



INDIANA BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

2022 ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
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SENATE BILLS

IBLC

Scholarship for Minority Students in Health Care

Senate Bill 151

Senator Breaux

Establishes the scholarship for minority students pursuing health care careers and the minority students pursuing health care careers fund.

Use of Consumer Reports for Employment Purposes

Senate Bill 26

Senator Randolph

Prohibits an employer from using a consumer report for employment purposes unless certain conditions apply. Allows a consumer to bring a civil action against an employer for a violation of this provision.

Lake County Convention and Entertainment District

Senate Bill - Number to be announced

Senator Melton

Establishes the Lake County convention and entertainment district fund. Provides permissible uses for money in the fund. Provides that the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority administers the fund.

Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit

Senate Bill - Number to be announced

Senator Taylor

Provides a refundable child and dependent care tax credit to taxpayers whose adjusted gross income for the taxable year is not more than 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

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HOUSE BILLS

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Pilot Program to Fund Educational Attainment

House Bill 1016

Representative Bartlett

Establishes the parent education assistance pilot program, which helps assist parents who wish to attain an education through a grant.

Tuition Caps

House Bill 1044

Representative Harris

Provides that the Commission for Higher Education shall determine a tuition rate and mandatory fee cost of living adjustment for specified postsecondary educational institutions.

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Child Care

House Bill 1067

Representative Shackelford

Requires the Division of Family Services (DFS) to continue waiving copays for eligible families and reimburse eligible providers using federal COVID relief funds until the federal pandemic emergency ends. Requests a study on child care issues.

Prohibition of Race-Based Hair Discrimination

House Bill 1177

Representative Summers

Prohibits race discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, such as hair texture and protective hairstyles.

Merrillville Food and Beverage Tax

House Bill 1267

Representative Smith

Authorizes the town of Merrillville to impose a food and beverage tax to be used to build a new convention center.

Bail

House Bill - Number to be announced

Representative Hatcher

Prohibits a court from requiring an arrestee to pay bail as a condition for pre-trial release.

State Contract Goals

House Bill - Number to be announced

Representative Jackson

Provides that to the extent permitted by federal law and regulations, the expenditure of federal economic stimulus fund money and American Rescue Plan Act money is subject to the provisions of the statute relating to providing contracting opportunities for minority business enterprises, women's business enterprises, and veteran-owned small businesses.

Board of Directors Diversity

House Bill - Number to be announced

Representative Pack

Provides that a board of directors that consists of more than four individuals but less than 10 individuals must contain at least two individuals who are underrepresented individuals.

Business Personal Property Taxes

House Bill - Number to be announced

Representative Porter

Provides that, beginning with the January 1, 2023, assessment date, business personal property is exempt from property assessment and taxation.

Discriminatory Lending and Appraisal Practices

House Bill - Number to be announced

Representative Pryor

Establishes the Fair Housing Practices fund for down payment assistance/grants and requires cultural competency and implicit bias training among appraisers.

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