



## 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, committees, councils, authorities, and funds. Removes certain appointed members from various boards, commissions, and districts. Modifies the appointing authority for particular funds, boards, and councils. 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. Establishes certain funds. Repeals the fire prevention and building safety commission (commission). Transfers the commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to the department of homeland security (department). Provides that variances relating to the building code shall be administered by the department or, with the approval of the department, the state building commissioner. Requires the department, on or before July 1, 2028, to adopt rules to supersede certain building rules. Provides that, if the rules adopted incorporate provisions included in a model code, rule, or requirement, the provisions: (1) may not be incorporated by reference and must be included in the rule; and (2) must be free and accessible to the public. Provides that, on or before July 1, 2027, the department shall submit a report to the legislative council that includes any provision that is included in the current building code rules on July 1, 2026, which the department recommends to be codified by the general assembly. Makes conforming amendments. Relocates certain provisions pertaining to the adoption of building rules. Establishes the athletic trainer interstate compact. Makes an appropriation.

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1/8/2026 - Authored By Steve Bartels

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*News Stories:* 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.

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12/1/2025 - First Reading

12/1/2025 - Authored By Mike Aylesworth

*State Bill Page:* [HB1019](#)

**HB1021**      **FIREARM STORAGE** (GORE M) Provides that a person having the care of a dependent who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally fails to secure a loaded firearm in the person's residence or vehicle commits neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony, if the dependent uses the firearm to cause bodily injury or death to any person. Enhances the offense to a Level 5 felony in particular instances. Specifies exceptions and defenses. Specifies sign requirements for retail dealers. Defines terms and makes conforming amendments.

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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.

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12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representative McNamara

12/1/2025 - Authored By Alex Zimmerman

*State Bill Page:* [HB1025](#)

**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. Repeals a provision that allows a party to a superior court proceeding to request an elected judge to preside over the proceeding instead of the magistrate. 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.

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12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Jeter, Steuerwald  
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12/1/2025 - First Reading  
12/1/2025 - Authored By Danny Lopez

*State Bill Page:* [HB1033](#)

#### **HB1036**

**CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES (GARCIA WILBURN V)** Requires the department of child services (department) to conduct an in-person assessment: (1) before closing an investigation involving a child who the department has reason to believe is a child in need of services (CHINS); and (2) before recommending discharge of the child who is the subject of an open CHINS case with the juvenile court.

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12/1/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Burton  
12/1/2025 - Authored By Victoria Garcia Wilburn

*State Bill Page:* [HB1036](#)

#### **HB1039**

**VARIOUS IMMIGRATION MATTERS (PRESCOTT J)** 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 acts, the attorney general shall defend the law enforcement officer, governmental body, or postsecondary educational institution throughout the action. Clarifies that the enforcement of federal immigration laws may be carried out by federal, state, or local law enforcement. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental bodies or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. 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. Provides immunity to a governmental body or an employee of a governmental body for any action taken concerning an immigration detainer request. Prohibits a political subdivision from taking certain actions to aid, assist, incentivize, or facilitate the migration of any alien or class of aliens into Indiana. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that a governmental entity has not complied with an immigration detention request, the attorney general may bring a court action to: (1) enjoin an act or practice constituting a violation of an immigration detention request; and (2)

impose a civil penalty for noncompliance with an immigration detention 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. Prohibits an employer from knowingly or intentionally recruiting, hiring, or employing an unauthorized alien. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that an employer has recruited, hired, or employed an unauthorized alien, the attorney general may enjoin the action and seek the suspension of the employer's operating authorizations. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting official is entitled to investigative costs and costs in an indecent nuisance action.

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12/2/2025 - First Reading

12/2/2025 - Authored By J.D. Prescott

*State Bill Page:* [HB1039](#)

**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.

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12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representatives Engleman, Barrett

12/2/2025 - Authored By Wendy McNamara

*State Bill Page:* [HB1040](#)

**HB1045 RESTRICTED ACCESS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS TO PARKS (PRESCOTT J)** Provides that the offense of unlawful entry by a serious sex offender includes a serious sex offender knowingly or intentionally entering a public park.

*Current Status:* 12/5/2025 - added as coauthors Representatives Rowray, Olthoff

*All Bill Status:* 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code

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12/2/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Zimmerman

12/2/2025 - Authored By J.D. Prescott

*State Bill Page:* [HB1045](#)

**HB1046 FAMILY RECOVERY COURT FUND (GOSS-REAVES L)** Establishes the family recovery court fund (fund). Provides that the fund consists of money appropriated by the general assembly from the state unrestricted opioid settlement account as well as donations, gifts, and money received from other sources. Provides that money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose of funding family recovery courts and safe baby courts. Provides that family recovery courts: (1) target cases of abuse or neglect wherein a parent or primary caregiver suffers from a substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders; and (2) are certified as problem solving courts by the office of judicial administration.

*Current Status:* 12/2/2025 - Referred to House Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 12/2/2025 - First Reading

*State Bill Page:* [HB1046](#)

**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. 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 and criminal penalties for conducting a "sweepstakes game". 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 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. Provides that a person who refuses to provide identifying information to a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances commits a Class C misdemeanor.

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12/5/2025 - Authored By Ethan Manning

*State Bill Page:* [HB1052](#)

*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.

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12/5/2025 - Authored By Jennifer Meltzer

*State Bill Page:* [HB1056](#)

**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 taken by the public servant; or (2) a public servant to solicit or accept a payment as a reward for an official act performed by the public servant. 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; or (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.

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12/5/2025 - Authored By Harold Slager

*State Bill Page:* [HB1065](#)



- HB1073**      **RAPE KIT PROCESSING (CASH B)** Requires the state police department (department) to use part of an appropriation from House Enrolled Act 1001 (2025) to process rape kits and to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits. Permits the department to issue grants to law enforcement agencies and testing labs to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits. Requires the department to make a report to the general assembly by October 1, 2027, concerning the status of untested rape kits.
- Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Representative Pryor
- All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - Reassigned to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety  
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12/5/2025 - Coauthored by Representative Sweet  
12/5/2025 - Authored By Becky Cash
- State Bill Page:* [HB1073](#)
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- HB1075**      **MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SCREENING (ANDRADE M)** Requires each school corporation and charter school to develop a plan to conduct developmentally appropriate evidence based: (1) mental health screening; and (2) substance use disorder screening; for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Establishes notification, consent, and data destruction requirements. Requires the department of education to make available to school corporations and charter schools developmentally appropriate evidence based mental health screening and substance use disorder screening tools and resources.
- Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to House Education
- All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
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1/5/2026 - Authored By Mike Andrade
- State Bill Page:* [HB1075](#)
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- HB1080**      **FAMILY REUNIFICATION (CASH B)** Prohibits the department of child services from recommending and a court from ordering certain family reunification programs. Requires the office of judicial administration (office) to establish a judicial training program for an individual who presides over family law or juvenile law matters. Requires the judicial training program established by the office to include certain information regarding domestic violence. Beginning January 1, 2027, requires an individual who presides over family law or juvenile law matters to attend the judicial training established by the office at least one time each year.
- Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary
- All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
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1/5/2026 - Authored By Becky Cash
- State Bill Page:* [HB1080](#)
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- HB1085**      **CIVIL LIABILITY FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL (KING J)** Permits an individual depicted in child sexual abuse material or obscene material on the Internet, or exposed to obscene material on the Internet, to bring a civil action against a person who knowingly or intentionally: (1) allows or facilitates access to the material on the Internet; (2) disseminates the material on the Internet; or (3) is a content provider of prohibited material. Allows the attorney general to seek injunctive relief. Creates a safe harbor provision for certain persons under certain conditions. Provides that: (1) comparative fault; and (2) tort claims immunities; do not apply to a civil action based on prohibited material.
- Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary
- All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Joanna King
- State Bill Page:* [HB1085](#)
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- HB1087**      **OVERDOSE REVERSAL MEDICATION (ANDRADE M)** Provides that, subject to available funding, the division of mental health and addiction may develop an application to provide funds to a school corporation or school maintained by a school corporation to obtain a federal Food and Drug Administration approved opioid

overdose reversal medication. Provides that the state health commissioner shall issue a statewide standing order, prescription, or protocol for a federal Food and Drug Administration approved opioid overdose reversal medication for each public school or school corporation.

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

1/5/2026 - Authored By Mike Andrade

*State Bill Page:* [HB1087](#)

#### **HB1092**

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES (DEVON D)** Requires that a sports wagering operator withhold winnings when a person who is delinquent in child support requests a withdrawal from the person's mobile sports wagering account. Requires an order establishing paternity if certain conditions are met. Allows the state to approve additional payment facilities for purposes of accepting child support payments. Allows a juvenile court to assume jurisdiction over adoption proceedings in certain circumstances. Makes various changes to the adoption code to facilitate communication between a probate court and juvenile court when the subject of an adoption petition is also the subject of a pending child in need of services (CHINS) case. Provides that the department of child services (department) has the right to intervene as a party to an adoption proceeding under certain circumstances. Allows the department to: (1) deny certain residential child care licenses if the applicant was previously licensed and had the earlier license revoked within one year of the current application; and (2) conduct background checks on certain volunteers at a licensed child caring institution. Requires a probate court to take certain actions if allegations in the petition for adoption or evidence produced at an adoption proceeding indicates that the child for whom the adoption decree is requested meets the definition of a child adjudicated or alleged to be a CHINS.

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to House Family, Children and Human Affairs

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1092](#)

#### **HB1093**

**STUDENT BULLYING AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR (DEVON D)** Revises the definition of "bullying". Requires each public school, including a charter school, to track, monitor, and analyze specified aspects of bullying, and provides that a parent of a student or a student, if the student is an emancipated minor, may submit a grievance to the school for a violation of this requirement. Requires each school corporation and charter school to: (1) document and track all acts of bullying and abusive behaviors for analysis; (2) prepare and implement interventions to deter and prevent bullying and abusive behaviors; and (3) compile, prepare, and submit an annual report beginning July 1, 2027, to the department of education, the state board of education, and the legislative council summarizing the information collected. Requires the state board of education to review the report and provide recommendations to certain schools to reduce the frequency of acts of bullying or abusive behaviors. Allows the department of child services to release unredacted reports to a school's designated liaison under certain circumstances.

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*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading

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1/5/2026 - Authored By Dale DeVon

*State Bill Page:* [HB1093](#)

#### **HB1094**

**UNIFORM RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN PROTECTION ORDERS (DELANEY E)** Codifies the Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act. Provides procedures for enforcement of a Canadian domestic violence protection order (protection order) by a law enforcement officer and the court. Provides that a protection order may be registered in Indiana.

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1/5/2026 - Authored By Edward DeLaney

**HB1107 BULLYING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND OMBUDSMAN (MANNING E)** Establishes a state bullying ombudsman (ombudsman) position within the department of education (department). Establishes the duties of the ombudsman. Requires the department to: (1) provide staff and administrative support for the ombudsman; and (2) post the ombudsman's contact information on the department's website. Requires each school corporation to provide the ombudsman's contact information in certain rules, policies, and notices. Requires, with an exception, each school corporation to establish a bullying oversight committee (committee). Establishes the membership, authority, and duties of a committee. Provides that a parent of a targeted student may submit a complaint to the committee if the parent believes that: (1) the school administration failed to investigate a bullying or physical assault incident involving the targeted student; or (2) the resolution of an incident was insufficient or ineffective. Requires the department to adopt and post on the department's website guidelines and model training materials for committee members. Provides that a parent may, under certain circumstances, request a hearing before the governing body of the school corporation regarding a complaint. Establishes requirements for a governing body of a school corporation that receives a request for a hearing. Provides that a parent of a targeted student or parent of an alleged perpetrator may view any video evidence related to a bullying incident or physical assault involving the student for which a complaint or request for a hearing has been submitted.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1107](#)

**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.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1118](#)

**HB1161 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS (LAWSON E)** Provides that members appointed to: (1) local alcohol boards; (2) drainage boards; (3) capital improvement boards; (4) airport authorities; (5) the Allen County airport authority; (6) plan commissions; (7) a board of zoning appeals; (8) county building authorities; (9) county public defender boards; (10) community corrections advisory boards; and (11) local boards of health; by a county executive of a county that does not contain a consolidated city, serve at the pleasure of the county executive. 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 legislative body. Provides that each county executive, excluding a county containing a consolidated city, 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 the policy shall apply to all county employees, including those employed by separately elected county officers. 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, 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 \$100,000; (3) acquire real or personal property with a cost exceeding \$100,000; or (4) approve capital improvements to park facilities or property with a cost exceeding \$100,000; the park and recreation board must obtain approval by the executive of the unit that established the department of parks and recreation. Designates



the appropriate executive for executive approvals for units that establish a joint department of parks and recreation. Provides that a member of a city's board of park commissioners serves at the pleasure of the city executive. Provides that a member of a municipal recreation board that serves as the legislative authority of a park authority serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority. Provides that members of an area park board serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority.

*Current Status:* 1/13/2026 - House Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:30 AM, Room 156-C

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1161](#)

#### **HB1183**

**DIGITAL SEXUAL IMAGE ABUSE** (HAGGARD C) Increases the penalty for the crime of distribution of an intimate image, from a Class A misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony, and increases the enhancement of this crime from a Level 6 felony to a Level 5 felony. Defines "digital sexual image" as a digital, computer generated image or video that is created or modified to depict: (1) sexual intercourse; (2) other sexual conduct; or (3) exhibition of certain body parts; of a quality, characteristic, or condition, such that it appears to depict an individual. Makes creation or possession of a digital sexual image a Class A misdemeanor and distribution of a digital sexual image a Level 6 felony.

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1/5/2026 - Authored By Craig Haggard

*State Bill Page:* [HB1183](#)

*News Stories:* 1/7/2026 - [Indiana bill targets nonconsensual AI porn amid recent scandals](#)

#### **HB1194**

**BAIL MATTERS** (JETER C) 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.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1194](#)

#### **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.

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

## **HB1208**

**OFFENDER AGAINST CHILDREN RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS (OLTHOFF J)** Provides that an offender against children who: (1) is required to register as a sex offender for life; and (2) knowingly or intentionally resides within 500 feet of certain areas owned, maintained, and governed by a homeowners association or property owners association; commits a sex offender residency offense, a Level 6 felony. Establishes the crime of interference with law enforcement, a Class B misdemeanor.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1208](#)

## **HB1223**

**CRIMES AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT (LOPEZ D)** Makes a person who commits an offense that results in serious bodily injury or death to a law enforcement officer a sex or violent offender. Prohibits a court from considering time spent by the defendant in pretrial detention or home detention or on work release when determining the sentence for a crime that resulted in serious bodily injury or death to a law enforcement officer. Makes it a sentencing aggravator if an offense results in serious bodily injury or death to a law enforcement officer. Provides that a person charged with an offense that resulted in serious bodily injury or death to a law

enforcement officer may only be released on cash bail.

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Coauthored by Representative Garcia Wilburn

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1223](#)

#### **HB1228**

**JUDICIAL IMMUNITY CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MONITORING (JACKSON C)** Adds judges to the list of persons immune from civil liability for certain acts or omissions that occur in connection with the statute establishing electronic monitoring standards. (Current law provides that immunity does not apply to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.)

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1228](#)

#### **HB1249**

**JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION (ZIMMERMAN A)** Adds the unlawful carrying of a handgun, if charged as a felony, to the list of offenses over which a juvenile court does not have jurisdiction.

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1/5/2026 - Authored By Alex Zimmerman

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

#### **HB1250**

**NOTICE OF RELEASE AND VICTIM NOTIFICATION (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, and of the county or municipality where the serious violent felon 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.

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

#### **HB1253**

**VARIOUS CRIMES AND CHILD PROTECTION (GOSS-REAVES L)** Adds family case managers to the list of individuals who are designated as Indiana first responders. Clarifies that a court order concerning certain sex offender registration requirements may only be granted if a petition is filed under the provision governing certain retroactive application of law. Specifies that, if a petition to determine if a person should be considered a sexually violent predator or an offender against children has been filed, notice must be sent to certain parties. Separates the offenses of voyeurism, public voyeurism, and aerial voyeurism into two sections of the Indiana Code. Removes, from the crime of public voyeurism, the required element that the individual has the intent to peep at the person being recorded, and changes the name of the crime to "digital voyeurism". Provides that a serious sex offender who knowingly or intentionally approaches or communicates with a child in a public park commits a Level 6 felony.

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*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Lori Goss-Reaves

*State Bill Page:* [HB1253](#)

- HB1258**      **CRIMES OF VIOLENCE (JETER C)** Revises the definition of "crime of violence" to include arson, escape, criminal stalking, and offenses related to regulated explosives. 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.
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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 \$500 fee.
- Current Status:* 1/6/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Maureen Bauer  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1269](#)
- 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). Removes certain duplicative provisions and makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.
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1/6/2026 - Coauthored by Representatives Karickhoff, Meltzer, Pressel  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Wendy McNamara  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1303](#)
- HB1312**      **PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES (IRELAND A)** Defines "aggravated child molesting". Provides that the state may seek either a death sentence or a sentence of life imprisonment without parole for a person convicted of aggravated child molesting. Provides requirements for a jury or court to impose either a death sentence or a sentence of life imprisonment without parole. Makes conforming changes.
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*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Andrew Ireland  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1312](#)
- HB1314**      **POSTCONVICTION PROCEEDINGS (IRELAND A)** Establishes a procedure for postconviction relief.
- Current Status:* 1/6/2026 - Referred to House Courts and Criminal Code  
*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Andrew Ireland  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1314](#)

- HB1344**      **FUNDING OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OPERATIONS (STEUERWALD G)** Establishes the public prosecution fund and a prosecuting attorney compensation fee (a court fee) of \$40 which will be deposited in the state general fund. Provides that a county may be reimbursed for certain prosecutorial expenses from the fund, unless the prosecuting attorney in the county is a noncompliant prosecuting attorney. Requires the Indiana prosecuting attorney's council to set standards for reimbursement.
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*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary  
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1/6/2026 - Authored By Gregory Steuerwald  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1344](#)
- HB1350**      **EXCLUSIONARY RULE (SHONKWILER A)** Prohibits the exclusion of otherwise admissible evidence based on a violation of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, the Constitution of the United States, or the laws of the United States or Indiana unless certain conditions apply. Provides that an appeal from a court's order excluding evidence may be taken directly to the supreme court.
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*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Alaina Shonkwiler  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1350](#)
- HB1362**      **PRIVACY PROTECTIONS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS (KING J)** Requires each public school, state educational institution, correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, and certain governmental entities 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 may only use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area that is designated for the sex that is the individual's sex, as determined at birth in accordance with the individual's genetics and reproductive biology. Establishes a civil action for a violation of these provisions. Prohibits each public school, correctional facility, state educational institution, juvenile detention facility, and certain governmental entities from requiring certain individuals to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex, as determined at birth in accordance with the individual's genetics and reproductive biology, 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:* 1/8/2026 - Referred to House Judiciary  
*All Bill Status:* 1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Joanna King  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1362](#)
- HB1363**      **VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (BARTELS S)** Provides that the governor shall appoint the executive director of the law enforcement training board (executive director). Provides that the executive director serves at the governor's pleasure. Provides that a correctional professional is considered a public safety officer for purposes of determining eligibility for line of duty death benefits. (Current law provides that a correctional officer is considered a public safety officer for determining eligibility for line of duty death benefits.) Repeals the integrated public safety commission. Provides a process for certain sex and sex or violent offenders to submit certain information to the department of correction (department) regarding sex offender status in other states or jurisdictions. Establishes the Indiana department of emergency communications. Changes the name of the "integrated public safety communications fund" to the "emergency communications fund". Provides that if: (1) the department releases a child who is a ward of the department; and (2) the child is less than 18 years of age; the department's wardship of the child ends. Provides that if a child who is a ward of the department is released and no parent or guardian allows the child to live with them, the department must immediately notify a certain court that the child needs to be a ward of the department of child services. Provides that the department is not required to send certain notices sent by offenders within the jurisdiction of the department by registered or certified mail. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess an imitation firearm: (1) in or on school property; or (2) on a school bus. Makes conforming changes.



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*State Bill Page:* [HB1363](#)

**HB1367**      **INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SOLIDAY E)** Allows an individual's spouse, legal guardian, friend, relative, or medical service provider to petition a court for involuntary substance use disorder treatment. Requires a petition to include certain information and allows a court to dismiss a petition, without prejudice, if it does not contain the required information. Requires the court to appoint a public defender if the individual subject to a petition seeking involuntary substance use disorder treatment is not represented by an attorney. Requires a court to order the individual to be evaluated by a medical provider if the court finds that: (1) the individual has a substance use disorder; (2) because of the individual's substance use disorder, the individual is experiencing impaired judgment and is unable to independently maintain the individual's activities of daily living or is a danger to self or others; and (3) the individual refuses to voluntarily participate in substance use disorder treatment. Allows a court to order a local law enforcement agency to consider whether an individual meets the criteria for emergency detention under certain circumstances. Requires a medical provider who completes an evaluation concerning an individual's need for substance use disorder treatment to submit the evaluation to the court. Specifies that after receiving an evaluation from a medical provider, the court may dismiss the petition or set a hearing for further evidence to be presented about the individual's need for substance use disorder treatment. Requires a court to order involuntary outpatient substance use disorder treatment for a period, not to exceed 90 days, if medical evidence supports that the individual requires immediate treatment for a substance use disorder and the individual has refused treatment.

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1/8/2026 - Authored By Edmond Soliday  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1367](#)

**HB1391**      **USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE DRIVING (JETER C)** Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally violates the statute prohibiting use of a telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle commits a Level 5 felony if the violation is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury to another person.

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1/8/2026 - Authored By Chris Jeter  
*State Bill Page:* [HB1391](#)

**HB1392**      **INVOLUNTARY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT (PATTERSON L)** Allows an individual's spouse, legal guardian, friend, or relative to petition a court for involuntary substance use disorder treatment. Requires a petition to include certain information and allows a court to dismiss a petition, without prejudice, if it does not contain the required information. Requires the court to appoint a public defender if the individual subject to a petition seeking involuntary substance use disorder treatment is not represented by an attorney. Requires a court to order the individual to be evaluated by two medical providers, one of which must be a licensed physician, if the court finds that: (1) the individual has a substance use disorder; (2) because of the individual's substance use disorder, the individual is experiencing impaired judgment and is unable to independently maintain the individual's activities of daily living or is a danger to self or others; and (3) the individual refuses to voluntarily participate in substance use disorder treatment. Allows a court to order a local law enforcement agency to consider whether an individual meets the criteria for emergency detention under certain circumstances. Requires a medical provider who completes an evaluation concerning an individual's need for substance use disorder treatment to submit the evaluation to the court. Specifies that after receiving an evaluation from a medical provider, the court may dismiss the petition or set a hearing for further evidence to be presented about the individual's need for substance use disorder treatment. Requires a court to order involuntary substance use disorder treatment for a period of between 60 and 360 days if medical evidence supports that the

individual requires immediate treatment for a substance use disorder and the individual has refused treatment. Requires the petitioner to pay all medical expenses that result from a respondent receiving court ordered involuntary substance use disorder treatment. Specifies that a respondent may be subject to contempt proceedings for a failure or refusal to comply with a court order issued in response to the petition for involuntary substance use disorder treatment.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1392](#)

#### **HB1431**

**STREET CAMPING (MILLER D)** Prohibits an individual from camping, sleeping, or using for long term shelter land owned by the state or a political subdivision, unless the land has been authorized for that use by law. Provides, if certain elements are met, that a person who knowingly or intentionally uses land owned by the state or a political subdivision for unauthorized camping, sleeping, or long term shelter commits a Class C misdemeanor. Allows an individual to be referred to a problem solving court program for a violation. Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing any policy that prohibits or discourages the enforcement of any order or ordinance prohibiting public camping, sleeping, or other obstruction of a sidewalk. Authorizes a resident of the political subdivision, an owner of a business located in the political subdivision, or the attorney general to bring a civil action to enjoin a political subdivision that adopts or enforces such a policy.

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*State Bill Page:* [HB1431](#)

#### **HB1432**

**DEATH SENTENCE AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (BASCOM G)** Prohibits the state from seeking the death penalty against a defendant if a court determines at any time before trial that the defendant has an intellectual disability. (Under current law, the court must make this determination at a specified pretrial hearing.)

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1/8/2026 - Authored By Garrett Bascom

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#### **HJR1**

**IMPEACHMENT OF A JUDGE OR PROSECUTOR (IRELAND A)** Provides that circuit court judges and prosecuting attorneys may be impeached for crime, incapacity, or negligence, or impeached or removed from office as prescribed by law. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

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*State Bill Page:* [HJR1](#)

*News Stories:* 12/9/2025 - [Indiana prosecutors pan impeachment proposal as political stunt, release own legislative agenda](#)

#### **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.

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1/8/2026 - First Reading  
1/8/2026 - Authored By Aaron Freeman  
*State Bill Page:* [SB2](#)

**SB3**      **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT LANGUAGE (KOCH E)** Prescribes the ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment concerning bail.

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1/8/2026 - Authored By Eric Koch  
*State Bill Page:* [SB3](#)

**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. Specifies that each initial tax credit award is subject to budget committee review in determining the annual aggregate tax credit cap under current law. Amends provisions to subject all taxing units with an unelected board to binding review of the board's budget by the county, city, or town fiscal body. Provides that a county may (instead of shall) provide property tax funding for the operation of community mental health centers.

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*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 or causes a significant disruption.

*Current Status:* 1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
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12/8/2025 - First Reading  
12/8/2025 - Authored By Liz Brown  
*State Bill Page:* [SB9](#)

**SB11**      **FIRING SQUAD (YOUNG M)** Authorizes the death penalty to be carried out by firing squad: (1) if execution by lethal injection cannot be carried out due to the unavailability of a required drug; or (2) upon request by the condemned person. Establishes a procedure for execution by firing squad. Makes conforming amendments and technical corrections.

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12/8/2025 - added as second author Senator Garten

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*State Bill Page:* [SB11](#)

*News Stories:* 1/7/2026 - [New Bill Adds Firing Squad as Option for Indiana Death Row Executions](#)

1/7/2026 - [Indiana lawmakers consider firing squad for state executions](#)

1/7/2026 - [Should Indiana allow execution by firing squad? A new bill will make it legal](#)

1/7/2026 - [Bill proposes firing squad as alternative to lethal injection in Indiana`](#)

1/7/2026 - [‘A fail-safe option’: Lawmakers debate firing squad executions in Indiana](#)

1/6/2026 - [Indiana Lawmakers consider bill that would allow execution by firing squad](#)

12/18/2025 - [Indiana lawmakers tee up new death penalty bills ahead of short 2026 session](#)

12/5/2025 - [New bill would allow execution by firing squad in Indiana](#)

## 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.)

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1/6/2026 - House sponsor: Representative Teshka

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1/6/2026 - Senate Bills on Third Reading

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

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

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- 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:* 1/12/2026 - Senate Family and Children Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
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12/8/2025 - Coauthored by Senator Hunley  
12/8/2025 - Authored By Kyle Walker
- State Bill Page: [SB15](#)
- SB16**      **PRIVATELY MADE FIREARMS (RANDOLPH L)** Defines a "privately made firearm" and other related terms. Makes it a Level 5 felony to possess a privately made firearm. Makes it a Level 5 felony to alter, obliterate, or remove certain marks of firearm identification or to possess a firearm on which those marks of identification have been altered, obliterated, or removed.
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- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading  
12/8/2025 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph
- State Bill Page: [SB16](#)
- SB19**      **ELECTION OF LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES (RANDOLPH L)** Provides that the superior court judges of Lake County are elected in the same manner as other superior court judges. Provides that the change to the election of a judge does not occur until the general election that occurs immediately before the expiration of the term of a judge sitting on the court under current law. Repeals superseded provisions.
- Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading  
12/8/2025 - Authored By Lonnie Randolph
- State Bill Page: [SB19](#)
- SB62**      **UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CHILD (TAYLOR G)** Adds felony unlawful possession of a firearm by a child to the list of crimes for which a juvenile court shall, upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, waive jurisdiction under certain circumstances. Removes certain crimes concerning children and firearms from the list of crimes in which a juvenile court does not have jurisdiction for an alleged violation. Removes language in the unlawful carrying of a handgun statute prohibiting a person less than 18 years of age from carrying a handgun. Provides that the unlawful carrying of a handgun statute applies to a person who has been adjudicated as a delinquent child under the statute, and is at least 18 years of age but less than 23 years of age. Renames the "dangerous possession of a firearm" crime to "unlawful possession of a firearm by a child" and provides that the enhanced penalty applies if the offense was committed: (1) on or in school property; (2) within 500 feet of school property; or (3) on a school bus. Removes the reckless mens rea for unlawful possession of a firearm by a child. Makes technical changes.
- Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law
- All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading  
12/8/2025 - Authored By Greg Taylor
- State Bill Page: [SB62](#)



**SB63**

**THIRTEENTH CHECK (NIEZGODSKI D)** Provides for a thirteenth check in calendar year 2026 for certain members, participants, or beneficiaries of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) Indiana public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (5) state police 1987 benefit system.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Pol

*All Bill Status:* 1/8/2026 - added as third author Senator Buchanan

1/8/2026 - Committee Report amend do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

1/7/2026 - Senate Committee recommends passage, as amended Yeas: 11; Nays: 0

1/7/2026 - Senate Pensions and Labor, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Room 233

12/10/2025 - added as second author Senator Rogers

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 David Niezgodski

*State Bill Page:* [SB63](#)

*News Stories:* 12/11/2025 - [Lawmakers move to phase out health-specific retirement benefit](#)

**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:* 1/8/2026 - Second reading amended, ordered engrossed

*All Bill Status:* 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 certain 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 acts, the attorney general may defend the law enforcement officer, the governmental body, or the postsecondary educational institution throughout the action and shall defend such entities if required by statute. 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. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental entities or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. 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. Prohibits an employer from recklessly or intentionally hiring or employing an unauthorized alien. 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 immigration detainees. Requires the office of the secretary to submit a report to the legislative council concerning certain information. Provides that if the attorney general, an agency, or a law enforcement agency determines that probable cause exists that an employer has hired or employed an unauthorized alien the agency, attorney general, or law enforcement agency shall provide notice to the United States Department of Homeland Security and the commissioner of labor. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting official is entitled to investigative costs and costs in an indecent nuisance action.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

*All Bill Status:* 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:* 12/10/2025 - [Rokita, Banks criticize Republican state senator for 'watered-down' immigration bill](#)

12/10/2025 - [Indiana legislation would toughen enforcement of immigration detainees, employee verification](#)

**SB82**

**LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS IN MARION COUNTY (QADDOURA F)** Provides that certain restrictions on the local regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories may not be construed to prevent a county containing a consolidated city from regulating firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories in a manner more restrictive than Indiana law if the regulation is recommended by a law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the county. Specifies regulations that meet these parameters. Requires compliance with the federal and state constitutions.

*Current Status:* 12/8/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 12/8/2025 - First Reading

12/8/2025 - Authored By Fady Qaddoura

*State Bill Page:* [SB82](#)

**SB91**

**SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXTENSION (CRIDER M)** Extends the expiration of the syringe exchange program to July 1, 2036.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - added as coauthor Senator Yoder

*All Bill Status:* 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:* 1/8/2026 - [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:* 1/8/2026 - Committee Report do pass adopted; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations

*All Bill Status:* 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

**SB111**      **FAMILY ACCESS FOR YOUTH IN DETENTION (DONATO S)** Establishes minimum standards for resident visitation at a juvenile detention facility or juvenile detention center, subject to certain exceptions.

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading

1/5/2026 - Authored By Stacey Donato

*State Bill Page:* [SB111](#)

**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 unlawful sexual conduct.

*Current Status:* 12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 12/9/2025 - First Reading

12/9/2025 - Authored By Dan Dernulc

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

**SB120**      **PROPOSITION BETS (ZAY A)** Prohibits a certificate holder or vendor from accepting a proposition bet from a collegiate athlete in the sport the collegiate athlete plays. Provides that the Indiana gaming commission may impose a civil penalty upon an individual who: (1) is a collegiate athlete; and (2) attempted to place or placed a proposition bet on a game in the sport that the individual plays.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - added as author Senator Alting

*All Bill Status:* 1/8/2026 - removed as author Senator Zay

12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Public Policy

12/9/2025 - First Reading

12/9/2025 - Authored By Andy Zay

*State Bill Page:* [SB120](#)

**SB122**      **VARIOUS IMMIGRATION MATTERS (KOCH E)** 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 acts, the attorney general shall defend the law enforcement officer, governmental body, or postsecondary educational institution throughout the action. Clarifies that the enforcement of federal immigration laws may be carried out by federal, state, or local law enforcement. Removes the mens rea standard in the statute concerning governmental bodies or postsecondary institutions violating the citizenship and immigration status information and enforcement of federal laws chapter. 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. Provides immunity to a governmental body or an employee of a governmental body for any action taken concerning an immigration detainer request. Prohibits a political subdivision from taking certain actions to aid, assist, incentivize, or facilitate the migration of any alien or class of aliens into Indiana. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that a governmental entity has not complied with an immigration detention request, the attorney general may bring a court action to: (1) enjoin an act or practice constituting a violation of an immigration detention request; and (2)

impose a civil penalty for noncompliance with an immigration detention 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. Prohibits an employer from knowingly or intentionally recruiting, hiring, or employing an unauthorized alien. Provides that if the attorney general determines that probable cause exists that an employer has recruited, hired, or employed an unauthorized alien, the attorney general may enjoin the action and seek the suspension of the employer's operating authorizations. Provides that a governmental entity that employs a prosecuting official is entitled to investigative costs and costs in an indecent nuisance action.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - removed as coauthor Senator Zay

*All Bill Status:* 12/11/2025 - added as coauthors Senators Freeman, Johnson T

12/10/2025 - added as coauthor Senator Alexander

12/9/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

12/9/2025 - First Reading

12/9/2025 - Coauthored by Senators Baldwin, Donato, Zay, Byrne, Tomes

12/9/2025 - Authored By Eric Koch

*State Bill Page:* [SB122](#)

**SB124**      **AGE FOR COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (TAYLOR G)** Provides that a student is bound by compulsory school attendance requirements from the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the student is five years of age on August 1 of that school year. (Current law provides that a student is bound by compulsory school attendance requirements from the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the student becomes seven years of age.) Makes conforming amendments.

*Current Status:* 12/11/2025 - Referred to Senate Education and Career Development

*All Bill Status:* 12/11/2025 - First Reading

12/11/2025 - Authored By Greg Taylor

*State Bill Page:* [SB124](#)

**SB125**      **MARION COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS COURT JURISDICTION (TAYLOR G)** Requires the following cases to be filed in a Marion County small claims court: (1) A possessory action between a landlord and a tenant in which the past due rent does not exceed \$10,000. (2) An action for the possession of property where the value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.

*Current Status:* 12/11/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

*All Bill Status:* 12/11/2025 - First Reading

12/11/2025 - Authored By Greg Taylor

*State Bill Page:* [SB125](#)

**SB126**      **POSSESSION OF A SYRINGE (CLARK B)** Repeals the crime of possession of a syringe in the health code (possession of a syringe remains a crime as possession of paraphernalia in the criminal code).

*Current Status:* 12/11/2025 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 12/11/2025 - First Reading

12/11/2025 - Authored By Brett Clark

*State Bill Page:* [SB126](#)

**SB128**      **IMPROPER SUPERVISION OF A DANGEROUS CHILD (NIEZGODSKI D)** Includes teachers in the definition of "public safety official" for purposes of certain battery offenses. Provides that, if a child commits an offense involving the use of a firearm or that results in bodily injury to another person on school property or a school bus, and the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child: (1) knew or reasonably should have known that the child intended to commit an unlawful act involving the use of a firearm or that might result in bodily injury to another person; and (2) failed to notify law enforcement; the parent, guardian, or custodian commits improper supervision of a dangerous child, a Class A misdemeanor. Increases the penalty to a Level 6 felony if the act results in serious bodily injury to another person.



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*All Bill Status:* 12/11/2025 - First Reading  
12/11/2025 - Authored By David Niezgodski  
*State Bill Page:* [SB128](#)

**SB129**      **AGE VERIFICATION FOR ACCESS TO SOCIAL MEDIA** (BOHACEK M) Requires a social media operator to restrict a minor user's viewing of social media without first obtaining verifiable parental consent for the minor user. Defines a "minor user" as an individual who is less than 16 years of age. Allows the attorney general to: (1) bring an action against a social media operator that fails to implement a verifiable parental consent method; and (2) issue a civil investigative demand if the attorney general has reasonable cause to believe that any person is engaged in a violation.

*Current Status:* 12/11/2025 - Referred to Senate Judiciary  
*All Bill Status:* 12/11/2025 - First Reading  
12/11/2025 - Authored By Mike Bohacek  
*State Bill Page:* [SB129](#)

**SB137**      **INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER** (DERNULC D) Allows an individual's spouse, legal guardian, friend, relative, or medical service provider to petition a court for involuntary substance use disorder treatment. Requires a petition to include certain information and allows a court to dismiss a petition, without prejudice, if it does not contain the required information. Requires the court to appoint a public defender if the individual subject to a petition seeking involuntary substance use disorder treatment is not represented by an attorney. Requires a court to order the individual to be evaluated by a medical provider if the court finds that: (1) the individual has a substance use disorder; (2) because of the individual's substance use disorder, the individual is experiencing impaired judgment and is unable to independently maintain the individual's activities of daily living or is a danger to self or others; and (3) the individual refuses to voluntarily participate in substance use disorder treatment. Allows a court to order a local law enforcement agency to consider whether an individual meets the criteria for emergency detention under certain circumstances. Requires a medical provider who completes an evaluation concerning an individual's need for substance use disorder treatment to submit the evaluation to the court. Specifies that after receiving an evaluation from a medical provider, the court may dismiss the petition or set a hearing for further evidence to be presented about the individual's need for substance use disorder treatment. Requires a court to order involuntary outpatient substance use disorder treatment for a period, not to exceed 90 days, if medical evidence supports that the individual requires immediate treatment for a substance use disorder and the individual has refused treatment.

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Judiciary  
*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Dan Dernulc  
*State Bill Page:* [SB137](#)

**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:* 1/13/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 8:00 AM, Room 130  
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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:* 1/7/2026 - [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](#)

**SB143**      **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (ALEXANDER S)** Allows the prosecution of Level 3 felony rape and child molesting offenses to be commenced at any time.

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Scott Alexander

*State Bill Page:* [SB143](#)

**SB144**      **TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS (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 product 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 product to a person less than 21 years of age; and (2) purchase a vapor product 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 product.

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

*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - Senate Corrections and Criminal Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Room 130  
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1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Scott Alexander

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

**SB156**      **DATING APP AGGRAVATOR (BOHACEK M)** Makes it an aggravating circumstance for purposes of sentencing that the person: (1) committed a sex offense; and (2) used an online platform designed for dating to meet the victim.

*Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law

*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Mike Bohacek

*State Bill Page:* [SB156](#)

**SB160**      **MASK AS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE FOR SENTENCING (DEERY S)** Makes wearing a mask during the commission of a criminal offense a sentencing aggravator.

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

*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Spencer Deery

- 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:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Appropriations  
*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By Tyler Johnson  
*State Bill Page:* [SB172](#)
- SB175**      **DANGEROUS EXCESSIVE SPEEDING** (BUCK J) Creates the crime of excessive speeding, a Class C misdemeanor. Provides that the offense is a Class B misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated conviction and provides that two convictions within five years shall result in the court's recommendation for immediate suspension of driving privileges. Provides that a sentencing court shall impose a fine of \$5,000 and recommend the suspension of driving privileges for six months for a person convicted of resisting law enforcement using a vehicle. Provides that a sentencing court shall impose a fine of \$10,000 and recommend the suspension of driving privileges for one year if a person uses a vehicle to commit the offense and the person has a prior unrelated conviction.
- Current Status:* 1/5/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
*All Bill Status:* 1/5/2026 - First Reading  
1/5/2026 - Authored By James Buck  
*State Bill Page:* [SB175](#)
- 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 biological sex at birth. Clarifies 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.
- Current Status:* 1/6/2026 - added as second author Senator Johnson T  
*All Bill Status:* 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](#)
- SB190**      **CRIMES CONCERNING GIFT CARDS** (CARRASCO C) Establishes the offenses of gift card theft, a Class A misdemeanor, and gift card fraud, a Level 6 felony.
- Current Status:* 1/6/2026 - Referred to Senate Corrections and Criminal Law  
*All Bill Status:* 1/6/2026 - First Reading  
1/6/2026 - Authored By Cyndi Carrasco  
*State Bill Page:* [SB190](#)
- SB201**      **PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE** (TOMES J) Amends the definition of "domestic or family violence" to include additional acts or behaviors that are not necessarily physical. Prohibits a

court from returning certain children to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian unless appropriate safety conditions are ordered. Requires the office of judicial administration to develop a training program, which must include certain topics relating to domestic or family violence. Makes technical and conforming changes.

*Current Status:* 1/8/2026 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

*All Bill Status:* 1/8/2026 - First Reading

1/8/2026 - Authored By James Tomes

*State Bill Page:* [SB201](#)

**SB207**

**KEY FOB EMULATORS (CRIDER M)** Provides (with certain exceptions) that a person who knowingly or intentionally manufactures, sells, offers to sell, possesses, operates, or uses a motor vehicle key programming device commits unlawful use of a motor vehicle key programming device, a Class A misdemeanor.

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**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.

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**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. Removes provisions concerning license suspension for refusing to submit to a chemical test. Makes conforming amendments.

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**SB252**

**CRIMINAL LAW MATTERS (FREEMAN A)** Provides that a person who commits a criminal offense commits a separate offense for each victim of the offense. Requires the department of correction to weekly transport sentenced offenders from the Marion County adult detention center to the appropriate correctional facility. Removes a provision allowing an automatic change of judge when a judge rejects a plea agreement in a

misdemeanor case. Allows the state to appeal a sentence in a criminal case. Makes sentences nonsuspendible for: (1) crimes of violence; and (2) persons charged with a felony who have a prior felony conviction. Provides that an inmate may earn not more than six months of educational credit for participating in an individualized case management plan. Increases the penalty for invasion of privacy if the crime is committed by a person against whom domestic battery charges are pending. Provides that crimes committed against different victims during the same episode of criminal conduct do not count against the sentencing cap that applies to crimes committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct. Specifies that persons convicted of certain crimes may not participate in a community corrections program. Increases the penalty for: (1) reckless homicide; (2) involuntary manslaughter; and (3) reckless supervision; to a Level 4 felony. Establishes the public prosecution fund and a prosecuting attorney compensation fee of \$40, which will be deposited in the public prosecution fund. Provides that a county may be reimbursed for certain prosecutorial expenses from the fund, unless the prosecuting attorney in the county is a noncompliant prosecuting attorney. Requires the Indiana prosecuting attorney's council to set standards for reimbursement.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Week In Review**

### **[Indiana's school cell phone ban could get a lot more strict](#)**

Indiana's school cell phone ban could get a lot more strict this year.



Indianapolis Star

### **Freeman Calls for Civility as Indiana Weighs New Doxing Penalties**

STATEHOUSE — During a committee meeting on Tuesday, State Senator Aaron Freeman didn't hold back his frustration regarding a wave of dangerous harassment targeting Indiana public officials. Freeman spoke out during a hearing for Senate Bill 140, authored by Senators Ed Charbonneau, Tyler Johnson, and Andy Zay. This legislative push follows a tense period late last year when more than a dozen lawmakers faced bomb threats and swatting attempts during a heated redistricting campaign.

WIBC

### **Indiana Senate Republicans prioritize government reform and public safety in 2026**

INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — Indiana Senate Republicans will focus on government reform, public safety and fiscal discipline in the 2026 legislative session, according to Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville).

WISHTV

### **Bill proposes firing squad as alternative to lethal injection in Indiana`**

INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — An Indiana Senate panel on Tuesday considered a bill that would allow the state to execute inmates by firing squad, with more than one shooter simultaneously firing at the inmate.

WISHTV

### **INDOT cancels, postpones projects**

The number of nixed road and bridge plans is rising, the Indiana Department of Transportation told state lawmakers on Monday, citing "funding constraints."

Indiana Capital Chronicle

### **Proposal to eliminate sales tax on Indiana utility bills sees some bipartisan support**

Affordability concerns regarding energy prices appear to be a priority issue for Indiana lawmakers, with the elimination of the state sales tax on utility bills emerging as a possible solution.

Indianapolis Business Journal

### **Indiana Congressman Jim Baird hospitalized after car crash**

U.S. Rep. Jim Baird, a Republican who represents Indiana's 4th Congressional District, has been hospitalized along with his wife after a car accident.

Indianapolis Star

### **Affordability issues top Indiana Democrats' 2026 legislative priorities**

INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — Top legislative Democrats on Monday said cost-of-living issues are a crisis that demand immediate attention.

WISHTV

### **Online lottery bill advances as ban eyed on other internet gambling**

Indiana legislators are talking about possibly banning one form of internet gambling while also giving the Hoosier Lottery permission to sell tickets online.

Indiana Capital Chronicle