



## LegisGroup Public Affairs

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### HB1003

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (BARTELS S)** Makes changes to requirements for the readoption of administrative rules. Repeals, merges, consolidates, or otherwise modifies various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. Modifies or establishes various funds. Makes changes to the membership, duties, and operations of various boards, commissions, and other governmental bodies. Provides that the professional licensing agency may adopt and enforce procedural rules for the administration of a board if the rule: (1) will affect multiple boards; and (2) is not inconsistent with any rule adopted by the affected board. Repeals the fire prevention and building safety commission (commission). Transfers the commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to the department of homeland security (department). Makes certain changes to the administration of building and safety statutes and building and safety codes. Provides for the codification of administrative rules setting forth building and safety codes into statute. Makes an appropriation.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Amendment #8 (DeLaney) failed; Roll Call 152: yeas 38, nays 54

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - Amendment #7 (Pryor) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #13 (Campbell) failed; Roll Call 151: yeas 31, nays 62  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #2 (Bartels) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #12 (Campbell) failed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #5 (Clere) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #10 (Harris) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #9 (Harris) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Amendment #3 (Bartels) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/27/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/27/2026 - added as coauthors Representatives Pierce K, Dant Chesser  
1/27/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13; Nays: 6  
1/27/2026 - House Ways and Means, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, House Chamber  
1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/22/2026 - Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 126.3  
1/21/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9; Nays: 4  
1/21/2026 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Room 156-C

1/15/2026 - House Government and Regulatory Reform, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/8/2026 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform  
1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Coauthored by Representative Miller D  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Steve Bartels

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*News Stories:* 1/30/2026 - ['Playing games': GOP briefly OK'ed IEDC probe before calling it an error](#)  
1/26/2026 - [Indiana GOP Moves to Cut “Redundant” Boards and Commissions](#)  
1/9/2026 - [Indiana House Republicans count affordability in utilities, housing among legislative priorities](#)  
1/8/2026 - [Housing costs and utility bills headline 2026 agenda for Indiana House Republicans](#)

**HB1019**      **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTION (AYLESWORTH M)** Prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the residency of a city or town court judge.

*Current Status:* 1/27/2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 1/27/2026 - First Reading

1/14/2026 - Referred to Senate

1/13/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Koch

1/13/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 41: yeas 92, nays 1

1/13/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/12/2026 - Appeal the ruling of the chair (Hamilton); ruling of the chair sustained Roll Call 33: yeas 66, nays 25

1/12/2026 - Amendment #2 (Hamilton) ruled out of order

1/12/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/12/2026 - Amendment #2 (Hamilton) ruled out of order voice vote

1/12/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/8/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/7/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 12, Nays: 0

1/7/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A

12/5/2025 - Reassigned to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

12/1/2025 - Referred to House Judiciary

12/1/2025 - First Reading

12/1/2025 - Authored By Mike Aylesworth

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**HB1025**      **RESIDENCY OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS (ZIMMERMAN A)** Provides that a public defender and an employee of a public defender agency may not be subject to a county residency requirement, unless the residency requirement includes all counties contiguous to the county in which the individual serves.

*Current Status:* 2/3/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 130

*All Bill Status:* 1/27/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

1/27/2026 - First Reading

1/14/2026 - Referred to Senate

1/13/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Glick

1/13/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 42: yeas 92, nays 0

1/13/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Bartels

1/12/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/12/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/8/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/7/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 12,  
Nays: 0  
1/7/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/5/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Gore  
12/1/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
12/1/2025 - First Reading  
12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representative McNamara  
12/1/2025 - Authored By Alex Zimmerman

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## **HB1033**

**VARIOUS JUDICIAL MATTERS (LOPEZ D)** Requires that, in a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge must: (1) be appointed to the community corrections advisory board; and (2) appoint the second judge and a mental health representative. Defines "full court" as the total of all Marion County superior court judges who are appointed and serving as judges. Specifies that if a newly appointed judge is filling a vacancy of a judge whose term ends the same year as the appointment, the newly appointed judge shall serve a term that expires on December 31 of the sixth full year following the appointment. Requires the Marion County judicial selection committee (judicial selection committee) to nominate a minimum of three candidates to the governor when a judicial vacancy exists and allows the governor to appoint any of the nominated candidates when filling more than one vacancy. Replaces the term "presiding judge" with "chief judge" within the Marion County superior court. Requires the judicial selection committee to determine that a judge is suitable to retain judicial office before a judge's request for retention may be placed on the ballot. Establishes a procedure with specific deadlines for a judge who wishes to stand for retention in 2026. Repeals and replaces a provision concerning the procedure to select the Marion County judicial executive committee (executive committee) and certain court provisions. Provides that, for an executive committee starting a term on January 1, 2027, and for the selection of each committee thereafter, the full court shall meet not later than November 15 in the final year of the executive committee's term to select the next executive committee. Requires a two-thirds vote of the sitting judges who will hold office on January 1 of the next year to select members of the executive committee. Requires the judicial selection committee to appoint the chief judge. Increases the term of an executive committee member of the Marion County judiciary from two years to three years. Specifies which duties are the responsibility of the full court and which are to be determined by a trial judge. Describes the duties and authority of the executive committee. Provides that any action taken by the executive committee may only be overruled by a majority vote of 85% of the full court sitting at the time the vote is taken. Provides that a majority vote of 85% of the full court, serving at the time the vote is taken, is required to remove a member of the executive committee. Removes a requirement that the executive committee requires the approval of two-thirds of the judges to determine the number of judicial officers and personnel required to serve the court. Provides that the judge of the circuit court has exclusive authority to appoint commissioners or magistrates allocated to the circuit court. Provides that the executive committee has exclusive authority to appoint commissioners or magistrates allocated to the superior court, and the commissioners and magistrates appointed serve at the pleasure of the executive committee. Specifies that the executive committee has final authority for all employment decisions regarding commissioners and magistrates. Repeals a provision that allows the presiding judge to appoint a magistrate and allows the executive committee to appoint 28 magistrates. Requires a voting member of the justice reinvestment advisory council to cast a vote in person. Requires that, in a county having a consolidated city, the chief judge or a judge appointed by the chief judge be the chair of the local justice reinvestment advisory council. Provides that a local or regional advisory council may only take action upon the affirmative vote of the members and a member must cast a vote in person. Makes conforming changes.

*Current Status:* 1/26/2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 1/26/2026 - First Reading

1/20/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Carrasco

1/20/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 52: yeas 88, nays 2

1/20/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/15/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/14/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/13/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Garcia Wilburn  
1/12/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/12/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 12;  
Nays: 1  
1/12/2026 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:**  
10:30 AM, Room 156-B  
12/2/2025 - Reassigned to Committee on Judiciary  
12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Jeter, Steuerwald  
12/1/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
12/1/2025 - First Reading  
12/1/2025 - Authored By Danny Lopez

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**HB1036**      **CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES** (GARCIA WILBURN V) Requires the department of child services to have in-person contact with an alleged victim of child abuse or neglect: (1) before concluding an assessment; and (2) before dismissing or terminating a pending child in need of services case with the juvenile court.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/27/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/27/2026 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:**  
10:30 AM, Room 156-B  
12/4/2025 - added as coauthor Representative McGuire  
12/1/2025 - Referred to House Judiciary  
12/1/2025 - First Reading  
12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Burton  
12/1/2025 - Authored By Victoria Garcia Wilburn

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**HB1040**      **BATTERY AGAINST VULNERABLE WORKERS** (MCNAMARA W) Increases the penalty for battery on certain health care employees and school employees. Specifies that the enhancement for battery committed against a department of child services (DCS) employee applies only to those DCS employees whose responsibilities include personally supervising a child or parent, personally providing services to a child or parent, or personally interviewing a child or parent as part of an investigation. Requires the employer of a health care or school employee who is the victim of battery to report the incident to the department of labor.

*Current Status:* 2/3/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 130

*All Bill Status:* 1/27/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
1/27/2026 - First Reading  
1/14/2026 - Referred to Senate  
1/13/2026 - Senate sponsors: Senators Freeman, Carrasco, Raatz  
1/13/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 44: yeas 92, nays 1  
1/13/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/12/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/12/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Pfaff  
1/8/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/7/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11,  
Nays: 1  
1/7/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
12/2/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
12/2/2025 - First Reading  
12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Engleman, Barrett  
12/2/2025 - Authored By Wendy McNamara

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**HB1052**

**VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW MATTERS (MANNING E)** Adds conditions for which the horse racing commission (HRC) may revoke or suspend a license or deny a license application. Adds a reference to wagering on horse racing in a provision prohibiting certain individuals from wagering at a licensed facility. Provides that appeals of certain decisions of the HRC may be appealed to the office of administrative law proceedings. Adds sports wagering certificate holders to the voluntary exclusion program. Defines and establishes civil penalties for conducting a "sweepstakes game". Allows the holder of a beer wholesaler's permit to possess, transport, sell, and deliver beer to a food manufacturer that is registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of adding or integrating the beer into a product or recipe. Provides that a wine retailer whose wine sales represent at least 60% of the annual gross income from the premises may allow customers to obtain sealed bottles of wine by self-service for consumption off the licensed premises. Allows the holder of a temporary wine permit to purchase, receive, and sell mixed beverages. Establishes requirements for the wholesale sale and distribution of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. Adds additional information an applicant must provide to the alcohol and tobacco commission (commission) when applying for a tobacco sales certificate. Provides for the suspension of a certificate if the certificate holder's employees violate employee identification requirements three or more times in one year. Allows the commission to issue to the city of Gary not more than 10 new three-way permits. Allows the commission to issue: (1) a beer dealer's permit, wine dealer's permit, and liquor dealer's permit to a drug store operated in the city of Westfield; and (2) a beer dealer's permit and wine dealer's permit to a convenience store operated in the town of Sellersburg. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor for a person to recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally sell, barter, exchange, provide, or furnish a product or substance containing THC to a minor. Enhances the penalty to a Class A misdemeanor or Level 6 felony in certain instances. Specifies age verification requirements for a website owned, managed, or operated by a person who distributes or sells THC directly to consumers. Allows an enforcement officer vested with full police powers and duties to engage a person who is at least 18 and less than 21 years of age to receive or purchase THC as part of an enforcement action. Provides that certain requirements regarding the sale, rental, trade, or transfer of a handgun do not apply to an item defined as an antique firearm.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Amendment #6 (Burton) failed; Roll Call 155: yeas 34, nays 54

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - Amendment #4 (Manning) prevailed; voice vote  
1/29/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/29/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/27/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/22/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 10;  
Nays: 0  
1/22/2026 - House Public Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Bascom  
1/6/2026 - House Public Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-B  
12/5/2025 - Referred to House Public Policy  
12/5/2025 - First Reading  
12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Mayfield, Moed  
12/5/2025 - Authored By Ethan Manning

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*News Stories:* 1/5/2026 - [Marijuana, IPS debate: What to expect in the 2026 legislative session](#)

**HB1056**

**RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION (MELTZER J)** Resolves a conflict

between HEA 1014-2025 and HEA 1637-2025.

*Current Status:* 2/3/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 130

*All Bill Status:* 1/27/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

1/27/2026 - First Reading

1/14/2026 - Referred to Senate

1/13/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Clark

1/13/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 45: yeas 94, nays 0

1/13/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/12/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/12/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Goss-Reaves

1/8/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/7/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 12, Nays: 0

1/7/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A

12/5/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

12/5/2025 - First Reading

12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Zimmerman, Shonkwiler

12/5/2025 - Authored By Jennifer Meltzer

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## HB1065

**BAN ON GRATUITIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS (SLAGER H)** Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for: (1) a person to offer a payment to a public servant as a reward for an official act performed by the public servant for the person; or (2) a public servant to solicit or accept a payment as a reward for an official act performed by the public servant for the person. Increases the penalty to a Level 6 felony if the fair market value of the reward is at least \$750. Exempts: (1) a good or service that is subject to a reporting requirement or otherwise authorized by an applicable rule or code of ethics; (2) a good or service with a value of less than \$100; (3) commemorative or ceremonial items, such as plaques, trophies, or framed photos; (4) lawful political contributions; (5) wages and other forms of work related compensation from the governmental entity employing the public servant that the public servant is legally permitted to receive; or (6) an offer of employment that is not offered as a reward for an official act performed by a public servant. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally violates a specified provision by commingling the funds of a committee with the personal funds of an officer, a member, or an associate of the committee commits a Class A misdemeanor. Enhances the penalty to a Level 6 felony if a person commingles at least \$50,000 of committee funds.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

1/28/2026 - Amendment #3 (Slager) prevailed; voice vote

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/21/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13; Nays: 0

1/21/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A

1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Olthoff

12/5/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

12/5/2025 - First Reading

12/5/2025 - Authored By Harold Slager

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## HB1092

**CHILD SERVICES MATTERS (DEVON D)** Requires a sports wagering operator to withhold winnings from a person who requests a withdrawal from the person's mobile sports wagering account if the person is



delinquent in the person's child support payments. Requires an order establishing paternity to be obtained without further proceedings if certain conditions are met. Allows the state to approve additional payment facilities for purposes of accepting child support payments. Provides that if a child who is the subject of an adoption petition is also the subject of an open or pending child in need of services (CHINS) or delinquency proceeding, the adoption petition must identify: (1) the court in which the CHINS or delinquency proceeding is open or pending; and (2) the case number of the CHINS or delinquency proceeding; if known to the petitioner. Provides that the department of child services (department) has the right to intervene as a party to an adoption proceeding under certain circumstances. Requires a volunteer of an applicant for licensure as a child caring institution to undergo a criminal background check if the volunteer is likely to have unsupervised contact with children in the child caring institution or will have access to a child's information. Provides that the department may deny an application for licensure as a child caring institution, group home, or child placing agency if the applicant was previously licensed as a residential child care provider and the license was revoked within one year of the application. Provides that a department caseworker who wishes to interview a child at the child's school must provide the caseworker's department issued credential in order to interview the child alone.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/28/2026 - Amendment #1 (DeVon) prevailed; voice vote  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/21/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11;  
Nays: 0  
1/21/2026 - House Family, Children and Human Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-B  
1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Olthoff  
1/5/2026 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs  
1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Dale DeVon

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## **HB1118**

**EXPUNGEMENT (ZIMMERMAN A)** Repeals and replaces the existing adult expungement statute with a new expungement process that makes certain changes to: (1) time periods for filing expungement; (2) crimes that are eligible for expungement; and (3) other procedural matters relating to expungement. Adds a provision concerning the expungement of juvenile arrest records.

*Current Status:* 1/26/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 1/26/2026 - First Reading  
1/22/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Freeman  
1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 70: yeas 87, nays 4  
1/22/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/20/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/20/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/15/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Gore  
1/14/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/14/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/7/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/5/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Coauthored by Representatives Bascom, Steuerwald  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Alex Zimmerman

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**HB1161**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS (LAWSON E)** Provides that members appointed to: (1) local alcohol boards; (2) drainage boards; (3) capital improvement boards; (4) plan commissions; (5) a board of zoning appeals; (6) county building authorities; (7) county public defender boards; (8) community corrections advisory boards; (9) a commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, visitor, and tourism industry; (10) a governing board for city hospitals located in a third class city; (11) an economic development commission; (12) a redevelopment authority; (13) local boards of health; by a county executive of a county that does not contain a consolidated city, serve at the pleasure of the members appointing authority. Provides that the county executive, excluding a county containing a consolidated city, may establish the salary of a county administrator subject to: (1) salary parameters established; or (2) approval; by the county fiscal body. Provides that each county executive, excluding a county containing a consolidated city and certain employees, shall adopt and maintain a written personnel policy, employee handbook, or equivalent document establishing minimum standards for county employee conduct, performance, and workplace expectations. Provides that a member of a county or municipal park and recreation board serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority. Provides that a member of a city's board of park commissioners serves at the pleasure of the city executive. Provides that members of an area park board serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority. Provides that, after June 30, 2026, before a county or municipal park and recreation board may: (1) exercise the power of eminent domain; (2) enter into a contract with a cost exceeding the lesser of \$500,000 or ten percent of the district's annual budget; (3) acquire real or personal property with a cost exceeding the lesser of \$500,000 or ten percent of the district's annual budget; or (4) approve capital improvements to park facilities or property with a cost exceeding the lesser of \$500,000 or ten percent of the district's annual budget; the park and recreation board must obtain approval by the executive of each applicable unit that established the department of parks and recreation. Adds public defenders to the list of officials whose home addresses may be restricted from public property data base websites.

*Current Status:* 1/26/2026 - Referred to Senate Local Government

*All Bill Status:* 1/26/2026 - First Reading

1/20/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Clark

1/20/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 58: yeas 90, nays 0

1/20/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/15/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/13/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/13/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Moed

1/13/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11;

Nays: 0

1/13/2026 - House Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time &**

**Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-C

1/5/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Meltzer

1/5/2026 - Referred to House Local Government

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Coauthored by Representative Zimmerman

1/5/2026 - Authored By Ethan Lawson

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**HB1202**

**VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (LAWSON E)** Requires a vendor or provider of an ignition interlock device to register an ignition interlock device with the department of toxicology. Eliminates a requirement for the director of the state department of toxicology to provide periodic reports to the Indiana criminal justice institute (institute) regarding the number of ignition interlock devices used in Indiana. Provides that a registered ignition interlock device must be installed in a motor vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for installing the registered ignition interlock device. Codifies administrative rules adopted by the state department of toxicology relating to ignition interlock devices. Provides that prior to being issued an initial license to operate a child care center, the child care center must be inspected and found to be in substantial compliance with applicable building and fire safety laws by the department of homeland security. (Current law provides that a license may be issued only if the child care center is in substantial compliance with the fire and life safety rules as



determined by the state fire marshal under rules adopted by the division of family resources (division) or in accordance with a variance or waiver approved by the division.) Provides that prior to being issued an initial registration to operate a child care ministry, the unlicensed child care ministry must be inspected and found to be in substantial compliance with applicable building and fire safety laws by the department of homeland security. Provides that the department of homeland security shall perform inspections of: (1) child care ministries; (2) child care centers; (3) child caring institutions; and (4) group homes. Provides that a license or registration to operate a child care center or child care ministry may be revoked if the division determines that the operator has failed to comply with an order of the department of homeland security. Provides that the operator of an unlicensed child care ministry shall maintain a copy of the most recent department of homeland security inspection findings in a conspicuous place in the unlicensed child care ministry. Provides that the department of child services is not required to consult with the fire prevention and building safety commission when adopting administrative rules pertaining to the licensing and inspection of child care institutions, foster family homes, group homes, and child placing agencies. Provides that administrative rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission must include minimum building and safety requirements applicable for child caring institutions. Provides that prior to being issued an initial license to operate a child caring institution or group home, the child caring institution or group home must be inspected and found to be in substantial compliance with applicable building and fire safety laws by the department of homeland security. Provides that a license or registration to operate a child caring institution or group home may be revoked if the department of child services determines that the operator has failed to comply with an order of the department of homeland security. Provides that in order for an individual to receive a license from the emergency medical services commission, the individual must obtain a national criminal history background check and authorize release of the results of the check to the department of homeland security. Eliminates the requirement for the institute to adopt administrative rules relating to the child restraint system account. Provides that inspections conducted by the department of homeland security shall be conducted periodically in lieu of established periods. Changes a reference, from the department of education to the office of school safety, relating to the duties of a school safety specialist. Repeals: (1) provisions relating to public safety improvement areas; (2) a provision requiring the board of trustees of the institute to adopt rules relating to the law enforcement assistance fund; (3) a provision that authorizes the state fire marshal to charge a child care ministry a \$50 fee for processing a registration; (4) a provision requiring the institute to review characteristics of offenders committed to the department of correction over such period of time it deems appropriate and of the offenses committed by those offenders in order to ascertain norms used by the trial courts in sentencing; (5) a provision requiring the bureau of motor vehicles and the institute to enter into a memorandum of understanding to administer the provisions relating to ignition interlock devices; and (6) a provision that requires the institute to adopt rules relating to ignition interlock devices.

*Current Status:* 1/26/2026 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

*All Bill Status:* 1/26/2026 - First Reading

1/20/2026 - Senate sponsors: Senators Crider, Clark

1/20/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 60: yeas 85, nays 5

1/20/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/15/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/14/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Judy

1/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/8/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 12; Nays: 0

1/8/2026 - House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-B

1/5/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Bartels

1/5/2026 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Ethan Lawson

*State Bill Page:* [HB1202](#)

charged as a felony, to the list of offenses over which a juvenile court does not have jurisdiction.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to Senate

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Freeman

1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 135: yeas 74, nays 18

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/22/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/20/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/20/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/14/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/14/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A

1/5/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Coauthored by Representative Bascom

1/5/2026 - Authored By Alex Zimmerman

*State Bill Page:* [HB1249](#)

## HB1250

**PUBLIC SAFETY PROCEDURES** (O'BRIEN T) Requires the department of correction to electronically notify, at least seven days in advance, the: (1) county sheriff; (2) prosecuting attorney; and (3) chief of police; of the county or municipality into which the department will release a serious violent felon, including a juvenile adjudicated for an act that would be a serious violent felony, and of the county or municipality where the serious violent felon or juvenile committed the offense. Requires: (1) a court; and (2) the prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's victim assistance program; to notify a victim of the automated victim assistance notification program, and provides that a victim has the right to be informed, upon request, about the progress of the criminal case involving the victim. Requires that, before hiring a person as a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement hiring department or agency shall request from prior law enforcement employers all documents relating to disciplinary action or internal investigations that involve the person. (Under current law, a hiring agency must request all findings and orders).

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to Senate

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Cosponsors: Senators Tomes, Schmitt

1/28/2026 - Senate sponsors: Senators Carrasco, Baldwin, Becker

1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 134: yeas 94, nays 0

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

1/27/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading

1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/21/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13;  
Nays: 0

1/21/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A

1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Zimmerman

1/5/2026 - Coauthored by Representatives McNamara, Bascom

1/5/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Timothy O'Brien

*State Bill Page:* [HB1250](#)

*News Stories:* 1/16/2026 - [Indiana bill aims to enhance alerts for violent felon releases](#)

## HB1258

**CRIMES OF VIOLENCE** (JETER C) Revises and consolidates the definition of "crime of violence". Amends the definition of violent offender to mean a person who is convicted of an offense or attempted offense that is a crime of violence or a person who is charged with an offense or attempted offense that is a crime of violence. Amends the definition of "violent arrestee" to mean a person arrested for or charged with a crime of violence that

is a Level 1 felony, Level 2 felony, Level 3 felony, Level 4 felony, or a Level 5 felony. Removes provisions concerning repeat violent arrestees. Amends the definition of "violent criminal" to mean a person convicted of a crime of violence. Makes conforming changes.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to Senate

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Freeman  
1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 131: yeas 92, nays 0  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/22/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/22/2026 - Amendment #1 (Jeter) prevailed; voice vote  
1/22/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/20/2026 - added as coauthors Representatives King, Carbaugh, Porter  
1/20/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/14/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
1/14/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/5/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Chris Jeter

*State Bill Page:* [HB1258](#)

**HB1269**      **UNLAWFUL PROPOSITION PENALTIES** (BAUER M) Provides that at the time of sentencing for a person convicted of making an unlawful proposition the court may require the person to complete a prostitution offender program approved by the court. Requires a person ordered to complete a prostitution offender program to pay a fee.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading

*All Bill Status:* 1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/27/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/27/2026 - Amendment #1 (Meltzer) prevailed; voice vote  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/22/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Representative McNamara  
1/21/2026 - House Committee recommends passage Yeas: 13; Nays: 0  
1/21/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/20/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Zimmerman  
1/20/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Bartlett  
1/6/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
1/6/2026 - First Reading  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Maureen Bauer

*State Bill Page:* [HB1269](#)

**HB1296**      **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** (BASCOM G) Requires the secretary of family and social services to certify integrated reentry and correctional support programs. Requires the owner of a recovery residence to register with the division of mental health and addiction (division). Sets forth the requirements for registration. Requires the division to post a list of registered recovery residences on the division's public website and include certain information concerning each recovery residence. Requires the division to adopt rules concerning: (1) the issuance, revocation, and denial of a registration; and (2) any rules necessary to implement these provisions. Allows the division to contract with certain entities to administer the registration of recovery residences.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to Senate

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Clark  
1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 127: yeas 92, nays 1

1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
 1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
 1/22/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
 1/22/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
 1/20/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 1/20/2026 - House Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 13;  
 Nays: 0  
 1/20/2026 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-A  
 1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Porter  
 1/6/2026 - Coauthored by Representatives Barrett, Goss-Reaves  
 1/6/2026 - Referred to House Public Health  
 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
 1/6/2026 - Authored By Garrett Bascom

*State Bill Page:* [HB1296](#)

*News Stories:* 1/23/2026 - [Mental-health bill hopes to make services easier to find for those who need them](#)

## HB1303

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL CRIMES (MCNAMARA W)** Removes provisions concerning possession of child sex abuse material (CSAM) from the statute containing the offense of child exploitation, and makes a new section for CSAM offenses. Creates a new crime for distribution of CSAM, and generally conforms the sentencing enhancements for possession of CSAM, distribution of CSAM, and child exploitation. Specifies that certain restrictions on CSAM in discovery also apply in civil proceedings (under current law, they only apply in criminal proceedings). Provides a defense in specified circumstances. Removes certain duplicative provisions and makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

*Current Status:* 2/3/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 130

*All Bill Status:* 1/27/2026 - added as cosponsor Senator Brown L  
 1/27/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
 1/27/2026 - First Reading  
 1/22/2026 - Senate sponsors: Senators Clark, Carrasco  
 1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 79: yeas 89, nays 0  
 1/22/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
 1/20/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
 1/20/2026 - Amendment #3 (Zimmerman) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/20/2026 - Amendment #1 (Bascom) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/20/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
 1/14/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 1/14/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
 1/6/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
 1/6/2026 - Coauthored by Representatives Karickhoff, Meltzer, Pressel  
 1/6/2026 - Authored By Wendy McNamara

*State Bill Page:* [HB1303](#)

## HB1389

**ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE MATTERS (LINDAUER S)** Prohibits a governmental entity from discriminating against a person in adoption and foster care matters based on the person's sincerely held religious belief. Allows a person to bring a cause of action against a governmental entity for discriminating against the person, or raise a violation as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding, and allows for certain remedies. Provides that there is a two year statute of limitation for a discrimination claim.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Amendment #3 (Garcia Wilburn) failed; Roll Call 159: yeas 29, nays 62

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - Amendment #2 (Garcia Wilburn) failed; Roll Call 158: yeas 26, nays 63  
1/29/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/29/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/27/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
1/27/2026 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-B  
1/13/2026 - added as coauthors Representatives Jeter, DeVon, Heaton  
1/8/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary  
1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Shane Lindauer  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1389](#)

**HB1432**      **DEATH SENTENCE AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (BASCOM G)** Establishes a procedure to determine pretrial whether a defendant in a death penalty case has an intellectual disability.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to Senate  
*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Senate sponsor: Senator Freeman  
1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 110: yeas 96, nays 0  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/27/2026 - House Bills on Third Reading  
1/22/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/22/2026 - House Bills on Second Reading  
1/20/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/14/2026 - House Courts and Criminal Code, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-A  
1/8/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Coauthored by Representatives Zimmerman, Greene  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Garrett Bascom  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1432](#)  
*News Stories:* 1/29/2026 - [Firing squad bill fails. Here's why Indiana lawmakers could vote again](#)  
1/15/2026 - [Indiana House committee passes capital case protections while Senate holds firing squad bill](#)

**SB2**      **BAIL PROCEDURES (FREEMAN A)** Provides that offenses other than murder are not bailable if the state proves: (1) by a preponderance of the evidence that the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and (2) by clear and convincing evidence that the arrestee is dangerous and that no conditions of release will reasonably protect the safety of other persons or the community. Establishes procedures for a bail hearing. Removes duplicative provisions concerning repeat violent arrestees. Permits a court to retain cash bail for the payment of certain costs without an indigency hearing if the defendant has executed an agreement permitting the court to retain the cash bail for these purposes.

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading  
1/22/2026 - added as third author Senator Carrasco  
1/22/2026 - added as second author Senator Koch  
1/20/2026 - Rules Committee report: motion to correct committee report; adopted voice vote  
1/20/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Jeter  
1/20/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 33: yeas 39, nays 8  
1/20/2026 - Motion to Correct Committee Report; adopted voice vote  
1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading



1/15/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/15/2026 - Amendment #2 (Freeman) prevailed; voice vote  
1/15/2026 - Amendment #1 (Pol) failed; voice vote  
1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
1/13/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 7;  
Nays: 2  
1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for  
Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Aaron Freeman

*State Bill Page:* [SB2](#)

*News Stories:* 1/23/2026 - [Indiana bail amendment advances toward November ballot](#)

### SB3

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT LANGUAGE (KOCH E)** Prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning bail.

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/22/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Jeter

1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 45: yeas 36, nays 9

1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/15/2026 - added as second author Senator Freeman

1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/15/2026 - Amendment #1 (Pol) failed; voice vote

1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/13/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 7; Nays: 1

1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for  
Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130

1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

1/8/2026 - First Reading

1/8/2026 - Authored By Eric Koch

*State Bill Page:* [SB3](#)

*News Stories:* 1/23/2026 - [Indiana bail amendment advances toward November ballot](#)

### SB4

**VARIOUS FISCAL MATTERS (MISHLER R)** Requires the legislative services agency to perform a fiscal impact analysis for all executive orders issued by the governor within seven days of an order's issuance. (Under current law, this requirement only applies to a governor's declaration of a disaster emergency by executive order.) Amends the Pokagon Indiana Education Fund to allow payments to be made to both public and private Indiana institutions of higher learning for the purposes of the fund. Amends provisions regarding budget committee review of tax credits in determining the annual aggregate tax credit cap. Makes the following changes (effective July 1, 2028) regarding community mental health centers (CMHC): (1) Allows a county to meet CMHC funding requirements from any funding source in lieu of or in combination with property taxes but excluding federal funds. (2) Adds provisions concerning the location where certain CMHC services may be provided. (3) Specifies additional items that are required to be reported by a CMHC. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on courts and the judiciary the task of undertaking a comprehensive study of all court fees and fines.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to House

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph

1/29/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Thompson

1/29/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Snow  
 1/29/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 132: yeas 48, nays 0  
 1/29/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/28/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
 1/28/2026 - Amendment #4 (Holdman) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/28/2026 - Amendment #8 (Mishler) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/28/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 8;  
 Nays: 5  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 431  
 1/15/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 431  
 1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Appropriations  
 1/8/2026 - First Reading  
 1/8/2026 - Authored By Ryan Mishler

*State Bill Page:* [SB4](#)

## SB9

**VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS AT SENTENCING (BROWN L)** Requires a defendant to be present in the courtroom while a victim makes a statement concerning the crime and the sentence unless the defendant presents a safety risk, causes a significant disruption, or is absent due to the defendant committing the crime of failure to appear or the crime of escape. Specifies that if the defendant was absent due to the commission of failure to appear or escape, the victim may make a statement at the show cause hearing (in the case of failure to appear), or at the sentencing hearing (in the case of escape).

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Baldwin  
 1/22/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Morris  
 1/22/2026 - House sponsor: Representative King  
 1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 46: yeas 45, nays 0  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/20/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
 1/20/2026 - Amendment #2 (Freeman) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/15/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Freeman  
 1/15/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Pol, Koch, Clark, Glick, Deery  
 1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/13/2026 - added as third author Senator Bassler  
 1/13/2026 - added as second author Senator Johnson T  
 1/13/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9;  
 Nays: 0  
 1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
 12/8/2025 - First Reading  
 12/8/2025 - Authored By Liz Brown

*State Bill Page:* [SB9](#)

*News Stories:* 1/14/2026 - [‘Trying to read to an empty chair’: Indiana Senate panel advances victim impact bill](#)

**SB14**

**PENSION MATTERS (ROGERS L)** Modifies the definition of "average of the annual compensation" for a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) who retires after December 31, 2027. Specifies that compensation received in contemplation of retirement is excluded from the average of the annual compensation for particular members of PERF and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF). Repeals a provision requiring the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board) to maintain separate accounts for each unit of local government. Provides that amounts forfeited under the public employees defined contribution plan must be used as determined by the board. (Current law requires these amounts to be used to reduce the unfunded accrued liability of PERF.) Specifies a process by which a fully vested member of the public employees' defined contribution plan or the teachers' defined contribution plan may irrevocably elect to participate in PERF or TRF, as applicable. Modifies the information that must be included in a delinquency notice to a delinquent political subdivision. Modifies the requirements that apply to certain PERF members purchasing and claiming years of service credit in PERF. Allows, subject to particular requirements, certain TRF members to purchase and claim years of service credit in TRF. Allows a PERF or TRF member's employer to pay all or part of the member's contributions required for purchase of service credit. Allows an employee of a political subdivision to make a wage assignment for the purpose of paying voluntary contributions to a tax deferred retirement account. Provides that a municipality, a unit, an airport authority, a school corporation, or a charter school may require certain members of PERF to continue as members of that fund instead of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. Makes conforming amendments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

*Current Status:* 1/20/2026 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

*All Bill Status:* 1/20/2026 - First Reading

1/6/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Yoder

1/6/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Doriot

1/6/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Alexander

1/6/2026 - Cosponsors: Representatives VanNatter, Garcia Wilburn, Isa

1/6/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Teshka

1/6/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 12: yeas 49, nays 0

1/6/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/5/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

1/5/2026 - Amendment #1 (Rogers) prevailed; voice vote

12/10/2025 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

12/10/2025 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 10; Nays: 0

12/10/2025 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time**

**& Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 233

12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Pensions and Labor

12/8/2025 - First Reading

12/8/2025 - Authored By Linda Rogers

*State Bill Page:* [SB14](#)

**SB15**

**FOSTER YOUTH (WALKER K)** Requires the department of child services to: (1) create a statement called "the foster youth bill of rights", which is to summarize a foster youth's rights and responsibilities; (2) update the statement periodically; (3) distribute the statement to certain individuals; and (4) publish the statement on the department's website. Defines "foster youth" for purposes of the foster youth bill of rights. Makes conforming changes.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Olthoff

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/27/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Hamilton

1/22/2026 - Referred to House

1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Qaddoura

1/20/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Alexander, Yoder

1/20/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Buck

1/20/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph  
 1/20/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Lopez  
 1/20/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 35: yeas 46, nays 0  
 1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
 1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Ford J.D  
 1/12/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
 1/12/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 8; Nays: 0  
 1/12/2026 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** Upon Adjournment, Room 233  
 1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Jackson L  
 12/8/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Becker  
 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services  
 12/8/2025 - First Reading  
 12/8/2025 - Coauthored by Senator Hunley  
 12/8/2025 - Authored By Kyle Walker

*State Bill Page:* [SB15](#)

## **SB71**

**VARIOUS PROBATE MATTERS (CARRASCO C)** Establishes the guardianship code revision task force (task force) to study a recodification of the current guardianship code with any necessary changes. Sets forth the membership, and requires the task force to issue a report to the general assembly and the governor. Allows a person indebted to a minor or having possession of property belonging to a minor to pay the debt or deliver the property without a court order in an amount up to \$25,000 and to pay the debt or deliver the property to a custodian under the Indiana Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Specifies that a court may do the following when issuing a protective order: (1) authorize delivery of property to a custodian under the Indiana Uniform Transfers to Minors Act; and (2) order a trustee, custodian, or other person to file periodic reports concerning certain property transactions of a minor. Allows a person having the care and custody of a minor with whom the minor resides to petition a court to compromise a claim on behalf of the minor. Requires a court to hold a hearing on certain petitions concerning a proposal to compromise a claim on behalf of a minor and allows a court to appoint a guardian ad litem, an attorney, or other representative to represent the best interest of the minor in the proceeding. Provides that, under the Indiana Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, a trustee or administrator of certain plans may transfer funds due under a plan to the custodian of a minor who is designated as a beneficiary. Allows a custodian to transfer part or all of the minor's custodial property out of the custodial form under the Indiana Uniform Transfers to Minors Act to certain types of trusts or accounts without a court order. Provides that when a power of appointment in a trust (earlier power) is exercised to create another power of appointment (subsequent power) or another nonvested property interest, then the subsequent power or nonvested property interest created through the exercise of the earlier power is considered to have been created at the time of the creation of the earlier power, unless: (1) the instrument creating the earlier power; or (2) the instrument exercising the earlier power; explicitly provides that the subsequent power or nonvested property interest is considered to have been created at the time of the irrevocable exercise of the earlier power. Specifies that language conferring general authority in a power of attorney with respect to personal or family maintenance authorizes an attorney in fact to take certain actions on behalf of the principal for the benefit of the principal and the principal's spouse, children, and other persons customarily supported by the principal. Removes the authorization to employ or contract with servants or companions from the description of health care powers. Provides that the application is only to a lifetime or inter vivos transfer of property to a trust or similar arrangement under which the spouse of the transferor is granted an earlier power that can be exercised during the spouse's lifetime or upon the spouse's death to create a subsequent limited power of appointment or another nonvested property interest. Provides that the exercise of the earlier power or another nonvested property interest is considered to have been created at the time of the creation of the earlier power by the transferor. Specifies that certain written agreements executed between an owner of residential real property and a family member, attorney in fact, health care representative, or guardian that provide for an ownership interest in the residential real property are not prohibited residential real estate service agreements. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the probate code study

committee.)

*Current Status:* 1/20/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary  
*All Bill Status:* 1/20/2026 - First Reading  
1/13/2026 - Referred to House  
1/12/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Jeter  
1/12/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 17: yeas 48, nays 0  
1/12/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
1/8/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
1/8/2026 - Amendment #1 (Carrasco) prevailed; voice vote  
1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph  
1/8/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
1/6/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
12/10/2025 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
12/9/2025 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 8; Nays: 0  
12/9/2025 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:**  
Upon Adjournment, Room 130  
12/8/2025 - added as second author Senator Koch  
12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary  
12/8/2025 - First Reading  
12/8/2025 - Authored By Cyndi Carrasco  
*State Bill Page:* [SB71](#)

## **SB76**

**IMMIGRATION MATTERS (BROWN L)** Provides that if a law enforcement officer, governmental body, or postsecondary educational institution is made a party to a civil suit and the attorney general determines that the suit has arisen out of certain immigration matters, the attorney general may defend the law enforcement officer, the governmental body, or the postsecondary educational institution if representation is requested. Provides that the prohibition on governmental bodies or postsecondary educational institutions limiting or restricting the enforcement of federal immigration law applies regardless of whether the enforcement is carried out by a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency. Allows the governor to withhold grants or state funding to a governmental body for a period not to exceed one year if the governmental body is found to have violated certain requirements concerning an immigration detainer. Provides that a governmental body that has the custody of an individual who is the subject of an immigration detainer request shall: (1) provide the judge authorized to grant or deny the individual's release on bail notice that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (2) record in the individual's case file that the individual is subject to an immigration detainer request; (3) comply with the immigration detainer request; and (4) inform the individual that the individual is being held pursuant to an immigration detainer request. Requires a judge who receives notice that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer request to ensure that the notice of the immigration detainer request is recorded in the court's record. Requires the department of correction to adopt minimum standards for county jails to ensure proper cooperation between a jail and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including enforcement of statutory requirements concerning an immigration detainer and allows for an affirmative defense if an officer has completed a training on these standards. Requires the office of the secretary to submit a report to the legislative council concerning certain immigration matters. Specifies that it is unlawful for an employer to knowingly or intentionally recruit, hire, or employ an unauthorized alien in Indiana. Allows the attorney general to bring an enforcement action against an employer if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that the employer has violated certain recruitment and hiring restrictions concerning an unauthorized alien. Prohibits an employer from discharging or discriminating against an employee because the employee communicated or cooperated with the attorney general concerning compliance with certain recruitment or hiring practices and allows the employee to file a complaint with the commissioner of labor. Requires the commissioner of labor to adopt standards related to certain hiring practices concerning the prohibition of recruiting, hiring, or employing an unauthorized alien in Indiana. Provides that indecent nuisance means a place in which human trafficking is conducted and is not limited to a public place. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting official is entitled to investigative costs, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in an indecent nuisance action if the existence of an indecent nuisance is admitted or established in the action.



**Current Status:** 2/2/2026 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:30 AM, Room 156-B

**All Bill Status:** 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary  
 1/28/2026 - First Reading  
 1/27/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Bascom  
 1/27/2026 - Referred to House  
 1/26/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Young M  
 1/26/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Koch  
 1/26/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Jeter  
 1/26/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Prescott  
 1/26/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 69: yeas 37, nays 7  
 1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/22/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
 1/22/2026 - Amendment #3 (Ford J.D.) failed; Roll Call 42: yeas 10, nays 35  
 1/22/2026 - Amendment #4 (Brown L) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/13/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/12/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/8/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/6/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Raatz  
 1/6/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 12/11/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Donato  
 12/11/2025 - added as coauthors Senators Bohacek, Charbonneau  
 12/10/2025 - added as third author Senator Johnson T  
 12/10/2025 - added as second author Senator Garten  
 12/10/2025 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 12/9/2025 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 6; Nays: 2  
 12/9/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Alexander  
 12/9/2025 - Senate Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** Upon Adjournment, Room 130  
 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary  
 12/8/2025 - First Reading  
 12/8/2025 - Authored By Liz Brown

**State Bill Page:** [SB76](#)

**News Stories:** 1/27/2026 - [Immigration enforcement bill clears Indiana Senate amid national ICE controversy](#)  
 1/15/2026 - [4 ways Gov. Mike Braun wants to change Indiana in 2026, from energy to immigration](#)  
 1/12/2026 - [Indiana bill tracker: Cell phone ban, iLottery advanced in Statehouse. Here's what else](#)  
 12/10/2025 - [Indiana legislation would toughen enforcement of immigration detainers, employee verification](#)  
 12/10/2025 - [Rokita, Banks criticize Republican state senator for 'watered-down' immigration bill](#)

## SB91

**SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM** (CRIDER M) Allows the legislative body of the municipality or the executive body of the county to impose a syringe exchange ratio requirement on a syringe exchange program (program) that operates within the jurisdiction of the municipality or county. Amends the duties of a qualified entity that operates a program. Prohibits a qualified entity that operates a program from providing chemical reagents or precursors. Extends the expiration of the program to July 1, 2036.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2026 - Referred to House Public Health

**All Bill Status:** 1/29/2026 - First Reading  
 1/28/2026 - removed as cosponsor Representative Goss-Reaves  
 1/28/2026 - Referred to House  
 1/27/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Pol  
 1/27/2026 - Cosponsors: Representatives Lawson, Goss-Reaves  
 1/27/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Clere  
 1/27/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 93: yeas 33, nays 13  
 1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/26/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
 1/26/2026 - Amendment #2 (Crider) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/20/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph  
 1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/13/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Bohacek, Jackson L  
 1/13/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/12/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Walker K  
 1/12/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Yoder  
 1/8/2026 - added as third author Senator Clark  
 1/8/2026 - added as second author Senator Charbonneau  
 1/8/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
 1/7/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 10; Nays: 2  
 1/7/2026 - Senate Health and Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Room 431  
 12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services  
 12/9/2025 - First Reading  
 12/9/2025 - Authored By Michael Crider

**State Bill Page:** [SB91](#)

**News Stories:** 1/29/2026 - [‘No politics, just keep people alive’: Syringe services hope legality continues](#)  
 1/8/2026 - [Bill to extend needle exchange programs for another decade passes out of committee](#)

## SB92

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TRUST FUNDS (CLARK B)** Authorizes a county that operates a community corrections program to establish a county community corrections trust fund (fund). Specifies the funding sources and permissible uses of the fund. Specifies reporting and auditing requirements relating to the administration of the fund. Makes technical corrections to a reference to community corrections programs located in the civil procedure law.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

**All Bill Status:** 1/29/2026 - First Reading  
 1/28/2026 - Referred to House  
 1/27/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Goode, Raatz  
 1/27/2026 - Cosponsors: Representatives McNamara, May, Moed  
 1/27/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Steuerwald  
 1/27/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 94: yeas 45, nays 1  
 1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/26/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
 1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph  
 1/22/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/22/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 11; Nays: 0  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 431  
 1/15/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 431  
 1/13/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Bohacek, Dernulc, Tomes  
 1/13/2026 - added as third author Senator Buck  
 1/12/2026 - added as second author Senator Niemeyer  
 1/8/2026 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations  
 1/8/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 9; Nays: 0  
 1/8/2026 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Room 233  
 12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Local Government  
 12/9/2025 - First Reading  
 12/9/2025 - Authored By Brett Clark

*State Bill Page:* [SB92](#)

## SB119

**GROOMING (DERNULC D)** Adds a facility or event that provides entertainment or programming primarily directed toward a child less than 18 years of age to the list of facilities at which a sexually violent predator or an offender against children may not work or volunteer. Adds entering a facility or location holding an event that provides entertainment or programming primarily directed toward a child less than 18 years of age by a serious sex offender to the crime of unlawful entry by a serious sex offender. Renames the offense of "inappropriate communication with a child" to "sexual grooming", and provides (in addition to the current elements of the offense) that a person commits the offense if the person engages in a pattern of repeated or continuous contact with an individual whom the person believes to be a child less than 14 years of age, with the intent to make the individual less resistant to future sexual conduct.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - First Reading

1/28/2026 - Referred to House  
 1/28/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph  
 1/28/2026 - added as cosponsor Representative Cash  
 1/27/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Young M  
 1/27/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Bartlett  
 1/27/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Olthoff  
 1/27/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 96: yeas 46, nays 0  
 1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/26/2026 - added as third author Senator Brown L  
 1/26/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed  
 1/26/2026 - Amendment #2 (Freeman) prevailed; voice vote  
 1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/22/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Clark, Pol  
 1/22/2026 - added as second author Senator Niemeyer  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/20/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 1/20/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 8; Nays: 0  
 1/20/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Room 130  
 12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
 12/9/2025 - First Reading  
 12/9/2025 - Authored By Dan Dernulc

*State Bill Page:* [SB119](#)

**SB140**

**DOXXING (BECKER V)** Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally posts personal information of a targeted person, or of a person closely connected to the targeted person, to communicate a threat to the targeted person in retaliation for a prior lawful act commits doxxing. Provides that doxxing is a: (1) Class A misdemeanor; (2) Level 6 felony if the posting of the personal information results in the targeted person, or a person closely connected to the targeted person, suffering a serious bodily injury; or (3) Level 5 felony if the posting of the personal information results in the targeted person, or a person closely connected to the targeted person, suffering a catastrophic injury or death. Provides that certain conduct is not prohibited by the statute. Provides that the statute may not be construed to prevent, prohibit, limit, or restrict the freedom of expression protected by the Constitution of the State of Indiana or the Constitution of the United States.

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/27/2026 - Referred to House

1/26/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Zimmerman

1/26/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 70: yeas 44, nays 0

1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/22/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

1/22/2026 - Amendment #3 (Freeman) prevailed; voice vote

1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/13/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 6;

Nays: 1

1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130

1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Walker K

1/6/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Room 130

1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Coauthored by Senators Leising, Goode, Charbonneau, Deery, Walker G

1/5/2026 - Authored By Vaneta Becker

*State Bill Page:* [SB140](#)

*News Stories:* 1/14/2026 - [‘Trying to read to an empty chair’: Indiana Senate panel advances victim impact bill](#)

1/13/2026 - [Indiana doxing bill passes; firing squad bill held in Senate committee](#)

1/13/2026 - [Senate committee advances Indiana anti-doxing bill tied to redistricting threats](#)

1/12/2026 - [Indiana bill tracker: Cell phone ban, iLottery advanced in Statehouse. Here's what else](#)

1/7/2026 - [Indiana lawmakers faced threats over redistricting. Now they're trying to criminalize doxing](#)

1/7/2026 - [Indiana lawmakers consider anti-doxing bill following redistricting bomb, swatting threats](#)

1/7/2026 - [Freeman Calls for Civility as Indiana Weighs New Doxing Penalties](#)

**SB144**

**TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND VAPOR DEVICES (ALEXANDER S)** Increases the penalty for a person

who: (1) makes a delivery sale of an e-liquid to an individual less than 21 years of age; (2) sells or distributes a tobacco product to a person less than 21 years of age; and (3) purchases a tobacco product for a person less than 21 years of age; from a Class C infraction to a Class B infraction. Makes it a Class B infraction for a person to make a delivery sale of a vapor device to an individual less than 21 years of age. Makes it a Class B infraction for a person to: (1) sell or distribute a vapor device to a person less than 21 years of age; and (2) purchase a vapor device for a person less than 21 years of age. Makes it a Class C infraction for a person less than 21 years of age to purchase, accept, or possess a vapor device.

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Schmitt

1/22/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Prescott

1/22/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Rowray

1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 50: yeas 44, nays 0

1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/20/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Rogers

1/20/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

1/20/2026 - Amendment #1 (Freeman) prevailed; voice vote

1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/13/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 7; Nays: 0

1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130

1/12/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Koch, Deery

1/12/2026 - added as third author Senator Bohacek

1/12/2026 - added as second author Senator Freeman

1/6/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Room 130

1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Scott Alexander

*State Bill Page:* [SB144](#)

*News Stories:* 1/14/2026 - [‘Trying to read to an empty chair’: Indiana Senate panel advances victim impact bill](#)

## **SB160**

**PUBLIC SAFETY (DEERY S)** Makes wearing a mask during the commission of a criminal offense a sentencing aggravator. Makes it malicious littering, a Class A misdemeanor, for a person to place refuse on the property of another person with the intent to cause the owner or occupant of the property to reasonably fear for their physical safety.

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/22/2026 - added as third author Senator Baldwin

1/22/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Lopez

1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 51: yeas 45, nays 0

1/22/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/20/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

1/20/2026 - Amendment #1 (Freeman) prevailed; voice vote

1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/13/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 8; Nays: 0

1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for



Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Spencer Deery

*State Bill Page:* [SB160](#)

*News Stories:* 1/14/2026 - [‘Trying to read to an empty chair’: Indiana Senate panel advances victim impact bill](#)

## **SB172**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING** (JOHNSON T) Provides that if the implementation and compliance costs of a proposed rule, provisional rule, or interim rule exceed \$100,000 (instead of \$1,000,000) over a two year period: (1) the rule cannot be published in the Indiana Register until the budget committee has reviewed the rule; (2) the budget agency and the office of management and budget may not approve any part of the proposed rule prior to review by the budget committee; and (3) in the case of a provisional rule or an interim rule, the governor may not approve a rule prior to the budget committee's review of the rule. Provides that an agency may adopt a rule only if the agency has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the governor that certain circumstances exist. Specifies that provisional and interim rulemaking may be used only under specified circumstances if the combined implementation and compliance costs would not exceed \$500,000 for businesses, units, and individuals if effective over a two year period.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - First Reading

1/28/2026 - Referred to House

1/27/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Koch

1/27/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Freeman, Charbonneau

1/27/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Bascom

1/27/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Miller D

1/27/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 98: yeas 46, nays 0

1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/26/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/22/2026 - added as third author Senator Brown L

1/22/2026 - added as second author Senator Garten

1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/22/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 12;  
Nays: 0

1/22/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 431

1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Tyler Johnson

*State Bill Page:* [SB172](#)

## **SB182**

**GENDER ISSUES** (BROWN L) Defines "female", "male", "gender", and "sex" for all Indiana statutes.

Provides that the department of correction shall assign an offender, including a delinquent offender, to a facility or program that is based on the offender's sex. States that a local health officer shall mark the sex of an individual as male or female on a birth certificate. Provides that the Indiana department of health may make an addition to a birth certificate, for purposes of paternity, in certain situations. Provides the circumstances for when the sex designation on a birth certificate can be amended. Requires public schools, including charter schools, and state educational institutions to designate a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area as follows: (1) For the exclusive use of the male sex. (2) For the exclusive use of the female sex. Provides, with exceptions, that an individual shall only use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area that is designated for the sex that is the individual's sex. Establishes a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Prohibits public schools, including charter schools, and state educational institutions from requiring a student to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex, unless the individual who is a member of the opposite sex is a family member.

Establishes a civil action for a violation of these provisions.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to House Public Health

*All Bill Status:* 1/29/2026 - First Reading

1/28/2026 - Referred to House

1/27/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Young M

1/27/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative McGuire

1/27/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Carbaugh

1/27/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 101: yeas 37, nays 8

1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/26/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Byrne

1/26/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

1/26/2026 - Amendment #2 (Deery) prevailed; voice vote

1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/22/2026 - added as third author Senator Garten

1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

1/21/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 9;

Nays: 3

1/21/2026 - Senate Health and Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Room 431

1/6/2026 - added as second author Senator Johnson T

1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Liz Brown

*State Bill Page:* [SB182](#)

*News Stories:* 1/28/2026 - [Senate passes 'most extreme anti-LGBTQ+ bill' in more than a decade. What it does](#)

1/28/2026 - [Indiana Senate backs bill restricting transgender school restroom use](#)

## SB246

**REDACTION OF CHILDREN'S NAMES IN COURT RECORDS (FREEMAN A)** Requires the names of child victims, child witnesses, and certain other persons to be redacted in criminal cases. Requires the use of an anonymous designator such as "Child Witness No. 1" when redacting a name, and prohibits redaction that uses the person's initials or that describes the person in terms of a family relationship.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - added as cosponsors Representatives Ireland, Zimmerman

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

1/28/2026 - First Reading

1/22/2026 - Referred to House

1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Baldwin

1/20/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Bascom

1/20/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 39: yeas 46, nays 0

1/20/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

1/15/2026 - added as coauthors Senators Pol, Koch, Clark, Glick

1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed

1/14/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

1/13/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted

1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 9; Nays: 0

1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130

1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

1/8/2026 - First Reading

1/8/2026 - Authored By Aaron Freeman

*State Bill Page:* [SB246](#)

**SB251**

**PENALTIES FOR PRIOR OWI CONVICTIONS** (FREEMAN A) Provides that if a person has one prior OWI conviction, the court shall order that the person be imprisoned for at least 10 days or perform community service, and if a person has two prior OWI convictions, the court shall order that the person be imprisoned for at least 20 days or perform community service. Provides that a person does receive good time credit while serving a sentence imposed under this statute. Provides that this statute does not increase the maximum sentence for the offense as provided by either IC 35-50-2 or IC 35-50-3. Specifies that "vehicle", for purposes of the crime of operating while intoxicated, includes a watercraft, and repeals the separate crime of operating a motorboat while intoxicated. Provides that an initial hearing may be waived and allows a person to apply for a specialized driving privilege after an initial hearing. Adds operating while intoxicated due to use of a controlled substance to the habitual traffic violator statute. Authorizes the use of a roadside chemical test under certain circumstances. Specifies that ignition interlock devices may only be used when the underlying offense is operating while intoxicated resulting from the use of alcohol. Removes provisions concerning pretrial administrative suspension of driving privileges. Provides that the budget director shall review and determine before December 31, 2026, whether federal highway administration funding to the state will or will not be reduced due to the removal of provisions concerning administrative suspension of driving privileges. Requires the budget director to notify the budget committee of the determination and those provisions may not be implemented until after budget committee review. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to House

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Jeter  
 1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 124: yeas 47, nays 1  
 1/28/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
 1/26/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
 1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
 1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Charbonneau  
 1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11;  
 Nays: 1  
 1/22/2026 - Senate Appropriations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 431  
 1/13/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations  
 1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 7;  
 Nays: 2  
 1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
 1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
 1/8/2026 - First Reading  
 1/8/2026 - Authored By Aaron Freeman

*State Bill Page:* [SB251](#)

**SB261**

**CRIMINAL VANDALISM** (YOUNG M) Renames the crime of "criminal mischief" to "criminal vandalism". Repeals: (1) institutional criminal mischief; (2) cemetery mischief; (3) railroad mischief; and (4) critical infrastructure facility mischief; places them in the "criminal vandalism" statute, and preserves the original penalties and defenses. Repeals and places provisions involving damage to a cave in the criminal vandalism statute. Repeals and places provisions involving depositing refuse in a cave in the littering statute. Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - Referred to House

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Pol  
 1/28/2026 - added as third author Senator Baldwin  
 1/28/2026 - Cosponsor: Representative Ireland  
 1/28/2026 - removed as sponsor Representative Ireland  
 1/28/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Bascom

1/28/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Ireland  
1/28/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 126: yeas 47, nays 1  
1/28/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
1/27/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading  
1/26/2026 - added as second author Senator Freeman  
1/26/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/26/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading  
1/22/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass, adopted  
1/20/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 7;  
Nays: 1  
1/20/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for  
Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Room 130  
1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Michael Young

*State Bill Page:* [SB261](#)

## SJR1

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING BAIL (KOCH E)** Provides that an offense other than murder or treason is not bailable if: (1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and (2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community. This proposed amendment has been agreed to by one general assembly.

*Current Status:* 1/28/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 1/28/2026 - First Reading  
1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Young M  
1/22/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Buck  
1/22/2026 - added as third author Senator Freeman  
1/22/2026 - added as second author Senator Bray  
1/22/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Jeter  
1/22/2026 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 43: yeas 43, nays 2  
1/22/2026 - Senate Resolutions on Third Reading Passed (43-2)  
1/22/2026 - Senate Resolutions on Third Reading  
1/20/2026 - Senate Resolutions on Third Reading  
1/15/2026 - Second reading ordered engrossed  
1/14/2026 - Senate Resolutions on Second Reading  
1/13/2026 - Committee Report do pass, adopted  
1/13/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage Yeas: 7; Nays: 0  
1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for  
Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
1/6/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Room 130  
12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
12/9/2025 - First Reading  
12/9/2025 - Authored By Eric Koch

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*News Stories:* 1/26/2026 - [Indiana bill tracker: Senate OKs school cell phone ban, Bears bill advances. What else moved](#)  
1/23/2026 - [Indiana bail amendment advances toward November ballot](#)  
1/15/2026 - [Restricting bail rights is focus of legislation. Voters would get final say](#)  
1/8/2026 - [Senate Republican agenda focuses on public assistance, bail](#)  
1/7/2026 - [Indiana Senate Republicans prioritize government reform and public safety in 2026](#)

## Week In Review

### [State tax cut for overtime and tips clears Senate; House sends other tax breaks to Braun](#)

A one-year state income tax break on overtime and tips for Hoosier workers has cleared the Indiana Senate as lawmakers pick and choose among the federal tax cuts that President Donald Trump pushed through Congress last summer.

Indiana Capital Chronicle

### [Indiana lawmakers want to rein in electricity costs. Here's how they plan to do it](#)

In an ambitious attempt to address what many have called an energy affordability crisis, Indiana state representatives passed legislation on the evening of Jan. 28 that addresses Hoosiers' rising electricity bills, passing it on to their colleagues in the Indiana Senate.

Indianapolis Star

### [Indiana's bid for the Chicago Bears gains momentum with Senate vote](#)

The Chicago Bears might not be packing their bags yet — but Indiana's bid for the team picked up momentum Wednesday after senators approved legislation creating a state-run stadium authority that could finance and build a National Football League stadium in northwest Indiana.

Indiana Capital Chronicle

### [Indiana Senate votes to outlaw abortion pills by enabling citizen lawsuits](#)

What some are calling a "dangerous" escalation of Indiana's abortion ban, others are calling a chance to close a gaping loophole.

Indianapolis Star

### [Indiana hospitals warn of cuts, closures without lawmaker intervention](#)

Hoosier hospitals say they're increasingly struggling to stay open as expenses rise faster than revenue, according to a new analysis.

Indiana Capital Chronicle

### [Proposed limits on local housing regulations clears Indiana House](#)

Legislation aimed at boosting residential construction and home ownership has won Indiana House approval despite concerns about limits it would place on local authority over housing regulations.

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### [Trump posts backing of possible challenger to a top Indiana senator over redistricting defeat](#)

President Donald Trump has taken direct aim at a high-ranking Indiana state senator who voted against the congressional redistricting plan by endorsing a potential Republican primary challenger.

Indiana Capital Chronicle

### [Immigration enforcement bill clears Indiana Senate amid national ICE controversy](#)

A Republican-backed immigration enforcement bill that expands local cooperation with federal authorities and penalizes noncompliance cleared the Indiana Senate on Monday along party lines.

Indiana Capital Chronicle

### [Indiana ranks #6 in the nation for education options](#)

Indiana has ranked number six in the nation for schooling options, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Index of State Education Freedom: A 50-State Guide to Parental Empowerment.

Fox 59

### [Indiana General Assembly shifts key deadlines due to winter storm](#)

The Indiana General Assembly is shifting its deadline for committee approval of proposed new laws to Tuesday, instead of Monday, due to the winter storm.

Northwest Indiana Times