



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 123<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### Week Seven Overview

This past week, legislators returned to the Statehouse for the second week following the mid-session break. House bills continued to progress through the Senate committees, while Senate bills progressed through House committees. Both the House and the Senate convened on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday to amend and vote on bills that have been adopted by committees in each chamber.

### Committee Highlights

#### HEALTH

**Senate Health and Provider Services:** On Wednesday, Senators gathered in committee to hear an array of healthcare bills. HB 1426, Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives – Sen. Susan Glick (R – LaGrange) proposes that a maternity unit must offer a woman who is eligible for or is already receiving Medicaid assistance the option of having a long acting reversible subdermal contraceptive implanted after the delivery, and before the woman is discharged. Rep. Rita Fleming (D – Jeffersonville) testified that the bill addresses maternal health, the issue of a declining workforce, and helps to reduce the infant and maternal mortality rates. However, Sen. Shelli Yoder (D – Bloomington), voiced concerns that this bill could lead to the possible elimination of Medicaid coverage for IUDs in Indiana, as it doesn't require hospitals to stock other contraceptive options. HB 1427 passed in committee (8-2), with recommitment to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Also heard was HB 1414, Managed Care Organization Reimbursement – Sen. Tyler Johnson (R – Leo), which proposes allowing a managed care organization and a willing Medicaid provider to negotiate different rates of payment methodologies than those set by Medicaid programs. Amendments passed in committee set up guardrails around the negotiation process by making data available to the public and established the use of FSSA's reimbursement rate, among other things. The bill would require managed care organizations to notify FSSA if any different contract language is agreed to. HB 1414 passed with amendments (10-0).

**House Public Health:** This committee met this week to hear two bills that would impact healthcare entities in Indiana. SB 132, Professions and Professional Services – Rep. Dennis Zent (R – Angola) would authorize the office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) to implement a risk based managed care program for certain Medicaid recipients. This bill, among other things, would clean up telehealth, health administration language, and ease the processing of payments. Additionally, it addresses Indiana’s current nursing shortage as it tightens up language regarding proficiency tests for foreign nurses. SB 132 passed in committee (11-3).

Legislators are looking to require health care entities to provide notice of mergers or acquisitions to the Office of the Attorney General through SB 9, Notice of Health Care Entity Mergers – Rep. Donna Schaibley (R – Carmel). The bill passed in committee, after testimony, 9-2.

### EDUCATION

**Senate Education and Career Development:** On Wednesday, Senators gathered for a lengthy committee meeting to hear bills aimed at strengthening education. HB 1137, Religious Instruction and School Chaplains – Sen. Jeff Raatz (R – Richmond), would require that a principal allow a student to attend religious instruction conducted by certain entities after the receipt of a written notice from the student’s guardian. Amendment #4 that was adopted in committee, removes certain requirements that students must meet before being released to attend religious instruction. Amended HB 1137 passed in committee (9-4), with Democrats opposed.

Sen. Jeff Raatz (R – Richmond) also introduced HB 1243, Various Education and Workforce Related Matters. HB 1243 contains many components that work to improve and reshape education. A few of these improvements include teacher compensation, computer science coursework, and flexibility by the Department of Education (DOE) to look at different diploma designations. Rep. Bob Behning (R – Indianapolis) testified in committee that HB 1243 would prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy through preparation in mandated digital literacy coursework. HB 1243 passed in committee (13-0), with recommitment to the Senate Appropriations committee.

Sen. Aaron Freeman (R – Indianapolis) brought forth HB 1002, Enforcement of Educational Opportunity, which defines antisemitism and makes it clear it should not be taught in K-12 and higher education. Amendment #8 added religion to seven different places in the bill, strengthening the protections to ensure a safe educational environment. HB 1002 passed with amendments (12-0).

**House Education:** Lawmakers gathered to hear bills from the senate that work to improve higher education in Indiana. This included SB 8, Higher Education Matters – Rep. Craig Snow (R – Warsaw), a bill that comes from Governor Holcomb’s agenda this session. Various amendments were adopted in committee, including Amendment #13, which would allow the DOE to partner with smaller schools to provide Indiana College classes online. SB 8, among other provisions, would require that every Indiana high school participate in College Core. This would mean that college level work taken in high school could be transferred to public state institutions, giving students an opportunity to continue higher education in an affordable way. SB 8 passed in committee unanimously, (9–0).

**House Ways and Means:** SB 1, Reading Skills – Rep. Teshka was heard by this committee on Wednesday afternoon due to the bill’s fiscal impact. Amendment #31, authored by Rep. Jeffery Thompson, Chair (R – Lizton) was adopted by consent prior to committee discussion. Amendment #31 would make Section 7 of the bill, which deals with summer school programming, effective upon passage in order to prioritize summer school reading courses this summer. The amendment would also require the Department of Education to establish a standard reporting process and reporting window for schools to submit which students would qualify for good cause exemptions. Several amendments were also proposed by Representatives J.D. Prescott (R – Union City) and Ed Clere (R – New Albany), which addressed issues such as removing the mandatory retention requirement, delaying the implementation of the bill, and removing the testing mandate. All proposed amendments were withdrawn by the Chair after brief discussion, with the idea that they could be proposed during the bill’s second reading. SB 1, a priority bill for Senate Republicans this session, would make major changes to improve early identification and remediation for students struggling to read. During her testimony, Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner emphasized that there would be no expected increase in total state expenditures. Rather, funding for programs such as reading screening and summer school programming have already been appropriated to the DOE and any additional costs, such as implementing IREAD testing at the second grade level, will be absorbed by the DOE. SB 1 passed committee as amended (12-9), with those voting “Nay” voicing concerns about the mandatory retention requirement. SB 1 moves to the House for second reading.

## GOVERNMENT

**Senate Local Government** Legislators met on Thursday morning to amend and vote on several bills that heard testimony and were amended last week. HB 1158, County Contracts – Sen. Travis Holdman (R – Markle), was amended by consent prior to committee discussion of the bill. Amendment #3, authored by Rep. Matt Lehman (R – Berne), expands upon Amendment #2, adopted by the committee last week. Amendment #3 would define “county officer” to include, among other positions:

county assessor, county auditor, county coroner, county sheriff, and county fiscal body. As amended, HB 1158 would require contracts that involve the purchase of: (1) real property; (2) tangible or intangible personal property; or (3) services to be subjected to a review process by the county executive, which would have the ability to execute contracts on behalf of the county. The bill would also expand the role of the county attorney and allow them to disapprove a contract if they determine the contract exposes the county to potential liability, the contract does not comply with state law, or the contract does not comply with applicable public purchasing or bidding laws. HB 1158 passed committee as amended (10-0).

HB 1204, Notice of Disposal of Real Property – Sen. Liz Brown (R – Fort Wayne) was the second bill voted on by the committee after an amendment adopted by consent last week. Amendment #4, authored by Rep. Jennifer Meltzer (R – Shelbyville) would, among other things, move all notice requirements to Title 5 of Indiana Code, where the vast majority of notice requirements are currently at, and would clearly define situations in which a unit may publish the required public notices on the political subdivision's official website. As amended, HB 1204 would allow a notice to be published electronically on the website of a newspaper instead of being published in the print edition if a print edition is published less than 3 times a week. HB 1204 passed committee as amended (10-0).

**Senate Judiciary:** HB 1209, Rule Against Perpetuities – Sen. Liz Brown (R – Fort Wayne) would extend the period of time for which certain nonvested property interests are valid from 90 years to 360 years after the interest is created. Additionally, the bill extends the period of time for which certain powers of appointment are valid under specified conditions from 90 years to 360 years. Currently, trust income is not distributed to Indiana resident beneficiaries and subjects all trusts to Indiana's gross income tax. The bill grants the trustee the power to alienate the trust property allowing for the property to be held in the trust for the following generation. The bill narrowly passed committee (6-5) with those opposed having issue with the generation skipping aspect of the bill inherent with the 360-year period of validity.

**House Judiciary:** SB 17, Age Verification for Material Harmful to Minors – Rep. Joanna King (R – Middlebury) was heard in the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday where Amendment #2 was adopted. Amendment #2 defines "person" in the bill as a human being, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, an unincorporated association, or a governmental entity; and defines "verification information" as all information, data, and documents provided by an individual for the purposes of verification of identity or age. Further, the amendment, among other things, increases damages paid from \$1,000 to \$5,000, requires adult oriented website operators to use commercially reasonable methods to secure all information collected

and transmitted, and adds a provision allowing the attorney general to bring an action to obtain an injunction. The amended bill would require an adult oriented website operator that displays material harmful to minors to use a reasonable age verification method to prevent a minor from accessing an adult oriented website. Further, the bill would prohibit a person that conducts age verification from retaining the identifying information of an individual and permits an individual whose identifying information is retained to bring an action to obtain up to \$5,000 in monetary damages and injunctive relief. The bill passed committee (8-1) with Rep. Ed Clere (R – New Albany) opposing the bill regarding concerns over the constitutionality of the bill. SB 17 has been moved to second reading in the House.

**Senate Elections:** The committee met on Monday morning to hear and amend three bills related to election conduct and procedure in Indiana. HB 1133, Use of Digitally Altered Media in Elections – Sen. Spencer Deery (R – West Lafayette) was amended by consent prior to discussion of the bill. Amendment #11, authored by Sen. Mike Gaskill, Chair (R – Pendleton), would expand the bill to federal elections as well as state elections. The bill, now amended, would allow candidates running for office and current officeholders that have been digitally altered without their consent to sue the creator of the fabricated media if the creator does not indicate a disclaimer. In committee, discussion was held regarding the penalties within HB 1133. The bill strictly enforces civil penalties, not criminal. HB 1133 passed committee as amended (7-1), with Sen. Andrea Hunley (D – Indianapolis) opposed. Sen. Hunley cited her worry about the definitions of fabricated media being too narrow as the reason for her vote against the bill.

The second bill to be amended and voted on by the committee was HB 1264, Election Security – Sen. Gaskill. Amendments had been proposed prior to the bill being heard, but were not entertained due to lack of germaneness to the proposed bill. HB 1264 would, among other things, prevent a political subdivision that conducts or administers elections from joining the membership of or participating in programs offered by persons who have directly financed certain election activities, such as the preparation, administration, or conduction of elections. Additionally, the bill would require specific proof of residency requirements for those who register to vote in person at registration agencies, and would create a process for proof of citizenship if a voter's citizenship to the United States was deemed questionable by the county election board. HB 1264 passed committee (5-3), with all Democrats opposed.

HB 1265, Various Elections Matters – Sen. Mike Gaskill, Chair (R – Pendleton) was the final bill to be amended and voted on by the committee on Monday. Prior to discussion of the bill, Amendment #9 was adopted by consent. Amendment #9, authored by Rep. Joanna King (R – Middlebury) would expand the definition of “candidate” in the bill to include an individual filing a general or municipal election ballot vacancy under IC 3-13-11. Additionally, HB 1265, among other things, would

require the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) official to review voter registration records at least once a year. The bill would specify circumstances that create a late candidate vacancy and would extend certain early candidate vacancy provisions to apply to late candidate vacancies. HB 1265 passed committee as amended, (6-2) with Sen. J.D. Ford (D – Indianapolis) and Sen. Andrea Hunley (D – Indianapolis) opposed; neither senator provided a reason for opposition.

**House Roads and Transportation:** The committee met on Tuesday and heard several hours of testimony on SB 52, Prohibition on Use of Dedicated Lanes – Rep. Julie McGuire (R – Indianapolis). SB 52, presented to the committee by author Sen. Aaron Freeman (R – Indianapolis), would prohibit, until July 2025, a unit of local government from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or other requirement that would establish a dedicated bus lane. The bill would also establish a year-long moratorium on “No Turn on Red” signs, and would provide for a study session on the effectiveness of such signage as well as the use of dedicated lanes. Those testifying against the bill argued that the bill would cost the City of Indianapolis to lose \$150 million in federal grant funding, would negatively affect ongoing economic development and public works projects, and would increase serious risk to pedestrian safety. After over three hours of testimony on the bill, Rep. Jim Pressel, Chair (R – Rolling Prairie) decided to hold the bill to be voted on next week.

**House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety:** SB 190, State Disaster Relief Fund – Rep. Michelle Davis (R – Whiteland) passed the this committee on Monday (9-0). The bill would modify the requirements for an eligible entity to receive financial assistance from the state’s Disaster Relief Fund by changing the calculation used to determine the amount of financial assistance an eligible entity may receive from the relief fund. In the event of a disaster, more money would be given to communities that have implemented disaster prevention measures. Therefore, the bill intends to incentivize the implementation of disaster preparation and mitigation measures by increasing the amount of aid a county can receive in a disaster.

**House Government and Regulatory Reform:** With growing improvements in technology with artificial intelligence (AI), Indiana has been seeking for ways to stay ahead of the curve. The House Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform heard SB 150, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity – Rep. Matt Lehman (R – Berne), on Tuesday. Amendment #8, proposed in committee by the Chair, Rep. Doug Miller (R – Elkhart), specifies the individuals who would serve on this task force. A member appointed by the House minority leader, a member appointed by the Senate minority leader, chief data officer, the Solicitor General or their designee, and an individual employed in the cloud technology industry would be added to the task force by the amendment. Amendment #8 also requires public entities to implement a

cybersecurity policy. The amendment was adopted by consent. As amended, the primary function of the bill would be to create an AI task force studying the use of AI by state agencies. SB 150 passed committee (10-0).

**House Ways and Means:** The committee met on Wednesday afternoon to amend and vote on SB 5, Lead Water Line Replacement and Lead Remediation – Rep. Ed Soliday (R – Valparaiso). SB 5 has been a priority measure for Republicans this session. Amendment #6 was heard by the committee and adopted by consent prior to discussion of the bill. Amendment #6, authored by Rep. Jeffrey Thompson, Chair (R – Lizton), would remove the establishment of the School Lead Testing and Grant Program that is currently written into SB 5. According to the Indiana Finance Authority, there are already provisions in place that would allow the creation of such a fund. SB 5, as amended, would authorize water utilities to approach property owners to replace their lead water lines at no cost to the property owner, or would allow a property owner to replace the lead lines at their own expense. The bill would also allow utility companies to enter the property and replace the lead service line if the property owner refuses or is unresponsive, and utilities would be able to disconnect water service as a last resort. SB 5 passed committee as amended (18-0), and heads to the House for second reading.

### **ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**Senate Pensions and Labor:** HB 1093, Employment of Minors – Sen. Brian Buchanan (R – Lebanon) was heard in this committee. Amendment #2 was proposed and adopted by consent. It merges the language of SB 146, Youth Employment – Sen. Linda Rogers, Chair (R – Granger) to HB 1093. As amended, the bill would, among other things, remove language providing that a minor, between the age of 14 and 16 years old, may only work until 7 p.m. on a day that precedes a school day from June 1st through Labor Day. Additionally, the bill would repeal language regarding time restrictions for a minor between the age of 16 and 18 years old. HB 1093 would also specify that minors, from the age of 16 to 18 years old, may work in a hazardous occupation if the hazardous occupation falls within the agricultural sector. Ultimately, the bill passed committee (7-3) with those in opposition claiming there is not a problem that needs to be solved with legislation, and by legislating further loopholes are being created for employers to take advantage.

### **BUDGET & TAXES**

**House Ways and Means:** SB 183, County Option Property Tax Exemption – Rep. Brad Barrett (R – Richmond) was heard by the committee after testimony was given last week. Although no amendments were proposed, there was discussion between committee members and the sponsor on the details of the bill. SB 183 would give counties the option to pass an ordinance to exempt mobile and manufactured homes

from property tax collections. The bill would require a public hearing before the ordinance could be adopted, and counties would have the option of reversing the ordinance at any time. SB 183 passed committee (17-1), with Rep. Cherrish Pryor (D – Indianapolis) opposing. She cited personal disagreement with the policy as a reason for her no vote.

SB 33, Distributions of Public Safety Income Tax Revenue – Rep. Hal Slager (R – Schererville) was amended by consent prior to discussion of the bill. Amendment #6, authored by Rep. Slager, drastically changes the contents of the bill. The amendment would create a “may – shall – may” provision: a qualified township or various townships may apply to the county for a distribution of local income tax revenue (LIT), and the county shall have a public hearing regarding the request. From there, a county may approve the request. In presenting the bill, Rep. Slager emphasized that the intent is to ensure units who request these dollars are able to receive a hearing from the county body who allocates the funds. The bill would require all funds collected from the LIT by qualified townships to be used for public safety purposes. He also emphasized that this amendment is a substantial change to the bill as it was presented in the Senate, but it is not a significant change to the law as it stands now. SB 33 passed committee (21-0).

**Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy:** The second bill amended and voted on by the committee was HB 1199, Economic Enhancement District – Sen. Scott Baldwin (R – Noblesville). Amendment #4, authored by Rep. Julie McGuire (R – Indianapolis), was discussed and adopted by consent prior to discussion of the bill. Amendment #4, among other things, would remove the repeal of the Economic Enhancement District (EED) law, and would allow property owners living outside the EED to opt-in to include their property in the EED assessment of benefits. The bill would also establish an EED audit, and would limit an EED to expire after a ten-year period. The amendment would also increase the number of government appointees on the EED Board, and would increase the number of EED Board Members from eight to nine. HB 1199, as amended, would now allow for the current EED to be established within Mile Square on or before December 31st, 2024, and would cap the annual special benefits assessment at \$5.5 million. Democrats on the committee spoke in favor of the amendment, calling it a bipartisan solution. Several testified in support of an EED for the Mile Square Area, drawing attention to the success and financial benefits of the NBA All-Star Event that occurred the previous weekend. HB 1199 passed committee as amended (14-0).

### CRIMINAL LAW

**Senate Corrections and Criminal Law:** HB 1240, Criminal Law Issues – Sen. Aaron Freeman, Chair (R – Indianapolis) was heard before the committee on Tuesday. Sen. Freeman introduced two amendments in committee that were both adopted by



consent. Amendments #4 specifies that a "telephone sales call" includes certain types of electronically transmitted information such as a text message, graphic message, an image, or a photograph. Additionally, the amendment adds that "abusive head trauma" applies to a child less than six years old. Amendment #8 removes the enhancement based on a prior conviction or adjudication for unlawfully carrying a handgun and adds unlawful carrying of a handgun to the juvenile waiver statute. Furthermore, Sen. Rodney Pol (D – Chesterton) introduced Amendment #2 deleting a duplicate enhancement concerning financial institutions. The amendment was adopted by consent. As amended, this bill would clarify existing statutory language pertaining to prosecuting attorneys and county school commissioners. Additionally, the bill would modify provisions regarding organized theft increasing the penalty to a Level 6 felony, and the bill defines "abusive head trauma" adding it to the list of potential aggravating circumstances when determining sentencing. The bill passed committee (7-0).

HB 1422, Trafficking of Harmful Substances in Jails – Sen. Cyndi Carrasco (R – Indianapolis) would define "chemical intoxicant" as a substance that, when introduced into a person's body, causes intoxication or a similar physical effect. The definition would exclude alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. The bill would include trafficking a chemical intoxicant with an inmate as a Level 5 felony. The bill passed in committee (6-0).

**House Courts and Criminal Code:** SB 293, Trespass – Rep. Chris Jeter (R – Fishers) was heard in the House committee on Courts and Criminal Code on Tuesday. Amendment #4 was proposed by Rep. Jennifer Meltzer (R – Shelbyville) which provides that a person commits trespass if the person enters or refuses to leave the property of another person after having been prohibited from entering or asked to leave by a law enforcement officer. The amendment was adopted. As amended, the bill would provide that an "agent", under the trespass statute, would include a law enforcement officer if the owner of the property requested the presence of a law enforcement officer at or near the property. While police typically get authority from the owner, the statutory language states that the property owner must serve notice directly to the trespassing person thus creating a potentially dangerous situation. This bill attempts to mitigate the danger posed. SB 293 passed the committee (12-0).

 **Session Floor Highlights**

**SENATE**

On Monday, the Senate met to memorialize the late basketball player, George McGinnis. Additionally, the following House bills were amended upon second reading in the Senate:

HB 1034, Insurance and Transfer on Death Deeds – Sen. Eric Koch (R – Bedford)

- Amendment #1 (Sen. Koch) defines “property and casualty insurance policy or liability insurance policy” as an insurance policy described under Class 2 and Class 3 of IC 27-1-5-1; adopted by consent.

HB 1182, Regulation of Controlled Substances – Sen. Susan Glick (R – LaGrange)

- Amendment #1 (Sen. Glick) removes a provision in the original bill that allows a pharmacist to administer an immunization recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; adopted by consent.

HB 1203, Xylazine – Sen. Tyler Johnson (R – Leo)

- Amendment #1 (Sen. Aaron Freeman, R – Indianapolis) makes the manufacturing and dealing of Xylazine illegal and classifies this crime as a Level 4 felony; adopted by consent.

HB 1284, Deposit of Account Agreements – Sen. Mike Gaskill (R – Pendleton)

- Amendment #3 (Sen. Gaskill) defines a “written notice” as a notice: in writing, delivered in a manner agreed to by the depositor, and sent at least thirty days before the effective date of any change to the deposit account agreement; adopted by consent.

HB 1385, Payment for Ambulance Services – Sen. Johnson

- Amendment #2 (Sen. Johnson) modifies the bill and excludes both Medicaid services and ambulance services owned or operated by a health system. The amendment also defines “clean claim” as a claim for payment for ambulance service submitted to a health plan by an ambulance service provider to which there is no defect, impropriety, or circumstance requiring special treatment that may prevent or delay payment; adopted by consent.

HB 1102, Child Care – Sen. Greg Walker (R – Columbus)

- Amendment #3 (Sen. Walker) defines "child care home" as a residential structure in which at least eight children, or at least four children under twelve months old receive child care from a provider. The number of children within the “child care home” does not include children for whom the provider is a parent, stepparent, guardian, custodian, or other relative; adopted by consent.

HB 1106, Regulated Amusement Devices – Sen. Gary Byrne (R – Byrneville)

- Amendment #1 (Sen. Byrne) makes necessary technical corrections in the bill; adopted by consent.

HB 1231, Service of Safety Orders and Penalty Assessments – Sen. Linda Rogers (R – Granger)

- Amendment #1 (Sen. Rogers) addresses concerns regarding when the department of labor sends an electronic message. If the department does not receive confirmation that the recipient has read the message within five days of being sent, the Department of Labor will send a physical message via certified mail; adopted by consent.

HB 1369, Family and Juvenile Law Matters – Sen. Liz Brown (R – Fort Wayne)

- Amendment #1 (Sen. Brown) changes the effective date of the bill to its passage; adopted by consent.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House met on Monday afternoon to hear bills on their second and third readings. The House also honored Rep. Mike Speedy (R – Indianapolis) and Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R – Noblesville) as they will leave the Statehouse at the end of session to run for federal office. No bills were amended upon second reading.

On Tuesday, the House met to honor Representative Donna Schaibley (R – Carmel), who will be retiring at the end of the 2024 session.

Concluding the legislative week, the House met on Thursday. During the session, Representatives took a moment to honor Rep. Bob Cherry (R – Greenfield), who is retiring at the end of the 2024 legislative session.

Prior to second and third readings, House Democrats handed down a minority committee report for SB 202, State Educational Institution Matters – Rep. Behning. The minority report, as presented by Rep. DeLaney (D – Indianapolis), would preserve three parts of the bill. The minority report: (1) would allow for the encouragement of free inquiry, free expression, and intellectual diversity; (2) would require the adoption of a statement of neutrality that makes a distinction between the official position of an institution from the individual viewpoints of the institution's employees, contractors, students, and alumni; and (3) would allow the Commission for Higher Education to establish a survey that collects information from students regarding current perceptions of free speech and academic freedom. All other portions of the bill, including proposed amendments of the duties of the State Educational Institutions' Diversity Committees and the bill's proposed restrictions on professor tenures, would be removed from the bill. Those who supported the minority committee report said that SB 202 is currently too controversial, and universities in Indiana are not in agreement with the bill. Those who opposed the minority report argued that SB 202 does not strip tenure rights, but provides guidance in terms of tenure review, and argued that the majority of public universities in Indiana are comfortable with the bill as it is currently authored. The adoption of the minority committee report failed, (28-58), and SB 202 will remain in the House Education committee for further discussion, despite an attempt by House Democrats to have the bill recommitted to the House Ways and Means committee.

The House amended no bills on second reading, and did not hear any bills on third reading.

The House concurred with the Senate on several bills on Thursday. The concurred bills are listed below:

- HB 1034, Insurance and Transfer on Death Deeds – Rep. Jerry Torr (R – Carmel); (85-0)
- HB 1068, Unlicensed Real Estate Solicitors – Rep. Clere; (85-0)

- HB 1101, Courts for Children Three Years of Age and Younger In Need of Services – Rep. Ryan Lauer (R – Columbus); (88-0)
- HB 1412, Canine Standard of Care – Rep. Beau Baird (R – Greencastle); (53-34)
- HB 1182, Regulation of Controlled Substances – Rep. Wendy McNamara (R – Evansville); (89-0)



### Looking Ahead

As the end of the legislative session draws near, the deadline for the adoption of committee reports is fast approaching. The deadline for third reading of Senate bills in the House is Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The final day for third reading of House bills in the Senate is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Legislators are hoping to conclude session by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to contact a member of our legislative team should you have questions, need full copies of bills or amendments, or have any questions on matters pending before the Indiana General Assembly.

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