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ILF DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

MARCH 14

General Information

The Indiana General Assembly reached the halfway point of the 2017 legislative session. Beginning next week, House bills move to the Senate for consideration and Senate bills cross over to the House. For a full list of live and dead bills, [click here](#). A bill in blue text indicates a live bill and a bill in gray text indicates a dead bill. Of course, there is the opportunity to potentially amend a dead bill during the second half of session and we remain vigilant in monitoring these possibilities.

The House approved the budget bill, [HB 1001](#), by a vote of 68-29. As drafted by the House Republicans, HB 1001 provides a K-12 funding increase of 1.1 percent the first year and 1.7 percent the second year, or a total of \$273 million. The bill includes an additional \$10 million per year to the state's On My Way Pre-K pilot program; however, as highlighted previously the Senate has a different view on how much to fund the preschool program, currently to the tune of an additional \$3 million per year. The \$31 billion biennial budget proposal moves to the Senate for further discussion.

The second half of session will begin on March 6. Although the legislature must adjourn *sine die* no later than April 29, legislative leaders have moved up the *sine die* date to April 21.

Bill Highlights

As mentioned last week, bills that died during the first half of session have been removed from the tracking lists. If you have questions about any bills please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

SUPPORT HB 1001 – Biennial Budget

Author: Rep. Timothy Brown (R, Crawfordsville)

Status: **Passed the House (68-29) on February 27, 2017**

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Luke Kenley (R, Noblesville) and Sen. Karen Tallian (D, Portage)

Senate Committee: Appropriations

We now turn our focus on the Senate and will ask that this support for Connectivity and stable funding of INSPIRE, continue.

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY INTERNET CONNECTION

Total Operating Expense 1,500,000
(from general fund)

Build Indiana Fund (IC 4-30-17-3)

Total Operating Expense 3,500,000
(from BIF)

Of the above appropriations, \$3,415,000 each year shall be used for schools under IC 4-34-3-4, and **\$1,585,000 each year** shall be used for libraries under IC 4-34-3-2, including schools and libraries that are not part of the ENA consortium.

INSPIRE (stable funding)

Other Operating Expense 1,382,250

The above appropriations shall be used for the INSPIRE project under IC 4-34-3-2.

Senator David C Ford Educational Technology Program 3,086,072 per year (the same as it was in the 2015 Budget)

HB 1450 – Property Tax Matters.

Author: Rep. Daniel Leonard (R, Huntington)

Status: Passed the House (91-0) on February 27

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Ryan Mishler (R, Bremen) and Sen. John Raatz (R, Centerville)

Senate Committee: Tax and Fiscal Policy

This is the DLGF agency bill.

SB 248 – Consolidation of School Administrative Functions

Author: Sen. Jeff Raatz (R, Centerville)

Status: Passed the Senate (30-18) on February 21

House Sponsor: Rep. Todd Huston (R, Fishers)

House Committee: Education

We thank the author, Sen. Raatz, for taking out mention of *school libraries* in the bill.

SB 276 and HB 1004 – Pre-K Grant Program

Author of SB 276: Sen. Travis Holdman (R, Markle)

Status of SB 276: Passed the Senate (41-9) on February 27

House Sponsor: Rep. Tony Cook (R, Frankfort)

The Senate version allows for a less expensive in-home model of study yet assists most needy children. The two versions are now significantly different.

Author of HB 1004: Rep. Bob Behning (R, Indianapolis)

Status of HB 1004: Passed the House (61-34)

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Raatz (R, Centerville)

Senate Committee: Education and Career Development

Both of these bills include an expansion of the Pre-K program in Indiana. As you know, ILF has joined the All IN 4 Pre-K Coalition in support of these initiatives.

In the end, it is likely that all the language will be in the Budget.

HB 1009 – School Financial Management

Author: Rep. Tony Cook (R, Frankfort)

Status: Passed the House (92-3) on February 13

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Luke Kenley (R, Noblesville)

Senate Committee: Appropriations

SB 285 – Traffic Obstruction by Protestors

Author: Sen. James Tones (R, Wadesville)

Status: Passed the Senate (34-16) on February 28

House Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Borders (R, Jasonville)

This bill is now merely a study committee request.

SB 467 – Public Safety Funding

Author: Sen. James Buck (R, Kokomo)

Committee: Local Government

Status: Passed the Senate (50-0) on February 28

House Sponsor: Rep. Mike Karickhoff (R, Kokomo)

While this may affect libraries if it were to pass and be signed by the Governor, it would minor.

HB 1043 – Referendum Process and Remonstrance Process

Author: Rep. Jeffrey Thompson (R, Lizton)

Status: Passed the House (95-2) on February 20

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Brandt Hershman (R, Buck Creek)

Senate Committee: Appropriations

HB 1129 – Local Income Tax.

Author: Rep. Jeffrey Thompson (R, Lizton)

Status: Passed the House (75-19) on February 27

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Brandt Hershman (R, Buck Creek)

Senate Committee: Tax and Fiscal Policy

This is another LIT amendment! We will watch closely. It is our understanding that cities and towns support this bill. Do You??

SB 407 – Education Matters

Author: Sen. Erin Houchin (R, Salem)

Status: Passed the Senate (32-18) on February 28

House Sponsor: Rep. Jerry Torr (R, Carmel)

Currently, it contains a summer study of ESSA requirements.