychology and the temporary authorization to practice psychology in another compact state. Sets forth requirements of a compact state. Sets forth the duties of the psychology interjurisdictional compact commission.

Current Status: 3/25/2021 - Referred to the Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB36](#)

SB123 AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY COMPACT (KRUSE D) Enacts the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact. Establishes requirements regarding: (1) speech-language pathology assistants; and (2) the supervision of speech-language pathology support personnel. Requires the speech-language pathology and audiology board to adopt rules not later than June 30, 2022. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 4/1/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

4/1/2021 – House Committee do pass, 11-0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB123](#)

SB143 PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS (ZAY A) Allows a public employer and a self-funded health plan to use a reverse auction to procure the services of a pharmacy benefit manager. Requires an audit of prescription drug cost sharing for the state Medicaid program once every three state fiscal years. Requires a pharmacy benefit manager to: (1) perform its contractual duties in good faith and in observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing; and (2) notify a health plan in writing if any activity, policy, or practice of the pharmacy benefit manager presents a conflict of interest. Adds requirements of pharmacy benefit managers when denying an appeal of the maximum allowable cost pricing of a prescription drug. Requires the department of insurance to develop a process for complaints regarding pharmacy benefit managers. Requires a pharmacy benefit manager to provide the department with...**MORE**

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Committee Report amend do pass, 23-0

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB143](#)

SB207 HIGHWAY FINANCES (DORIOT B) Reduces the required percentage amount of the motor vehicle highway account distributions that counties, cities, and towns must use for the construction, reconstruction, and preservation of highways from 50% in current law to 40% in calendar years beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2023. Provides that, for a period in which the reduction applies, the term "preservation" includes both snow removal and expenditures for deicing road salt or similar deicing agents. Requires counties, cities, and towns that apply the reduced required percentage amounts authorized under the bill to submit to the local technical assistance program at Purdue University in conjunction with the Indiana department of transportation a detailed itemization of the uses of the funds in the calendar year that were for: (1) purposes other than construction, reconstruction, and preservation; and (2) preservation that included only snow removal and expenditures for deicing road salt or similar deicing agents. Requires the LTAP to present a statewide aggregate report of the results received from counties, cities, and towns to the state budget committee for each year.

Current Status: 3/1/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB207](#)

SB305 PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT (MESSMER M) Adopts the physical therapy licensure compact. Makes conforming amendments.

Recent Status: 3/25/2021 - Referred to the Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB305](#)

SB348 WASTEWATER TASK FORCE (KOCH E) Establishes the task force on wastewater infrastructure investment and service to underserved areas (task force). Provides that the task force consists of the following 14 members: (1) Four members of the senate, with the president pro tempore appointing three members (one of whom serves as co-chair of the task force), and the minority leader appointing one member. (2) Four members of the house of representatives, with the speaker appointing three members (one of whom serves as co-chair of the task force), and the minority leader appointing one member. (3) Six gubernatorial appointees, including the following: (A) One officer or employee of the state. (B) One member representing operators of wastewater management systems. (C) One engineer, or another professional, with expertise in wastewater management systems. (D) One member representing ratepayers. (E) One member representing municipalities served by a wastewater operator not under the jurisdiction of the utility regulatory commission. (F) One member of the general public. Sets forth the duties of the task force. Requires the task force to ...**MORE**

Current Status: 4/5/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB348](#)

SB407 STATE DISASTER EMERGENCIES (GLICK S) Provides that federal economic stimulus funds (funds) disbursed to the state during a period in which the general assembly is convened in regular or special session are subject to appropriation by the general assembly, and if the funds are disbursed in a period in which the general assembly is not convened in regular or special session, then the allotment of those funds is subject to review by the state budget committee. Establishes the legislative state of disaster advisory group to: (1) consult with, receive information from, and advise the governor concerning a widespread disaster emergency; (2) review, evaluate, and make recommendations with respect to a widespread disaster emergency; and (3) inform the members of the general assembly concerning the advisory group's work and the widespread disaster emergency. Provides that a disaster emergency affecting 10 or more counties may be extended beyond its initial period, or beyond an...**MORE**

Current Status: 3/4/2021 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures

Priority: Tier 3 - Low

State Bill Page: [SB407](#)

SB175 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (MESSMER M) Requires a primary source of supply (primary source) that wants to amend, cancel, terminate, or refuse to renew a distribution agreement entered into with a beer wholesaler to: (1) act in good faith, with good cause, and with due regard for the equities of the beer wholesaler; and (2) provide written notice. Provides that a primary source has a right to amend, cancel, terminate, or refuse to renew distribution agreements with all beer wholesalers that have entered into the same distribution agreement with the primary source and are located in the United States. Also makes the following changes to IC 7.1: (1) Allows the holder of a food hall vendor's permit and a retailer's permit who also holds a permit for a small brewery, a farm winery, or an artisan distillery (craft manufacturer) to sell carryout alcoholic beverages at the retailer's permit premises that are produced under the craft manufacturer's permit. (2) Amends the definition of "entertainment complex" to include a venue with permanent seating for at least 600 (instead of 800) persons. Also amends the requirements for an entertainment complex to include, in part, a premises: (A) located entirely within a two mile radius of the center of a consolidated city; and (B) used by a nonprofit organization primarily as a fine arts theater or for the professional performance of musical or theatrical entertainment. (3) Establishes requirements in order for a liquor to be advertised or labeled Indiana rye whiskey. (4) Allows a craft manufacturer to locate near a school or church if the church or school does not object. (5) Provides for "grab and go stores" that are accessible only by ticketed event attendees and provide self-service sales of alcoholic beverages in addition to sales of food and nonalcoholic beverages. (6) Allows a retailer, small brewery, farm winery, or artisan distillery to deliver alcoholic beverages to a customer in the parking lot or an adjacent area. (7) Allows a small brewery, farm winery, and artisan distillery to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages to a wholesaler directly from a separate storage building. (8) Allows a farm winery that: (A) does not distribute through an Indiana wine wholesaler to self distribute to a retailer or dealer up to 3,000 gallons in a calendar year, depending upon the amount of wine the farm winery takes out of bond the previous calendar year; or (B) distributes through an Indiana wholesaler, to self distribute the greater of 1,000 gallons or 50% of the amount the farm winery distributed through the wholesaler the previous calendar year, not to exceed 3,000 gallons. Also allows an artisan distillery that: (A) does not distribute through an Indiana wholesaler, to self distribute to a retailer or dealer up to 300 proof gallons in a calendar year, depending upon the amount of liquor the artisan distillery takes out of bond the previous calendar year; or (B) distributes through an Indiana wholesaler to self distribute the greater of 100 proof gallons or 50% of the amount the permit holder ...**MORE**

Recent Status: 4/1/2021 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

State Bill Page: [SB175](#)