



The Arc of Indiana  
2017 Indiana General Assembly  
Bill Report

**HB1001 STATE BIENNIAL 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. Terminates the legislative evaluation and oversight program.

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**HB1003 STUDENT ASSESSMENTS.** (BEHNING R) Replaces the ISTEP test program after June 30, 2018, with a new statewide assessment program to be known as Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN). Provides that after June 30, 2018, a student must complete a graduation pathway requirement rather than pass a graduation exam. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on education for study during the 2017 interim of the general assembly the topic of Indiana's laws concerning school certificated employee evaluations. Provides that not later than November 1, 2017, the department of education (department) shall make recommendations to the general assembly for updating Indiana's graduation waiver requirements. Provides that a school corporation may revise its teacher evaluation plan for the 2017-18 school year to determine how to include ISTEP results in evaluations of certificated employees. Makes conforming amendments.

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**HB1004 PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION.** (BEHNING R) Provides that, after June 30, 2017, the early education grant pilot program (prekindergarten pilot program) includes: (1) eligible providers in an additional 15 counties; and (2) eligible providers that received a grant under the early education matching grant program and meet certain conditions. Changes references to the "pilot program" to the "prekindergarten pilot program". Adds additional requirements for an eligible provider to participate in the prekindergarten pilot program. Adds additional requirements for an eligible child to qualify for or receive a grant under the prekindergarten pilot program. Amends income eligibility requirements for eligible children in counties that meet certain conditions and establishes certain requirements and restrictions. Provides that the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) may award a grant to a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider for an expansion plan if certain requirements are met. Requires a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider to repay to the office the total amount of the grant awarded if the potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider fails to use the grant funds in accordance with the expansion plan or in compliance with the agreement with the office. Requires the office to: (1) monitor the educational outcomes resulting from the implementation of expansion plans; and (2) annually provide the governor and legislative council a report of the findings of the office concerning the educational outcomes. Amends a

provision that requires a match for the prekindergarten pilot program be from at least 10% but not more than 50% to be at least 5% but not more than 50%, with an exception. Requires the office to make random onsite inspections, as determined necessary by the office, of facilities of eligible providers and potential eligible providers or existing eligible providers each year. Provides that the office may determine that an eligible provider or potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider is no longer eligible under the prekindergarten pilot program. Provides that eligible children who use a prekindergarten pilot program grant to attend a prekindergarten program at an eligible choice scholarship school are eligible to receive a choice scholarship to attend the same eligible choice scholarship school if certain conditions are met. Requires the division of family resources to develop a provider rate reimbursement schedule that uses money appropriated by the general assembly as an incentive for providers eligible to receive voucher payments under the federal Child Care and Development fund voucher program to meet the standards of quality recognized by a Level 3 or Level 4 Paths to QUALITY program rating. Requires the department of education (department) to approve an early learning development framework for prekindergarten. Requires the office to apply for waivers from all applicable federal agencies to receive any federal funding for child care or prekindergarten education in one block grant to use for child care and prekindergarten programs in the state. Establishes the prekindergarten pilot program fund (fund). Allows the office to develop and implement a reimbursement program to reimburse costs incurred by parents to provide technology based, in-home early education services to a child. Allows money in the fund to be used to pay for the reimbursements. Repeals the provisions concerning the early education matching grant program.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

**HB1005 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.** (BOSMA B) Abolishes the office of the state superintendent of public instruction on January 10, 2025. Provides that, after January 10, 2025, the governor shall appoint a secretary of education. Establishes residency, education, and experience qualifications for the secretary of education. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

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**HB1006 MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS.** (KIRCHHOFER C) Requires the secretary of family and social services to provide that residences for residential care and supported housing for chronic addiction that receive reimbursement when used as a recovery residence to be certified and meet standards determined by the division of mental health addiction through administrative rules. Adds, subject to the approval of the Indiana commission to combat drug abuse (commission), an individual who is: (1) less than 18 years of age; and (2) a defendant whose case is either waived from juvenile court to adult court or directly filed in adult court; to the individuals who may be eligible for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Provides that a child welfare program may be established for the purpose of providing child welfare substance abuse treatment services for families and children who have an open child welfare or delinquency case with the juvenile court. Requires that information and training concerning child welfare substance abuse treatment services be provided to certain judges, department of child services employees, and public defenders. Includes

neonatal abstinence syndrome as a factor for a child to be determined a child in need of services. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on corrections and criminal code the topic of extending mental health and addiction forensic treatment services to individuals in the criminal justice system: (1) who: (A) are charged with a misdemeanor offense; or (B) have a prior misdemeanor conviction; and (2) who have been placed in or are eligible for placement in a pretrial services program, a community corrections program, a prosecuting attorney's diversion program, or jail. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services).

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**HB1007 EDUCATION COURSE ACCESS PROGRAM.** (COOK A) Allows the department of education (department) to authorize course providers to offer course access program courses that provide for the delivery of instruction through any method, including online technologies, in the course access program (program). Requires the department to: (1) oversee the program; (2) approve courses offered in the program; and (3) maintain a course access program catalog. Requires the department to negotiate a tuition fee for each offered course. Requires the school corporation in which an eligible student is enrolled to transfer the tuition fee for a course to the authorized course provider. Defines "eligible student" as a student pursuing: (1) any type of diploma available for students to receive in Indiana; or (2) an industry certification that appears on the state board of education's approved industry certification list. Provides certain reasons a school corporation may deny a student's enrollment in a course access course. Provides that a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may appeal the school corporation's decision to the department. Allows the state board of education to adopt emergency and nonemergency rules.

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**HB1011 HEALTH CARE CHARGES.** (CULVER W) Beginning in 2018, requires health care providers to publish and provide to patients the charges for procedures rendered by the health care provider. Beginning in 2020, requires health care providers to publish and provide to patients the charges for each product or service rendered by the health care provider.

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**HB1061 LYME DISEASE INFORMATION.** (SHACKLEFORD R) Requires a health care provider or health care provider's designee who orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease to provide the patient or the patient's legal representative with certain written information concerning Lyme disease.

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**HB1066 BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES.** (PORTER G) Provides that a bias motivated crime is a crime in which the person who commits the crime knowingly or intentionally selects:

(1) the individual against whom the crime was committed; or (2) any property damaged or otherwise affected by the crime; in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual or a group of individuals, whether or not the person's belief or perception was correct. Amends the law that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report information concerning bias motivated crimes. Makes it an aggravating circumstance that may be considered by a judge when the judge imposes a sentence for a crime if the crime is a bias motivated crime.

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**HB1075 TAX CREDIT FOR IMPROVING RESIDENCE ACCESSIBILITY.** (MACER

K) Provides a credit against the adjusted gross income tax to a taxpayer who: (1) purchases a new residence that has improved accessibility or universal visibility; or (2) retrofits an existing residence to improve accessibility or provide universal visibility.

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**HB1081 TEACHER SALARIES.** (COOK A) Makes changes to factors used to determine increases or increments in a local salary range. Removes an obsolete provision.

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**HB1086 MEDICAL PAYMENT COVERAGE.** (FRYE R) Specifies that medical payment

coverage is supplemental to coverage under a health plan or public health coverage program. Specifies that: (1) the amount paid under medical payment coverage must not exceed the amount to which the health care provider agreed as payment in full for a health care service under the covered individual's health plan or public health coverage program; and (2) the covered individual is not liable for any amount that exceeds the amount to which the health care provider agreed as described in (1).

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**HB1102 TASK FORCE TO ASSESS SERVICES.** (CLERE E) Establishes a task force for assessment of services and supports for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Specifies the composition, duties, and governance structure of the task force.

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**HB1112 ABSENTEE VOTING.** (KLINKER S) Provides that a voter who has been hospitalized, has been confined to a health care facility, or suffered an injury after the final day for applying for an absentee ballot may cast an absentee ballot on election day before an absentee voter board if the county election board or the Indiana election commission makes certain findings.

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**HB1139 OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH INSURANCE.** (BRAUN M) Allows an accident and sickness insurer that is licensed in certain other states, but is not licensed in Indiana, and that complies with the state examination and insurance premium tax requirements, to issue a policy of accident and sickness insurance to a resident of Indiana without complying with other Indiana insurance law.

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**HB1146 NONADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DRUGS AND MEDICAID.** (MACER K) Specifies that long acting, nonaddictive medication assistance treatment drugs are included within prescribed drugs as a Medicaid service and the office of Medicaid policy and planning may not require prior authorization for the drug.

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**HB1148 CANNABIDIOL AND TREATMENT RESISTANT EPILEPSY.** (FRIEND W) Defines "cannabidiol" and "substance containing cannabidiol" and establishes a cannabidiol registry for certain persons for the use of a substance containing cannabidiol in the treatment of an individual with treatment resistant epilepsy. Requires the state department of health to maintain the registry. Provides that the offense of possession of paraphernalia applies to the possession of certain items used in connection with lawfully possessed cannabidiol. Establishes defenses to: (1) possession of marijuana; and (2) an allegation that a person has violated a condition of supervised release; if the charge or violation is based on the use of a substance containing cannabidiol.

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**HB1150 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST REPORTING.** (TAYLOR III J) Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to identify any prescription drug under the Medicaid program for which the annual wholesale cost or the per course cost of treatment of the drug is at least \$10,000, and directs the office to notify the manufacturer that the manufacturer is required to prepare a report on the drug to the drug utilization review board (board). Specifies requirements of the report. Authorizes the board to request additional information, establish forms, and specify other requirements that a manufacturer must meet in the filing of the report. Requires the board to: (1) keep proprietary information confidential; and (2) summarize the submitted reports and submit a report to the general assembly for inclusion on the general assembly's Internet web site.

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**HB1151 SNAP BENEFITS.** (TAYLOR III J) Removes the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) requirements for reentry court program participants. Provides that individuals who were receiving SNAP through a reentry court program continue to receive SNAP until the individual: (1) no longer meets the SNAP eligibility

requirements; or (2) has received SNAP for the maximum period allowed. Allows individuals convicted of a drug offense to be eligible to participate in SNAP under the federal opt out option.

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**HB1152 SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.** (TAYLOR III J) Provides that an evidence based plan for improving student behavior and discipline in a school corporation: (1) may not contain any zero tolerance requirements; (2) must reduce disproportionality in discipline or inappropriately high rates of in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, and expulsion; and (3) must limit referrals to law enforcement or arrests on school property to those necessary to protect the health and safety of other students or school employees. Adds a definition of "exclusion". Adds a definition of "positive discipline". Provides that a school's discipline policy must include a graduated system of discipline and incorporate positive discipline principles and establish clear limits for referring students to law enforcement officials only in cases necessary to protect the safety of other students or school employees. Makes various changes to provisions relating to school discipline to reduce student exclusion from school. Repeals a provision that provides that a principal may require a student at least 16 years of age who wishes to reenroll in school after an expulsion to attend certain alternative educational programs.

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**HB1153 USE OF RESTRAINTS IN HEALTH FACILITIES.** (LEONARD D) Provides that if a patient has had at least one injury as a result of the patient's diagnosed Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related disorder and if the injury would have been prevented if the patient had been restrained, a health facility may use mechanical restraints on the patient. Sets certain conditions that must be met. Requires development and review of a plan or guidelines for use of restraints.

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**HB1162 ARMED OFFICERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.** (LUCAS J) Allows: (1) off duty; and (2) retired; law enforcement officers to carry a handgun in or on school property. Allows: (1) reserve; and (2) former reserve; law enforcement officers to carry a handgun in or on school property.

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**HB1177 CANNABIDIOL OIL TREATMENT FOR EPILEPSY.** (KERSEY C) Provides that an individual who possesses or uses cannabidiol oil for the treatment of intractable epilepsy is not subject to criminal penalties for the possession or use of the cannabidiol oil if certain conditions are met. Provides civil, criminal, and administrative immunity for a physician who recommends, possesses, dispenses, or administers cannabidiol oil in the treatment of intractable epilepsy.

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**HB1180 BLIND AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION.** (KERSEY C) Increases, from \$17,000 to \$22,000, the taxable gross income limitation for the residential real property tax deduction for an individual who is blind or is an individual with a disability beginning with the January 1, 2017, assessment date.

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**HB1185 LIMITED LIABILITY FOR AIDING A COMPANION ANIMAL.** (LAWSON L) Provides that a certified advanced emergency medical technician, certified emergency medical technician, or paramedic who provides certain emergency medical services to a companion animal is not liable for an act or omission related to the services provided unless the act or omission constitutes negligence or willful misconduct. Defines "companion animal" as a pet or service animal. Grants civil immunity to a person who forcibly enters a locked car for the purpose of rescuing a companion animal. Does not extend civil immunity to acts of entry involving gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Defines additional terms.

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**HB1204 USE OF OIL FROM INDUSTRIAL HEMP.** (ARNOLD L) Requires the Indiana state seed commissioner to adopt emergency rules to establish standards and specifications for commercial cultivation and production of industrial hemp.

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**HB1220 STAFF PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.** (MCNAMARA W) Makes changes to factors that must be included in a school corporation's teacher performance evaluation plan. Provides that a professional teacher who is rated as highly effective or effective is required to receive a teacher evaluation only one time every five years. Provides that a: (1) probationary teacher; or (2) professional teacher who receives an evaluation of improvement necessary; must receive performance evaluations annually. Makes technical and conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1227 STUDY OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA.** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Urges the legislative council to establish a study committee during the 2017 legislative interim to study issues related to the school funding formula and the methodology used to determine state funding of schools in Indiana.

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**HB1252 CANNABIS OIL FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.** (GOODIN T) Exempts an individual and a physician from criminal penalties for possession or use of cannabis oil if: (1) the

individual is the patient of the physician and has cannabis oil transferred, dispensed, or administered to the individual as part of the individual's treatment by the physician; and (2) the physician who is treating the individual transfers, dispenses, or administers cannabis oil as part of the individual's treatment.

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**HB1270 NEWBORN SCREENINGS.** (VANNATTER H) Establishes when a blood sample must be taken from a newborn infant for testing for certain disorders. Provides that the time requirement for taking a blood sample does not apply to preterm infants or newborn infants who receive a total exchange blood transfusion.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1273 NETWORK PROVIDER REFERRALS.** (BAIRD J) Specifies notice requirements for network health care providers that make referrals to out of network health care providers. Provides for exceptions to the notice requirements.

*Current Status:* 4/24/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**HB1281 VARIOUS HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS.** (SULLIVAN H) Allows the commission for higher education (commission) to extend, with limitations, eligibility for certain grants or reductions in tuition or fees for recipients who used the grants or reductions in tuition or fees at postsecondary educational institutions that have closed. Amends provisions regarding renewal of certain scholarships and tuition and fee remissions. Changes the term "professional degree program" to "professional degree program or accelerated graduate degree program" and amends the definition. Amends the provision regarding the use of renewals and extensions of certain grants or reductions in tuition or fees for professional degree programs or accelerated graduate degree programs. Allows recipients of certain grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees to: (1) use, with certain limitations, funds from the grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees to pay for costs associated with prior learning assessments that the student attempts to earn during the academic year in which the student receives the grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees; and (2) count anticipated credit hours for prior learning assessments toward attendance requirements. Establishes the tuition and fee exemption reimbursement fund to provide reimbursement to state educational institutions for certain tuition and fee remissions. Provides that the commission, in coordination with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, shall administer the primary care shortage area scholarship. (Current law provides that the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall administer the scholarship.) Requires a scholarship recipient to enter into an agreement with the commission (instead of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine). Requires the commission to: (1) study and make recommendations regarding the benefits of a reverse transfer policy for Indiana students and prepare a report regarding the recommendations; and (2) submit, not later than November 1, 2017, the report to the budget agency and legislative council.

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**HB1287 CHOICE PROGRAM.** (CLERE E) Defines "countable asset" and amends the definition of "case management" and "eligible individual" for purposes of the community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled program (CHOICE program). Provides that under the CHOICE program, the division of aging (division): (1) must establish a cost participation schedule for each eligible individual; and (2) may not require a family member or other person to provide services as a condition of eligibility. Requires a case manager from an area agency on aging to perform initial verification and reverification of an individual's income and assets for the CHOICE program. Requires the division to convene collaborative work groups with area agencies on aging to develop policies that establish: (1) a person-centered planning process, supported by a needs-based assessment tools, to be used; and (2) the percentage of program dollars adequate to provide case management services; (3) training necessary; (4) data collection standards; (5) program performance measures; and (6) a cost participation schedule; for the CHOICE program.

*Current Status:* 4/20/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**HB1336 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MATTERS.** (KIRCHHOFER C) Repeals the expiration provision for the office of minority health and the birth problems registry. Specifies various ways in which a hospital board may be named. Extends eligibility for the hearing aid assistance program (program) to a child who is at least three years of age and less than seven years of age. Removes: (1) a requirement for the program that reimbursement is unavailable from specific third sources in order to be eligible for the program; and (2) the state department of health's ability to use internal and external resources to administer the program and registration by external entities. Raises the maximum amount that can be reimbursed for a hearing aid under the program from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Provides that in cases in which food is believed to be adulterated or so misbranded as to be dangerous or fraudulent, the commissioner or the commissioner's agent may mark food to give notice that the food has been detained or embargoed for not more than 15 days. (Current law allows the food to be detained or embargoed for five days.) Provides that if an individual files a complaint under certain food safety laws concerning an issue related to food safety or a food borne illness, certain personal information of the individual is confidential.

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**HB1337 TELEMEDICINE MATTERS.** (KIRCHHOFER C) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to reimburse a Medicaid provider, determined by the office to be eligible, for covered telemedicine services. Prohibits the office from setting any distance restrictions under Medicaid on telehealth services and telemedicine services. Adds podiatrist to the definition of "prescriber" for purposes of telemedicine services. Requires a telemedicine services prescriber to contact the patient's primary care provider if the telemedicine services prescriber has provided care to the patient at least two consecutive times through the use of telemedicine services. Removes a limitation on prescribing controlled substances except for opioids through the use of telemedicine if: (1) the prescriber maintains a controlled substance registration; (2) the prescriber meets federal requirements concerning the prescribing of the controlled substance; (3) the patient has been examined in person by a licensed Indiana health care provider that has established a treatment plan to assist the prescriber in the diagnosis of the patient; (4) the prescriber has reviewed and approved the treatment

plan and is prescribing for the patient pursuant to the treatment plan; and (5) the prescriber complies with the requirements of the INSPECT program. Allows for the prescribing of an opioid using telemedicine services if the opioid being prescribed is a partial agonist being prescribed to treat or manage an opioid dependence.

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**HB1340 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAY SERVICES.** (SULLIVAN H) Specifies the reimbursement method for specified services under the family supports Medicaid waiver and the community integration and habilitation Medicaid waiver. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to determine the cost to providers of providing quality services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requires the office to collect data on cost from providers to determine appropriate reimbursement rates that adequately compensate the provider.

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**HB1344 LEAD AND ARSENIC SOIL CONTAMINATION IN EAST CHICAGO.** (HARRIS JR. E) Defines "East Chicago area of special concern" to refer to the areas of the city of East Chicago in which lead or arsenic has been discovered in the soil through testing or in which the presence of lead or arsenic in the soil is probable. Encourages the department of environmental management (IDEM) to cooperate with and provide assistance to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the sampling, excavation, and removal of contaminated soil and restoration work in the East Chicago area of special concern. Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority to cooperate with and provide assistance to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the relocation of residents of the East Chicago area of special concern to other residential areas. Requires the state agencies and, if necessary, the attorney general to collect from the EPA the reasonable costs incurred by the state agencies in providing the assistance. Requires IDEM to conduct testing of the water supply for East Chicago to determine whether it is in compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations for lead.

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**HB1347 COMPASSIONATE USE REGISTRY FOR EPILEPSY THERAPY.** (MOSELEY C) Requires the state department of health (department) to administer and enforce a compassionate use registry program. Allows for the possession and use of low THC cannabis for the treatment of intractable epilepsy if prescribed by a qualified physician. Establishes the compassionate use registry for the registration of physicians, patients, and a patient's parent or guardian. Establishes licensing requirements for organizations that dispense low THC cannabis. Requires each director, manager, and employee of a dispensing organization to register with the department. Provides that a physician is not subject to certain criminal, disciplinary, and civil actions for prescribing or recommending low THC cannabis to a patient. Provides that a patient in the compassionate use registry and a licensed dispensing organization are not subject to certain criminal laws for possession of low THC cannabis.

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**HB1353 REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.** (HUSTON T) Establishes the administrative rules review committee (committee), and provides for appointment of the committee. Provides that the committee shall meet annually, or more often at the call of the chair. Requires the committee to review nonemergency administrative rules. Requires an agency to submit an adopted nonemergency administrative rule to the committee for review before the administrative rule takes effect. Requires the legislative services agency to provide a list of enrolled acts passed in that state fiscal year that require an agency to adopt administrative rules.

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**HB1356 MEDICAL CANNABIS.** (ERRINGTON S) Defines "qualifying patient", and permits a qualifying patient to use medical cannabis under certain circumstances. Requires the state department of health to adopt rules before July 1, 2018, concerning the use, distribution, cultivation, production, and testing of medical cannabis. Provides limited reciprocity for holders of nonresident medical cannabis cards. Provides immunity from civil and criminal liability for physicians who recommend the medical use of cannabis. Provides a defense to: (1) arrest; and (2) criminal prosecution; for marijuana possession and use in certain circumstances. Makes conforming amendments.

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**HB1372 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATIONS.** (SMITH M) Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that, for a state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the higher of: (1) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year; or (2) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2015-2016 school year. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores, from the ISTEP program test taken in the spring of 2016, may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular teacher's annual performance rating.

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**HB1384 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS.** (BEHNING R) Provides that before July 1, 2018, the state board of education (state board) shall establish a definition of a high mobility school for schools with a high concentration of mobile students. Provides that for each school year beginning after June 30, 2018, the department of education (department) shall make a report regarding the performance of high mobility schools and post the report on the department's Internet web site. Provides that for purposes of calculating a school's category or designation of school improvement, the state

board shall consider the mobility of high school students who are credit deficient and whether any high school should be rewarded for enrolling credit deficient students or penalized for transferring out credit deficient students. Provides that \$50,000 is the maximum grant a school corporation or charter school may receive under the dual language immersion pilot program. Provides that appropriations to the department to provide grants to school corporations for high ability students must be for expenditures beyond those for regular educational programs. Provides that the state board may accredit a nonpublic school at the time the nonpublic school begins operation in Indiana. Provides that the state board may accredit a nonpublic school that enters into a contract with the state board to become a freeway school at the time the nonpublic school enters into the contract. Provides that a choice scholarship school may submit a request to the state board to waive or delay certain consequences if it is placed in the two lowest categories or designations of school improvement for a particular school year. Provides that the state board may grant a request to an eligible school that requests a delay or waiver if the choice scholarship school demonstrates that a majority of students in the eligible school demonstrated academic improvement during the preceding school year. Requires a school corporation to issue, upon request of a parent, a posthumous diploma to a student who: (1) dies while enrolled in grade 12 of a school in the school corporation; and (2) was academically eligible or on track to meet the requirements for the diploma at the time of death. Requires the department to conduct a review of each high school's graduation cohort on a schedule determined by the department. Prohibits a school from classifying a student as, or applying an exit code or description that indicates that a student is, leaving a cohort for the reason of removal by a student's parents to provide instruction equivalent to that given in the school unless the school has substantial evidence that the parent or guardian of the student initiated the student leaving the cohort. Amends requirements for an individual who obtains a position as a school social worker. Makes changes to the composition of the board of trustees for Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. Provides that a school corporation may designate a full-time employee of the school corporation to represent the school corporation in a small claims court action to collect unpaid required fees if the claim does not exceed \$1,500. Provides that all students, regardless of age, enrolled in an adult high school must be included and calculated under the same requirements, metrics, and goals established under the alternative accountability system to assess the performance of an adult high school system. Makes technical corrections.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Conference Committee Report Adopted (H) Report 1: adopted by the House; Roll Call 549: yeas 69, nays 29; Rules Suspended

**HB1386 COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION.** (BEHNING R) Establishes the competency based education pilot program (pilot program). Provides that the department of education may award grants under the pilot program for competency based education programs from the innovation network school grant fund. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline for House bills (Rule 79(b))

**HB1387 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS.** (BEHNING R) Provides that appropriations to the department of education to provide grants to school corporations for high ability students must be for expenditures beyond those for regular educational programs. Makes changes to the definition of "teacher" to include a: (1) school nurse; and (2) school social worker. Makes changes to the composition of the board of trustees for Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1391 SOCIAL WORKER LICENSES.** (FRIZZELL D) Creates a bachelor's degree social worker license. Provides an exception from the social work and clinical social work license requirements for providers who are contracted by the department of child services and meet certain requirements. Provides that individuals who pursue a social work license with a bachelor's degree may apply under existing requirements and use clinical social work experience hours until July 1, 2019. Allows individuals who: (1) have at least two years of experience; (2) meet certain requirements; and (3) apply before July 1, 2018; to be granted a bachelor's degree social worker license without taking an examination. Provides that any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker accumulates do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements. Requires the behavioral health and human services licensing board to issue a license to a bachelor's degree social worker, social worker, or clinical social worker who: (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction; (2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the license examination; (3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and (4) pays a fee.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

**HB1392 ACCESS TO EPILEPSY MEDICATIONS.** (FRIZZELL D) Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning, a managed care organization, and the healthy Indiana plan from requiring in specified programs prior authorization for antiepilepsy and anticonvulsant drugs, and requires unrestricted access for recipients to these drugs.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1393 ADMINISTRATION OF HUMAN SERVICES.** (FRIZZELL D) Provides enhanced eligibility verification, real-time eligibility monitoring, and enhanced authentication requirements for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) and Medicaid program and reports to the legislative council concerning the impact of these requirements. Prohibits waivers of work requirements for the SNAP program, and requires individuals to participate in child support enforcement activities as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits. Requires submission of evidence to a prosecuting attorney in the case of SNAP and the Medicaid fraud control unit in the case of Medicaid when the family social service administration has reasonable grounds to suspect that an applicant for the program has committed fraud or another crime.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1407 PROBATE AND TRUST MATTERS.** (WASHBURNE T) Makes various changes to probate and trust laws concerning contesting of wills, authorization of certain acts by a trustee, and the consideration of the requests of de facto custodians and living parents of incapacitated persons in the appointment of guardians and in custody orders. Prohibits a court clerk from collecting a court costs fee for the filing of a closing statement associated with a small estate. Specifies parameters for electronic message delivery. Makes technical corrections.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

**HB1435 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS.** (AUSTIN T) Allows applicants for licensure as a clinical social worker (LCSW) to obtain required clinical social work experience by working at a community mental health center or other qualified facility or program and under the supervision of a qualified LCSW supervisor. Provides that any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant accumulates do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1439 FSSA MATTERS.** (KIRCHHOFER C) Allows a Medicaid recipient who is incarcerated to have the recipient's Medicaid suspended for up to two years instead of one year before terminating the recipient's Medicaid eligibility. Defines "comprehensive risk contract" and "managed care organization" for purposes of Medicaid. Specifies that if a provision of Indiana insurance law conflicts with the administration of a law applying to a managed care organization with respect to the managed care organization's Medicaid responsibilities, the law applying to the managed care organization with respect to the Medicaid responsibilities is controlling. Changes language in the Medicaid law to reflect the existence of more than one risk based managed care program. Removes obsolete references to "primary care case management". Removes references to "insurer", "insurance", and "health maintenance organization" in the law concerning the healthy Indiana plan (plan) to reflect the sole use of managed care organizations to provide coverage under the plan. Allows the secretary of the office of family and social services (office) to determine the amount, based on the individual's annual household income per year, that an individual must continue to contribute to the individual's health care account in order to participate in the plan. Provides that the amount determined by the office based on an individual's annual income must be budget neutral to the state as determined by the state budget agency. Requires that the federal government approve the contribution amount determined by the secretary. Makes conforming amendments. Makes a technical correction to a federal Code citation.

*Current Status:* 4/24/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**HB1443 NOTICE FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICE PATIENTS.** (JUDY C) Provides that a home health agency may not terminate or discontinue providing some or all home health services provided for a patient unless the home health agency has provided the patient written notification at least 15 days before the termination or discontinuation of the home health services.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1471 IN211 PROGRAM.** (SIEGRIST S) Transfers from the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to the housing and community development authority (authority) the responsibility for administering the statute concerning the administration of the 211 dialing code used to provide access to human services information and referrals. For purposes of the statute, expands the definition of "human services" to include assistance concerning: (1) emotional and physical abuse (including sexual assault); (2) specified public health issues; (3) food programs and nutrition education; (4) safe and affordable housing; (5) occupational and vocational training; and (6) reentry programs for persons leaving certain facilities. Caps the amount that the authority may budget, allocate, and disburse from the 211 services account (account) each state fiscal year to carry out the authority's purposes under the statute at \$50,000. Removes the requirement that the expenses of administering the account be paid from money in the account. Provides that money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. (Current law provides that money appropriated to the account by the general assembly and remaining in the account at the end of a state fiscal year reverts to the state general fund.) Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 4/24/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**HB1486 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COST INFORMATION.** (SCHAIBLEY D) Requires health care providers and health plans to provide to covered individuals and patients certain information concerning the cost of health care services. Requires health care providers to publish a payment policy for medically necessary health care services not covered by a third party payment source. Requires the department of insurance to establish, post, and maintain on the department's Internet web site a standardized prior authorization form for notice or authorization for health care services. Requires a state employee health plan, an accident and sickness insurer, and a health maintenance organization to: (1) use only the standardized prior authorization form; (2) allow electronic submission of the form and supporting information; and (3) respond verbally and electronically within 48 hours. Prohibits Medicaid, including risk based managed care organizations, from requiring prior authorization for certain drug testing of recipients enrolled in a drug treatment program. Urges the legislative council to assign issues related to health care prior authorization to an appropriate interim study committee for study and a report during the 2017 interim of the general assembly.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1490 CIGARETTE TAX.** (BROWN T) Increases the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$1.995 per pack of regular size cigarettes (and a corresponding increase for larger cigarettes) and uses the additional revenue for reimbursements of Medicaid providers.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1493 LONG TERM CARE AND HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.** (BROWN T) Requires a home and community based services program for individuals who are aged or disabled to include reimbursement for assisted living services in the Medicaid program. Requires the division of aging to report to the general assembly a plan to expand the scope and availability of home and community based services for individuals who are aged or disabled and requires the division to implement the plan. Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) from including certain individuals who receive nursing facility services in a Medicaid risk based managed care program or a capitated managed care program through December 31, 2019. Specifies the model to be used for Medicaid nursing facility service payments. Requires the office to do the following: (1) Provide public notice of at least one year before reducing nursing facility service reimbursements. (2) Review currently offered home health programs, develop additional programs, and report on the programs to the general assembly. Requires the state department of health to amend rules concerning residential care facilities to comply with federal law concerning the provision of home and community based services. Requires the office to report by October 1, 2017, to the legislative council concerning Medicaid recipient eligibility for health facility services. Requires home health agencies to drug test job applicants and employees who come into direct contact with patients. Exempts from drug testing certain licensed home health employees. Requires random drug testing of at least 50% of certain employees to occur at least annually. Allows for random drug testing upon reasonable suspicion of illegal controlled substance use and sets forth parameters of the random drug testing. Requires verification of a positive drug test, and requires the employee to pay for the verification test. Specifies that, unless an employee has a valid prescription for the substance for which the employee tests positive on a drug test, a home health agency shall either discharge an employee or suspend an employee from direct contact with patients for at least six months if the drug test is positive. Specifies that a home health agency that discharges or suspends an employee or refuses to hire a job applicant because of a positive drug test is considered to have discharged, suspended, or refused to hire for just cause. Provides that a home health agency, when acting in good faith and in compliance with state law, is immune from civil liability for conducting employee drug testing or taking an employee disciplinary action or discharging an employee as the result of employee drug testing. Provides that immunity does not apply to actions that constitute gross negligence or wanton misconduct.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

**HB1507 SCHOOL BUSES.** (SOLIDAY E) Provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement with an agency or organization serving individuals with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus used by the special education cooperative or school corporation may be used to transport individuals with a developmental disability. (Current law provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement with a state supported agency serving individuals with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus may be used to transport individuals with a developmental disability.) Removes a requirement that an individual with a developmental disability must live within the boundaries of the special education cooperative or school corporation.



*Current Status:* 2/23/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**HB1525 MODIFYING THE SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY.** (SULLIVAN H) Requires that parking signs for accessible parking spaces for an individual with a physical disability must bear, instead of the international symbol of accessibility (also known as the international wheelchair symbol), a modified symbol of access, and describes the symbol. Requires that license plates and placards for display in or on a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability must bear, rather than the international symbol of accessibility, the modified symbol of access.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1553 EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.** (KARICKHOFF M) Provides that the policy (policy) of the state is to promote competitive and integrated employment, including self-employment, as the first and preferred option when providing services to individuals with disabilities who are of working age. Provides that the policy applies to programs and agencies that provide services and support to help obtain employment for individuals with disabilities. Provides that the primary objective and preferred outcome of transition services provided as part of a special education program or related services to a child with a disability who is at least 14 years of age is to assist the child in obtaining competitive and integrated employment. Establishes an employment first task force (task force) to: (1) establish baseline data regarding the number of individuals with disabilities in competitive and integrated employment and set annual goals for increasing the percentage of individuals with disabilities in competitive and integrated employment; (2) identify and resolve barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities; (3) analyze current state agency policies concerning the provision of services to individuals with disabilities and recommend changes; (4) assist state agencies in the implementation of the policy; and (5) provide an annual report to the governor and the legislative council concerning the employment of individuals with disabilities. Provides that the director of the division of disability and rehabilitative services serves as the task force chair.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1561 END OF LIFE OPTIONS.** (PIERCE M) Allows individuals with a terminal illness who meet certain requirements to make a written request to an attending physician for medication that the individual may self-administer to end the individual's life. Specifies requirements a physician must meet in order to prescribe the medication to a patient.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1563 MEDICINAL USE OF CANNABIDIOL.** (BEUMER G) Authorizes a physician to provide a patient with a letter or other document stating that the person possesses cannabidiol (CBD) to treat intractable epilepsy or severe muscle spasms. Provides a defense to certain controlled substance possession offenses if: (1) the controlled substance possessed by the person is CBD; (2) the CBD does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol or another psychoactive substance; (3) the person possesses a

letter from a physician stating that the person possesses CBD for certain medical purposes; and (4) the CBD was purchased in another state, was sold in a sealed container with a label describing its ingredients, and was manufactured in a facility authorized to conduct business in the other state.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1566 SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS.** (PELATH S) Requires the department of education (department) to: (1) develop a safe and supportive school framework; (2) create a school monitoring tool; and (3) develop procedures for updating, improving, or refining the safe and supportive school framework and the school monitoring tool. Allows a school corporation, by a vote of the school corporation's governing body, to: (1) implement a safe and supportive school framework; and (2) develop and implement an action plan to create and maintain the safe and supportive school framework. Allows, upon approval, a public school to develop and implement an action plan to create and maintain the safe and supportive school framework. Establishes requirements for an action plan and the posting of action plans. Establishes requirements for the department that include a requirement to establish a safe and supportive school grant program. Establishes the safe and supportive school fund to award grants to school corporations and public schools for the development and implementation of action plans and to provide training to school corporation and public school personnel. Appropriates \$500,000 to the safe and supportive school fund.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1572 MEDICAID ACCOUNTABLE CARE PILOT PROGRAM.** (SHACKLEFORD R) Establishes the Medicaid accountable care pilot program (program) to be developed, implemented, and administered by the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office). Sets forth eligibility for participation in the program. Requires implementation of the program not later than April 1, 2018. Requires the office to: (1) include a savings sharing component as part of the program; (2) share certain relevant information with a participating accountable care organization; (3) develop metrics for determining whether the program is successful; and (4) prepare and publish a report concerning the results of providing care under the program. Expires the program December 31, 2021.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1580 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES FOR DISABILITIES.** (WRIGHT M) Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services, in coordination with the office of Medicaid policy and planning for purposes of reimbursement under the Medicaid program, to establish, to the extent possible, reimbursement rates for services for individuals with developmental disabilities at a rate that allows individuals providing the services a living wage.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1590 EDUCATION MATTERS.** (LUCAS J) Provides a \$1,000 state income tax credit for an individual who is a licensed K-12 classroom teacher with respect to state income taxes on the income earned from the individual's employment as a classroom teacher. Replaces the ISTEP test program with an assessment program developed by the state board of education (state board) and the department of education. Specifies that the assessment program may not include measures or requirements that exceed measures and requirements in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Changes the definition of a probationary and professional teacher. Expands the definition of an eligible student for purposes of receiving a choice scholarship to include any student who is at least five years of age and less than 22 years of age and has legal settlement in Indiana. Repeals provisions requiring a school corporation to develop and implement an annual teacher performance evaluation plan. Provides that, not later than July 1, 2018, the state board shall establish new categories or designations of school performance. Provides that the new standards of assessing school performance may not: (1) use an "A through F" grading scale; (2) use statewide assessment program test results as the primary means to assess school performance; and (3) include requirements or measures other than requirements or measures authorized under ESSA. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1591 EDUCATION OPTIONS ACCOUNT PROGRAM.** (LUCAS J) Establishes the education options account program (program). Requires the treasurer of state to administer the program. Establishes: (1) the education options account fund; and (2) requirements and conditions for the program. Requires the treasurer of state to: (1) annually request a parent of an eligible student who is participating in the program to complete a written survey; and (2) annually provide a summary of the survey to the governor and the legislative council. Continuously appropriates money from the education options account fund and the accounts established within the fund for the purposes of the program. Provides a \$1,000 state income tax credit for an individual who is a licensed K-12 classroom teacher with respect to state income taxes on the income earned from the individual's employment as a classroom teacher. Replaces the ISTEP test program with an assessment program developed by the state board of education (state board) and the department of education. Specifies that the assessment program may not include measures or requirements that exceed measures and requirements in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Changes the definition of a probationary and professional teacher. Repeals provisions requiring a school corporation to develop and implement an annual teacher performance evaluation plan. Provides that, not later than July 1, 2018, the state board shall establish new categories or designations of school performance. Provides that the new standards of assessing school performance may not: (1) use an "A through F" grading scale; (2) use statewide assessment program test results as the primary means to assess school performance; and (3) include requirements or measures other than requirements or measures authorized under ESSA. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1596 MEDICINAL USE OF HEMP OIL.** (LEHE D) Exempts caregivers and individuals with intractable epilepsy from prosecution for possession of hemp oil if the oil is being used to treat intractable epilepsy in a child (or an adult if the individual began using hemp oil as a child) under the caregiver's care.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1614 EARLY EDUCATION GRANT PILOT PROGRAM.** (MOED J) Provides that the early education grant pilot program (program) may include eligible providers in any county. (Current law provides that the program may include eligible providers in not more than five counties.)

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1639 SCHOOL FACILITY ADA COMPLIANCE.** (CANDELARIA REARDON M) Requires charter schools and eligible schools, jointly in consultation with the department of education (department), before July 1, 2018, to establish standards of compliance (standards) with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Requires the department to post the standards on the department's Internet web site. Allows the department to conduct an assessment of the school buildings, educational programs, and student activities of each charter school and eligible school to determine the school's compliance with the standards. Provides that, notwithstanding any other law, each charter school or eligible school that receives public funds must meet the standards not later than July 1, 2022. Requires that if, after June 30, 2022, a charter school or eligible school that receives public funds fails to meet the standards, the noncompliant school is ineligible to receive public funds.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1644 STUDY OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS ISSUES.** (SUMMERS V) Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee issues concerning: (1) the need to license individuals who practice applied behavior analysis; (2) independent centers that provide applied behavior analysis and the oversight that they receive to ensure their practices are current and fall under best practices and guidelines; and (3) the appropriate training and curriculum for teachers of students who attend kindergarten through grade 12 and receive special education services.

*Current Status:* 4/12/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**HB1653 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES.** (MACER K) Authorizes law enforcement officers and adult protective services units to take endangered adults into emergency custody under certain conditions, and requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to make emergency housing available for endangered adults taken into emergency custody. Requires adult protective services unit members to receive continuing education, and specifies minimum staffing levels for adult protective services units. Requires adult protective services units to provide body armor for adult protective services investigators. Authorizes adult protective services investigators to carry a handgun.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**SB15 CANNABIDIOL FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY.** (TOMES J) Defines "cannabidiol" and provides an affirmative defense to possession of cannabidiol if the person or the person's child has been diagnosed with certain medical conditions, the cannabidiol contains not more than 0.3% THC and at least 10% cannabidiol, and other specified conditions are met. Provides civil immunity for a health care provider if the patient who possesses the cannabidiol is a part of a clinical trial.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - DEAD BILL - Fails to pass by close of 2017 session

**SB35 TEACHER EVALUATIONS.** (FORD J) Provides that a school corporation may use objective measures of student achievement as part of a teacher evaluation plan. (Current law provides that the use of an objective measure of student achievement is required as part of a teacher evaluation plan.)

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB57 GRADUATION RATE CALCULATION.** (RAATZ J) Changes the definition of "cohort" for purposes of calculating a high school's graduation rate.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB61 COMMISSION ON SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT.** (HEAD R) Requires the commission on seclusion and restraint in schools (commission) to adopt rules concerning reporting requirements for the use of seclusion and restraint by school resource officers. Requires that the commission include a member of the Indiana School Resource Officers Association. Provides that a school corporation, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school must report incidents of seclusion and restraint involving a school resource officer. Provides that the commission may adopt emergency rules. Voids a rule adopted by the commission that excludes school resource officers from the reporting requirements. Makes changes to the duties of the commission. Provides that if the department of education (department) has been advised of a discrepancy in a report, the department shall require the school to provide a written explanation of the discrepancy to the department. Provides that the department has the authority to require schools to submit seclusion and restraint plans. Provides that the department shall review incident rules and submit summary findings to the commission in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Provides that the commission shall review summary findings submitted by the department and may make nonbinding recommendations to the department or other entities. Provides that if the department receives a recommendation from the commission, the department shall send a response with regard to recommendations made by the commission.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the Speaker

**SB85 FUNDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC TRANSIT.** (BROWN L) Permits a redevelopment commission outside Marion County to provide revenue on

an annual basis to a school corporation or public transportation corporation from property taxes allocated to the redevelopment commission in a tax increment financing allocation area. Specifies the amount of property taxes that may be transferred by the redevelopment commission. Requires a joint public hearing of the legislative body of the unit that established the tax increment financing area, the redevelopment commission, and the governing body of the school corporation or public transportation corporation and the adoption of substantially similar authorizing resolutions.

*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.1)

**SB108 EDUCATION MATTERS.** (KRUSE D) Provides that when a school corporation authorizes an absence to permit a student to attend any educationally related nonclassroom activity, the student may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school. Provides that an initial school improvement plan must be established and approved by the governing body not later than August 1 of the school year in which the plan is to be implemented. Requires: (1) the Indiana education employment relations board (board) to publish a model compensation plan with a model salary range that a school corporation may adopt; (2) each school corporation to submit its local compensation plan to the board; and (3) the board to publish local compensation plans on the board's Internet web site. (Under current law, the department of education publishes and oversees the model compensation plan and local compensation plans.) Provides that the board: (1) shall review a compensation plan for compliance; and (2) has jurisdiction to determine compliance of a compensation plan submitted. Establishes an expiration for emergency rules that the board adopts. Requires a school corporation that has a compensation plan but does not have a ratified collective bargaining agreement to, not later than October 1 of the year in which the compensation plan becomes effective, submit the school corporation's compensation plan to the board. Provides that, if a school corporation does not submit the compensation plan by October 1, the compensation plan is considered not in compliance unless a compliance officer of the board finds good cause shown for the delay. Provides that a principal or superintendent, or the principal's or superintendent's designee, may recommend an individual to participate in the Indiana high school equivalency diploma program. Allows the governing body of a school corporation to deny a request for a student to transfer to the school corporation or discontinue enrollment, or establish terms or conditions for enrollment or for continued enrollment, if the student has a history of unexcused absences and the governing body believes that, based on the location of the student's residence, attendance would be a problem. Provides that a special needs bus may be used to provide transportation for a sibling of a student with a developmental or physical disability. Requires the department of education (department), in collaboration with the state board of education, to prepare a report that includes recommendations regarding certificated employee evaluations. Requires the department, not later than November 1, 2017, to submit the report to the general assembly. Provides that a provision requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation training applies to a charter school other than a virtual charter school. Requires, before December 1, 2017, the department of workforce development to commission an entity that specializes in improving access to adult literacy programs to: (1) prepare and submit a report

regarding adult literacy programs to the legislative council; and (2) present the report to the state workforce innovation council.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Joint Rule 20 technical correction adopted by the Senate

**SB109 ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS.** (KRUSE D) Provides that the state board of education (state board) may accredit a nonpublic school that has: (1) received a provisional or candidate accreditation from a nationally or regionally recognized accrediting body recognized by the state board; or (2) demonstrated to the state board the nonpublic school's accomplishments based on the nonpublic school's performance in another state. Provides that the state board may authorize a school participating in the choice scholarship program or that receives contributions from a scholarship granting organization to sponsor another nonpublic school that has demonstrated to the state board the nonpublic school's competency or accomplishments and accredit or provisionally accredit the nonpublic school. Provides that the state board may accredit a nonpublic school that enters into a contract with the state board to become a freeway school at the time the nonpublic school enters the contract. Makes technical corrections.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB141 TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.** (RANDOLPH L) Provides a nonrefundable tax credit to a small business for employing an individual who is receiving unemployment benefits or returning from military service (qualified new employee). Provides that the small business must employ a greater number of full-time employees in Indiana in the taxable year than the small business employed in Indiana, on average, in the small business's base employment period (normally January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016). Provides that the employee must be hired full time. Provides that the credit applies only to taxable years beginning in 2017 through 2019. Provides that the credit is \$3,000 per qualified new employee, not to exceed \$100,000 per small business. Provides that the small business may carry any excess credit over to not more than three subsequent taxable years. Provides that the small business forfeits 50% of the amount of the tax credits attributable to the employment of a qualified new employee, if within 18 months after the qualified new employee was initially hired: (1) the qualified new employee is terminated, laid off, or otherwise reclassified to a position that is not a full-time employment position with the small business; or (2) the position created for the qualified new employee is eliminated.

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**SB145 REQUIRE ADOPTION SUBSIDY PAYMENTS.** (RANDOLPH L) Requires the department of child services (department) to: (1) enter into an agreement, with each adoptive parent of a child with special needs who is eligible for an adoption subsidy, to provide an adoption subsidy for the child; and (2) allocate funds to the adoption assistance account necessary to make the adoption subsidy payments. Prohibits the department from terminating an adoption subsidy agreement with adoptive parents due to insufficient funds in the adoption assistance account. Makes conforming

changes. Repeals a provision that allows the department to: (1) approve new adoption subsidy agreements only for children who are wards of the department at the time the adoption petition is filed; and (2) give priority to funding new adoption subsidy agreements for children who are or were wards of the department; if the department determines that sufficient funds are not available.

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**SB147 HEALTH FACILITY EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.** (RANDOLPH L) Requires a health facility to obtain a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check for the health facility's employees. Provides immunity to persons for: (1) denying or terminating an individual's employment because of the individual's criminal history; or (2) reporting to or participating in the proceedings of the state department of health or the registry of nurse aides.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB154 ASSET LIMITATION FOR SNAP ELIGIBILITY.** (MERRITT J) Requires the division of family resources to: (1) beginning January 1, 2018, implement within the federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) an expanded eligibility category and specifies a countable asset limitation for resources of \$5,000 in determining an individual's SNAP eligibility; and (2) notify the United States Department of Agriculture of the implementation of expanded categorical eligibility under SNAP. Specifies certain resources that may not be counted as an asset for purposes of SNAP eligibility. Requires the division of family resources to submit a report to the legislative council concerning the projected total amounts that individuals receiving SNAP benefits would be required to repay over the period beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2019, due to positive errors.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the Speaker

**SB167 PROBATE CODE STUDY COMMISSION.** (ZAKAS J) Abolishes the probate study subcommittee. Establishes the probate code study commission (commission). Requires the commission to study and recommend to the general assembly changes that are needed in the probate code (IC 29-1), the trust code (IC 30-4), and other statutes affecting the administration of a decedent's estate, guardianships, probate jurisdiction, trusts, or fiduciaries. Provides for: (1) the governor to appoint 11 lay members, including two residents of Indiana who work in the trust department of a bank, trust company, savings institution, or credit union; (2) the president pro tempore of the senate to appoint three members from the senate; and (3) the speaker of the house of representatives to appoint three members from the house of representatives. Provides that a legislative or lay member serves a term of two years and may be reappointed to the commission. Provides for the president pro tempore of the senate to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson in odd-numbered years and for the speaker of the house of representatives to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson in even-numbered years.

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**SB175 HEALTH CARE CONSENT.** (LEISING J) Provides that an adult grandchild may consent to health care for an individual incapable of consenting if a health care representative has not been appointed, is not reasonably available, declines to act, or is unknown to the health care provider. Provides that a grandparent may consent to health care for a grandchild incapable of consenting if a health care representative has not been appointed, is not reasonably available, declines to act, or is unknown to the health care provider. Provides that a grandparent also may consent to health care for a minor grandchild if a guardian or other representative, or a parent, an individual in loco parentis, or an adult sibling is not reasonably available, declines to act, or is unknown to the health care provider. Requires the health care provider make a reasonable attempt to determine whether a minor has a parent, an individual in loco parentis, or an adult sibling who is able to consent to the minor's treatment prior to seeking consent from the grandparent.

*Current Status:* 4/13/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB179 SELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.** (BUCK J) Provides for the state superintendent of public instruction (superintendent) to be appointed by the governor after January 10, 2021. Provides that, after January 10, 2021, the governor appoints the members of the charter school review panel. (Under current law, the superintendent, or the governor jointly with the superintendent, appoints the members of the panel.) Provides that, after January 10, 2021, the governor appoints the director of special education. (Under current law, the governor appoints the director of special education upon the recommendation of the superintendent.) Repeals a provision that a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction must have resided in Indiana for at least two years. Requires the legislative services agency to prepare legislation for introduction in the 2021 regular session of the general assembly to organize and correct statutes affected by this act.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB224 PREKINDERGARTEN STATUS REPORT.** (LEISING J) Requires the department of education (department), in consultation with the family and social services administration, to conduct a survey to determine the number of children who were four years of age and enrolled in a prekindergarten program during the 2015-2016 school year. Requires, not later than December 1, 2017, the department to submit a report concerning the survey to the general assembly.

*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.1)

**SB235 GUARDIANSHIPS.** (CRIDER M) Requires a guardian of a protected adult to permit all appropriate contact, communication, and social interaction between the protected adult and individuals with whom the protected adult had significant past family or social relationships, subject to a determination by the guardian, after consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, that contact, communication, or social interaction with the protected adult should be limited, supervised, or prohibited in order to prevent harm to the protected adult's health, person, or property. Provides that any act or omission by the guardian in permitting contact, communication, and

social interaction with the protected adult is subject to review and modification or other action by the court.

*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.1)

**SB248 CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. (RAATZ**

J) Allows two or more school corporations situated in the same or adjoining counties to consolidate in a manner in which debts or obligations paid by a debt service levy incurred by a school corporation before the new consolidated school corporation comes into existence may be levied only on the taxpayers of the subunit that initially incurred the debt or obligation before consolidation. Provides that each school corporation is considered a subunit of the consolidated school corporation. Provides that the resolution consolidating the school corporations may declare: (1) that administrative functions of each subunit will be consolidated in the proposed consolidated school corporation; and (2) that the name or attendance area of each school within a subunit may remain unchanged after the date the consolidated school corporation comes into existence. Provides that, if two or more school corporations consolidate under the new consolidation provision, the department of local government finance shall set for the consolidated school corporation: (1) new maximum levies, which must equal the sum of the existing maximum levies adjusted for assessed value growth; and (2) a maximum capital projects levy rate. Relocates and amends the provision that provides that 20% of the legal voters residing in the district of any school corporation, jointly with 20% of the legal voters residing in the district of each of one or more other school corporations, may petition the trustees of their respective school corporations to consolidate the school corporations. Provides that the meeting that the governing bodies of the school corporations are required to hold one week after the date of the appearance of the last publication of notice of intention to consolidate must be a public meeting. Amends provisions concerning compensation and vacancies regarding the membership of the governing body after a consolidation. Provides that the governing body must meet to reorganize not more than 15 days after the commencement date of the members' terms of office.

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**SB250 REPORT ON STUDENT PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION. (RAATZ J)** Requires each school corporation to submit an annual report to the department of education (department) containing the: (1) number of students of the school corporation that transfer out of the school corporation after the student's cohort enters grade 12; (2) exit code and exit title or description for each student who transfers; (3) grade point average for each student who transfers; and (4) number of high school credits earned by each student who transfers. Requires the department to prepare a report and maintain a copy of the report on the department's Internet web site.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB252 MINIMUM WAGE. (TALLIAN K)** Increases the state minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.62 an hour. Eliminates the tip credit in determining the minimum wage paid to a tipped employee. Makes a technical correction.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB253 STUDY OF VOLUNTARY PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.** (TALLIAN K) Urges the legislative council to assign the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave program to the interim study committee on employment and labor or another appropriate study committee.

*Current Status:* 4/13/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB273 END OF LIFE OPTIONS.** (RANDOLPH L) Allows an individual with a terminal illness who meets certain requirements to make a written request to an attending physician for medication that the individual may self administer to end the individual's life. Specifies requirements a physician must meet in order to prescribe the medication to a patient.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB276 PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION.** (HOLDMAN T) Provides that, after June 30, 2017, the early education grant pilot program (pilot program) includes eligible providers in any county in Indiana. Adds additional requirements for an eligible provider to participate in the pilot program. Adds additional requirements for an eligible child to qualify for or receive a grant under the pilot program. Provides that the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) may award a grant to a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider for an expansion plan if certain requirements are met. Requires a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider to repay to the office the total amount of the grant awarded if the potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider fails to use the grant funds in accordance with the expansion plan or in compliance with the agreement with the office. Requires the office to: (1) monitor the educational outcomes resulting from the implementation of expansion plans; and (2) annually provide the governor and legislative council a report of the findings of the office concerning the educational outcomes. Requires the office to make at least two onsite inspections of facilities of eligible providers and potential eligible providers or existing eligible providers each year. Provides that the office may determine that an eligible provider or potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider is no longer eligible under the pilot program. Requires the division of family resources to develop a provider rate reimbursement schedule that uses money appropriated by the general assembly as an incentive for providers eligible to receive voucher payments under the federal Child Care and Development fund voucher program to meet the standards of quality recognized by a Level 3 or Level 4 Paths to QUALITY program rating.

Requires the department of education to approve an early learning development framework for prekindergarten. Requires the office to apply for waivers from all applicable federal agencies to receive any federal funding for child care or prekindergarten education in one block grant to use for child care and prekindergarten programs in the state. Establishes the prekindergarten pilot program fund (fund). Allows the office to develop and implement a reimbursement program to reimburse costs incurred by parents to provide technology based, in-home early education services to a child. Allows money in the fund to be used to pay for the

reimbursements. Makes an appropriation to the fund of \$16,000,000 in both state fiscal years 2017 and 2018. Specifies that of the \$16,000,000 appropriated in a state fiscal year, \$1,000,000 of that amount must be used for reimbursement of in-home early education services. Repeals the provisions concerning the early education matching grant program.

*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.1)

**SB286 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS.** (FORD J) Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, 2017-2018 school year, and 2018-2019 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that, for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2016, and ending before July 1, 2020, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year or the school year immediately preceding the applicable state fiscal year, whichever percentage of passing scores is greater. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores for the ISTEP program test taken in the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, 2017-2018 school year, or 2018-2019 school year may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular teacher's annual performance rating.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB289 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.** (DELPH M) Provides that a lobbyist and certain persons associated with state educational institutions may not give a gift to a legislative person with certain stated exceptions. Requires a lobbyist who communicates with certain legislative persons to make a log of the communication. Requires a lobbyist to submit a copy of the communications log electronically to the lobby registration commission ("commission") on a weekly basis. Requires a lobbyist to maintain a copy of written communications and an archived copy of certain electronic communications for four years. Provides that upon the request of the commission, a lobbyist shall provide the commission with an electronic copy of a communication that is required to be maintained or archived. Requires the commission to provide an electronic copy of any of those communications to any person who makes a request to inspect the communication. Repeals superseded statutes. Makes conforming changes.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB293 ANIMALS.** (LEISING J) Provides that a military animal rather than a service animal may be buried with a deceased owner. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on agriculture and natural resources or another appropriate interim study committee the topics of: (1) federal and state law concerning service and assistance animals; and (2) the permissible uses of service and assistance

animals, including emotional support animals and therapy animals, in public accommodations.

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**SB304 INDIVIDUAL OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH INSURANCE.** (KOCH E) Allows an accident and sickness insurer that is licensed in certain other states, but is not licensed in Indiana, and complies with the state examination and premium tax requirements, to issue or deliver an individual policy of accident and sickness insurance to an individual resident of Indiana without complying with other Indiana insurance law.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB311 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATIONS.** (BOOTS P) Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, and 2017-2018 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that, for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2016, and ending before July 1, 2019, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year or the school year immediately preceding the applicable state fiscal year, whichever percentage of passing scores is greater. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores for the ISTEP program test taken in the 2015-2016 school year, 2016-2017 school year, or 2017-2018 school year may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular teacher's annual performance rating.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB313 SYMBOL TO SIGNIFY ACCESSIBLE PARKING.** (BECKER V) Requires that parking signs for accessible parking spaces for an individual with a physical disability must bear, instead of the international symbol of accessibility (also known as the international wheelchair symbol), the modified symbol of access. Requires that license plates and placards issued by the bureau of motor vehicles for display in or on a vehicle used to transport a person with a disability must bear, rather than the international symbol of accessibility, the modified symbol of access.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB318 MINIMUM WAGE.** (MRVAN F) Increases, after June 30, 2018, the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour. Provides that after June 30, 2019, and each subsequent June 30, the hourly minimum wage increases at the same percentage as any increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year. Makes technical corrections and corresponding changes. Removes outdated language.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB319 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.** (MRVAN F) Provides that if a student with a disability is suspended or expelled for an incident in which the student causes a classroom disturbance, the student's case conference committee must be convened not later than 10 school days after the date of the incident to consider the appropriateness of an alternative placement for the student. Makes a technical correction.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB327 MEDICINAL USE OF CANNABIDIOL.** (HERSHMAN B) Defines "cannabidiol", and provides an affirmative defense to possession of cannabidiol if the person or the person's child has been diagnosed with certain medical conditions, the cannabidiol contains no THC, and other specified conditions are met.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB330 CAREER READINESS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.** (RUCKELSHAUS J) Establishes a career readiness improvement committee to study the state's public higher education system and the feasibility of adding a fifth year of high school for the attainment of vocational and other certificates of training for entry into the workforce.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB332 ADOPTION MATTERS.** (ZAKAS J) Amends provisions regarding adoption notices. Provides that a consent to an adoption is not required from the biological father of a child born out of wedlock who was conceived as a result of a crime in any jurisdiction in which the elements of the crime are substantially similar to certain crimes under Indiana law. Amends provisions regarding: (1) when a putative father is not entitled to establish paternity; and (2) postadoption contact privileges. Prohibits any person from challenging an adoption decree after the expiration period. Makes the following changes to the crime of profiting from an adoption: (1) Provides that the crime does not apply if the birth mother is not a resident of Indiana and the adoption takes place outside of Indiana. (2) Increases, from \$3,000 to \$4,000, the allowable payments for certain costs and expenses. Prohibits the state department of health from processing a birth certificate with respect to a record for adoption unless certain fees have been paid and the report summarizing the available medical, psychological, and educational records concerning the birth parents has been submitted to the state department of health. Increases the penalty for adoption deception from a Class A misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony. Increases the penalty for unauthorized adoption advertising from a Class A misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony. Exempts the Indiana department of child services and federal agencies from the criminal statute pertaining to unauthorized adoption advertising.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB333 BIAS CRIMES.** (TAYLOR G) Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes in which the person who committed a criminal offense selected the victim who was injured or whose property was damaged because of the individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. Allows an individual who suffers a personal injury or property damage because of a criminal offense or delinquent act to bring a civil action to recover damages, including punitive damages, if the person who committed the criminal offense or delinquent act that caused the injury or property damage selected the individual because of the individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. Establishes a sentencing procedure that requires a court, when sentencing an individual who has committed a crime that is motivated by a bias against another individual's race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity, to impose an additional fixed term of imprisonment not to exceed five years.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB336 BIAS CRIMES.** (TAYLOR G) Provides that a bias motivated crime is a crime in which the person who commits the crime knowingly or intentionally selects: (1) an individual against whom the crime was committed; or (2) any property damaged or otherwise affected by the crime; in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual or a group of individuals, whether or not the person's belief or perception was correct. Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes. Amends the law that requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report information concerning bias motivated crimes. Makes it an aggravating circumstance that may be considered by a judge when the judge imposes a sentence for a crime if the crime is a bias motivated crime.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB370 INDIANA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.** (STOOPS M) Increases the amount of the Indiana earned income tax credit from 9% to 10% of the federal earned income tax credit.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB388 DATA BASE OF HEALTH FACILITY INVESTIGATIONS.** (BREAUX J) Establishes the public statewide health facility investigation disclosure registry (registry) to be implemented and maintained by the state department of health (state department). Sets forth requirements of the registry. Requires certain investigating entities to report substantiated complaints concerning a health facility to the state department for inclusion in the registry. Requires a health facility to disclose to certain individuals information concerning a substantiated complaint in the registry. Requires the state department to generate an annual report that aggregates the number of

substantiated complaints in the registry. Allows the state department to fine a health facility for failing to disclose information concerning a substantiated complaint.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB390 EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.** (STOOPS M) Increases the number of members and changes the membership of the commission on rehabilitation services (commission). Makes changes in the terms of service of commission members and requires the governor to specify each member's term of service to ensure that terms expire on a staggered basis. Adds the following to the commission's duties: (1) Establish baseline data regarding the number of individuals with disabilities in competitive integrated employment and set annual goals for increasing the percentage of individuals with disabilities in competitive integrated employment. (2) Identify and resolve barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities. (3) Analyze federal, state, and local agency policies concerning the provision of services to individuals with disabilities, including the impact of those policies on opportunities for competitive integrated employment, and recommend changes to state policies. (4) Assist state agencies in the implementation of the policy concerning employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. (5) Provide an annual report to the governor and the rehabilitation services administration commissioner concerning the employment of individuals with disabilities. Provides that the policy (policy) of the state is to promote competitive integrated employment, including self-employment, as the first and preferred option when providing services to individuals with disabilities who are of working age. Provides that the policy applies to programs and agencies that provide services and support to help obtain employment for individuals with disabilities. Requires state agencies to implement the policy in a manner that is consistent with an individual's right to make an informed choice about employment options that meet an individual's needs and preferences. Provides that the primary objective and preferred outcome of transition services provided as part of a special education program or related services to a child with a disability who is at least 14 years of age is to assist the child in obtaining competitive integrated employment.

*Current Status:* 4/13/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB391 PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING.** (STOOPS M) Allows counties to impose an additional local income tax rate to fund one or more county transit projects. Provides that the rate must be adopted by the county council and must be at least 0.1% but not more than 0.25%. Excludes from this provision any county that is eligible to hold a referendum on funding transportation projects under the central Indiana public transportation projects statute.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB396 GUARDIAN REIMBURSEMENT AND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.** (KOCH E) Specifies that an amount not to exceed \$175 a month in court ordered guardianship fees for an individual who is: (1) in an institution; or (2) applying for or participating in the Medicaid aged and disabled waiver; is exempt from Medicaid income eligibility consideration.



*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.1)

**SB404 ABORTION, CHILD ABUSE, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** (HOUCHIN E) Defines "parent or legal guardian or custodian". Prohibits the state or an agency of the state from consenting to the abortion of a pregnant minor unless the life or health of the pregnant minor is endangered. Specifies that before performing an abortion on an unemancipated pregnant minor, a physician must first obtain from a parent, legal guardian, or custodian accompanying the unemancipated pregnant minor seeking an abortion: (1) written consent; (2) proof of identification; and (3) evidence of the relationship between the parent, legal guardian, or custodian and the unemancipated minor. Adds a parental notification requirement subject to judicial waiver for an abortion performed on an unemancipated pregnant minor. Specifies who may bring an action against a person who aids or assists a pregnant minor in obtaining an unlawful abortion, and who may be named as a defendant. Prohibits a person from aiding or assisting an unemancipated pregnant minor in obtaining an abortion under certain circumstances, and authorizes the award of civil damages for a violation. Requires a physician who receives written consent for an unemancipated pregnant minor to have an abortion to execute an affidavit for inclusion in the unemancipated pregnant minor's medical record. Makes it a Level 6 felony for a person to falsely claim to be the parent or legal guardian or custodian of a pregnant minor with intent to circumvent parental notification requirements. Authorizes certain persons to seek an injunction for certain acts that would aid or assist an unemancipated pregnant woman in obtaining an abortion without parental consent. Specifies reporting requirements and the consequences of failing to comply with reporting requirements. Permits suspension of a physician's license under certain circumstances. Provides that a health care practitioner is subject to disciplinary sanctions for failure to report suspected: (1) child abuse in accordance with the mandatory reporting requirements; or (2) human trafficking, if there is evidence that a patient is the victim of human trafficking and a practitioner with a similar background would believe that the patient is a victim of human trafficking. Permits the medical licensing board to revoke a physician's license if the physician: (1) fails to transmit a form regarding an abortion performed on a female who is less than 16 years of age; and (2) performs an abortion with the intent to avoid the requirements of state law. Instructs the state department of health (state department) to adopt additional rules relating to abortion clinics. Requires a pregnancy termination report with respect to an abortion performed on a patient who is at least 16 years of age to be transmitted to the state department within 30 days after the date of the abortion rather than on the semiannual basis required under current law.

*Current Status:* 4/19/2017 - Signed by the Speaker

**SB407 EDUCATION MATTERS.** (HOUCHIN E) Requires a school employer to submit a copy of the affidavit submitted by the exclusive representative indicating the number of teachers who are members of the exclusive representative to the Indiana education employment relations board (board). Requires the board to compile information included in the affidavit from each school corporation and post aggregate information on the board's Internet web site. Provides that the information posted by the board may not include any information that would identify a particular school employee.

Requires the board to develop and post on its Internet web site training modules, videos, or other instructional material informing school employees of their rights to select an exclusive representative. Provides that each school year in which school employee participation in a school employee organization currently serving as the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit does not represent a majority of the school employees within the unit, the board shall notify the school employees of the bargaining unit of their right to: (1) representation; and (2) the ability to change their exclusive representative. Urges the general assembly to assign certain issues relating to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act to the education interim study committee.

*Current Status:* 4/10/2017 - Signed by the Speaker

**SB412 529 EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN MATTERS.** (KOCH E) Prohibits, unless otherwise provided under federal law, money in a 529 education savings account from being considered as a resource or asset in determining an applicant's or recipient's eligibility for: (1) certain public assistance programs; or (2) scholarships, grants, or awards administered by the commission for higher education.

*Current Status:* 4/13/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB422 APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.** (BASSLER E) Provides that, after January 10, 2021, the state superintendent of public instruction is to be appointed by the governor. Repeals a provision that a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction must have resided in Indiana for at least two years. Makes conforming and technical amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB432 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY DISABILITY.** (MRVAN F) Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2018, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Under current law, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and not more than five years of age.) Adds developmental delay as a category of mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB438 BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES.** (GLICK S) 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:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB439 BIAS CRIMES.** (GLICK S) 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.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB444 TELEMEDICINE.** (MERRITT J) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to reimburse any Medicaid provider (not just specified providers) for Medicaid covered services provided through the use of telemedicine services if certain requirements are met. Prohibits the office from setting any distance restrictions under Medicaid on telehealth services and telemedicine services. Requires reimbursement for telemedicine services under the healthy Indiana plan. Gives a telemedicine services provider the discretion in contacting the patient's primary care provider if the telemedicine services provider has provided care to the patient at least two consecutive times through the use of telemedicine services. Allows a provider to issue a controlled substance prescription to a patient if the provider has previously examined the patient in person.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB457 DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM.** (HEAD R) Requires that an individual less than 21 years of age must complete a driver safety program approved by the bureau of motor vehicles if the individual has at least twice been the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an incident for which points may be assessed by the bureau. Provides that the duration of certain court ordered specialized driving privileges may not exceed 2.5 years in length. Provides that the compliance response period for proof of financial responsibility is 40 days before July 1, 2017 and 90 days after June 30, 2017.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB458 BINGO SUPPLIES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.** (HEAD R) Provides that the gaming commission shall require an entity that sells, distributes, or manufactures a bingo item to sell, distribute, or manufacture such an item in large print and in a form readable by individuals with a visual impairment.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB460 GRADUATION RATE DETERMINATION.** (HEAD R) Defines "alternate diploma". Makes changes to the definitions of "graduation" and "graduation rate" for purposes of calculating a school's graduation rate. Makes a change to the calculation of a school's graduation rate.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB468 HOSPICES AND MEDICAID.** (BECKER V) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) to move a recipient who participates in the Medicaid risk based managed care program to the Medicaid fee for service program if the recipient is approved to receive hospice services without losing Medicaid coverage. Requires the office to reimburse the hospice provider through the fee for service program.

Specifies that the Medicaid recipient remains in the fee for service Medicaid program through the recipient's Medicaid eligibility.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB471 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRANTS AND EVALUATIONS.** (BECKER V) Provides that, for a state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results must be calculated using the higher of: (1) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year; or (2) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2015-2016 school year. (The current law that applies to this calculation provides for certain limits on the grant amount.) Provides that ISTEP program test scores from the ISTEP program test taken in the spring of 2016 may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a particular certificated employee, unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores would improve the particular certificated employee's annual performance rating.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB475 DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY.** (MELTON E) Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2018, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Currently, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and not more than five years of age.) Adds developmental delay as a category for mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.

*Current Status:* 4/13/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB483 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN LEAD CONTAMINATION AREAS.** (MELTON E) Defines the term "lead contamination area" as an area in which children are exposed to lead through the soil, water, or air in their environment, resulting in the need for the children to receive special services to counteract the medical, educational, and developmental problems resulting from exposure to lead during childhood. Specifies that a certain area of the city of East Chicago is a lead contamination area. Requires the state department of health to establish a program to provide grants to enable children who live in or previously lived in a lead contamination area to receive speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. Requires a school corporation or other public service entity awarded a grant under the program to use the grant funds to establish or fund a program through which children who live in or previously lived in a lead contamination area can receive speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy appropriate to their particular needs from qualified professionals. Requires the department of education to establish a program to provide grants to enable children who live in or previously lived in a lead contamination area to receive special early childhood educational support. Requires a school corporation awarded a grant under the program to use the grant funds to establish or fund a program through which children who live in or

previously lived in a lead contamination area can receive special early childhood educational support appropriate to their particular needs from qualified professionals.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB490 LEAD-BASED PAINT RENOVATION HAZARDS PROGRAM.** (BREAUX J) Requires the state department of health to seek authorization from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer and enforce, in Indiana, the EPA's program to address lead-based paint hazards created by renovation, repair, and painting activities that disturb lead-based paint in certain housing structures and facilities.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB491 TESTING OF CHILDREN'S BLOOD FOR LEAD POISONING.** (BREAUX J) Requires the state department of health to: (1) take all necessary steps to increase by 100% the number of Medicaid children recipients who are screened for lead poisoning; (2) prepare and publish on the state department's Internet web site a report of the results of the lead poison screening; and (3) share the results of the testing with certain entities.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB492 TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE IN HEALTHY INDIANA PLAN.** (BREAUX J) Adds coverage to the healthy Indiana plan for covered services provided through the use of telemedicine.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB495 MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR DIALYSIS TREATMENT.** (BREAUX J) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a Medicaid state plan amendment or demonstration waiver to provide kidney dialysis treatment for undocumented immigrants who have been a resident of Indiana for at least one year and have been diagnosed with end stage renal disease.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB503 TEACHER EVALUATIONS AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE.** (LEISING J) Provides that, for a state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the amount that a school corporation may receive as part of a performance grant relating to test results shall be calculated using the higher of: (1) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2013-2014 school year; or (2) the percentage of passing scores on ISTEP program tests for the school for the 2015-2016 school year. Specifies that if a school's performance grant is calculated using the percentage of passing ISTEP scores from the 2013-2014 school year, the grant amount may not exceed (with certain exceptions) the grant amount that the school

received for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015. Provides that a school corporation shall distribute all stipends from a performance grant to individual teachers within 20 business days of the date the department of education distributes the performance grant to the school corporation. Provides that ISTEP program test scores or a school's category or designation of school improvement for the 2015-2016 school year, based on the ISTEP program test taken in the spring of 2016, may not be used by a school corporation as part of an annual performance evaluation of a certificated employee unless the use of the ISTEP program test scores or a school's category or designation of school improvement would improve the certificated employee's annual performance rating. Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year. Provides that for purposes of determining whether a choice scholarship school has become newly eligible for consequences based on the school's category or designation of performance for the 2015-2016 school year, the department of education may not apply the consequences unless the school is placed in the lowest category or designation for the 2015-2016 school year.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB509 HEALTH CARE WORKER REGISTRY.** (MERRITT J) Establishes a centralized, computerized health care worker registry (registry), operated and maintained by the state department of health (state department), to organize and access data regarding substantiated reports and allegations under investigation of specified instances of misconduct by a health care worker on the staff of a health care facility. Provides notice and an administrative hearing process for a health care worker to contest the information to be entered onto the registry. Requires a health care facility to request information from the registry concerning a health care worker before hiring the worker. Specifies the persons and organizations that may access information on the registry. Provides civil immunity: (1) for a person who provides information in good faith to the state department for the registry; and (2) to the state department, an employer, or prospective employer that uses information from the registry in good faith to screen a prospective employee or to review the employment status of a current employee. Allows an employer, acting in good faith, to disclose to a current or prospective employer of a health care professional information about any known involvement of the health care professional in drug diversion or tampering, patient abuse, violation of the employer's drug or alcohol policies, or a crime of violence. Provides civil immunity for a responding employer and the employer's officer, director, employee, agent, or other representative that in good faith provides information about a health care professional to an inquiring employer.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB513 DRUG TESTING OF HOME HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES.** (HERSHMAN B) Requires home health agencies to drug test job applicants and employees who come in direct contact with patients. Exempts from drug testing certain licensed home health employees employed by a home health agency. Requires random drug testing of at

least 50% of certain home health agency employees to occur at least annually. Allows for random drug testing upon reasonable suspicion of illegal controlled substance use. Requires verification of a positive drug test, and requires the employee to pay for the verification test. Specifies that, unless an employee has a valid prescription for the substance for which the employee tests positive on a drug test, a home health agency shall either discharge an employee or suspend an employee from direct contact with patients for at least six months if the drug test is positive. Specifies that a home health agency that discharges or suspends an employee or refuses to hire a job applicant because of a positive drug test is considered to have discharged, suspended, or refused to hire for just cause. Provides that a home health agency, when acting in good faith and in compliance with state law, is immune from civil liability for conducting employee drug testing or taking an employee disciplinary action or discharging an employee as the result of employee drug testing. Provides that immunity does not apply to actions that constitute gross negligence or wanton misconduct.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - DEAD BILL - Fails to pass by close of 2017 session

**SB516 POWER OF GUARDIAN TO REQUEST HEALTH RECORDS.** (BREAUX J) Provides that, even though a guardianship terminates upon the death of the protected person, a guardian is authorized to request the health records of the protected person within 60 days after the protected person's death if the protected person was an incapacitated person. Provides, however, that a guardian may not request the health records of the protected person after the protected person's death if a personal representative of the estate of the protected person is appointed.

*Current Status:* 4/21/2017 - Signed by the President Pro Tempore

**SB527 TANF ELIGIBILITY.** (STOOPS M) Sets the income eligibility requirements for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program at not more than 50% of the federal income poverty level. Requires the division of family resources to amend the state TANF plan or take any other action necessary to implement the income requirements. Repeals a statute that sets the amount of need payments for the TANF program.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB528 REMOVAL OF ASSET LIMITS FOR SNAP ELIGIBILITY.** (STOOPS M) Requires the division of family resources to: (1) implement within the federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) an expanded eligibility category under which an individual's value of assets is not considered in determining SNAP eligibility; and (2) notify the United States Department of Agriculture of the implementation of expanded categorical eligibility under SNAP.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB534 SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PROGRAM.** (RAATZ J) Establishes the Indiana special education scholarship account program (program). Requires the treasurer of state to administer the program. Establishes: (1) the special education scholarship account fund (fund); and (2) requirements and conditions for

the program. Requires the department of education (department) to, on or before May 1 and January 1 of each year, provide the treasurer of state a list of the names of students with disabilities who require special education and for whom an individualized education program has been developed. Provides that any grant amount distributed to a taxpayer's Indiana special education scholarship account and used for qualified expenses under the program is not included in adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes. Provides that money transferred from a student's Indiana special education scholarship account to the student's college choice 529 education savings plan is not included as a contribution for purposes of a credit against a taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax. Requires the treasurer of state to: (1) annually request a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student who is participating in the program to complete a written survey; and (2) annually provide a summary of the survey to the governor and the legislative council. Continuously appropriates money from the fund and the accounts established within the fund for the purposes of the program.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB536 STUDENT ASSESSMENTS.** (DELPH M) Replaces the ISTEP test program with an assessment program using the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills or the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, as appropriate for the grade level being tested. Repeals a statute establishing the ISTEP program citizens' review committee. Repeals a provision defining the ISTEP program. Repeals an expiration provision. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB538 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHORTAGE.** (DELPH M) Urges the legislative council to assign topics to a study committee concerning the shortage of health care providers in Indiana.

*Current Status:* 2/28/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB559 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** (ECKERTY D) Provides a property tax exemption for affordable rental housing property when the property does not otherwise qualify for a property tax exemption. Provides that, in order to qualify for the exemption, the owner must meet the criteria applied by the Internal Revenue Service in determining if an organization that provides low income housing is considered charitable because it relieves the poor and distressed.

*Current Status:* 4/6/2017 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline for Senate bills (Rule 148.1)

**SJR7 BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.** (HERSHMAN B) Provides that the total amount of expense appropriations enacted by the general assembly for a biennial budget may not exceed the estimated revenue of the state in the biennial budget period. Defines "revenue" as all income received by the state general fund and all other state funds, excluding the proceeds of bonds or other loans. Defines "expense" as the ordinary operating costs of state government, including any debt service payments made



during the biennial budget period. Provides that a state budget enacted by the general assembly must appropriate money for the state's prefunded pension funds in the amount necessary to actuarially fund the accrued liability of all such pension funds during the budget period. Provides that if expenses exceed actual revenue when reconciled at the close of a biennial budget period, the subsequent biennial budget must subtract any shortfall from the projected revenue available for that subsequent biennial budget. Allows these requirements to be suspended if at least two-thirds of the members of the house of representatives and at least two-thirds of the members of the senate vote to suspend the requirements. Provides that a court that orders a remedy pursuant to any case or controversy arising under these provisions may not order any remedies other than a declaratory judgment or such other remedies that are specifically authorized by the general assembly.

***Current Status:*** 4/19/2017 - Signed by the Speaker