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COURTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

HB1006: Law enforcement officers

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Requires the Indiana law enforcement training board to establish mandatory training in de-escalation as part of the use-of-force curriculum, and requires de-escalation training to be provided as a part of: (1) pre-basic training; (2) mandatory inservice training; and (3) the executive training program. Establishes a procedure to allow the Indiana law enforcement training board to decertify an officer who has committed misconduct. Defines "chokehold" and prohibits the use of a chokehold under certain circumstances. Specifies that a law enforcement officer who turns off a body worn camera with the intent to conceal a criminal act commits a Class A misdemeanor. Requires an agency hiring a law enforcement officer to request the officer's employment record and certain other information from previous employing agencies, requires the previous employing agency to provide certain employment information upon request, and provides immunity for disclosure of the employment records. Makes a \$70 million appropriation to the Indiana law enforcement training academy for making capital improvements.

HB1033: Residency of police officers and firefighters

Authored by Rep. Randall Frye

Co-Authored by Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Doug Gutwein, Rep. Mitch Gore

Revises residency requirements for members of police and fire departments to require that members: (1) have adequate means of transportation into the jurisdiction served by the member's department; and (2) maintain telephone service to communicate with the department.

HB1068: Local or regional justice reinvestment advisory councils

Authored by Rep. Randall Frye

Co-Authored by Rep. John Bartlett, Rep. Wendy McNamara, Rep. Gregory Steuerwald

Establishes a local or regional justice reinvestment advisory council (local or regional advisory council) in each county in Indiana. Provides that the purpose of a local or regional advisory council is to review local or regional criminal justice systems, policies, and procedures. Provides that the justice reinvestment advisory council shall assist local or regional advisory councils with promoting: (1) the use of evidence based practices; and (2) certain best practices of community based alternatives and recidivism reduction programs. Sets forth duties of local or regional advisory councils.

HB1082: High tech crimes unit program

Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald

Co-Authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara, Rep. John Young, Rep. Robin Shackelford

Establishes the high tech crimes unit fund for the purpose of establishing up to 10 high tech crimes units that collectively represent the north, south, east, west, and central geographic areas of Indiana to enhance the ability of prosecuting attorneys to investigate, collect evidence, and prosecute high tech crimes.

HB1199: Driving privileges
Authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara
Co-Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald, Rep. Jim Pressel, Rep. Sharon Negele

Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles shall stay a suspension of a person's driving privileges, and terminate that suspension, upon a showing of proof of future financial responsibility, and provides that an individual whose suspension has been terminated because the individual submitted proof of future financial responsibility is not required to pay a reinstatement fee. Requires that the bureau terminate a suspension of a person's driving privileges if the bureau does not receive proof that financial responsibility is not in effect after 180 days. Provides that a suspension may be stayed and then terminated if a person fails to pay the judgment. EXTENDS THE TRAFFIC AMNESITY PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR TO PERMIT CERTAIN PERSONS OWING UNPAID TRAFFIC FINES, OR WHO MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES, TO OBTAIN A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OWED OR AMOUNT PAYABLE.

HB1256: Juvenile court jurisdiction
Authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara
Co-Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald

Provides that a child who: (1) commits indecent display by a youth; or (2) commits dangerous possession of a firearm or provides a firearm to another child in certain circumstances; has committed a delinquent act subject to the jurisdiction of a juvenile court.

HB1383: Judicial officers
Authored by Rep. Anthony Cook.
Co-Authored by Rep. Jerry Torr, Rep. Steve Bartels

Provides that a person commits battery on a public safety official if the offense is committed against a retired judicial officer while the retired judicial officer is serving as a judge, and allows a retired judicial officer to carry a handgun in the same manner as a judicial officer while the retired judicial officer is serving as a judge. Adds current and former probation officers and community corrections officers to the list of persons whose residential addresses may not be disclosed on a public property database website operated by a unit.

HB1453: Judicial selection in Lake and St. Joseph counties
Authored by Rep. Mike Aylesworth
Co-Authored by Rep. Jake Teshka, Rep. Harold Slager

Provides that the judicial nominating commission (commission) for the Lake and St. Joseph superior courts consists of seven voting members, with three voting members appointed by the governor and three voting members appointed by the county board of commissioners, and the chief justice of Indiana or the chief justice's designee serving ex officio as a voting member only to resolve tie votes and as chairperson of the commission. (Current law provides that the commission for the Lake superior court consists of nine members.)

HB1541: Landlord-tenant relations
Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning

Eliminates the general restriction on the authority of a county, city, town, or township concerning regulation of landlord-tenant relationship matters not specifically described by state statute. Prohibits the waiver of laws regarding retaliatory acts by a landlord.

HB1558: Indiana crime guns task force
Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald
Co-Authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara, Rep. John Bartlett

Establishes the Indiana crime guns task force (task force) to address violent crime in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, Johnson, and Shelby counties by delivering, in cooperation with state and federal officials, a uniform strategy to trace firearms used to commit crimes. Establishes an executive board to direct and oversee the task force. Requires the Indiana criminal justice institute to establish and administer the task force fund. Makes conforming amendments.

SB79: Protection orders and domestic battery
Authored by Sen. Michael Crider, Sen. Michael Young
Co-Authored by Sen. Kyle Walker, Sen. Eric Bassler, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Greg Taylor, Sen. Mike Bohacek, Sen. Fady Qaddoura, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Provides that if a petition for an order for protection is filed by a person or on behalf of an unemancipated minor, the court shall determine, after reviewing the petition or making an inquiry, whether issuing the order for protection may impact a school

corporation's ability to provide in-person instruction for the person or the unemancipated minor. Creates a procedure that requires a school corporation to receive notice if the court determines that issuing the order for protection may impact the school corporation's ability to provide in-person instruction for the person or the unemancipated minor.

SB81: Training for investigators of sexual assault cases

Authored by Sen. Michael Crider, Sen. Blake Doriot

Co-Authored by Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. J.D. Ford, Sen. Lonnie Randolph, Sen. Ron Alting, Sen. Scott Baldwin

Requires certain training for sexual assault investigators. Mandates that the law enforcement training board set specialized standards for training and investigating sexual assault cases involving adult victims.

SB177: Victim's rights and investigations

Authored by Sen. Mark Messmer, Sen. Michael Young

Co-Authored by Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Establishes a procedure permitting an immediate family member of a deceased individual to request the superintendent of the state police department to conduct a new investigation into the death of the individual if: (1) a local law enforcement agency has determined that the death was not the result of a criminal act by a third party; (2) the individual was not under the care of a physician or the victim of medical malpractice; and (3) the family member has a reasonable suspicion that the death was the result of a criminal act by a third party.

SB218: Township homeless assistance

Authored by Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Rick Niemeyer

Co-Authored by Sen. Timothy Lanane, Sen. Fady Qaddoura

Establishes the low barrier homeless shelter task force. Beginning July 1, 2022: (1) allows a township trustee to place a homeless individual temporarily in a county home or provide temporary township assistance; and (2) requires the township trustees within a county to collaborate and prepare a list of public and private resources available to the homeless population that is distributed and published on the county's Internet web site, if the county has a web site, not later than March 1 of each year.

SB255: Expungement

Authored by Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Michael Young

Co-Authored by Sen. Greg Taylor, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Specifies that a "criminal history provider" includes certain persons who regularly publish criminal history information on the Internet, for purposes of the law requiring criminal history providers to periodically review their criminal history records for expunged convictions.

SB263: Religious activities as essential services

Authored by Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Liz Brown, Sen. Aaron Freeman

Co-Authored by Sen. James Buck, Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. Mike Bohacek, Sen. Susan Glick, Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. James Tomes, Sen. John Crane, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Eric Bassler, Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Travis Holdman

Prohibits the state and a political subdivision from imposing restrictions on a religious organization that are more restrictive than the restrictions imposed upon other businesses and organizations that provide essential services to the public. Permits the state or a political subdivision to require a religious organization to comply with a neutral and generally applicable health, safety, or occupancy requirement to the same extent as other organizations, if the requirement is otherwise allowable under Indiana's religious freedom law. Provides that the state, a political subdivision, or an officer or employee of the state or a political subdivision may not restrict the right of the people to worship or to worship in person during a disaster emergency.

SB276: Powers of guardian after death

Authored by Sen. Timothy Lanane, Sen. Susan Glick

Co-Authored by Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Authorizes certain guardians to make certain arrangements and control the disposition of a decedent's body subsequent to the death of a protected person. Makes conforming amendments.

SB167: Theft and sale of catalytic converters and valuable metals

Authored by Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Aaron Freeman

Co-Authored by Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Mike Bohacek, Sen. David Niezgodski, Sen. Chris Garten

Provides that the theft of a component part of a motor vehicle, including a catalytic converter, is a Level 6 felony. Expands qualifying prior convictions for Level 6 felony theft to include robbery and burglary. Provides that a valuable metal dealer who: (1) knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with certain statutes regulating the purchase of a valuable metal; and (2) purchases a stolen valuable metal; commits a Level 6 felony.

SB168: IMPD Study Committee

Authored by Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Aaron Freeman

Co-Authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. Eric Koch

Urges the legislative council to assign to an interim study committee the topic of the administration of the Indianapolis Marion County police department.

SB187: Protection of monuments, memorials, and statues

Authored by Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Jack Sandlin

Co-Authored by Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Michael Young

Requires the state police department to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of persons who destroy, damage, vandalize, or desecrate a monument, memorial, or statue. Requires the state police department to assist political subdivisions in the investigation and prosecution of persons who destroy, damage, vandalize, or desecrate a monument, memorial, or statue. Provides that discretionary funding for a political subdivision may not be withheld from a political subdivision in certain circumstances. Provides that a state agency may provide discretionary funding to a political subdivision for a respective grant program after considering whether the political subdivision has taken all appropriate enforcement actions to protect public monuments, memorials, and statues from destruction or vandalism. Defines "discretionary funding". Adds enhanced penalties to the crime of rioting.

SB368: Juvenile justice

Authored by Sen. Karen Tallian, Sen. Susan Glick

Co-Authored by Sen. Jean Breaux, Sen. James Buck

Provides for the automatic expungement of certain juvenile offenses. Prohibits a juvenile arrestee who meets certain requirements from being housed with adult inmates prior to trial, with certain exceptions. Establishes a procedure for determining juvenile competency. Provides that after a juvenile court has determined that a child is a dual status child, the juvenile court may refer the child to be assessed by a dual status assessment team under certain circumstances.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE

HB1001: State Budget

Authored by Rep. Timothy Brown

Co-Authored by Rep. Gregory Porter, Rep. Robert Cherry

- \$1 billion towards education funding, including teacher raises.
- Food Banks funding increased from \$300,000 to \$1 million for each year of the Biennium
- \$600,000 for a new Food Empowerment Program on the Eastside of Indianapolis (grocery store in food desert pilot)
- Indiana Minority Health Coalition restored to by \$526,500 to get back to their \$3 million a year appropriation amount from years prior
- \$100,000 separately provided to the Indiana Minority Health Coalition to address health care disparities
- \$50 million for Health Challenge grants of which expenditures may be made for issues related to minority health
- \$100 million for Mental Health resources
- \$150 million for Department of Education grants to address students who have fallen behind
- \$20 million for local law enforcement agencies for body camera equipment

HB1004: Small business restart grant program

Authored by Rep. Shane Lindauer

Co-Authored by Rep. Sharon Negele, Rep. Alan Morrison, Rep. Cherrish Pryor

Establishes the Hoosier hospitality small business restart grant program with a \$60 million appropriation to provide grants to eligible entities to accelerate economic recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

HB1009: TANF Program

Authored by Rep. Chuck Goodrich

Co-Authored by Rep. Dale DeVon, Rep. Cindy Ledbetter, Rep. Cherrish Pryor

Increases the state earned income tax credit to an amount equal to 10% (instead of 9%) of the federal earned income tax credit that an individual claimed for a taxable year. Provides that for purposes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, income earned by a certain individual in the household who is participating in or pursuing a postsecondary degree, a workforce certificate, a pre-apprenticeship, or an apprenticeship may not disqualify an eligible household from receiving benefits, and may not be considered in determining the amount of assistance.

HB1090: Alcohol matters

Authored by Rep. Earl Harris

Co-Authored by Rep. Sean Eberhart, Rep. Vanessa Summers, Rep. Edmond Soliday

Removes the requirements that: (1) an oil refinery be located within a municipal lakefront development project; and (2) a municipal lakefront development project must be funded in part with local, state, and federal money. Requires the alcohol and tobacco commission to provide notice to the city or town council and the mayor's office of the city or town in which a municipal lakefront development is located of certain hearings. Requires the commission to post signs indicating when and where certain hearings will take place.

HB1119: Food purchases from agricultural programs

Authored by Rep. Steven Davisson

Co-Authored by Rep. Don Lehe, Rep. Ethan Manning, Rep. Sheila Klinker

Provides that a public school or school corporation may purchase up to \$7,500 of food per fiscal year from a youth agricultural education program, subject to certain restrictions and documentation requirements. Provides that the public school or school corporation is not prohibited from purchasing food from a youth agricultural education program under any other procurement requirements.

HB1152: Unemployment insurance

Authored by Rep. Daniel Leonard

Co-Authored by Rep. Doug Miller

Clarifies provisions concerning the overpayment of unemployment benefits resulting from fraud or failure to disclose wages and the forfeiture of benefits or wage credits.

HB1164: Various Utility Matters

Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning

Co-Authored by Rep. Ryan Lauer, Rep. Edmond Soliday

Exempts a contract for the lease of state property under which no state expenditures are required from provisions: (1) requiring certain disclosures and certifications by a prospective state contractor regarding violations of Indiana telephone solicitation and automated calling statutes; (2) regarding cancellation of public purchasing contracts due to lack of funds; (3) regarding state contractor use of the E-Verify program; and (4) prohibiting state contractor employment of unauthorized aliens.

HB1191: Energy matters

Authored by Rep. Jim Pressel

Co-Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning, Rep. Edmond Soliday

Provides that a county executive or the legislative body of a city or town does not have the power to prohibit: (1) a public utility or department of public utilities from furnishing utility service to a utility customer; or (2) a customer of a public utility or department of public utilities from purchasing, using, or connecting or reconnecting to a utility service; based on the energy source of the utility service. Defines a "federal phaseout mandate" as any federal statutory or regulatory requirement that: (1) is established after April 20, 2021, by Congress, a federal agency, or a federal executive order; and (2) requires the phaseout or discontinuance of a particular type of electric generating facility, technology, or fuel source.

HB1220: 21st century energy policy development task force

Authored by Rep. Edmond Soliday

Co-Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning

Reestablishes the 21st century energy policy development task force, following its expiration on December 2, 2020. Provides that the task force consists of 17 members as follows: (1) Six members of the House of Representatives, with four of those members appointed by the speaker, and two appointed by the minority leader. (2) Six members of the senate, with four of those members appointed by the president pro tempore, and two appointed by the minority leader. (3) The utility consumer counselor or the utility consumer counselor's designee. (4) The public finance director or the public finance director's designee. (5) Three members appointed by the governor, each of whom must have specified experience with respect to energy. Provides that: (1) one of the members appointed by the speaker; and (2) one of the members appointed by the president pro tempore; shall serve as co-chairs of the task force.

HB1283: Urban agricultural zones

Authored by Rep. Earl Harris

Co-Authored by Rep. Maureen Bauer, Rep. Don Lehe, Rep. Mike Aylesworth

Provides that a qualifying farmer may apply to a designating body to have an area designated as an urban agricultural zone. Provides that the term "urban agricultural zone" does not include rooftop gardening or farming practices that occur on the top of a building or residential home. Provides that a designating body, before designating an area as an urban agricultural zone, must hold a public hearing and allow for public comment. Provides that a designating body may exempt lands located partially or wholly within an urban agricultural zone from property taxation. Specifies that a designating body may not impose a special benefit tax for public services provided to an urban agricultural zone, unless the designating body imposed the special benefit tax before it designated the area as an urban agricultural zone.

HB1309: Pregnancy accommodation

Authored by Rep. Karen Engleman

Co-Authored by Rep. Sharon Negele, Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep. Rita Fleming

Allows an employee to request an accommodation for the employee's pregnancy. Requires an employer to respond to an employee's request for an accommodation within a reasonable time frame. Provides that a request for accommodation does not require an employer to provide an accommodation for an employee's pregnancy, or impose a duty or obligation upon the employer to provide an accommodation or an exception to the employer's policies unless existing federal or state laws require that an accommodation must be made. Prohibits an employer from disciplining, terminating, or retaliating against an employee because the employee has requested or used an accommodation for the employee's pregnancy.

HB1353: Religious use property tax exemption

Authored by Rep. Mike Speedy

Requires a sales disclosure form to include an attestation that a property transferred will continue to be used by a church or religious society for the same tax exempt purpose.

SB352: Broadband development

Authored by Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Eric Koch

Co-Authored by Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. Stacey Donato, Sen. Jean Leising, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Requires the office of community and rural affairs (office) to establish a process to be used before each formal submission of applications for grants from the rural broadband fund (fund) in which the office will: (1) invite any prospective grant applicant to submit a letter of intent identifying all addresses and census blocks that the applicant intends to include in a grant application; and (2) make all addresses and census blocks submitted in letters of intent publicly available for a period of time, during which eligible broadband service providers will have the opportunity to challenge a listed address or census block.

SB359: Broadband projects

Authored by Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. Eric Koch

Co-Authored by Sen. Liz Brown, Sen. Kyle Walker, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Eric Bassler, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Travis Holdman, Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Timothy Lanane, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. John Crane, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Requires the Indiana department of transportation (INDOT) to create a broadband corridor program (dig once program) to manage the location, installation, and maintenance of communications infrastructure that is used for the provision of broadband services and is located within the rights-of-way of limited access highways.

SB361: Eyelash extension specialists
Authored by Sen. Liz Brown, Sen. Michael Young

Requires the state department of health to adopt reasonable rules to ensure the sanitary operation of facilities where eyelash extensions are applied. Specifies that the rules must establish training and certification requirements for individuals applying eyelash extensions for members of the public. Exempts the application of eyelash extensions from the law regulating cosmetology.

EDUCATION

HB1373: Certified public accountant examination
Authored by Rep. Heath VanNatter
Co-Authored by Rep. Martin Carbaugh, Rep. Ryan Hatfield

Requires a first time examination candidate for the certified public accountant (CPA) examination to have at least 120 semester hours of college education that includes an accounting concentration or equivalent.

HB1384: Civics education
Authored by Rep. Anthony Cook
Co-Authored by Rep. Jeffrey Thompson, Rep. Robert Cherry, Rep. Donna Schaibley

Requires, not later than July 1, 2022, the state board of education, in coordination with the department of education, to establish standards for civics education

HB1449: Broadband development
Authored by Rep. Edmond Soliday

Amends the statute governing the awarding of grants from the rural broadband fund as follows: (1) Provides that an "eligible broadband project" for purposes of the statute includes a project for the deployment of terrestrial broadband infrastructure: (A) to buildings used by public school corporations primarily for educating students; (B) to rural health clinics; (C) to ensure that eligible students (defined as Indiana residents who are less than 23 years of age and who are enrolled in a K-12 school in Indiana) have access points providing a connection to eligible broadband service; and (D) in rural areas in Indiana. (Current law provides that an "eligible broadband project" means only a project for the deployment of broadband infrastructure for the provision of eligible broadband service in rural areas in Indiana.

HB1553: Higher education matters
Authored by Rep. Robert Behning
Co-Authored by Rep. Anthony Cook, Rep. Jake Teshka, Rep. Robert Heaton

Changes the eligibility requirements for the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship and provides that a student may qualify for the scholarship by achieving a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Requires the commission for higher education to give priority to an individual who is: (1) a recent high school graduate; (2) pursuing a teacher shortage area; (3) showing significant financial need; or (4) a member of a household with an annual income of not more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for the free or reduced price lunch program as determined for the immediately preceding taxable year. Provides that the National Guard tuition supplement program may be used by a scholarship applicant for graduate credits.

SB196: Education matters
Authored by Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Dennis Kruse

Requires the state board of education (state board) to adopt administrative rules to allow an organization to provide credit under a Core 40 curriculum model for alternative programs in which students obtain credit counting toward the student's graduation requirements from nonschool educational experience that applies or incorporates content area knowledge in lieu of a required or elective course in the Core 40 curriculum model.

SB358: School buildings
Authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Dennis Kruse

Provides that before a governing body may sell, exchange, lease, demolish, hold without operating, or dispose of a school building, the governing body shall: (1) obtain a certification from the attorney general's office; and (2) make the building available for lease or purchase by a charter school or state educational institution.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB1002: Civil immunity related to COVID-19

Authored by Rep. Jerry Torr

Co-Authored by Rep. John Young, Rep. Chris Jeter, Rep. Matt Lehman

Protects health care providers from professional discipline for certain acts or omissions arising from a disaster emergency unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation.

HB1007: State Health Improvement Plan & Grant Program

Authored by Rep. Ann Vermilion

Co-Authored by Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep. Donna Schaibley, Rep. Robin Shackelford

Requires the state department of health (department), in consultation with the office of the secretary of family and social services, to study and prepare a plan (plan) to improve the health and behavioral health of Indiana residents based on specified criteria. Requires the department to submit and present the plan to the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services (interim study committee).

HB1040: Sudden cardiac arrest of students

Authored by Rep. Jim Pressel

Co-Authored by Rep. Ryan Hatfield, Rep. Anthony Cook

Provides that sudden cardiac arrest information sheets currently required to be provided by each school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school to a parent of an applicable student must include: (1) the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest; and (2) information about electrocardiogram testing. Adds definition of "applicable student". Makes changes to the definition of "athletic activity". Provides that the department of education must maintain guidelines, information sheets, or forms on the department's Internet web site.

HB1101: Daycare licensure exemption in declared emergency

Authored by Rep. Steven Davisson

Co-Authored by Rep. Dale DeVon, Rep. Craig Snow, Rep. Carolyn Jackson

Exempts from day care licensure requirements a child care program that: (1) is operated by a public or private organization under a contract with a public or private school; (2) serves children who are enrolled in a public or private school in grades kindergarten through 12, or in a preschool program offered by the public or private school; and (3) serves children who are: (A) attending school through remote or e-learning due to a disaster emergency; or (B) participating in a learning recovery program that administers an assessment to measure student learning loss and provides Indiana academic standards aligned instruction.

HB1127: Mental health and addiction forensic treatments

Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald

Co-Authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara, Rep. Matt Pierce, Rep. Randall Frye

Removes a provision that allows a: (1) delinquent child's; or (2) person's; Medicaid participation to be terminated following a two year suspension due to certain adjudications or incarceration. Adds competency restoration services to the list of treatment and wraparound recovery services made available to certain persons in the criminal justice system. Adds competency restoration services to the list of services that qualify a person for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Adds: (1) recovery community organizations; and (2) recovery residences; certified by the division of mental health and addiction (division) or its designee to the list of organizations eligible for certain funds and grants from the division. Requires demographic data concerning race and ethnicity to be included in certain demographic research performed by the division.

HB1177: Strategic plan on dementia

Authored by Rep. Gregory Porter

Co-Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning, Rep. Carolyn Jackson, Rep. Brad Barrett

Requires the division of aging to develop a strategic plan concerning dementia in Indiana. Requires the division to submit an annual report to the general assembly concerning the dementia strategic plan and the outcomes of implementing the dementia strategic plan.

HB1225: Opioid treatment programs

Authored by Rep. Ann Vermilion

Co-Authored by Rep. Edward Clere, Rep. Steven Davisson, Rep. Robin Shackelford

Requires an opioid treatment program to obtain prior authorization from the division of mental health and addiction (division) for patients receiving more than 14 days of opioid treatment medication from an opioid treatment program unless otherwise prescribed by the division.

HB1230: Safe haven 911

Authored by Rep. Ryan Lauer

Co-Authored by Rep. Randall Frye, Rep. Craig Snow, Rep. Maureen Bauer

Provides that due to extenuating circumstances, if a child's parent or a person is unable to give up custody of a child under the procedure set forth in Indiana's safe haven law, the child's parent or the person may request that an emergency medical services provider (provider) take custody of the child by: (1) dialing the 911 emergency call number; and (2) staying with the child until a provider arrives to take custody of the child. Provides that the emergency medical dispatch agency or the provider shall inform the child's parent or the person giving up custody of the child of the ability to remain anonymous.

HB1247: Child care provider notice

Authored by Rep. Ann Vermilion

Co-Authored by Rep. Dale DeVon, Rep. Julie Olthoff, Rep. Carolyn Jackson

Allows the division of family resources (division) to send certain notices to: (1) an applicant for licensure as a child care center, licensure as a child care home, or registration as a child care ministry; and (2) a licensed child care center, a licensed child care home, and a registered child care ministry; by electronic mail instead of by certified mail. Requires: (1) an applicant for licensure as a child care center, licensure as a child care home, or registration as a child care ministry to provide a current and valid electronic mail address to the division in the application; and (2) a licensed child care center, a licensed child care home, and a registered child care ministry to maintain the provided electronic mail address for the duration of the licensure or registration.

HB1313: Students with disabilities

Authored by Rep. Edward Clere

Co-Authored by Rep. Tonya Pfaff, Rep. Michelle Davis, Rep. Robert Behning

Requires the state department of health to, not later than November 1, 2021, coordinate with the Indiana management performance hub. Requires the DWD to: (1) communicate with identified eligible individuals; and (2) provide to the eligible individuals a copy of a resource list concerning training and education opportunities and employment services resources.

HB1340: Human immunodeficiency virus

Authored by Rep. Edward Clere

Co-Authored by Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep. Anthony Cook, Rep. Rita Fleming

Replaces statutory references to "dangerous communicable disease" with "serious communicable disease". Replaces statutory references to "carrier" with "individual with a communicable disease". Makes conforming amendments.

HB1405: Insurance matters

Authored by Rep. Martin Carbaugh

Co-Authored by Rep. Matt Lehman, Rep. Chris Campbell, Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep. Edward Clere

Allows the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for a Medicaid state plan amendment to allow school corporations to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary, school based Medicaid covered services that are provided under federal or state mandates.

HB1421: Various health care matters

Authored by Rep. Donna Schaibley

Co-Authored by Rep. Robert Heaton, Rep. Ryan Lauer, Rep. Anthony Cook

Provides that the state employee health plan statute does not prohibit the state personnel department from directly contracting with health care providers for health care services for state employees. Provides that if a woman who is in premature labor presents to a hospital, the hospital must inform the woman of the hospital's capabilities of treating the born alive infant and managing a high risk pregnancy.

HB1468: Various health matters

Authored by Rep. Steven Davisson

Co-Authored by Rep. Edward Clere, Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep. Rita Fleming

Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) to apply for a Medicaid state plan amendment or Medicaid waiver for the following: (1) Reimbursement of Medicaid rehabilitation option services for a Medicaid eligible recipient who is undertaking an initial assessment, intake, or counseling in a community mental health center. (2) Reimbursement for Medicaid rehabilitation option services concurrently with reimbursement under the residential addiction treatment program. Requires a community mental health center to commence a plan of treatment within two weeks for a Medicaid recipient who receives services after the office has amended the state plan.

HB1531: DCS and the education community

Authored by Rep. Dale DeVon

Co-Authored by Rep. Anthony Cook, Rep. Elizabeth Rowray, Rep. Carolyn Jackson

Defines "exigent circumstances" for purposes of action taken by the department of child services (DCS) with respect to a child. Allows DCS to interview a child at the child's school, except for a nonaccredited nonpublic school with less than one employee, without parental consent if: (1) the DCS employee presents their credentials upon arrival at the school; and (2) DCS presents a written statement that DCS has parental consent, a court order, or exigent circumstances. Requires that the written statement shall not be maintained in the child's file and must protect the child's and child's family's confidentiality. Mandates that DCS provide assurances that the child's school, or its representative, has been invited to participate in the case plan process.

HB1536: Department of child services

Authored by Rep. Dale DeVon

Co-Authored by Rep. John Young, Rep. Ann Vermilion, Rep. Elizabeth Rowray

Provides that if the governor declares a state of disaster emergency, the department of child services (department) may: (1) allow older youth who are receiving collaborative care services at the time of the declaration to continue to receive collaborative care services for the duration of the state of disaster emergency; and (2) modify or suspend enforcement of a statute or rule specifying a time within which a foster parent must provide for a child to be examined by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse after the child's placement in the foster parent's home.

HB1577: Abortion matters

Authored by Rep. Peggy Mayfield

Co-Authored by Rep. Joanna King, Rep. Michelle Davis

Adds mental health providers to the list of persons who may not be required to participate in specified procedures and practices concerning abortion or aborted remains if the mental health provider objects to such procedures and practices on the basis of ethical, moral, or religious belief. Provides that an abortion inducing drug may not be dispensed, prescribed, or given to a woman after eight weeks of post fertilization age. Requires a physician to dispense the abortion inducing drug in person and have the pregnant woman consume the drug in the presence of the physician.

SB1: Civil immunity related to COVID-19

Authored by Sen. Mark Messmer, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Liz Brown

Co-Authored by Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Brian Buchanan, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Ron Alting, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. James Buck, Sen. Eric Bassler, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Michael Crider, Sen. Travis Holdman, Sen. Rick Niemeyer, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Philip Boots, Sen. Chip Perfect, Sen. David Niezgodski, Sen. James Tomes, Sen. Jeff Raatz

Provides civil tort immunity for damages arising from 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, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct (including fraud and intentionally tortious acts). Defines "COVID-19 protective product" and provides civil tort 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).

SB3: Telehealth matters

Authored by Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Michael Crider
Co-Authored by Sen. Eric Bassler, Sen. Jon Ford, Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Eric Koch

Prohibits the Medicaid program from specifying originating sites and distant sites for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement. Prohibits the use of telehealth to provide any abortion, including the writing or filling of a prescription for any purpose that is intended to result in an abortion.

SB5: Local health departments; public health emergencies

Authored by Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. Ron Alting, Sen. Mark Messmer
Co-Authored by Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Travis Holdman, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Brian Buchanan, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Chip Perfect, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Liz Brown, Sen. James Buck, Sen. Jean Leising, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. James Tomes, Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Eric Bassler, Sen. Rick Niemeyer, Sen. Michael Young, Sen. John Crane, Sen. Philip Boots, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. Greg Walker, Sen. Justin Busch, Sen. Kyle Walker, Sen. Stacey Donato, Sen. Susan Glick, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. Mike Bohacek

Provides that if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared emergency addressed by an executive order, the local order may be less stringent than the executive order to the extent permitted by the executive order.

SB10: Statewide maternal mortality review committee

Authored by Sen. Jean Leising, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Vaneta Becker
Co-Authored by Sen. Michael Crider, Sen. Susan Glick, Sen. Jean Breaux, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Includes reporting to the statewide maternal mortality review committee (committee) for the release of mental health records without the consent of the patient. Requires the committee to review cases of maternal mortality involving the death of a woman occurring during pregnancy, through one year after the pregnancy. Requires a health care provider and a health facility to report deaths during pregnancy, through one year after a pregnancy to the committee for review. Requires the committee to review all cases of maternal death.

SB63: Mental health treatment for inmates

Authored by Sen. Susan Glick, Sen. Jean Breaux, Sen. Lonnie Randolph
Co-Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton, Sen. Fady Qaddoura, Sen. Karen Tallian, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Liz Brown

Permits, under certain circumstances, an offender committed to the department of correction to be held within a treatment facility operated by the department for not more than 14 days beyond the offender's mandatory release date if: (1) the offender consents; or (2) a court has ordered the offender to be committed to a treatment setting outside the department.

SB82: Mental health diagnosis

Authored by Sen. Michael Crider, Sen. Ed Charbonneau

Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. J.D. Ford, Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Jean Breaux, Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Jon Ford
Defines "mental health diagnosis" and sets forth requirements that must be met in order for certain licensed professionals to provide a mental health diagnosis.

SB169: Housing with services establishment disclosures

Authored by Sen. J.D. Ford, Sen. Ed Charbonneau
Co-Authored by Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Fady Qaddoura

Requires housing with services establishments to make certain disclosures concerning Alzheimer's and dementia special care and file the disclosure with the division of aging. Requires the division of aging to publish the disclosures.

SB202: Hospital and Health facility visitation

Authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Jean Leising
Co-Authored by Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Rick Niemeyer, Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Stacey Donato, Sen. Ryan Mishler, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Justin Busch, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Eddie Melton, Sen. James Tomes

Allows a person admitted as a patient to a hospital or ambulatory outpatient surgical center (facility) to receive visitation by specified individuals during a declared emergency or public health emergency. Requires visitors to comply with applicable disease control or prevention guidelines issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

when visiting a patient. Requires a facility to permit the visitation of a person admitted as a patient in a facility during specified compassionate care scenarios. Allows a facility to limit visitation in certain instances.

SB240: Female genital mutilation

Authored by Sen. Liz Brown, Sen. Jean Breaux, Sen. Karen Tallian

Requires the office of women's health to perform certain actions relating to female genital mutilation. Provides that a child is a child in need of services if before the child becomes 18 years of age the child is a victim of female genital mutilation.

SB259: Parents with disabilities

Authored by Sen. David Niezgodski, Sen. Jon Ford

Co-Authored by Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Mike Bohacek, Sen. John Crane, Sen. J.D. Ford, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Ron Alting, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Fady Qaddoura, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Specifies that it is the policy of the state to recognize the parenting rights of a parent regardless of whether the parent has a disability. Provides that the right of a person with a disability to parent the person's child may not be denied or restricted solely because the person has a disability.

SB292: Publication of health facility reporting

Authored by Sen. Jean Breaux

Co-Authored by Sen. Ed Charbonneau

Requires the state department of health to compile case and death data related to COVID-19 reported by health facilities and residential care facilities in a specified manner and publish the information on the state department's Internet web site. Requires the state department to update the data at least every seven days. Provides that the reporting and publishing requirements expire April 1, 2022.

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB1039: Military award license plates

Authored by Rep. Chris Judy

Co-Authored by Rep. David Abbott, Rep. Randall Frye, Rep. Robert Morris

Provides that the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient may retain the Purple Heart specialty license plate as long as the surviving spouse does not remarry. Specifies that the surviving spouse is not eligible to receive a modified disability registration plate. Establishes the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal specialty license plate.

HB1392: Occupational licensure of military spouses

Authored by Rep. Dennis Zent

Co-Authored by Rep. Randall Frye, Rep. Chris Judy, Rep. Mike Andrade

Amends as follows the law under which a provisional occupational license may be issued to the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces assigned to Indiana: (1) Provides that the law applies to the spouse of any active military service member, including a member of a reserve component of the United States armed forces or a member of the National Guard. (2) Eliminates a provision under which a military spouse applying for a provisional occupational license is required to submit to a national criminal history background check, and provides instead that a military spouse applying for a provisional occupational license must be determined by the appropriate professional board to not have a disqualifying criminal history if a national criminal history background check is required for the regulated occupation for which the military spouse seeks a provisional license.
Military & Veteran Affairs

SB316: Military and veterans matters

Authored by Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. James Tomes, Sen. Philip Boots

Co-Authored by Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Erin Houchin

Changes the definition of a "qualified service member" for purposes of eligibility under the military family relief fund (fund). Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission (commission) to: (1) develop, adopt, and issue a policy listing the disallowable separation codes of each branch of the armed forces; and (2) review the policy for amendment and adopt any necessary amendments before July 1 of each year. Provides that the department of veterans' affairs (department) may use not more than 10% of the average annual license plate revenue to cover direct costs associated with the marketing and promotion of the military relief fund.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB1123: Legislative oversight of certain fiscal and emergency matters

Authored by Rep. Matt Lehman

Co-Authored by Rep. Ben Smaltz, Rep. Jim Pressel, Rep. Ryan Lauer, Rep. David Abbott, Rep. Beau Baird, Rep. Brad Barrett, Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Bruce Borders, Rep. Martin Carbaugh, Rep. Robert Cherry, Rep. Edward Clere, Rep. Anthony Cook, Rep. Michelle Davis, Rep. Steven Davisson, Rep. Jeff Ellington, Rep. Chuck Goodrich, Rep. Doug Gutwein, Rep. Dave Heine, Rep. Chris Judy, Rep. Michael Karickhoff, Rep. Joanna King, Rep. Don Lehe, Rep. Daniel Leonard, Rep. Shane Lindauer, Rep. Ethan Manning, Rep. Peggy Mayfield, Rep. Chris May, Rep. Wendy McNamara, Rep. Doug Miller, Rep. Robert Morris, Rep. Sharon Negele, Rep. Julie Olthoff, Rep. Zach Payne, Rep. J.D. Prescott, Rep. Thomas Saunders, Rep. Donna Schaibley, Rep. Harold Slager, Rep. Craig Snow, Rep. Edmond Soliday, Rep. Gregory Steuerwald, Rep. Jake Teshka, Rep. Jeffrey Thompson, Rep. Heath VanNatter, Rep. Timothy Wesco, Rep. John Young, Rep. Dennis Zent, Rep. Todd Huston

Specifies that the bill is severable. Provides that the general assembly may convene in an emergency session if the legislative council adopts a resolution making certain findings concerning a state of emergency declared by the governor. Specifies the maximum length of an emergency session. Provides that in an emergency session the general assembly may enact only bills relating to the agenda stated in the legislative council's resolution. Provides that the general assembly may adopt concurrent resolutions and each house may adopt simple resolutions during an emergency session. Establishes the legislative state of emergency advisory group. Creates the economic stimulus fund (ESF) for the deposit of all discretionary funds received by the state.

HB1125: Deceptive lead generation

Authored by Rep. Matt Lehman

Co-Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald, Rep. Julie Olthoff, Rep. Ryan Hatfield

Makes false, misleading, or deceptive advertisements for claims related to medical devices and legend drugs and certain other actions a deceptive act.

HB1287: Water or wastewater service

Authored by Rep. Jim Pressel

Co-Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning

Allows a water or wastewater utility to extend service to a developed but underserved area without a deposit from customers if the extension of service will result in a positive contribution to the utility's overall cost of service over a 20 year period.

HB1365: Various elections matters

Authored by Rep. Timothy Wesco

Co-Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning

Defines "anomaly" and amends the definitions of "de minimis change" and "electronic poll book". Requires the entry of filing information concerning all candidates into the statewide voter registration system. Requires, for voting systems initially certified for marketing and use in Indiana after January 1, 2022, certain universally recognized symbols of a candidate's legal name to be displayed. Requires election certification documents to be filed only through the statewide voter registration system. Provides that the precinct judge performs the duties of a precinct election sheriff under certain circumstances. Allows the secretary of state to provide parts and reports from the voter registration system information from the computerized list to law enforcement officials conducting an investigation if certain requirements are met.

HB1372: 2021 regular session of the general assembly

Authored by Rep. Brad Barrett

Co-Authored by Rep. Jim Pressel, Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Randall Frye

Specifies that the deadline for adjourning sine die for the 2021 session of the general assembly is November 15, 2021, and that the current deadline of April 29 remains in place for future long sessions. Provides that the regular technical session statute does not apply in calendar year 2021. Specifies the deadlines for signing enrolled acts and presenting them to the governor for bills passed after April 19, 2021, and before May 1, 2021

HB1396: Alcoholic beverages

Authored by Rep. Ben Smaltz

Co-Authored by Rep. Edward Clere, Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Chris May

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco. Provides that if any provision, or application of any provision, concerning the manufacture, importation, distribution, or retail sale of alcoholic beverages is deemed to be in conflict with federal law or unconstitutional, certain

alcoholic beverage laws shall be construed to limit rather than expand the manufacture, importation, distribution, and retail sale of alcoholic beverages through a three-tier system.

HB1479: Early voting

Authored by Rep. Timothy Wesco

Co-Authored by Rep. Zach Payne, Rep. Cherrish Pryor, Rep. Tonya Pfaff

Provides that the county election board may adopt a resolution authorizing the circuit court clerk to use the office of the circuit court clerk or establish a satellite office to permit voters to cast absentee ballots for at least four hours on the third Saturday preceding election day.

HB1485: Voting matters

Authored by Rep. Timothy Wesco

Co-Authored by Rep. Ethan Manning

Defines "breach of peace" and "law enforcement officer" for purposes of election law. Includes an identification document issued by a Native American Indian tribe or band for purposes of proof of identification. Specifies to whom a watcher must report any violation of election laws. Requires the prior consent of an inspector for a watcher to object to any other precinct election officer concerning an alleged violation of election laws and allows for the removal of the watcher and revocation of credentials for a violation. Amends the definition of "electioneering" and adds language prohibiting making verbal statements, displaying certain written statements, or the display of support for the approval or defeat of a public question and electioneering before election day in specified locations. Makes it criminal trespass for a person to enter or refuse to leave a polling location after having been prohibited entry or asked to leave by an election officer or a law enforcement officer acting on behalf of an election officer.

SB97: Popcorn grown in Indiana

Authored by Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Jean Leising, Sen. Andy Zay

Co-Authored by Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Jean Breaux

Designates popcorn grown in Indiana as the official state snack of Indiana

SB389: Wetlands

Authored by Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. Mark Messmer, Sen. Linda Rogers

Co-Authored by Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Andy Zay, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Mike Gaskill, Sen. Rick Niemeyer, Sen. Liz Brown, Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Justin Busch, Sen. John Crane, Sen. James Buck, Sen. Chip Perfect, Sen. Philip Boots, Sen. Travis Holdman, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. James Tomes, Sen. Jean Leising

Amends the law requiring a permit and compensatory mitigation for "wetland activity" (the discharge of dredged or fill material) in a state regulated wetland.

SB398: Various elections matters

Authored by Sen. Greg Walker, Sen. Jon Ford

Provides that a political subdivision that conducts or administers an election may not receive or expend funds received from a person (other than from the state or from the federal government) for preparing, administering, or conducting elections, including registering voters. Requires the election division (instead of the Indiana election commission) to prescribe a uniform generic seal for use on certain ballots when the circuit court clerk is a candidate on the ballot.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION THAT DID NOT PASS

Amendment: Body Attachment Statute

Authored by Rep. Vernon Smith

Recommend the Legislative Services Agency study and produce a report of body attachment cases, including paid, jailed and/or court cases and demographic data. This study will assist in identifying any disparities among these warrants, whereby law enforcement officers are required to seize a person and bring him/her directly to court.

Amendment: Decriminalize Jim Crow Era-Nonviolent Crimes

Authored by Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Establish a study committee to identify and make recommendations for laws and policies from the Jim Crow era.

Amendment: Legal Settlements by Law Enforcement Agencies
Authored by Rep. Cherrish Pryor

Requires law enforcement agencies to report the cost expended for litigation and lawsuit settlements to the State of Indiana.

Amendment: Reduction of GPS Monitoring
Authored by Rep. Vernon Smith

Reduce the cost of GPS monitoring to individuals. Additionally, the amendment will address the disparity in credit given to GPS users versus someone in jail and pending trial.

HB1016: Criminal Justice Study Committee
Authored by Rep. John Bartlett

Establishes a criminal justice study committee and a criminal justice reform commission..

HB1023: Summons to Appear for a Misdemeanor
Authored by Rep. Cherrish Pryor

Provides that in lieu of arresting a person who has allegedly committed a misdemeanor (other than a traffic misdemeanor) in a law enforcement officer's presence, the officer shall issue a summons and promise to appear unless the person: (1) has committed a violent misdemeanor offense that involves a victim or a weapon or involves an offense related to the impaired operation of a motor vehicle; (2) poses a safety risk to the person, the officer, or the public; or (3) has falsely identified the person to the officer.

HB1062: Ban on Racial Profiling
Authored by Rep. Cherrish Pryor
Co-Authored by Rep. Chris Campbell

Prohibits law enforcement from racial profiling or conducting unlawful pretextual stops. It will require law enforcement agencies to collect certain data pertaining to stop, receive training that includes cultural diversity awareness training and education concerning racial profiling and unlawful pretextual stops.

HB1066: Investigation by State Police
Authored by Rep. John Bartlett

Requires the Indiana state police to investigate when a law enforcement officer employs force resulting in serious bodily injury or death. Local law enforcement agencies must cooperate with the investigation, but they cannot participate in the investigation or conduct one internally if it interferes with the state police's investigation

HB1128: Mental Health Assessment of Law Enforcement Officers
Authored by Rep. Carolyn Jackson

This bill requires the Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB) to establish psychological fitness policies for law enforcement officers. The fitness policy will monitor the frequency and severity of personnel and citizen complaints regarding excessive force and inappropriate verbal abuse. All law enforcement officers will be monitored for basic signs of mental health issues and help will be offered when applicable. Law enforcement office.

HB1153: Mental Health and Addiction Matters
Authored by Rep. Robin Shackleford

Specifies that factors including but not limited to: incarceration, hospitalization, or any other temporary cessation in chemical or substance use cannot be a factor in determining an individual's eligibility for coverage. Also requires an opioid treatment program to provide care for patients and provide resources for pregnant patients before their release. Additionally, a program will be established to destigmatize mental health and addiction.

HB1154: Cannabis Legalization
Authored by Rep. Vanessa Summers

Legalizes cannabis and establishes the cannabis regulatory agency (CRA) to regulate cannabis, including the permitting of growers, processors, dispensaries, and cannabis researchers. Requires the CRA to adopt rules limiting the number of dispensaries that may be established in a city, town, or county, and to ensure that a sufficient number of dispensary permits are awarded to minority business enterprises and women's business enterprises.

HB1165: Enhanced Penalties for Violence Committed by Police Officers
Authored by Rep. John Bartlett

Aligns the enhanced penalty that law enforcement officers face when committing battery or murder with the charges a citizen would face if they battered or murdered a police officer.

HB1209: Bias Motivated Crimes
Authored by Rep. Gregory Porter

Prohibits a crime against a person or property based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or disability of the individual or group of individuals.

HB1210: Statewide Citizen Review Commission
Authored by Rep. Gregory Porter

Establishes the Statewide Citizen Review Commission. The commission will investigate and review all incidents with law enforcement that involve use of force that results in a citizen's death and misconduct allegations.

HB1282: Citizen's Arrest Law and Appeal
Authored by Rep. Earl Harris

Specifies that a person may perform a citizen's arrest only if the person making the arrest is justified under the self-defense statute or under the shoplifter or unlawful recording detention statutes.

HB1284: Statewide Use of Dashboard and Body Cameras
Authored by Rep. Earl Harris

Requires local law enforcement agencies and certain state law enforcement agencies, not later than July 1, 2022, to provide, maintain, and use body cameras and onboard recorders. Requires the law enforcement training board to adopt rules not later than July 1, 2022, governing the use and maintenance of body cameras and onboard recorders by local law enforcement agencies.

HB1334: Youth Advisory Council
Authored by Rep. Robin Shackleford

Adds "crime" and "juvenile justice" to the list of issues that the youth advisory council is to provide information about to the general assembly, modifies membership to include: those who represent a racial minority, members who have been held in juvenile detention, is currently in or has been in foster care, or has attended an alternative school. Judges, community youth organizations, and alternative schools may appoint members to the council.

HB1390: Task Force to Combat Racism as a Health Crisis
Authored by Rep. Vanessa Summers

Requires the task force to make recommendations to the general assembly and the governor:(1) concerning policies and programs that combat racism and mitigate the effects of racism on individual and public health; and (2) identifying appropriate funding for the policies and programs recommended by the task force.

HB1444: Comprehensive Student Support Program
Authored by Rep. Robin Shackleford

Establishes a support program that funds annual grants for public and charter schools, improves staffing ratios in order to support complete development of the student, and finally this legislation shall form a board that creates culturally sensitive practices, mental health service, and any other comprehensive support needed for students and staff.

HB1445: Traffic Amnesty
Authored by Rep. Robin Shackleford

Extends for one year the traffic amnesty program to permit certain persons owing unpaid traffic fines, or who may be required to pay a fee for reinstatement of driving privileges, to obtain a reduction in the amount owed or amount payable. Establishes a payment plan to allow a person to pay the remaining 50 percent of unpaid fees in installments. Provides for reinstatement fees to be reduced.

HB1480: Investigation of Police Involved Shooting
Authored by Rep. Cherrish Pryor

Requires the Indiana State Police to conduct investigations of police if there is death or serious bodily injury to a person.

HB1481: Malicious False Reporting
Authored by Rep. Cherrish Pryor

Allows a person to bring a civil action and obtain relief against a person for maliciously calling the police on a person.

HB1502: Police Misconduct Complaint Process
Authored by Rep. Vanessa Summers

Deals with the police misconduct complaint process.

HB1526: Mental Health Professionals
Authored by Rep. Earl Harris

Requires a mental health professional that is appointed to a crisis intervention team to accompany responding law enforcement or police officers to a call involving a mental health or substance abuse disorder crisis. Provides that a law enforcement or police officer may not be held liable for damages, including punitive damages, for any act or omission related to a mental health professional's contribution to crisis intervention team or a crisis intervention team response.

HB1579: Juvenile Waivers
Authored by Rep. Ragen Hatcher

Repeals the direct filing of certain juvenile offenses in adult court. Raises the age requirement for the waiver of certain juvenile offenses. Allows a juvenile court to waive jurisdiction of certain crimes to adult court. (Current law requires a juvenile court to waive jurisdiction in certain circumstances.) Modifies the age parameters involving cases that a juvenile court may waive to adult court.

HB1580: Direct Filing of Juvenile Cases in Adult Court
Authored by Rep. Ragen Hatcher

Eliminates a requirement that the case of a juvenile who is: (1) 16 or 17 years of age; and (2) accused of certain offenses; must be filed directly in a court with adult criminal jurisdiction.

SB110: Law Enforcement Misconduct Database
Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton
Co-Authored by Sen. Michael Young

Requires the law enforcement training board, in consultation with the office of technology, to establish a law enforcement misconduct database that gives the public access to information on disciplinary actions against law enforcement officers.

SB191: Juvenile Delinquency Matters
Authored by Sen. Greg Taylor

Provides that the juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over a child who: (1) is at least 16 years of age and is charged with certain more serious offenses; or (2) has a previous adult conviction and is alleged to have committed an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult. Provides for automatic expungement of a delinquency adjudication if the delinquent act: (1) did not result in bodily injury to another person; and (2) is not a sex offense.

SB192: Law Enforcement Training
Authored by Sen. Greg Taylor

Requires law enforcement officers to receive training in identifying, responding to, and reporting bias motivated crimes in which the person who committed a criminal offense selected the victim who was injured or whose property was damaged because of the victim's actual or perceived race, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.

SB269: No-Knock Warrants
Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton
Co-Authored by Sen. J.D. Ford

Makes changes to standard operating procedures around the use of no-knock warrants by law enforcement. It prohibits law enforcement to make forcible entry into the premises to be searched without a warrant specifically authorizing forcible entry

SB275: Waiver of Penalties & Interest
Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton

Authored by Sen. Rick Niemeyer, Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Lonnie Randolph, Sen. Fady Qaddoura, Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. Travis Holdman

Property tax matters and waiver of penalties and interest. Provides that a taxpayer, upon appealing the assessment of certain commercial real property, must provide information concerning the actual construction costs for the commercial real property.

SB308: Certification of Law Enforcement Officers
Authored by Sen. Greg Taylor

Defines "merit board" and requires a merit board to notify the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (ILETB) if the merit board has determined that a law enforcement officer has used excessive force against a person.

SB341: Civil Forfeiture
Authored by Sen. Jean Breaux

Directs civil forfeiture proceeds to the United Way organization in each county. Prohibits civil forfeiture proceeds from being used to purchase armored vehicles, military style weapons, or surplus military equipment.

SB344: Ban on Chokeholds
Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton

Defines "chokehold" and prohibits the use of a chokehold to effect an arrest

SB387: Collective Bargaining of Law Enforcement Officers
Authored by Sen. Greg Taylor

Requires a county, city, or town that executes a collective bargaining agreement after June 30, 2021, regarding the unit's police employees, to do the following before executing the agreement : (1) Discuss the proposed agreement at a public meeting. (2) Publish the meeting notice and post the proposed agreement on the unit's Internet web site not later than 10 days before the public meeting.

SB391: Prohibited Crowd Control Practices
Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton

Prohibits law enforcement officers from using a kinetic energy projectile or a chemical agent to disperse a lawful: (1) assembly; (2) demonstration; (3) protest; or (4) other gathering of people. Prohibits the deliberate targeting of a person's head or neck when using or deploying a kinetic energy projectile or a chemical agent. Prohibits the use of a kinetic energy projectile or chemical agent for curfew enforcement purposes.

LEGISLATION OF CONCERN THAT DID NOT PASS

HB1005: School Choice Matters
Authored by Rep. Robert Behning.
Co-Authored by Rep. Edward Clere, Rep. J.D. Prescott, Rep. Ryan Lauer

Establishes the Indiana education scholarship account program. Provides that, after June 30, 2022, a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may establish an account in the program. Defines an eligible student as: (1) a student with a disability who requires special education; (2) a student with a parent who is on active duty service in the armed forces of the United States or National Guard; or (3) a student placed in foster care or otherwise under care and supervision of the department of child services. Provides that an eligible student who has an account and attends a qualified school is eligible to receive an annual grant amount that may be used to pay for tuition at an accredited nonpublic school or education related expenses.

HB1198: Adult and Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

Authored by Rep. Wendy McNamara.

Co-Authored by Rep. Gregory Steuerwald, Rep. Sharon Negele

Provides that a complaint, indictment, or information for child molesting shall be filed in adult criminal court if the accused person: (1) was at least 14 years of age but less than 18 years of age at the time of the offense; and (2) is at least 21 years of age at the time of filing the complaint, indictment, or information. Provides that under certain circumstances an adult criminal prosecution for child molesting must be commenced not later than one year after specified information is discovered if: (1) the accused person was less than 18 years of age at the time of the offense; and (2) the evidence was discovered before the accused person becomes 21 years of age. Provides that a court may suspend any part of a sentence for child molesting if the person: (1) was at least 14 years of age but less than 18 years of age at the time of the offense; and (2) was at least 21 years of age at the time of filing the complaint, indictment, or information. Requires a person who: (1) commits child molesting before the age of 18; and (2) who is charged as an adult after reaching the age of 21; to register as a sex offender, but permits a court to reconsider requiring the person to register at any time after the person completes court ordered sex offender treatment.

HB1367: School Corporation Disannexation

Authored by Rep. Jake Teshka.

Co-Authored by Rep. Jack Jordan, Rep. Edward Clere

Establishes a two year pilot program whereby the John Glenn School Corporation may initiate a process to disannex certain territory from an existing school corporation and annex the territory.

HB1369: Firearm Matters

Authored by Rep. Ben Smaltz.

Co-Authored by Rep. Matt Lehman, Rep. Timothy Wesco, Rep. Jim Lucas

Effective March 30, 2022: (1) Repeals the law that requires a person to obtain a license to carry a handgun in Indiana; (2) Specifies that certain persons who are not otherwise prohibited from carrying or possessing a handgun are not required to obtain or possess a license or permit from the state to carry a handgun in Indiana; (3) Prohibits certain individuals from knowingly or intentionally carrying a handgun; (4) Creates the crime of "unlawful carrying of a handgun"; (5) Provides that a prohibited person who knowingly or intentionally carries a handgun commits a Class A misdemeanor; (6) Specifies that the unlawful carrying of a handgun is a Level 5 felony if a person: (A) is less than 23 years of age; and (B) has an adjudication as a delinquent child for an act described by IC 35-47-4-5 (unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon)

HB1427: Police Department Administration

Authored by Rep. Mike Speedy

Provides that the chief of a city police department or town board of metropolitan police commissioners has the sole authority to make general or special orders to the police department establishing the department's procedures and policies, including use of force policy.

HB1560: Homeowners Associations and Solar Power

Authored by Rep. Mike Speedy.

Co-Authored by Rep. Sharon Negele.

Provides that, subject to certain specified exceptions, a homeowners association may not: (1) prohibit the owner of a dwelling unit from installing a solar energy system; (2) impose unreasonable limitations on the owner's ability to install or use a solar energy system; or (3) require the removal of a solar energy system that has been installed. Provides, however, that a homeowners association may require preapproval by the homeowners association of the location of a solar energy system and of the manner in which the solar energy system is installed. Applies only to rules, covenants, declarations of restrictions, and other governing documents adopted or amended by a homeowners association after June 30, 2021.

SB141: Central Indiana Public Transportation Projects

Authored by Sen. Aaron Freeman,

Co-Authored by Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Jack Sandlin

Prohibits Marion County from creating additional IndyGo bus rapid transit lines if the revenue requirements are not met.

SB194: Obstruction of Traffic

Authored by Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Jack Sandlin.

Co-Authored by Sen. Mike Bohacek, Sen. Kyle Walker, Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. James Tomes

Increases the penalty for obstruction of traffic under certain circumstances.

SB198: Rioting

Authored by Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Ronald Grooms, Sen. Eric Koch.

Co-Authored by Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Mark Messmer, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. James Buck, Sen. John Crane, Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. James Tomes

Grants, until January 1, 2025, the attorney general concurrent jurisdiction with the prosecuting attorney to prosecute an action in which a person is accused of committing a criminal offense while a member of an unlawful assembly. Permits the chief executive officer of a political subdivision to establish a curfew under certain circumstances. Makes refusing to leave a location in violation of a curfew, after having been informed of the curfew and ordered to leave by a law enforcement officer, a Class B misdemeanor. Allows for the civil forfeiture of property that is used by a person to finance a crime committed by a person who is a member of an unlawful assembly. Prohibits a person from being released on bail without a hearing in open court, establishes a rebuttable presumption that money bail shall be required, and requires a court to consider whether bail conditions more stringent than the local guidelines should be imposed. Adds enhanced penalties to the crimes of: (1) rioting; and (2) obstruction of traffic. Allows a conspiracy charge for a misdemeanor committed while a member of an unlawful assembly. Provides that a person may recover actual damages in a civil action against a county, city, or town (unit) for loss of property proximately caused by an unlawful assembly, if the unit recklessly fails to exercise reasonable diligence to prevent or suppress the unlawful assembly.

SB199: Self-Defense

Authored by Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Chris Garten.

Co-Authored by Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Justin Busch, Sen. John Crane, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Dennis Kruse, Sen. Jean Leising, Sen. James Tomes

Specifies that "reasonable force" includes the pointing of a loaded or unloaded firearm for purposes of arrest or to prevent an escape, or for self-defense when used to prevent or terminate the an unlawful entry of or attack on a dwelling, curtilage, fixed place of business, motor vehicle, or aircraft in flight.

SB200: Noncompliant Prosecuting Attorney

Authored by Sen. Michael Young, Sen. Andy Zay.

Co-Authored by Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Jack Sandlin

Permits the attorney general to request the appointment of a special prosecuting attorney if a prosecuting attorney is categorically refusing to prosecute certain crimes, and establishes a procedure for the appointment of a person to serve as a special prosecuting attorney to prosecute cases that the county prosecuting attorney is refusing to prosecute.

SB311: Use of Force and Self Defense

Authored by Sen. Scott Baldwin, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Sen. Chris Garten.

Co-Authored by Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Blake Doriot, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Lonnie Randolph

Prohibits a state or local law enforcement officer (officer) from firing warning shots. Allows a guard, official, or officer in a state or local penal facility to fire warning shots to prevent the escape of a person. Prohibits a law enforcement agency or merit board from taking an adverse employment action against a law enforcement officer who lawfully exercises the officer's right of self defense, and requires a law enforcement agency to indemnify a law enforcement officer for reasonable expenses incurred by the officer in successfully contesting an adverse employment action.

SB353: Absentee Ballot Applications

Authored by Sen. Erin Houchin, Sen. Eric Koch, Sen. Jon Ford.

Co-Authored by Sen. Jeff Raatz, Sen. Dennis Kruse

Provides that before an individual can access an application that is submitted in an electronic format using a module of the computerized list, the individual must provide either the individual's Indiana driver's license number or the last four digits of the individual's Social Security number.

SB394: Police Department Administration

Authored by Sen. Aaron Freeman, Sen. Jack Sandlin

Provides that the chief of a city police department or town board of metropolitan police commissioners has the sole authority to make general or special orders to the police department establishing the department's procedures and policies, including use of force policy.