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### **Indiana General Assembly Week 4**

Week four of the General Assembly is at its end, meaning that only 6 weeks remain of this short legislative session. The list of all filed bills is available [here](#). Bills that ACI is closely monitoring this year, the ACI Bill Track, can be found [here](#).

### **The Statehouse - Bills to Review**

The ACI Government Affairs Team will be monitoring session for bills impacting ACI members including items related to food safety regulations, certification programs, transportation and environmental issues, rulemaking from the seed board and more. Frequent updates will be sent to members along with action alerts as needed. There are several bills of interest:

- [SB 330](#): Seed Commissioner Rulemaking. This bill was amended in the Senate Agriculture Committee to place certain varieties of Amaranthus on the restricted noxious weeds list.
- [SB 331](#): Implementation of Federal Food Safety Regulations. ACI is watching this legislation closely; we believe there is an amendment being prepared that will limit the scope of the bill so it is applied consistently and with the least regulatory burden.

*ACI member Brad McCord provided testimony on this bill.*

- [SB 384](#): Liens for Agricultural Supply Dealers. This bill establishes conditions concerning the creation of, priority of and enforcement of this new lien. It is unlikely this bill will be heard.
- [HB 1012](#): Neonicotinoid Pesticides. Requires the pesticide review board to adopt rules prohibiting the use of neonicotinoids, which are certain insecticides having a chemical structure similar to the chemical structure of nicotine. It is unlikely this bill will be heard.

- [HB 1098](#): Seed Commissioner and State Chemist. This bill provides that the state seed commissioner or state chemist may adopt emergency rules for a purpose for which the seed commissioner or state chemist is currently authorized to adopt rules under certain horticulture product and control laws.

***HB 1098 has passed out of the House and is headed to the Senate.***

- [HB1227](#): Noxious Weeds. This bill specifies that waterhemp, marestail, Palmer amaranth, and poison hemlock are noxious weeds for purposes of the weed control board law, which requires the weed control board to take all necessary and proper steps to control noxious weeds affecting agricultural production in Indiana.

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