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**HB1001 STATE BUDGET.** (BROWN T) Appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes. Replaces the governor with the budget director or the budget director's designee on the state board of finance. Renames the personal services/fringe benefits contingency fund as the budget agency contingency fund (fund). Adds the following authorized fund uses: (1) Emergency capital project expenses. (2) Necessary expenses for existing programs as determined by the governor and budget director. Removes a provision that prevents transfers from the fund for other purposes. Requires the budget committee to be advised of each transfer from the fund that exceeds \$500,000. Replaces the state librarian with the budget director as a member of the enhanced access fee committee. Transfers the operations of the Indiana department of gaming research into a newly established gaming research division of the Indiana gaming commission. Repeals the exoneration fund. Provides that any money remaining in the fund is transferred to the state general fund. Replaces the director of the budget agency with the director of the office of management and budget as an ex officio voting member of the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS). Removes the annual appropriation provision for the examinations fund of the state board of accounts. Replaces the state superintendent of public instruction with the secretary of education or the secretary's designee as a member of the distressed unit appeal board. Amends the venture capital investment tax credit to apply to taxpayers that provide qualified investment capital to certain qualified Indiana investment funds (qualified fund). Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) may only certify a fund as a qualified fund if the fund meets the definition of a venture capital fund under federal regulations and the fund makes investments according to specified policy requirements and priorities. Provides that a taxpayer may not claim a credit certified with regard to a qualified fund before July 1, 2023. Specifies the maximum available tax credits in a calendar year with regard to a qualified fund. Increases the maximum available tax credits in a calendar year with regard to qualified Indiana businesses under current law, including an additional increase in the maximum amount if the qualified Indiana business is a minority business enterprise or a women's business enterprise. Caps the total amount of credits that the IEDC may award in a calendar year at \$20,000,000, provided that not more than \$7,500,000 is awarded for proposed investments in a qualified fund. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2021, all aviation fuel excise tax revenue is transferred to the airport development grant fund (under current law, 50% of the aviation fuel excise tax revenue is transferred to the general fund and 50% is transferred to the airport development grant fund). Adjusts the distributions from the excise fund to increase the amount transferred to the enforcement and administration fund and correspondingly decrease the amount transferred to the state general fund. Clarifies the equal opportunity procurement and contracting requirements for certain projects. Removes the sunset of provisions regarding public-private agreements that provide that legislative approval is not required to impose tolls on certain projects. Specifies that, except for those certain projects, the general assembly must enact authorizing legislation before the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT), the Indiana finance authority (IFA), or an operator may enter into public-private agreements that impose user fees on motor vehicles for use on highways and roads in existence or under construction on July 1, 2011. Provides that the IFA must be a party to any public-private agreement that requires payments to be made to an operator after the operator receives final payment for construction. Specifies the IFA's bonding authority for public-private partnership projects. Removes annual budget committee review of the distribution formula established by INDOT for the public mass transportation fund. Extends the expiration of the hospital assessment fee and the quality assessment fee from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2023. Removes a provision that prevents unused money appropriated to the department of education for the advanced placement program from reverting to the state general fund. Establishes a definition of "virtual instruction" for purposes of determining a school corporation's basic tuition support using the average daily membership (ADM). Provides that any increase in the maximum higher education award and freedom of choice award by the commission for higher education is subject to approval by the budget agency. (Under current law, the commission's annual determination of the maximum awards is subject to approval by the budget agency with review by the budget committee.) Requires money from judicial insurance adjustment fees to be deposited in the state general fund. Appropriates \$400,000,000 from the state general fund to the pre-1996 account of the teachers' retirement fund of the INPRS. Appropriates amounts for defeasing bonds. Allows the budget agency to augment the county jail maintenance contingency fund appropriation from the state general fund for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year by an amount necessary to cover jail and parole holds. Specifies the uses for the augmented amount. Makes corresponding changes.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

1/14/2021 - First Reading

1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Porter, Cherry and Sullivan

1/14/2021 - Authored By Timothy Brown

**HB1002 CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19.** (TORR J) Protects health care providers from professional discipline for certain acts or omissions related to the provision of health care services during a state disaster emergency. Provides that the protection applies to the provision of health care services after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022. Provides that a health care provider is not protected from professional discipline if the health care provider's action, omission, decision, or compliance constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides that a health care provider is not protected from professional discipline for actions that are outside the skills, education, and training of the health care provider, unless the health care

provider's actions are undertaken in good faith and in response to a lack of resources caused by a state disaster emergency. Specifies that orders and recommendations issued by local, state, and federal government agencies and officials during a state disaster emergency do not create new causes of action or new legal duties. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are presumed irrelevant to the issue of the existence of a duty or breach of a duty. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are inadmissible at trial to establish that a new cause of action has been created or proof of a duty or a breach of a duty. Prohibits bringing a civil action against another person based in whole or in part on an allegation that the person's loss, damage, injury, or death was caused by the: (1) exposure to COVID-19; (2) transmission of COVID-19; or (3) contraction of COVID-19; unless the person establishes that the other person caused the loss, damage, injury, or death by an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct. Prohibits filing a class action lawsuit against a defendant in a civil action allowed by the statute. Specifies that a governmental entity or employee is not liable if a loss results from an act or omission arising from COVID-19 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides that a person is not liable to a claimant for loss, damage, injury, or death arising from COVID-19 unless the claimant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the person caused the loss, damage, injury, or death by an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides immunity from civil liability to certain persons, entities, and facilities providing health care services after February 29, 2020, and before April 1, 2022, for certain acts or omissions related to the provision of health care services during a state disaster emergency.

**Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 1/12/2021 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/4/2021 - Referred to House Judiciary

1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Young J, Jeter, Lehman

1/4/2021 - Authored By Jerry Torr

**HB1011 EQUAL PAY; WAGE DISCLOSURE PROTECTION.** (JACKSON C) Provides that it is an unlawful employment practice to: (1) pay wages that discriminate based on sex for substantially similar work; (2) discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any employee or other person because the employee inquired about, disclosed, compared, or otherwise discussed the employee's wages; (3) require as a condition of employment nondisclosure by an employee of the employee's wages; or (4) require an employee to sign a waiver or other document that purports to deny the employee the right to disclose the employee's wage information. Provides that the civil rights commission has jurisdiction for the investigation and resolution of complaints of these employment actions.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Carolyn Jackson

**HB1024 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.** (PRYOR C) Permits counties, cities, and towns (including Marion County) to establish a neighborhood enhancement property tax relief program (program) to provide an assessed value deduction for longtime owner-occupants of homesteads having an assessed value of less than \$150,000 in certain designated areas. Authorizes the redevelopment commission (or the metropolitan development commission in the case of Marion County) to identify the areas for purposes of the program based on specified conditions. Requires the county auditor to make the deduction for the qualifying property under the program without the need for the owner to apply for the deduction. Provides a process by which an owner may opt out of the program, in which case the deduction would not apply. Provides a penalty for wrongly receiving the deduction that is the same as the penalty for wrongly receiving the homestead standard deduction.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Cherrish Pryor

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

**Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development

1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Karickhoff

1/4/2021 - Authored By Jim Pressel

**HB1030 REMOVAL OF A COUNTY ELECTED OFFICER.** (AYLESWORTH M) Provides a process for removal of a county's auditor, treasurer, recorder, surveyor, coroner, or assessor (county officer) for failure to be physically present in the county officer's office for at least one work day each month, unless the county officer takes leave provided for by law or personnel policy. Exempts a county officer for being physically absent during any month in which a local disaster emergency declaration is in effect for at least one work day. Provides that the county executive initiates a county officer's removal by adopting a resolution. Provides that the removal is effective upon the county fiscal body adopting an identical resolution by an affirmative vote of at least: (1) 17 members, in the case of the 25 member Marion County fiscal body; (2) seven members, in the case of the nine member St. Joseph County fiscal body; or (3) five members, in the case of the seven member county fiscal body of any other county. Allows a county officer who has been removed from office to petition a court for judicial review.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Local Government

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Aylesworth

**HB1051 LEVY CONTROLS.** (THOMPSON J) Provides that for years after 2021 an assessed value growth quotient is determined individually for each taxing unit. Provides that the assessed value growth quotient for a taxing unit is determined by a formula that is based on: (1) the average growth in the taxing unit's net assessed value; and (2) the average circuit breaker losses experienced by a taxing unit. Eliminates Indiana nonfarm personal income as a factor in computing an assessed value growth quotient.

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

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Jeffrey Thompson

**HB1052 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.** (THOMPSON J) Amends criminal background check requirements in numerous provisions throughout the Indiana Code to uniformly require an expanded criminal history check. Requires the state police department or a law enforcement agency to refund a fee collected for release or inspection of an individual's limited criminal history if the state police department or the law enforcement agency is unable to provide any information regarding the individual's history of arrest or criminal charges. Makes technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Jeffrey Thompson

**HB1061 DISSEMINATING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS.** (PRYOR C) Requires a person convicted of disseminating material harmful to minors to register as a sex offender if the person is a child care worker and distributes the material to a child who is under the person's care or supervision or who attends a school at which the person is employed.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Cherrish Pryor

**HB1080 LOCAL INCOME TAXES.** (THOMPSON J) Phases in a new distribution formula for certain local income tax (LIT) revenue using a weighted combination of property tax levies and residential assessed value for taxing units receiving this LIT revenue. Phases in the weights over five years beginning in 2023. Amends provisions that provide for a distribution of LIT revenue to schools in counties that imposed a rate under the prior county adjusted gross income tax (CAGIT) before its repeal to apply to all schools in counties that impose a LIT under current law regardless of whether the county imposed a rate under the prior CAGIT.

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

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Jeffrey Thompson

**HB1084 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.** (YOUNG J) Resolves technical conflicts and addresses technical errors in the Indiana Code. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the code revision commission.)

**Current Status:** 1/21/2021 - House Bills on Second Reading

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
1/12/2021 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 12; Nays: 0  
1/12/2021 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
1/4/2021 - Referred to House Judiciary  
1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By John Young

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

**Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - House Employment, Labor and Pensions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions  
1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Daniel Leonard

**HB1166 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS.** (SOLIDAY E) Provides that if an assessment on a taxpayer's residential real property or commercial property is increased for a tax year for any reason other than trending, and the taxpayer appeals the increased assessment to the county property tax assessment board of appeals or the Indiana board of tax review and prevails, or prevails at any subsequent appeal of the increased assessment, the assessing official may not increase the assessed value on the residential real property or commercial property for the next five years for any reason other than trending. Specifies that the provision does not apply where there was a change in structural improvements, zoning, or use that was not considered in the assessment for the prior tax year.

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1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Heine and Aylesworth  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Edmond Soliday

**HB1173 TAX EXEMPTION FOR LANDLORD OF A NONPROFIT RENTER.** (KLINKER S) Provides that to qualify for a tax exemption, an owner of a building may establish a charitable purpose by leasing all or part of the building at a rate substantially below market cost to a person using the building for an educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purpose.

**Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Sheila Klinker

**HB1180 PUBLIC RETIREMENT FUND INVESTMENTS.** (MORRISON A) Requires the public retirement system to divest from businesses that engage in action or inaction to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial activity with companies invested in or assisting in the production of or manufacturing of certain carbon based or nuclear products. Provides for notice to businesses, reinvestment, and civil immunity. Requires certain reports to the legislative council. Makes a conforming amendment.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Alan Morrison

**HB1187 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.** (CHERRY R) Requires one member of a municipal or county redevelopment commission (commission) appointed by the executive of the municipality or county after December 31, 2021, to be an individual nominated by the governing body of the school corporation within the territory. Effective January 1, 2022, eliminates the appointment of and term of office of a nonvoting adviser to the commission. Requires a redevelopment commission to provide notice of an annual meeting to the: (1) president of the governing body; and (2) superintendent; of each school corporation that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area established by the commission. Requires a redevelopment commission to provide notice of an adopted resolution that designates or amends an allocation area to the: (1) president of the governing body; and (2) superintendent; of each school corporation that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area established by the commission. Requires certain percentages of incremental revenue collected in an allocation area be distributed among taxing units wholly or partly located within the allocation area and provides a schedule for the percentage that must be distributed each year.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Rowray, Thompson, Cook  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Robert Cherry

**HB1206 COURT FEES FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY.** (MAYFIELD P) Creates a new court fee of \$2 per case that applies to criminal, pretrial diversion, infraction, and ordinance violation actions. Provides that the fee is dedicated to supporting the law enforcement academy fund. Makes conforming amendments.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Peggy Mayfield

**HB1249 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.** (CLERE E) Provides that if a redevelopment commission outside Marion County wishes to establish a TIF area after June 30, 2021, a school corporation that is located wholly or partly within the proposed TIF area may elect whether to participate in the TIF area. Provides that for TIF areas established after June 30, 2021, a school corporation that elects to participate in a proposed TIF is bound by the terms of the TIF area until the TIF area expires. Provides that except for property tax proceeds transferred to a school corporation, a public school, including a charter school, or a nonpublic school, allocated property tax proceeds may be expended for projects located outside an allocation area only if the redevelopment commission adopts a declaratory resolution that finds that the expenditures: (1) will directly benefit the allocation area; or (2) will result in the creation or retention of jobs in the private sector. Adds various requirements related to expenditures under contracts between redevelopment commissions and providers of educational and training programs to establish programs designed to prepare individuals to participate in the competitive and global economy.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representatives Engleman and Cook  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Edward Clere

**HB1258 CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19.** (YOUNG J) Provides that a person or the person's agent who conducts business in Indiana is not liable in a civil action claiming an injury from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 if the act or omission alleged to violate a duty of care of the person or agent was committed or omitted in compliance with or was consistent with any of the following applicable at the time of the alleged exposure: (1) Federal or state regulations. (2) An executive order issued by the president of the United States or the governor. (3) Guidance. Defines guidance as written guidelines related to COVID-19 issued by any of the following: (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2) The Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor. (3) The Indiana state department of health. (4) Any other agency, board, or commission of the state of Indiana. Specifies that the limited liability for alleged COVID-19 exposures does not apply to a cause of action for medical malpractice. Provides that immunity from civil liability is not granted to a person whose actions or omissions constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Judiciary

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By John Young

**HB1262 TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS.** (ENGLEMAN K) Abolishes the office of township assessor, effective January 1, 2023. Transfers the duties of the township assessor to the county assessor of the county in which the township is located. Provides that if the office of township assessor becomes vacant before January 1, 2023, the office is abolished and the duties of the township assessor are transferred to the county assessor.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Pressel  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Karen Engleman

**HB1271 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE.** (LEONARD D) Provides under multiple provisions that: (1) taxpayers must believe that certain leases were not properly executed in accordance with applicable law in order to file a petition with the department of local government finance (DLGF) setting forth the taxpayers' objections; (2) the DLGF may either hold a hearing in the affected county or through electronic means; and (3) in making its decision, the DLGF may not consider any matter other than whether the lease was properly executed under applicable law. Establishes the term "nonconforming" as a rule of general construction for property tax purposes. Provides that consent to receive notice of a personal property tax assessment via electronic mail remains in effect unless revoked during the preceding year. Replaces the term "railroad car company" with the term "railcar company" for property tax purposes. Provides that the DLGF may amend certain public utility assessment administrative rules to reflect statutory changes. Provides that the fiscal officer of a political subdivision shall provide the DLGF with a report of any annexations that took place within the county during the preceding year. Provides rules and procedures for school corporation budget adoption meetings and hearings. Provides that for certain actions taken by the DLGF on tax levies and budgets of a political subdivision, the DLGF shall certify its action to the: (1) state board of accounts; (2) auditor of state; and (3) department of state revenue; if the budget and levy of the political subdivision are being continued. Provides that 25 taxpayers of a political subdivision must sign a written request for certain public hearings on budgets, tax rates, or tax levies. Provides that a political subdivision shall include an appropriation for bond proceeds in its budget for the ensuing year. Provides procedures for the Goshen public library. Requires a political subdivision submitting a question to eligible voters on an increase in property taxes to include in the public question the estimated percentage of increase in property taxes to be paid to the political subdivision per year on: (1) a residence; and (2) a business property; within the political subdivision. Requires a school corporation placing a referendum for an operating tax levy or a school safety tax levy on the ballot to include in the public question the estimated percentage of increase in property taxes paid to the school corporation per year on: (1) a residence; and (2) a business property; within the school corporation. Requires the department of local government finance to certify average percentage increases determined by a political subdivision and post the values on the department's Internet web site. Provides that the DLGF may establish fair and reasonable fees for level three assessor-appraiser examinations and certifications. Provides that a parcel of land may not be included in more than one allocation area under several provisions. Provides that for cumulative fund tax levy procedure purposes, if a cumulative fund that has been established in a prior year is not reestablished and the tax rate is not properly certified, the political subdivision may not increase a tax rate for the cumulative fund for the ensuing year. Provides that a political subdivision that decides to establish a cumulative fund must give notice in the form required by the DLGF. Provides procedures for the submission of cumulative fund tax levy proposals. Provides that the DLGF is not required to hold a cumulative fund tax levy public hearing unless the petition expressly alleges that the political subdivision failed to comply with certain procedural requirements. Provides cumulative fund tax levy proposal standards for the DLGF. Provides that after a political subdivision complies with the cumulative fund tax levy procedural rules, a property tax may be levied annually at the rate adopted by the political subdivision and certified by the DLGF. Provides that distributions from the financial institutions tax fund may be used for any legal purpose. Provides that a county's distribution of the commercial vehicle excise tax may be used for any legal purpose. Amends review procedures for conservancy district budgets. Provides that for education emergency loans and anticipatory warrants, a governing body may not increase the debt service fund levy to pay for the interest on the loans or warrants unless the loans or warrants have been issued, and the school corporation has received the proceeds from the loans or warrants. Provides that a governing body may not authorize an education emergency loan for the purpose of increasing the school corporation's property tax rate for the ensuing budget year. Provides that for temporary education loans, a board of school trustees, including an Indianapolis public school board, may not impose a levy to pay for the interest on the loans from a debt service fund unless the loan has been issued, and the school town or school city has received the loan proceeds. Provides that a board of school trustees may not authorize a temporary loan for the purpose of increasing the school town or school city's property tax rate for the ensuing budget year. Provides that a county auditor shall forward a list of disannexed lots or lands, as well as a copy of any annexation ordinance, to the DLGF not later than August 1.

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1/14/2021 - Authored By Daniel Leonard

**HB1275 OVERTIME COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.** (HATFIELD R) Provides that, after December 31, 2021, certain employees must be paid compensation for employment in certain circumstances at a rate not less than 1.5 times the regular rate at which the employee is employed and, under certain circumstances, not less than two times the regular rate at which the employee is employed.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Ryan Hatfield

**HB1278 EDUCATION MATTERS.** (JUDY C) Provides that, for each school year, a school corporation shall conduct at least: (1) 900 hours of instructional time for students in grades 1 through 6; and (2) 1,080 hours of instructional time for students in grades 7 through 12. (Current law requires the following: (1) That a school corporation conducts at least 180 student instructional days. (2) That a student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of at least five hours of instructional time and a student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of at least six hours of instructional time.) Defines "instructional day". Simplifies and makes corresponding changes to reducing tuition support if a school corporation fails to conduct the minimum number of instructional hours during a school year. Repeals a provision that requires a qualified district or qualified high school to provide 64,800 minutes of instruction and learning for grades 9 through 12. Makes corresponding changes, including corresponding changes to the school flex program and to the calculation for determining full-time equivalency for average daily membership. Provides that, after June 30, 2022, a school's annual performance may not include English/language arts scores on the statewide assessment for a limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in schools in the United States for less than 12 months. Provides that a school's annual performance may measure only a particular student's growth in English/language arts on the statewide assessment if the particular student is a limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in schools in the United States for at least 12 months but less than 24 months.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Education

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Chris Judy

**HB1315 ELECTRONIC MEETINGS.** (ANDRADE M) Provides that after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022, a governing body of a state or local public agency may conduct any meeting of the governing body without any of its members physically present, if the members communicate with each other and the public by an electronic means of communication and comply with the other requirements of the open door law. Prohibits a court from assessing a civil penalty or voiding a final action, decision, or policy adopted by the governing body at a meeting held after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022, without any members being physically present.

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1/14/2021 - Authored By Mike Andrade

**HB1319 COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE.** (ANDRADE M) Requires that, whenever the actual costs for the construction of a public improvement are at least \$150,000, a contractor or subcontractor shall pay the workers employed in the performance of work for the construction of the public improvement a rate of wages that is not less than the prevailing wage determined by the commissioner of the department of labor (commissioner). Requires that employer contributions for fringe benefits paid under a bona fide collective bargaining agreement be included in the prevailing wage determination unless a contractor or subcontractor is required by federal, state, or local law to provide the fringe benefit. Provides that a prevailing wage determination is conclusive for one year from the date of the determination unless the determination is superseded by a later determination. Requires that all prevailing wage determinations be publicly available. Requires that a contract or subcontract for the construction of a public improvement contain a provision stating that the contractor or subcontractor is required to pay a rate of wages that is not less than the prevailing wage, and that, if it is determined that a worker has been paid less than the prevailing wage, the public body may terminate the contract or part of the contract and continue the work with the public body's own work force or another contractor or subcontractor. Requires a contractor or subcontractor to make full payment of wages without any deductions, except for deductions required by federal or state law and deductions agreed to by the worker and approved by the contracting public body as fair and reasonable. Provides that, if a contractor or subcontractor fails to provide records requested by the commissioner concerning the payment of a prevailing wage, the commissioner may direct the fiscal or financial officer of the contracting public body to withhold from payment up to 25% of the contract amount and pay the workers directly any wages and fringe benefits due and payable. Requires the commissioner to distribute to all public bodies in the state a list of persons and firms that the commissioner has determined have not paid prevailing wages and prohibits a public body from awarding a contract or subcontract to a person or firm on the list for three years after the list is published. Provides mechanisms for the commissioner, workers, or an interested body to enforce violations of the prevailing wage law. Requires a contractor or subcontractor that fails to pay prevailing wages to pay as a civil penalty 75% of the difference between the prevailing wage rate and the wages paid to the workers. Deposits the civil penalties into a prevailing wage penalty enforcement fund to be used to pay expenses incurred by the commissioner in the administration and enforcement of the prevailing wage law. Prohibits a person from requesting or demanding all or a portion of a worker's wages in exchange for employment on the construction of a public improvement. Prohibits a public body from dividing the construction of a public improvement into two or more contracts to avoid paying the prevailing wage.

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1/14/2021 - Authored By Mike Andrade

**HB1327 PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING.** (ELLINGTON J) Provides that if, absent a legitimate fiscal reason, the fiscal body of a governmental unit adopts an ordinance or undertakes any other measure that would reduce the annual budget amount for an upcoming fiscal year of the governmental unit's police department to an amount lower than the police department's annual budget amount for the prior fiscal year, the budget amount for the police department for the prior fiscal year will be the budget amount for the police department for the upcoming fiscal year. Provides that if, absent a legitimate fiscal reason, the fiscal body of a governmental unit adopts an ordinance or undertakes any other measure that would reduce the number of budgeted police officer positions, or that would shift any budgeted police officer positions to non-policing positions, for an upcoming fiscal year that would cause the number of budgeted police officer positions for the upcoming fiscal year to be lower than the number of budgeted police officer positions for the prior fiscal year, the number of budgeted police officer positions for the prior fiscal year

will be the number of budgeted police officer positions for the upcoming fiscal year. Provides that if a governmental unit demonstrates a legitimate fiscal reason for a reduction in the police department's budget amount or a reduction in the number of budgeted police officer positions from the prior fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year, the percentage of the reduction in the police department's budget amount may not exceed the percentage of any reduction in the budget amount for any other department within the governmental unit. Provides that if a governmental unit cannot demonstrate that its police department properly responded to 911 emergency calls during a fiscal year, the governmental unit may be subject to having a portion of its annual levy for the subsequent fiscal year transferred to another governmental unit.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Teshka  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Jeff Ellington

**HB1343 MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY.** (ANDRADE M) Provides that, for a school year beginning after June 30, 2021, the minimum annual salary for a full-time teacher employed by a school corporation may not be less than \$50,000. Provides that each full-time teacher employed by a school corporation shall receive a bonus of \$1,000, not based on performance, from the school corporation for hardships related to teaching during the 2020-2021 school year due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Education

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Mike Andrade

**HB1345 MINIMUM WAGE.** (BOY P) Increases the minimum wage paid to certain employees in Indiana as follows: (1) After June 30, 2022, from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.20 an hour. (2) After December 31, 2022, from \$8.20 an hour to \$9.15 an hour. (3) After December 31, 2023, from \$9.15 an hour to \$10.10 an hour. (4) After December 31, 2024, from \$10.10 an hour to \$11.00 an hour. Provides that after December 31, 2024, and each subsequent December 31, the hourly minimum wage increases at the same percentage as any increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year. Increases the cash wage paid to tipped employees as follows: (1) After June 30, 2022, from \$2.13 an hour to \$3.00 an hour. (2) After December 31, 2022, from \$3.00 an hour to \$4.28 an hour. (3) After December 31, 2023, from \$4.28 an hour to \$5.56 an hour. (4) After December 31, 2024, from \$5.56 an hour to \$6.85 an hour. Provides that after December 31, 2025, and continuing for each subsequent December 31, the cash wage required to be paid to employees is equal to 70% of the hourly minimum wage. Provides that, if the federal minimum wage or cash wage is higher than the state minimum wage or cash wage, employers are required to pay the higher federal rate. Makes technical corrections and corresponding changes.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Pat Boy

**HB1363 CONTROLLED PROJECTS.** (THOMPSON J) Adds back the following deductions in calculating the basis for taxation of property for purposes of a referendum tax levy that is approved after June 30, 2021: (1) The homestead standard deduction. (2) The supplemental homestead deduction. (3) The mortgage deduction. Modifies the threshold amounts used for determining whether a political subdivision's project is a controlled project and whether the petition and remonstrance process or the referendum process applies. Bases these threshold amounts on gross assessed value. Provides that, for purposes of the petition and remonstrance process, a controlled project includes any project: (1) that is not otherwise a controlled project; but (2) the cost of which, when added to the outstanding principal balance of all other projects adopted by the political subdivision in the preceding five years: (A) exceeds 1.5% of the political subdivision's gross assessed value but does not exceed 3% of the political subdivision's gross assessed value, in the case of a political subdivision whose total gross assessed value is not more than \$1,000,000,000; or (B) in the case of a political subdivision whose total gross assessed value is more than \$1,000,000,000, exceeds \$15,000,000 plus 0.1% of the political subdivision's gross assessed value that exceeds \$1,000,000,000 but does not exceed \$30,000,000 plus 0.1% of the political subdivision's gross assessed value that exceeds \$1,000,000,000. Provides that, for purposes of the referendum process, a controlled project includes any project: (1) that is not otherwise a controlled project; but (2) the cost of which, when added to the outstanding principal balance of all other projects adopted by the political subdivision in the preceding five years: (A) exceeds 3% of the political subdivision's gross assessed value, in the case of a political subdivision whose total gross assessed value is not more than \$1,000,000,000; or (B) in the case of a political subdivision whose total gross assessed value is more than \$1,000,000,000, exceeds \$30,000,000 plus 0.1% of the political subdivision's gross assessed value that exceeds \$1,000,000,000. Provides that the public question for a controlled project referendum or a school referendum levy must include a statement that if approved, the tax rate approved by referendum would represent a stated percentage increase (calculated by the department of local government finance) of the political subdivision's or school corporation's total tax rate as of the time of the referendum. Provides that if the estimated increase in a political subdivision's property tax levy for debt service for a proposed controlled project will be offset in whole or in part because of the retirement of existing debt of the political subdivision, the proper officers of the political subdivision may adopt a resolution that includes certain information and statements. Provides that if a political subdivision experiences a decrease in net assessed value it may be stated as an exception to a political subdivision's statement about maintaining its property tax rate to fund a new controlled project because of the retirement of debt. Specifies the ballot language for the referendum on such a proposed controlled project. Provides that the restrictions on supporting a position on a controlled project apply to any political subdivision that has assessed value within the same taxing district as the political subdivision proposing the project. Provides that any referendum must be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May or November.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Jeffrey Thompson

**HB1366 COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION.** (ERRINGTON S) Prohibits the state board of education from distributing human immunodeficiency virus literature to students without the consent of the governing body of the school corporation the students attend. Requires instruction in state accredited schools on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to be based on information that is medically and scientifically accurate and age appropriate. Lists the criteria that instruction on human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases must meet.

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**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Pfaff  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Sue Errington

**HB1368 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS.** (WESCO T) Provides that a certificated employee who is not a member of the exclusive representative (union) may enter into an employment contract with a school corporation that contains terms that differ from the terms set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. Provides that it is not an unfair labor practice for a school corporation to enter into the employment contract. Provides that certain provisions that apply or do not apply to certificated employees subject to collective bargaining agreements also apply or do not apply to certificated employees that enter into such employment contracts.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Education

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Goodrich  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Timothy Wesco

**HB1386 ASSESSMENT MATTERS.** (VANNATTER H) Adds an objective factual error to the list of claims of errors that a taxpayer may raise in an appeal of an assessment. Requires a form requesting an appeal of the Indiana board of tax review to include a line for a petitioner to state that the action is based on a correction of objective factual error appeal. Provides that the county assessor or township assessor making the assessment has the burden of proof in an appeal concerning the correction of an objective factual error in an appeal before the Indiana board of tax review.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Abbott  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Heath VanNatter

**HB1413 RURAL BROADBAND FUND.** (MANNING E) Provides that eligible rural employers qualify for loans under the rural broadband fund. Provides that the office of community and rural affairs (office) shall establish procedures for awarding grants to eligible rural employers. Specifies that the office shall act on an application not later than 30 days after receipt of an eligible rural employer's application.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Ethan Manning

**HB1414 BARRETT LAW ASSESSMENTS FOR BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT.** (KARICKHOFF M) Allows a county or municipality to use Barrett Law assessments to fund projects for the deployment of broadband infrastructure in areas in which there is not at least one provider of terrestrial broadband Internet service.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Miller D  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Michael Karickhoff

**HB1415 BED BUG CONTROL.** (PORTER G) Requires a tenant to inform the landlord if the tenant reasonably suspects the presence of bed bugs. Requires the landlord to have the dwelling inspected by a qualified inspector. Requires the landlord to inform the tenant if the inspection report indicates the presence of bed bugs. Requires the landlord to have a pest control applicator treat a dwelling that contains bed bugs. Establishes responsibilities for the tenant and landlord concerning notice, access, and costs. Allows the state chemist to adopt rules concerning bed bug inspections and the application of pesticides for bed bugs in dwelling units.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Public Health

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Gregory Porter

**HB1422 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE LIMITS.** (SMALTZ B) Provides that for each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2021, an annual adjustment of the assessed value of certain real property must not exceed the lesser of: (1) an amount equal to the percentage change in the consumer price index for the prior calendar year; or (2) an amount equal to 3% over the assessed value of the real property for the prior tax year. Provides that the limitation does not apply if the assessment is based on substantial renovations or new improvements, a change of ownership, or uses that were not considered in the assessment for the prior tax year. Provides that the assessed value of substantial renovations or new improvements to a property as the result of a disaster may not increase the assessed value of the property, with certain restrictions. Provides that if a taxpayer presents an appraisal to the county property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) that is prepared by a certified appraiser in

compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, the appraisal is presumed to be correct. Provides that if the county board disagrees with the taxpayer's appraisal, the county board may seek review of the appraisal by a third party independent certified appraiser.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Ben Smaltz

**HB1426 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT.** (SULLIVAN H) Changes the criteria for eligibility of broadband grants for rural areas.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Negele  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Holli Sullivan

**HB1437 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AT PUBLIC MEETINGS.** (COOK A) Allows, with certain exceptions, a governing body of a political subdivision (except for an airport authority or a local department of aviation) to allow its members to participate in a meeting of the governing body by any means of electronic communication if: (1) the public agency adopts a written policy establishing the procedures for electronic participation; and (2) the means of communication permits simultaneous communication between the members and allows the public to attend and observe the meeting. Provides that a member participating by electronic communication is considered present at the meeting for quorum purposes and may participate in any final action taken at the meeting only if the member can be seen and heard. Provides that if a statute requires a manual signature for attesting or authenticating an obligation issued by certain state and local public entities, an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a manual signature. Adds provisions applicable to state and local public agencies when a state or local disaster emergency is declared. Makes stylistic changes.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - First Reading  
1/14/2021 - Coauthored by Representative Rowray  
1/14/2021 - Authored By Anthony Cook

**SB1 CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19.** (MESSMER M) Provides civil immunity for damages resulting from exposure of an individual to COVID-19 on the premises owned or operated by a person, on any premises on which the person or an employee or agent of the person provided property or services to the individual, or during an activity managed, organized, or sponsored by the person. Defines "COVID-19 protective product" and provides civil immunity for harm that results from the design, manufacture, labeling, sale, distribution, or donation of a COVID-19 protective product, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct (including fraud and intentionally tortious acts). Limits specified immunities to tort actions. Exempts fraud and intentionally tortious acts from specified immunities.

**Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

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1/6/2021 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
1/5/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Buchanan and Rogers  
1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary  
1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Coauthored by Senator Zay  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mark Messmer

**SB16 TAX CREDIT FOR TEACHERS' CLASSROOM SUPPLIES.** (RANDOLPH L) Increases the maximum amount of the income tax credit for an individual employed as a teacher for amounts expended for classroom supplies from \$100 to \$500 per taxable year.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph

**SB23 SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** (BUCK J) Changes the legislative session cycle beginning in 2021 to: (1) eliminate the second regular session of the general assembly; and (2) require a regular session of the general assembly to adjourn sine die not later than May 15 of any odd-numbered year. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By James Buck

**SB30 VARIOUS PROPERTY TAX MATTERS.** (NIEMEYER R) Provides that an individual who is certified as a level one or level two assessor-appraiser may serve as a tax representative of a taxpayer before the county property tax assessment board of appeals, if authorized by the taxpayer on a form submitted with the taxpayer's notice to initiate an appeal. Provides that an individual who

is certified as a level three assessor-appraiser may serve as a tax representative of a taxpayer before the county property tax assessment board of appeals or the Indiana board.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Local Government

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer

**SB42 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS.** (BOHACEK M) Provides that a local government unit may not reduce its annual budget for public safety, police, or fire services for a fiscal year by an amount in excess of the levy reduction by the unit for the fiscal year unless the unit is subject to a revenue shortfall for the fiscal year.

**Current Status:** 1/21/2021 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

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1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Local Government  
1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Bohacek

**SB55 SCHOOL REFERENDA.** (BOHACEK M) Provides that a contract entered into between the governing body of a school corporation and a school administrator may not provide for the awarding of a monetary bonus or other incentive that is based solely on the approval of a public question concerning the imposition of a property tax levy. Requires a school corporation that adopts a resolution to place on the ballot an operating referendum tax levy or school safety referendum tax levy to adopt a revenue spending plan as part of the resolution. Provides requirements for a revenue spending plan.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Bohacek

**SB56 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.** (BOHACEK M) Provides that school employers may bargain collectively with the exclusive representative (union) on teacher working and student learning conditions, including hours, class size, preparation periods, student discipline, and curricular matters. Provides that, if a school employer bargains teacher working and student learning conditions, the school employer shall adopt a resolution regarding the items bargained and, after ratification of a collective bargaining contract, submit the resolution to the Indiana education employment relations board.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Bohacek

**SB57 TEACHER PREPARATION TIME.** (BOHACEK M) Requires each governing body and its administrators to arrange each teacher's daily working schedule to provide 30 consecutive minutes as teacher preparation time that is free of any other assigned responsibilities.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Bohacek

**SB58 VOTE CENTERS.** (BOHACEK M) Requires that a vote center county must establish at least one vote center in each municipality located in the county.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Elections

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Mike Bohacek

**SB64 SCHOOL SAFETY.** (HOLDMAN T) Provides that, before an employee or any other staff member of a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may carry a firearm in or on school property as authorized by a school board of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school, the employee or staff member shall do the following: (1) Successfully complete certain specialized weapons training or other firearm training. (2) Provide proof to the school board that the employee or staff member has successfully completed the training. (3) Complete the Minnesota multiphasic personality inventory 2 (MMPI-II) and provide the results from the inventory to the school board of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Establishes requirements for specialized weapons training. Requires an employee or any other staff member of a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to successfully complete 16 hours of weapons training each year that the employee or staff member is authorized and intends to carry a firearm in or on school property. Provides that the specialized weapons training must be provided by a person or entity approved by the school board of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Allows a school to barricade or block a door during an active shooter drill or during an active shooter emergency occurring in a school building. Provides that the Indiana secured school fund may be used to employ a law enforcement officer who has completed at least 40 hours of certified school resource officer training. Provides that, after June 30, 2021, a law enforcement officer or a school security officer who is not considered a school resource officer must complete 40 hours of certified school resource officer training. Resolves substantive conflicts between P.L. 197-2019, P.L. 50-2019, and P.L. 153-2019.

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Travis Holdman

- SB68 CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.** (DONATO S) Allows members of a conservancy district board of directors to attend meetings electronically. Provides that a member who attends a meeting by electronic communication is considered to be present at the meeting, shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, may vote at the meeting, and may participate in any final action taken at the meeting.
- Current Status:** 1/21/2021 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - added as second author Senator Rogers  
1/7/2021 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Local Government  
1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Stacey Donato
- SB70 ELIMINATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY LEVIES.** (NIEMEYER R) Provides that the supplemental county property tax levy in: (1) Lake County that is distributed to school corporations in Lake County; (2) Dearborn County that is distributed to school corporations in Dearborn County; and (3) Ripley County that is distributed to a school corporation located in both Ripley County and Dearborn County; expire January 1, 2022. Provides that after 2021, a school corporation in Lake County may impose a property tax levy for the school corporation's operations fund equal to the school corporation's distribution from the supplemental county property tax levy in Lake County in 2021. Provides that after 2021, a school corporation in Dearborn County (including a school corporation located in Dearborn County that also extends into Ripley County) may impose a property tax levy for the school corporation's operations fund equal to the school corporation's distribution from the supplemental county property tax levy in Dearborn County in 2021. Provides that the department of local government finance shall: (1) decrease the Lake County government's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy in 2022 by the amount of the property tax levy distributed to school corporations in Lake County in 2021; (2) decrease the Dearborn County government's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy in 2022 by the amount of the property tax levy distributed to school corporations in Dearborn County in 2021; and (3) decrease the Ripley County government's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy in 2022 by the amount of the property tax levy distributed to school corporations in Ripley County in 2021.
- Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer
- SB72 TAXATION OF FARM PROPERTY.** (NIEMEYER R) Makes new farm equipment eligible for local tax abatement using the same procedures for tax abatement under current law for new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and new information technology equipment. Limits an abatement schedule for new farm equipment to not more than five years. Eliminates the annual adjustments (or "trending") for agricultural land for assessment dates beginning after December 31, 2021. Retains the provisions in current law that require four year cyclical reassessments for agricultural land.
- Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer
- SB74 WORKPLACE IMMUNIZATION PROHIBITION.** (KRUSE D) Prohibits an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment, an employee or prospective employee to receive any immunization if the immunization is medically contraindicated for the employee or receiving the immunization is against the employee's religious beliefs or conscience. Allows for a civil action against an employer for a violation.
- Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Young M and Niezgodski  
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1/14/2021 - added as second author Senator Boots  
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1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor  
1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Dennis Kruse
- SB85 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.** (FORD J) Provides that teacher working hours are subject to collective bargaining. Provides that an employer is required to discuss: (1) working conditions; and (2) student learning; with the exclusive representative of certificated employees. Removes teacher evaluations from the list of items that are required to be considered to determine teacher salary increases or increments. Makes changes to the definition of the term "deficit financing" for purposes of determining the amount of money that is available for teacher contracts.
- Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development  
**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Jon Ford
- SB86 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TAX RATES.** (TALLIAN K) Halts the phased changes to the corporate adjusted gross income tax rate at 5.25%. Halts the phased changes to the financial institutions tax rate at 6%.
- Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading

1/11/2021 - Authored By Karen Tallian

- SB94 PENSION MATTERS.** (BOOTS P) Provides that the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS) shall pay the governors' retirement and surviving spouse pensions from the public employees' retirement fund (PERF). (Current law makes the auditor of state responsible for the payments.) Changes the definition of "retired participant" in the retirement medical benefits account statute to require only that the participant be eligible to receive a normal, unreduced retirement or disability benefit. Eliminates the requirement that INPRS shall make an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the retiree health benefit trust fund at least every two years and instead requires INPRS each year to report the assets and liabilities of the retiree health benefit trust fund and make recommendations for employer contribution amounts. Provides that if an individual becomes a participant in the public employees' defined contribution plan with respect to the individual's service as a volunteer firefighter, the individual's service as a volunteer firefighter is disregarded in determining the individual's "years of participation" in the plan for other covered employment. Provides that interest shall be credited to the account of each participant in the prosecuting attorneys' retirement fund at least annually. Specifies the repayment conditions that apply if a participant of the judges' retirement system or a fund member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund withdraws from the respective fund and again becomes a participant or member of the respective fund at a later date. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)
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1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor  
1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By Philip Boots
- SB96 RIOTING.** (GROOMS R) Requires a person convicted of a battery against a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services provider to: (1) serve a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 or 90 days, depending on the severity of the injury; and (2) make restitution to the victim. Defines "tumultuous conduct" and "unlawful assembly" for purposes of the rioting statute, and requires a person convicted of rioting to: (1) serve a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 days; and (2) make restitution to the victim. Defines "camp" and "Indiana government center campus", and makes unlawful camping on the Indiana government center campus a Class A misdemeanor.
- Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
- All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Ronald Grooms
- SB99 PROPERTY TAXES.** (SANDLIN J) Authorizes a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to provide a credit against property tax liability for qualified individuals. Defines a "qualified individual" for purposes of the credit. Provides that the ordinance may designate: (1) all of the territory of the county; or (2) one or more specific geographic territories within the county; as an area in which qualified individuals may apply for the credit. Provides that the credit amount is equal to the amount by which property taxes on the property increased by more than 2% from the prior year. Requires a qualified individual who desires to claim the credit to file a certified statement with the county auditor. Provides that the county auditor shall apply the credit in succeeding years after the certified statement is filed unless the auditor determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the credit or the county fiscal body rescinds the ordinance. Provides a penalty for wrongly receiving the credit that is the same as the penalty for wrongly receiving the homestead standard deduction.
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1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By Jack Sandlin
- SB100 PREVAILING WAGE.** (NIEZGODSKI D) Requires that, whenever the actual costs for the construction of a public improvement are at least \$150,000, a contractor or subcontractor shall pay the workers employed in the performance of work for the construction of the public improvement a rate of wages that is not less than the prevailing wage determined by the commissioner of the department of labor (commissioner). Requires that employer contributions for fringe benefits paid under a bona fide collective bargaining agreement be included in the prevailing wage determination unless a contractor or subcontractor is required by federal, state, or local law to provide the fringe benefit. Provides that a prevailing wage determination is conclusive for one year from the date of the determination unless the determination is superseded by a later determination. Requires that all prevailing wage determinations be publicly available. Requires that a contract or subcontract for the construction of a public improvement contain a provision stating that the contractor or subcontractor is required to pay a rate of wages that is not less than the prevailing wage, and that, if it is determined that a worker has been paid less than the prevailing wage, the public body may terminate the contract or part of the contract and continue the work with the public body's own work force or another contractor or subcontractor. Requires a contractor or subcontractor to make full payment of wages without any deductions, except for deductions required by federal or state law and deductions agreed to by the worker and approved by the contracting public body as fair and reasonable. Provides that, if a contractor or subcontractor fails to provide records requested by the commissioner concerning the payment of a prevailing wage, the commissioner may direct the fiscal or financial officer of the

contracting public body to withhold from payment up to 25% of the contract amount and pay the workers directly any wages and fringe benefits due and payable. Requires the commissioner to distribute to all public bodies in the state a list of persons and firms that the commissioner has determined have not paid prevailing wages and prohibits a public body from awarding a contract or subcontract to a person or firm on the list for three years after the list is published. Provides mechanisms for the commissioner, workers, or an interested body to enforce violations of the prevailing wage law. Requires a contractor or subcontractor that fails to pay prevailing wages to pay as a civil penalty 75% of the difference between the prevailing wage rate and the wages paid to the workers. Deposits the civil penalties into a prevailing wage penalty enforcement fund to be used to pay expenses incurred by the commissioner in the administration and enforcement of the prevailing wage law. Prohibits a person from requesting or demanding all or a portion of a worker's wages in exchange for employment on the construction of a public improvement. Prohibits a public body from dividing the construction of a public improvement into two or more contracts to avoid paying the prevailing wage.

**Current Status:** 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**All Bill Status:** 1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By David Niezgodski

**SB101 EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS.** (RAATZ J) Amends requirements regarding the development of a student's graduation plan. Provides that a student who is at least 17 years of age has full legal capacity to enter into a contract for a next generation Hoosier educators scholarship. Provides that the requirement that a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution that ceases operation submit student records to the Indiana archives and records administration applies regardless of any outstanding debts owed to the institution. Repeals a provision that requires a student to develop an initial graduation plan in grade 6.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - added as second author Senator Kruse

**All Bill Status:** 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development  
1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By Jeff Raatz

**SB105 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor

**SB106 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

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**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor

**SB107 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

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**SB108 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

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**SB109 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

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**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor

**SB110 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

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1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor

**SB111 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
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- SB112 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB113 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB114 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB115 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB116 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB117 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB118 VEHICLE BILL.** (TAYLOR G) None  
**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure  
**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- SB124 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** (KRUSE D) Prohibits public schools from beginning student instructional days for the school year before the Tuesday after the first Monday in September (Labor Day), beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Provides that a governing body may establish a beginning date before Labor Day for year-round schools, schools with balanced calendars, schools that coordinate calendars with a postsecondary educational institution, and schools that coordinate calendars with a large employer in the school corporation.  
**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Raatz  
**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - added as third author Senator Rogers  
1/11/2021 - added as second author Senator Leising  
1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development  
1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By Dennis Kruse
- SB138 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME TAX EXEMPTION.** (ZAY A) Provides that, to the extent that the definition of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) in Title 6 of the Indiana Code is not updated by amendment in the 2021 regular session of the general assembly or thereafter to conform with the CARES Act, a taxpayer is entitled to an exemption from state adjusted gross income equal to the amount of income associated with forgiveness of a covered loan under the Paycheck Protection Program of the CARES Act that is excluded from the taxpayer's federal gross income under Section 1106(i) of that Act, but otherwise included in the taxpayer's state adjusted gross income based on the definition of the IRC in Title 6 of the Indiana Code.  
**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Walker K  
**All Bill Status:** 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By Andy Zay
- SB139 ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS.** (ZAY A) Permits the formation of association health plans that: (1) offer coverage to "working owners", including self-employed individuals; and (2) are offered by a "sponsoring association" that: (A) has at least one substantial business purpose other than providing health plans or other employee benefits to its employer members; and (B) is made up of employer members that share a common trade, industry, line of business, or profession or have a principal place of business within the state or in a metropolitan area encompassing part of the state.  
**Current Status:** 1/5/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services  
**All Bill Status:**

1/5/2021 - First Reading  
1/5/2021 - Authored By Andy Zay

**SB140 PENSION INVESTMENTS IN AMERICAN ADVERSARIES.** (ZAY A) Requires the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system to divest investments in entities and investment products that the federal government has determined to be a Communist Chinese military company or otherwise pose a significant risk of being or becoming involved in activities contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. Requires the system to provide an audited statement of compliance with this requirement.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**All Bill Status:** 1/12/2021 - First Reading  
1/12/2021 - Authored By Andy Zay

**SB143 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB144 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
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**SB145 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB146 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB147 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB148 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB149 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
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**SB150 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB151 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB152 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB153 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB154 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB155 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB156 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB157 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB158 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**SB159 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

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**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

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**SB160 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

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**SB161 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB162 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB163 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB164 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB165 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None

**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure

**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading

1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB166 VEHICLE BILL.** (BRAY R) None**Current Status:** 1/4/2021 - Referred to Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure**All Bill Status:** 1/4/2021 - First Reading  
1/4/2021 - Authored By Rodric Bray

**SB205 TEACHER TRAINING.** (ROGERS L) Requires applicants for an initial teacher's license to provide evidence that the applicant has successfully completed education and training in trauma informed instruction and the recognition of signs that a student may be reacting to trauma. Defines "social emotional learning" as developmentally appropriate, culturally competent, and evidence based universal practices focused on: (1) self-awareness; (2) self-management; (3) social awareness; (4) relationship skills; and (5) responsible decision making. Requires a teacher preparation program to include curriculum that instructs teachers about social emotional learning practices that are helpful in supporting students who have experienced trauma. Mandates that a teacher preparation program consider training teachers on evidence based social emotional learning practices that are consistent with the state's social emotional learning competencies established by the department of education.

**Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Linda Rogers

**SB219 TEACHER'S RETIREMENT FUND APPROPRIATION.** (TALLIAN K) Requires the auditor of state to transfer \$100,000,000 each state fiscal year from the pension stabilization fund to the department of education to be used by the department of education to provide supplemental funding for teacher salaries. Makes a continuing appropriation for this purpose. Requires the board of the Indiana public retirement system to revise the amortization period used by the board for the actuarial determination with regard to the pension stabilization fund to extend the amortization period for the required appropriations to the fund beyond an ending year of 2038, which was used by the board for the actuarial determination for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, to an amortization period for the actuarial determination that extends beyond year 2038 in order to account for the annual transfers from the pension stabilization fund, but without any increase to contribution rates for those state fiscal years. Extends the allowable amortization period from 30 years to 37 years.

**Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Appropriations**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Karen Tallian

**SB234 WITHHOLDING TAX REMITTANCE.** (ROGERS L) Beginning after July 1, 2022, requires entities that are currently required to file and remit monthly withholding taxes 20 days after the end of each month to make periodic deposits on the following schedule: (1) For pay dates that occur between the 1st day of the month and the 15th day of the month, the entity shall deposit all state employee withholdings for that time period by the 20th day of the month. (2) For pay dates that occur between the 16th day of the month and the last day of the month, the entity shall deposit the state employee withholdings for that time period by the 5th day of the following month. Requires the department of state revenue (department) to provide written notice, by electronic means, to each employer that is registered in the department's online IN-Time and whose employer's Form WH-1 monthly withholding tax report or withholding tax remittance is past due. Requires each payroll service provider to annually register with the department. Provides that the annual registration form must require: (1) a list of all responsible persons of the payroll service provider; and (2) certification and acknowledgment that the bank account that is used by the payroll service provider for employer withholding tax deposits shall only be used for that purpose and that a payroll service provider's use of funds in the account for any other purpose constitutes fraud. Defines "payroll service provider" and "responsible persons" for purposes of these provisions. Provides that the department may charge an annual payroll service provider registration fee for purposes of the registration program. Provides that a payroll service provider contract must include a provision that specifies that if the payroll service provider fails to deposit or remit a business client's employer withholding taxes when due, and the failure is not caused by the business client, the payroll service provider shall be responsible for, and assume all obligations for, the payment of any penalties or interest assessed by the department as a result of the failure. Provides that the employer's address shall be the address of record with the department for withholding tax purposes and that a payroll service provider may not change the address of record with the department.

**Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)**All Bill Status:** 1/14/2021 - added as coauthors Senators Doriot, Garten, Perfect  
1/14/2021 - added as third author Senator Buchanan  
1/14/2021 - added as second author Senator Holdman  
1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Linda Rogers

**SB237 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERPAYMENTS.** (LANANE T) Requires the department of workforce development (department) to waive repayment of unemployment benefit overpayments made: (1) during the pendency of an appeal under which the individual is determined to be ineligible for benefits; or (2) because of an error by the department. Waives liability for repayment of unemployment benefits that were paid after July 1, 2011, to an individual who was not entitled to receive the benefits solely because of changes to the unemployment insurance law made by HEA 1450-2011 (P.L.2-2011).

**Current Status:** 1/7/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor**All Bill Status:** 1/7/2021 - First Reading  
1/7/2021 - Authored By Timothy Lanane

**SB244 STATE AND LOCAL AUDIT EXAMINATIONS.** (BUCK J) Beginning July 1, 2021, requires the uniform compliance guidelines for audit examinations of state or local units by the state board of accounts (SBOA) to include disclosure of any pledge, covenant, or agreement that the unit has made as security or guarantor for a private bond issue of a private company. Requires an entity subject to SBOA examination or audit to disclose in the notes of the entity's financial statements any pledge, covenant, or agreement that the entity has made as security or guarantor for a private bond issue of a private company. Beginning July 1, 2021, provides that a political subdivision subject to SBOA audit may not issue or guarantee a debt obligation until the fiscal officer of the political subdivision has: (1) prepared a debt capacity analysis report (report) on a standard form prescribed by the SBOA with the assistance of the department of local government finance; and (2) presented the report to the fiscal body of the political subdivision in a public hearing. Requires the report to include a determination of the percentage of the political subdivision's total debt obligations (including guarantees) compared to the political subdivision's prospective revenue available for debt service.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By James Buck

**SB264 BROADBAND CAPACITY INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY.** (KOCH E) Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications (committee) the topic of the installation and leasing of broadband capacity infrastructure by investor owned electric utilities to broadband service providers for the provision of broadband Internet service to unserved and underserved areas in Indiana. Provides that if a study is assigned to the committee: (1) the committee must consider certain specified issues; and (2) an electric utility may submit to the committee, not later than July 1, 2021, a study concerning the feasibility of making available broadband capacity infrastructure for use by broadband service providers in providing broadband service in unserved or underserved areas in the electric utility's assigned service area.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Utilities

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By Eric Koch

**SB279 DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES.** (NIEMEYER R) Provides that, subject to the approval of a county adopting body, a fire protection district or a qualified fire protection territory may apply for distributions of tax revenue. Provides that a township that provides fire protection or emergency medical services (other than a township in Marion County) may apply to a county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue for public safety purposes. Requires the adopting body to conduct a public hearing to review and approve the application. Specifies the method for determining the amount of the distribution to the qualified township.

**Current Status:** 1/19/2021 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy  
1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By Rick Niemeyer

**SB288 MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS.** (TOMES J) Removes schools and certain public libraries from the list of entities eligible for a specified defense to criminal prosecutions alleging: (1) the dissemination of material harmful to minors; or (2) a performance harmful to minors. Adds colleges and universities to the list of entities eligible for a specified defense to criminal prosecutions alleging: (1) the dissemination of material harmful to minors; or (2) a performance harmful to minors. Allows certain individuals to bring a cause of action against a school or public library that violates a criminal statute concerning: (1) the dissemination of material harmful to a minor; or (2) a performance harmful to a minor. Specifies the remedies available to a plaintiff who prevails in a cause of action against a school or public library that violates a criminal statute concerning: (1) the dissemination of material harmful to minors; or (2) a performance harmful to minors.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By James Tomes

**SB299 THEFT BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.** (HOUCHIN E) Provides that the court shall order, in addition to any criminal penalty imposed, that a public servant be imprisoned for at least 30 days if the public servant is convicted of the offense of theft of public funds from the public servant's employer having a value of at least \$10,000. Provides that the mandatory term of imprisonment imposed on the public servant convicted of the offense of theft of public funds having a value of at least \$10,000: (1) may not be suspended; and (2) does not count towards earned good time credit.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By Erin Houchin

**SB307 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS.** (BUCHANAN B) Provides that the true tax value of commercial real property used for retail purposes that is occupied by the original owner or by a tenant for which the improvement was built shall be determined by the cost approach for the first 10 years of occupancy of the property, less normal depreciation and normal obsolescence under the rules and guidelines of the department of local government finance. Provides that the taxpayer and the assessing official are required to participate in mandatory mediation of an appeal of an assessment of the commercial real property, instead of the preliminary informal meeting process under current law. Requires the county property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) to designate one member of the county board to serve as the mediator for the mediation conference, and specifies certain

procedures that apply. Provides that, if a mandatory mediation conference is not held due to the failure of a party or the party's representative to appear, the county board's determination of the assessment may not be appealed to the Indiana board of tax review by the party that failed to appear at the mediation conference. Provides that a taxpayer shall (not may) enter into a written agreement with a redevelopment commission in which the taxpayer waives review of any assessment of the taxpayer's property in an allocation area during the term of any bond or lease obligations that are payable from allocated property taxes, unless the redevelopment commission waives the requirement in writing. Provides that a county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to provide that the county assessor be reimbursed for legal costs (in addition to other specified costs under current law) incurred by the county assessor in defending an appeal that is uncommon and infrequent in the normal course of defending appeals.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Coauthored by Senators Charbonneau and Buck  
1/11/2021 - Authored By Brian Buchanan

**SB313 PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM.** (YODER S) Requires the department of workforce development to establish a paid family and medical leave program to provide payments for employees who take family and medical leave. Establishes the family and medical leave fund to be funded with appropriations from the general assembly and payroll contributions. Specifies requirements for administration of the paid family and medical leave program. Provides for the department of workforce development to approve an employer's use of a private plan to meet the paid family and medical leave program obligations.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

**All Bill Status:** 1/12/2021 - First Reading  
1/12/2021 - Authored By Shelli Yoder

**SB315 STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.** (YODER S) Increases the amount of the state earned income tax credit. Requires: (1) the department of state revenue to compile a notice with information concerning the federal and state earned income tax credits; and (2) the office of the secretary of family and social services to provide annually the written notice concerning the federal and state earned income tax credits to certain individuals who receive assistance.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**All Bill Status:** 1/12/2021 - First Reading  
1/12/2021 - Authored By Shelli Yoder

**SB317 PROHIBITED PENSION SYSTEM INVESTMENTS.** (GARTEN C) Prohibits the Indiana public retirement system from investing in companies controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Tomes

**All Bill Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor  
1/12/2021 - First Reading  
1/12/2021 - Authored By Chris Garten

**SB332 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.** (BUCK J) Allows a political subdivision, when required by statute to publish a notice two or more times, to make the first publication of notice in a newspaper and any subsequent publications of the notice on the official web site of the political subdivision. Requires the political subdivision or contractor that maintains the political subdivision's official web site to provide proof of publication of the notice on the official web site. Provides that if, with regard to a sheriff's sale of real property to execute a judgment, the sheriff is not able to procure publication of the notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county, the sheriff may publish the notice on the Internet web site of each county where the real estate is located (instead of dispensing with the publication of notice entirely). Defines "official web site".

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Local Government

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By James Buck

**SB333 EDUCATION MATTERS.** (RAATZ J) Amends the membership of the state board of education (state board). Requires the state board to establish a maximum per diem rate for meetings of members of governing bodies of school corporations, including Indianapolis Public Schools. Removes a provision that provides that, if the members of a governing body is totally comprised of appointed members, the appointive authority must approve the per diem rate before the governing body may make payments to the members.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2021 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

**All Bill Status:** 1/11/2021 - First Reading  
1/11/2021 - Authored By Jeff Raatz

**SB334 MINIMUM WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.** (MELTON E) Repeals the prohibition of local units from establishing, mandating, or requiring certain employee benefits. Allows for local units to maintain a higher minimum wage rate than the state's minimum wage. After December 31, 2021, increases the minimum wage paid to certain employees from \$7.25 per hour to \$10 per hour, then annually increases the minimum wage in \$1 increments to \$15 per hour through January 1, 2027.

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**SB336 ASSESSMENT AND TAX EXEMPTIONS.** (FREEMAN A) Provides that the business personal property exemption from taxation is based on the assessed value of the business personal property instead of the acquisition cost. Provides that a reward received for providing information that assists in the arrest, indictment, or filing of charges against a person is exempt from the tax imposed on adjusted gross income. Provides that the minimum valuation applicable to the total amount of a taxpayer's assessable depreciable personal property in a taxing district is 30% of the adjusted cost of the depreciable personal property beginning with the January 1, 2022, assessment date. Provides an exemption from the 30% minimum valuation limitation for new depreciable personal property purchased after December 31, 2021. Provides that for special integrated steel mill or oil refinery/petrochemical equipment purchased after December 31, 2021, a taxpayer may elect to calculate the true tax value of the equipment in the ninth year of acquisition and each year thereafter by multiplying the adjusted cost of the equipment by zero.

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**SB352 BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT.** (HOUCHIN E) Amends the statutory priorities for the funding of projects from the rural broadband fund to provide that the office of community and rural affairs (office) shall establish as a priority the funding of projects to extend the deployment of eligible broadband service to areas in which the only available connections to the Internet are at actual speeds of not more than 25 megabits per second downstream. (Current law prioritizes the funding of projects to deploy eligible broadband service to rural areas based on two different levels of broadband speed available in such areas.) Requires the office to amend, not later than April 15, 2021, the office's guidelines implementing the broadband grant program as necessary to reflect the changes to the funding priorities made by the bill's provisions. Provides that not later than 90 days before the date on which applications for grant funding may first be submitted with respect to a particular round of funding, the office shall issue to any persons providing broadband service in rural areas a request for information soliciting: (1) data identifying each service address for which the person provides broadband service in a rural area, including information on upload and download speeds of the service provided; and (2) information identifying service addresses or other locations in rural areas to which the person will provide eligible broadband service not later than 18 months after the date on which applications for grant funding may first be submitted with respect to the particular round of grant funding. Provides that if the information received by the office in response to a request for information does not indicate that any person is providing broadband service to a particular service address, the office shall consider the service address to be: (1) without broadband service; and (2) eligible for inclusion in any proposed broadband project for which grant funding is sought. Provides that with respect to any service addresses or other locations identified by a person for the deployment of eligible broadband service not later than 18 months after the date on which applications may first be submitted for a particular round of funding, the office shall consider the service addresses or locations identified to be ineligible for inclusion in any proposed broadband project for which funding is sought, subject to the person submitting: (1) a plan for the proposed deployment; and (2) quarterly progress reports on the person's activities in furtherance of the plan. Provides that before each round of grant funding, the office shall publish on the office's Internet web site: (1) data, not identified by provider, as to which service addresses in rural areas receive broadband service at certain specified speeds; (2) data, not identified by provider, as to which service addresses in rural areas are planned for broadband deployment within the 18 month period beginning with the date applications may first be submitted for the particular round of funding; and (3) a map of Indiana showing the general locations of these service addresses or locations. Provides that any information submitted to the office under these provisions: (1) is confidential for purposes of the statute concerning access to public records; (2) is subject to certain protections concerning confidential or proprietary business information; and (3) may not be disclosed by the office, other than in a form that does not identify the person providing the information. Prohibits the department of transportation (department) from requiring a private entity to agree, as a condition of the department leasing a right-of-way to the private entity, that fixtures constructed or installed by the private entity in or under the right-of-way are or become, without additional consideration, property of the department or of the state. Provides that the department may, in consultation with the office and with the office of technology, establish and implement a long-term policy with regard to the use, by public or private entities, of the rights-of-way of interstates and state owned roads for the deployment of broadband service throughout the state. Provides that, to the extent permitted under federal law, rules, or regulations, the department shall transfer any net revenue produced by: (1) the lease of rights-of-way; or (2) fees charged for access to rights-of-way; under the policy to the rural broadband fund.

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1/11/2021 - Authored By Erin Houchin

**SB359 BROADBAND PROJECTS.** (BALDWIN S) Permits a unit of local government to finance broadband projects through the issuance of taxable or tax exempt bonds to be repaid by a broadband provider under the terms of a financing agreement. Provides that a broadband project must make broadband services available to all known addresses and public streets in a geographic area that includes at least one census tract. Requires the fiscal body of a unit to: (1) hold a public hearing to approve a financing agreement; and (2) adopt an ordinance if the financing agreement is approved. Requires a broadband provider to pledge the fees for services generated from a broadband project as its primary source of funds for payment under a financing agreement. Provides the purposes for which bonds may be used for a broadband project.

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**SB369 ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND SIGNATURES.** (ROGERS L) Allows a governing body of a political subdivision (except for an

airport authority or a local department of aviation) to allow its members to participate in a meeting of the governing body by any means of electronic communication if: (1) the public agency adopts a written policy establishing the procedures for electronic participation; and (2) the means of communication permits simultaneous communication between the members and allows the public to attend and observe the meeting. Provides that a member participating by electronic communication is considered present at the meeting for quorum purposes and may participate in any final action taken at the meeting only if the member can be seen and heard. With certain exceptions, provides that a member of the governing body of a school corporation may not participate in a meeting of the governing body by electronic communications if: (1) the only purpose of the meeting is to take public testimony; or (2) the meeting involves taking final action on the adoption of the annual budget of the school corporation. Provides that if a statute requires a manual signature for attesting or authenticating an obligation issued by certain state and local public entities, an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a manual signature. Adds provisions applicable to state and local public agencies when a state or local disaster emergency is declared. Makes stylistic changes.

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**SB371 TEACHER COMPENSATION.** (QADDOURA F) Provides that a school corporation is eligible to receive a licensed teacher pay grant for teacher salaries if the school corporation pays each full-time teacher employed by the school corporation an annual gross salary of at least \$40,000.

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**SB372 VARIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS.** (QADDOURA F) Amends the definition of "eligible child" and "limited eligible child" for purposes of the early education grant pilot program. Establishes a definition of "virtual instruction" for purposes of determining a school corporation's basic tuition support using the average daily membership (ADM). Amends the instructional time requirements for not more than 18 student instructional days in a school year if half of the instructional time during the day is used for one or more of the following: (1) Teacher professional development. (2) Student planning. (3) Teacher collaboration efforts with other teachers, school administrators, or both. Provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of school or school corporation performance assigned by the state board of education for the 2020-2021 school year is the higher of the school's or school corporation's: (1) category or designation of school or school corporation performance assigned for the 2019-2020 school year; or (2) category or designation of school or school corporation performance for the 2020-2021 school year. Provides that consequences for school improvement do not apply for the 2020-2021 school year. Requires that every two years the department of education prepare and present to the budget committee an update on the status of the complexity index. Provides civil immunity for damages resulting from exposure of an individual to COVID-19 on school corporation property or at a school corporation sponsored activity.

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