



## BUDGET

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### **HB1001 State Biennial Budget** (BROWN T)

2/27/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 236: yeas 68, nays 29

## CHILD SAFETY

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**HB1091 Accessing Child Pornography** (WASHBURNE T) Makes it a Level 6 felony to access with intent to view a photograph or other pictorial representation that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child who the person knows is less than 18 years of age or who appears to be less than 18 years of age. Requires a person convicted of disseminating material harmful to minors to register as a sex offender if the person is a child care worker and distributes the material to a child who is under the person's care or supervision or who attends a school at which the person is employed.

2/7/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 66: yeas 96, nays 0

**SB246 Child Neglect Defense** (HOLDMAN T) Specifies under the safe haven law that it is a defense to a claim of neglect of a dependent if the individual left the child: (1) with a person who is an emergency medical services provider; or (2) in a newborn safety device that meets the specified requirements. Provides civil immunity for a hospital that operates a newborn safety device if the device meets specified requirements, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

2/27/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 199: yeas 46, nays 3

**SB457 Driver Safety Program** (HEAD R) Requires that an individual less than 21 years of age must complete a driver safety program approved by the bureau of motor vehicles if the individual has at least twice been the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an incident for which points may be assessed by the bureau. Provides that the duration of certain court ordered specialized driving privileges may not exceed 2.5 years in length.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 42: yeas 49, nays 0

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES/JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**HB1048 Adoption Criminal History Check** (AYLESWORTH M) Removes a requirement that a criminal history check in an adoption or guardianship proceeding must include a request for information from a national registry of substantiated child abuse and neglect reports

2/6/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 52: yeas 95, nays 0

**HB1218 Juvenile Justice** (MCNAMARA W) Adds additional members to a community corrections advisory board. Allows an application for a state grant for a community corrections program for juveniles to be made to the department of correction division of youth services. Provides that a child who was: (1) the victim of human trafficking; and (2) adjudicated a delinquent child for an act performed while a victim of human trafficking and the delinquent act was a result of human trafficking; is entitled to have the adjudication expunged.

2/14/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 113: yeas 96, nays 0

**HB1245 Notice of Adoption to Grandparents** (KARICKHOFF M) Provides that a grandparent of a child sought to be adopted is entitled to notice of pending adoption proceedings if: (1) the grandparent has an existing right to petition for visitation; and (2) the grandparent's right to visitation will not be terminated after the adoption.

2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 220: yeas 90, nays 0

**HB1274 Access to Identifying Information** (SUMMERS V) Requires the state registrar to search death certificates in the state registrar's possession and the State and Territorial Exchange of Vital Events (STEVE) Exchange System if an eligible individual submits a request for the release of identifying information of a birth parent or adoptee. (Current law requires the state registrar to search death certificates in the state registrar's possession.) Provides, with exceptions under current law, that a consent of an adoptee or birth parent is not required if the individual requesting the identifying information submits records from the STEVE system indicating that the adoptee or birth parent is deceased. Allows the state registrar to charge a reasonable fee to search the STEVE system.

2/6/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 57: yeas 96, nays 0

**SB49 Plan for the Permanent Placement of a Child** (GLICK S) Requires that a permanency plan is filed simultaneously with a petition for termination of a parent-child relationship.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 31: yeas 49, nays 0

**SB166 Vacating Convictions of Trafficked Persons** (SANDLIN J) Provides that a child who was: (1) the victim of human trafficking; and (2) adjudicated a delinquent child for a nonviolent act performed while a victim of human trafficking; is entitled to have the adjudication vacated if certain conditions are met. Provides that a person who was: (1) the victim of human trafficking (as an adult); and (2) was convicted of a nonviolent offense committed while the person was being trafficked; is entitled to have the person's conviction vacated if certain conditions are met. Provides that prostitution is a criminal offense only if committed by a person who is at least 18 years of age. Defines "juvenile prostitution". Provides that a person less than 18 years of age who is engaged in juvenile prostitution is considered a victim of juvenile prostitution and human or sexual trafficking. Adds juvenile prostitution to offenses involving prostitution in human trafficking crimes and the crimes of visiting a common nuisance and promoting prostitution.

2/14/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 112: yeas 50, nays 0

**SB366 Driver's Licenses for Foster Children** (ZAY A) Allows an individual who is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age and is under the care and supervision of the department of child services (department) to: (1) obtain an identification card, learner's permit, or operator's license without paying a fee; (2) contract for a policy of motor vehicle insurance; and (3) complete driving practice with individuals approved by the department.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 93: yeas 49, nays 0

**SB447 Child Services** (MERRITT J) Requires child abuse and neglect training for school employees. Allows the department of child services (department) to share costs incurred making new hires in accordance with federal law with the department of workforce development. Adds a definition of "concurrent planning". Adds a definition of "nonwaivable offense" and makes conforming changes. Allows the department to pay the criminal background check fee in certain adoption cases. Prohibits the department from charging a fee for state tax offsets. Amends provisions concerning restricted driving licenses. Provides that the department may not grant a variance or waiver of a rule to an applicant for a: (1) child care institution; (2) foster family home; (3) group home; or (4) child placing agency; license if the applicant has been convicted of certain felonies. Requires that a criminal history check be conducted on all members of the household of an applicant for a foster family home license. (Current law requires a criminal history check of household members 14 years of age or older.) Amends provisions governing sharing of jurisdiction between: (1) a court that has jurisdiction over a child in a marriage dissolution or paternity action; and (2) another court hearing a delinquency or child in need of services proceeding regarding the child. Permits a juvenile court to authorize drug and alcohol testing of a child under certain circumstances. Prohibits a school corporation from establishing a policy restricting an employee's duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect, and adds a written report as a means to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Amends a requirement that the department must notify the United States Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program (Program) regarding a substantiated investigation of abuse or neglect of a child of an active duty military member, to provide that the department must notify the Program upon request. Provides that a child: (1) who lives in the same household as another child who is a child in need of services because the other child is a victim of specified offenses; and (2) regarding whom a caseworker makes specified determinations; is a child in need of services. Provides that a child who: (1) is born with: (A) neonatal abstinence syndrome; or (B) a controlled substance, legend drug, or metabolite of a controlled substance or legend drug in the child's body, including in the child's blood, urine, umbilical cord tissue, or meconium; and (2) needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation the child is not receiving or unlikely to receive without court intervention; is a child in need of services, and establishes a rebuttable presumption that the conditions regarding the child's care, treatment, or rehabilitation are met if evidence exists that the child's mother used a controlled substance or a legend drug during pregnancy. Provides that a child in need of services may be placed in a residence at which a person who has been convicted of battery (rather than battery only as a felony, as provided in current law) resides, if the person's commission of the offense is not relevant to the person's ability to care for the child and the placement is in the best interests of the child. Makes optional (rather than required, as under current law) certain recommendations in a petition seeking participation of a parent, guardian, or custodian in a program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation of a child. Permits out-of-home placement of a child in a facility located outside Indiana only if there is not an equivalent facility (rather than a comparable facility, under current law) located in Indiana. Provides that a court may order a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child to participate in a mental health or addiction treatment program if the parent, guardian, or custodian will be participating in a program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation of the child. Prohibits filing by a child placing agency of a petition for voluntary termination of parental rights unless the petition is in furtherance of an adoption or other permanency plan. Requires a law enforcement agency to forward a missing child report to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Provides immunity for a person who leaves an infant with a person who is an emergency medical services provider.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 97: yeas 46, nays 3

**SB497 Medicaid Eligibility of Former Foster Children** (GROOMS R) Sets forth Medicaid eligibility for individuals who: (1) are at least 18 years of age or emancipated; (2) received foster care in Indiana for at least six months; and (3) are less than 26 years of age. Requires the department of child services (department), in cooperation with the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office), to enroll individuals, who received foster care in Indiana and are turning 18 years of age, in the Medicaid program as part of the individuals' transitional services plan. Prohibits the office from requiring the individual to submit eligibility information after enrolling in the Medicaid program during the individual's Medicaid eligibility as a former foster child. Requires the department to provide information concerning the individual's Medicaid enrollment to the individual.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 99: yeas 48, nays 1

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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**HB1004 Prekindergarten Education** (BEHNING R) Allows the division of family resources (division) to award an early education matching grant to an eligible potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider that: (1) submits an expansion plan to the division that details the potential eligible provider's or existing eligible provider's plan to: (A) increase the capacity of providers of eligible services to serve a greater number of eligible children; (B) increase the number of providers of eligible services; or (C) increase capacity of and increase the number of providers; and (2) meets certain other requirements. Requires a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider to repay to the division the total amount of the grant awarded if the potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider fails to use the grant funds in accordance with the expansion plan or in compliance with the agreement with the division. Prohibits the division from using more than a total of 20% of the money in the early education matching grant program fund each state fiscal year for grants awarded to potential eligible providers and existing eligible providers for expansion plans. Amends household income requirements for eligibility of a child for the: (1) early education matching grant program; and (2) early education pilot program (pilot program). Provides that the pilot program may include eligible providers from 10 (instead of five) counties. Amends the amount of grant money an eligible child may receive under the pilot program based on annual household income. Provides that in kind funds, as determined by the office of the secretary of family and social services, meet the requirements regarding matching funds under the early education matching grant and the pilot program. Changes references to the "pilot program" to the "prekindergarten pilot program". Provides that: (1) an individual who: (A) receives an early education grant under the pilot program in the immediately preceding school year or received eligible services as an eligible child under the early education matching grant program in the immediately preceding school year from a provider that received an early education matching grant; and (B) is a member of a household with an annual income of not more than 200% of the amount required to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program; is an eligible choice scholarship student; and (2) the individual is entitled to receive at least 50% of the state tuition support amount. Repeals a provision that provides that the receipt of a grant under the pilot program does not qualify, nor have an effect on the qualification or eligibility, of a child for a choice scholarship. Repeals an expired provision concerning the pilot program.

2/7/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 82: yeas 61, nays 34

**SB224 Prekindergarten Status Report** (LEISING J) Requires the department of education (department), in consultation with the family and social services administration, to conduct a survey to determine the number of children who were four years of age and enrolled in a prekindergarten program during the 2015-2016 school year. Requires, not later than December 1, 2017, the department to submit a report concerning the survey to the general assembly.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 150: yeas 41, nays 5

**SB276 Prekindergarten Education** (HOLDMAN T) Provides that, after June 30, 2017, the early education grant pilot program (pilot program) includes eligible providers in any county in Indiana. Adds additional requirements for an eligible provider to participate in the pilot program. Adds additional requirements for an eligible child to qualify for or receive a grant under the pilot program. Provides that the office of the secretary of family and social services (office) may award a grant to a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider for an expansion plan if certain requirements are met. Requires a potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider to repay to the office the total amount of the grant awarded if the potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider fails to use the grant funds in accordance with the expansion plan or in compliance with the agreement with the office. Requires the office to: (1) monitor the educational outcomes resulting from the implementation of expansion plans; and (2) annually provide the governor and legislative council a report of the findings of the office concerning the educational outcomes. Requires the office to make at least two onsite inspections of facilities of eligible providers and potential eligible providers or existing eligible providers each year. Provides that the office may determine that an eligible provider or potential eligible provider or existing eligible provider is no longer eligible under the pilot program. Requires the division of family resources to develop a provider rate reimbursement schedule that uses money appropriated by the general assembly as an incentive for providers eligible to receive voucher payments under the federal Child Care and Development fund voucher program to meet the standards of quality recognized by a Level 3 or Level 4 Paths to QUALITY program rating. Requires the department of education to approve an early learning development framework for prekindergarten. Requires the office to apply for waivers from all applicable federal agencies to receive any federal funding for child care or prekindergarten education in one block grant to use for child care and

prekindergarten programs in the state. Establishes the prekindergarten pilot program fund (fund). Allows the office to develop and implement a reimbursement program to reimburse costs incurred by parents to provide technology based, in-home early education services to a child. Allows money in the fund to be used to pay for the reimbursements. Makes an appropriation to the fund of \$16,000,000 in both state fiscal years 2017 and 2018. Specifies that of the \$16,000,000 appropriated in a state fiscal year, \$1,000,000 of that amount must be used for reimbursement of in-home early education services. Repeals the provisions concerning the early education matching grant program.

2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 222: yeas 41, nays 9

## EDUCATION

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**HB1003 Student Assessments** (BEHNING R) Replaces the ISTEP test program after June 30, 2018, with a new statewide assessment program to be known as Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN). Provides, beginning after June 30, 2017, that a high school must administer an end of course examination in the subjects of: (1) English/language arts; (2) science; and (3) algebra I. Repeals a provision defining the ISTEP program.

2/20/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 158: yeas 67, nays 31

**HB1005 Superintendent of Public Instruction** (BOSMA B) Abolishes the office of the state superintendent of public instruction on January 10, 2021. Provides that, after January 10, 2021, the governor shall appoint a secretary of education. Repeals a provision that a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction must have resided in Indiana for at least two years.

2/20/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 159: yeas 68, nays 29

**HB1007 Education Course Access Program** (COOK A) Allows the department of education (department) to authorize course providers to offer course access program courses that provide for the delivery of instruction through any method, including online technologies, in the course access program (program). Requires the department to: (1) oversee the program; (2) approve courses offered in the program; and (3) maintain a course access program catalog. Requires the department to negotiate a tuition fee for each offered course. Requires the school corporation in which an eligible student is enrolled to transfer the tuition fee for a course to the authorized course provider. Makes changes to the definition of "eligible student" to include a student who is pursuing a diploma to qualify for enlistment in the armed forces of the United States or National Guard for students who are at least 22 years of age and less than 36 years of age. Requires the department to establish to a maximum number of students who may enroll in a course access program that are pursuing a diploma to qualify for enlistment of the armed forces of the United States or National Guard. Provides that the amount of the tuition payment for an eligible student that is at least 22 years of age and less than 36 years of age pursuing a diploma to qualify for enlistment in the armed forces of the United States or National Guard may only be paid from funds currently appropriated to the department. Provides certain reasons a school corporation may deny a student's enrollment in a course access course. Provides that a parent of an eligible student or an emancipated eligible student may appeal the school corporation's decision to the department. Allows the state board of education to adopt emergency and nonemergency rules.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 165: yeas 69, nays 27

**HB1024 Prayer in Schools** (BARTLETT J) Provides that a school corporation or charter school shall not discriminate against a student or a student's parent on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression. Provides that students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of their submissions. Provides that public school students may pray or engage in religious activities or religious expression before, during, and after the school day in the same manner and to the same extent that students may engage in nonreligious activities or expression. Provides that students in public schools may wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display religious messages or religious symbols in the same manner and to the same extent that other types of clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display messages or symbols are permitted. Requires a school corporation or charter school to adopt a policy that must include the establishment of a limited public forum for student speakers who wish to include religious content at all school events at which a student is to publicly speak. Provides that the policy shall include requirements that require a school corporation or charter school to state, in writing, orally, or both, that the student's speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the school corporation or charter school. Provides that the policy must include measures to make reasonable accommodations for individuals who wish to be excused from a student's speech that includes religious content because of the individual's own religious belief or lack of religious belief. Requires the department of education, in collaboration with the attorney general's office and organizations with expertise in religious civil liberties, to establish a model policy. Provides that each school corporation may include as an elective in the school corporation's high school curriculum a course surveying religions of the world.

2/27/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 238: yeas 83, nays 12

**HB1079 School Safety** (THOMPSON J) Provides that, if an applicant is hired: (1) after the beginning of the school year and starts work during the same school year; or (2) within 30 days before the beginning of the school year; the school corporation, charter

school, or nonpublic school must conduct the expanded criminal history check before or not later than one month after the applicant's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to adopt a policy to conduct an expanded child protection index check in each state in which information is available concerning each applicant for noncertificated employment or certificated employment before or not later than three months after the applicant's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school shall conduct an expanded criminal history check and expanded child protection index check on each employee every five years. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may implement the requirement for updated background checks for current employees over a five year period. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school with at least one employee to adopt a policy requiring the school employer to contact references and, if applicable, the most recent employer of a prospective employee, before the school corporation or charter school may hire the prospective employee. Requires the department of child services to notify a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school that employs one or more employees if a report of child abuse or neglect is substantiated against an employee or volunteer of the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school. Provides that the department of education may reinstate a license that has been revoked if the person's conviction record has been expunged. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may agree to pay costs associated with obtaining a background check. Provides that an employee may not be required to pay costs associated with a background check more than one time during a five year period. Provides that upon request by a school or school corporation, the state police, or a consumer reporting agency conducting an expanded child protection index check, the department of child services shall verify the accuracy of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect listed in the child protection index. Provides that the department of child services shall give written notice of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect to a school. Provides that the department of child services or an employee of the department of child services is immune from civil liability for providing notice to schools of substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect. Provides that the immunity does not apply to acts or admissions amounting to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Requires a court to: (1) recommend revocation of a defendant's teaching license (license) if the defendant holds a license and is convicted of certain felonies or the defendant is convicted of certain crimes and the victim is a child less than 18 years of age; and (2) deliver any order recommending revocation of the defendant's license to the department of education (department). Requires the department to revoke the license upon receipt of the order. Allows the department to reinstate a license if a person has been pardoned or the person's conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside on appeal.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 27: yeas 99, nays 0

**HB1130 Protections for Student Journalists** (CLERE E) Provides freedom of speech and freedom of press protections for grades 5 through 2 and state educational institution student journalists. Requires school corporations and state educational institutions to adopt policies concerning student journalist protections. Provides that a public school, school corporation, or state educational institution may not suppress school sponsored media unless the content is libelous or slanderous or gratuitously profane. Provides that school sponsored media produced by student journalists is a public forum for expression by student journalists. Provides that public schools, school corporations, and state educational institutions do not incur any liability for school sponsored media produced by a student journalist.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 171: yeas 88, nays 4

**HB1136 Latch Key Programs** (FRIZZELL D) Requires a charter school to offer latch key programs. Provides that a school corporation or charter school may include children who attend preschool offered by the school corporation in a school age child care program (commonly referred to as a latch key program) conducted by the school corporation or charter school.

2/9/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 91: yeas 91, nays 0

**HB1281 Various Higher Education Matters** (SULLIVAN H) Allows the commission for higher education to extend, with limitations, eligibility for certain grants or reductions in tuition or fees for recipients who used the grants or reductions in tuition or fees at postsecondary educational institutions that have closed. Amends provisions regarding renewal of certain scholarships and tuition and fee remissions. Changes the term "professional degree program" to "professional degree program or accelerated graduate degree program" and amends the definition. Amends the provision regarding the use of renewals and extensions of certain grants or reductions in tuition or fees for professional degree programs or accelerated graduate degree programs. Allows recipients of certain grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees to: (1) use, with certain limitations, funds from the grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees to pay for costs associated with prior learning assessments that the student attempts to earn during the academic year in which the student receives the grants, scholarships, or remissions of fees; and (2) count anticipated credit hours for prior learning assessments toward attendance requirements. Establishes the children of veterans and children and surviving spouses of public safety officers tuition and fee exemption reimbursement fund to provide reimbursement to state educational institutions for tuition and fee remissions for eligible children of veterans and eligible children and surviving spouses of public safety officers.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 31: yeas 99, nays 0

**HB1382 Charter Schools** (BEHNING R) Changes the definition of a charter school organizer. Requires each authorizer to establish a charter school Internet web page. Makes changes to the minimum standards for renewing a charter. Makes changes to the procedure for suspending an authorizer from authorizing a charter school. Provides that an authorizer is considered a state education authority within the meaning of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Provides that a charter school located in a county containing a consolidated city must determine which students may attend the charter school by using a publicly verifiable random selection process. (Current law provides that a charter school must determine which students may attend the charter school by use of a random drawing at a public meeting.) Makes changes to information that an education service provider must provide to a charter school. Provides that an authorizer must provide notification of acceptance or rejection of a proposal to establish a charter school within 75 days unless the authorizer and organizer agree to an extension of time. (Current law provides that notification must be provided within 75 days.) Provides that an organizer shall immediately inform the authorizer if its tax exempt status is questioned, modified, or revoked by the Internal Revenue Service or if its nonprofit corporation status is questioned, modified, or revoked by the state. Makes changes to the information an authorizer is required to report to the department. Changes procedures for relating to the renewal of a charter. Requires a charter school organizer to submit a statement of economic interest for each organizer board member. Requires an authorizer that is a state educational institution to assign authorization responsibilities to another entity. Makes changes to a provision relating to the qualifications of full-time teachers. Makes changes to a provision relating to the distribution of state funds to a charter school that does not have its charter renewed or terminated. Makes changes to the definition of a virtual charter school. Requires a virtual charter school to adopt a student engagement policy. Provides that the organizer's constitution, charter, articles, or bylaws must contain a clause providing that an authorizer may require the removal of a board member of the organizer in certain circumstances. Makes changes to which innovation network schools can receive a grant from the innovation network school grant fund. Provides that a governing body may enter into an agreement with an organizer to reconstitute certain schools as a participating innovation network charter school or to establish a participating innovation network charter school at a location selected by the board within the boundary of the school corporation. Provides that a participating innovation network charter school may be eligible for innovation network school grant funding. Repeals a provision that provides that the state board of education may require an authorizer to appear at a hearing conducted by the state board if the authorizer has renewed the charter of or failed to close a charter school that does not meet the minimum standards in the charter agreement. Repeals a provision establishing the charter school review panel.  
2/7/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 74: yeas 76, nays 20

**HB1383 Elementary School Teachers** (BEHNING R) Provides that, not later than July 1, 2019, the state board of education shall adopt rules to establish one or more elementary school teacher content area licenses that must, at a minimum, include a content area license in the subject matter of math and science.  
2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 221: yeas 88, nays 1

**HB1384 Various Education Matters** (BEHNING R) Provides that in the case of a high school student who has not attended the same school within the school corporation for at least 90% of a school year, the department shall assign the student to the high school at which the student was enrolled for the greatest proportion of school days during the school year for purposes of calculating a school's graduation rate. Provides that before July 1, 2018, the state board of education (state board) shall establish a definition of a high mobility school for schools with a high concentration of mobile students. Provides that, after June 30, 2018, the state board shall, in addition to placing a school in a category or designation of school improvement, assign a school grade for a high mobility school. Provides that the grade calculated is for informational purposes only and may not be used to calculate a school's category or designation of school improvement. Provides that \$50,000 is the maximum grant a school corporation or charter school may receive under the dual language immersion pilot program. Provides that appropriations to the department of education to provide grants to school corporations for high ability students must be for expenditures beyond those for regular educational programs. Provides that the state board may accredit a nonpublic school that enters into a contract with the state board to become a freeway school at the time the nonpublic school enters the contract. Provides that a choice scholarship school may submit a request to the state board to waive or delay certain consequences if it is placed in the two lowest categories or designations of school improvement for a particular school year. Provides that the state board may grant a request to an eligible school that requests a delay or waiver if the choice scholarship school demonstrates that a majority of students in the eligible school demonstrated academic improvement during the preceding school year. Requires a school corporation to issue, upon request of a parent, a posthumous diploma to a student who: (1) dies while enrolled in grade 12 of a school in the school corporation; and (2) was academically eligible or on track to meet the requirements for the diploma at the time of death. Makes changes to the composition of the board of trustees for Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. Makes technical corrections.  
2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 222: yeas 60, nays 32

**HB1386 Competency Based Education** (BEHNING R) Establishes the competency based education pilot program (pilot program). Provides that the department of education may award grants under the pilot program for competency based education programs from the innovation network school grant fund. Makes conforming amendments.  
2/16/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 134: yeas 68, nays 21

**HB1430 Staff Training Concerning Youth Suicide** (OLTHOFF J) Provides that, after June 30, 2018, each school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school shall require certain school employees to attend or participate in at least two hours of evidence based inservice youth suicide awareness and prevention training every two school years.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 105: yeas 94, nays 0

**HB1449 Teacher Induction Pilot Program** (DEVON D) Makes changes to who may submit a plan to participate in the career pathways and mentorship program. Establishes the Indiana new educator induction program (program) to give new teachers, principals, and administrators mentoring support. Provides that grants for the program may be made from the system for teacher and student advancement grant fund. Provides that, not later than July 1, 2018, and each July thereafter, the state board of education shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the status of the program. Establishes the Indiana educator residency pilot program. Urges the legislative council to assign the issue of teacher residency programs to the appropriate study committee. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee for study during the 2017 legislative interim the topic of whether it is appropriate to require teachers to participate in a new educator induction program before being eligible to receive a practitioner license.

2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 207: yeas 94, nays 0

**HB1507 School Buses** (SOLIDAY E) Provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement with an agency or organization serving individuals with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus used by the special education cooperative or school corporation may be used to transport individuals with a developmental disability. (Current law provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement with a state supported agency serving individuals with a developmental disability in which a school bus or special purpose bus may be used to transport individuals with a developmental disability.) Removes a requirement that an individual with a developmental disability must live within the boundaries of the special education cooperative or school corporation.

2/23/2017 - Signed by the Governor

**SB29 Elective Course on Indiana Studies** (KOCH E) Requires each: (1) school corporation; (2) charter school; and (3) accredited nonpublic school; to offer Indiana studies as a one semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year. Provides that, if fewer than 15 students of a public school, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school enroll in an Indiana studies course, the public school, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may offer the course as an independent study course.

1/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 11: yeas 47, nays 3

**SB30 Student School Information** (KOCH E) Requires the department of education (department), for each spring semester and each fall semester, to distribute to each school corporation the: (1) name of each eligible school in which an eligible choice scholarship student who has legal settlement in the school corporation is enrolled; (2) number of the eligible choice scholarship students who are enrolled in each eligible school for the school year; and (3) certain information regarding the number of students who have legal settlement in a school corporation and attend a public school maintained by another school corporation or a charter school. Allows the department to post the information on the department's Internet web site.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 30: yeas 48, nays 1

**SB34 Background Checks for School Employees** (MERRITT J) Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school shall require an expanded criminal history check and expanded child protection index check on each employee every five years. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school may implement the requirement for updated background checks for current employees over a five year period. Provides that the employee is responsible for costs associated with obtaining the background checks unless the school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school agrees to pay the costs. Makes an exception to the provision that an applicant or employee may not be required to obtain an expanded criminal history check or expanded child protection index check more than one time during a five year period.

2/14/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 109: yeas 49, nays 1

**SB61 School Resource Officers** (HEAD R) Requires the commission on seclusion and restraint in schools (commission) to adopt rules concerning reporting requirements for the use of seclusion and restraint by school resource officers. Requires that the commission include a member of the National Association of School Resource Officers. Provides that a school corporation, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school must report incidents of seclusion and restraint involving a school resource officer. Provides that the commission may adopt emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1. Voids a rule adopted by the commission that excludes school resource officers from the reporting requirements.

2/27/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 192: yeas 48, nays 0

**SB62 School Substance Abuse Prevention Pilot Program and Fund** (HEAD R) Provides the department of education (department), in collaboration with organizations that have expertise in school based substance abuse prevention, shall develop: (1) materials to assist schools to develop a formal substance abuse prevention policy; and (2) a model school based substance abuse prevention policy. Establishes the school substance abuse prevention pilot program (program). Provides the department shall administer the program. Establishes the school substance abuse prevention pilot program fund to: (1) provide grants to schools to use for evidence based substance abuse prevention programming; (2) provide grants to schools to embed mental health personnel in schools; and (3) hire a research partner to conduct a cross agency cost benefit analysis of Indiana's current school based prevention program expenditures to provide information for future funding decisions for school based prevention. Establishes requirements regarding the program. Requires the department to annually submit a report concerning the program to the governor, legislative council, and the budget committee. Requires each school corporation and charter school to develop a formal school substance abuse prevention policy. Makes an appropriation.

2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 177: yeas 49, nays 0

**SB86 School Curriculum** (LEISING J) Requires each school corporation and accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 34: yeas 35, nays 14

**SB108 Education Matters** (KRUSE D) Provides that when a school corporation authorizes an absence to permit a student to attend any educationally related nonclassroom activity, the student may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school. Provides that an initial school improvement plan must be established and approved by the governing body not later than August 1 of the school year in which the plan is to be implemented. Requires: (1) the Indiana education employment relations board (board) to publish a model compensation plan with a model salary range that a school corporation may adopt; (2) each school corporation to submit its local compensation plan to the board; and (3) the board to publish local compensation plans on the board's Internet web site. (Under current law, the department of education publishes and oversees the model compensation plan and local compensation plans.) Provides that the board: (1) shall review a compensation plan for compliance; and (2) has jurisdiction to determine compliance of a compensation plan submitted. Establishes an expiration for emergency rules that the board adopts. Requires a school corporation that has a compensation plan but does not have a ratified collective bargaining agreement to, not later than October 1 of the year in which the compensation plan becomes effective, submit the school corporation's compensation plan to the board. Provides that, if a school corporation does not submit the compensation plan by October 1, the compensation plan is considered not in compliance unless a compliance officer of the board finds good cause shown for the delay. Provides that a principal or superintendent, or the principal's or superintendent's designee, may recommend an individual to participate in the Indiana high school equivalency diploma program. Allows the governing body of a school corporation to deny a request for a student to transfer to the school corporation or discontinue enrollment, or establish terms or conditions for enrollment or for continued enrollment, if the student has a history of unexcused absences and the governing body believes that, based on the location of the student's residence, attendance would be a problem. Requires the department of education (department), in collaboration with the state board of education, to prepare a report that includes recommendations regarding certificated employee evaluations. Requires the department, not later than November 1, 2017, to submit the report to the general assembly.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 148: yeas 46, nays 0

**SB117 United States History Courses** (KRUSE D) Requires that each high school United States history course must include the study of the structure of state and federal governments. Moves existing language concerning the study of the Holocaust. Requires that all students enrolled in a high school United States history course must take the United States Civics Test prepared by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Allows school corporations to determine whether a passing score on the test is required to receive credit for the course.

2/2/2017 - Third reading passed; 39-6

**SB249 Teacher Hiring** (RAATZ J) Provides that a school corporation and a charter school shall adopt a policy requiring the school employer of the school corporation or charter school to contact references and, if applicable, the most recent employer provided by a prospective employee, before the school corporation or charter school may hire the prospective employee.

2/07/2017 Third reading: passed; Roll Call 77: yeas 44, nays 6

**SB298 School Employee Background Checks** (ALTING R) Amends the time period by which a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school must conduct expanded criminal history checks for applicants for noncertificated employment or certificated employment. Requires a school corporation, charter school, or nonpublic school to conduct an expanded child protection index check concerning each applicant for noncertificated employment or certificated employment before or not later than two months after the applicant's employment.

2/16/2017 Third reading: passed; Roll Call 129: yeas 48, nays 0

**SB337 Study of Ethnic and Racial Groups Course** (TAYLOR G) Requires each: (1) school corporation; (2) charter school; and (3) accredited nonpublic school; to offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year. Provides that, if fewer than 15 students of a public school, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school enroll in a study of ethnic and racial groups course, the public school, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may offer the course as an independent study course.

2/14/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 117: yeas 35, nays 15

**SB355 Child Abuse Education and Policies** (MESSMER M) Requires, not later than July 1, 2018, the department of education (department) to make available model educational materials and model response policies and reporting procedures concerning child abuse and child sexual abuse to assist schools with the implementation of: (1) child abuse and child sexual abuse education programs in kindergarten through grade 12; and (2) child abuse and child sexual abuse response and reporting policies. (Current law requires the department to make available the model educational materials and model response policies and reporting procedures concerning child abuse and child sexual abuse to assist schools with the implementation of: (1) child abuse and child sexual abuse education programs in grades 2 through 5; and (2) child abuse and child sexual abuse response and reporting policies.) Requires that the: (1) materials and guidelines provided to assist a safe school committee in developing a plan and policy for a school include the model educational materials and the model response policies and reporting procedures; and (2) plan and policy developed by the safe school committee; must address the issues of child abuse and child sexual abuse. Requires the child abuse and child sexual abuse response and reporting policies to include information on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Beginning in 2018, requires, not later than October 15 of each year, a public school, an accredited nonpublic school, and a charter school to provide age appropriate, research and evidence based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in kindergarten through grade 12.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 92: yeas 49, nays 0

**SB367 Revocation of Teaching Licenses** (BASSLER E) Prohibits a school from hiring persons who have been convicted of certain crimes. Adds human trafficking to the list of offenses requiring license revocation. Permits the department of education to reinstate the license of a person convicted of certain crimes if the conviction is vacated on appeal. Requires the division of state court administration to weekly transmit a list of persons convicted of specified crimes to the department of education, and requires the department of education to: (1) compare this list with the department's list of licensed employees; and (2) institute revocation proceedings if it appears that a licensed employee has been convicted of a specified offense. Provides that a presentence investigation includes gathering information with respect to whether the convicted defendant holds a teaching license or is a teacher.

2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 180: yeas 48, nays 1

**SB392 Emergency Medication in Schools** (STOOPS M) Defines "emergency medication" as epinephrine, albuterol, or naloxone. Allows a school or school corporation to: (1) fill a prescription for an emergency medication; and (2) store the emergency medication. (Current law allows a school to fill a prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine and store the auto-injectable epinephrine.) Defines "emergency stock medication" as emergency medication to which both the following apply: (1) The prescription of the emergency medication is filled by a school or school corporation. (2) The emergency medication is stored at a school. Provides that injectable epinephrine filled and used by a school or school corporation must have an expiration date of not less than 12 months from the date that the pharmacy dispenses the injectable epinephrine. Makes conforming changes regarding: (1) administering emergency stock medication; (2) prescribing and dispensing emergency medication; and (3) certain immunity from liability concerning the administration of emergency stock medication. Defines "school" and "school nurse". Requires the department of education (department) to develop guidance materials concerning emergency medication and post a copy of the materials on the department's Internet web site. Requires a school nurse or school employee to make a report if an emergency stock medication is administered and submit the report in an electronic format to the department.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 95: yeas 39, nays 10

**SB407 Education Matters** (HOUCHIN E) Requires a school employer to submit a copy of the affidavit submitted by the exclusive representative indicating the number of teachers who are members of the exclusive representative to the Indiana education employment relations board (board). Requires the board to compile information included in the affidavit from each school corporation and post aggregate information on the board's Internet web site. Provides that the information posted by the board may not include any information that would identify a particular school employee. Requires the board to develop and post on its Internet web site training modules, videos, or other instructional material informing school employees of their rights to select an exclusive representative. Provides that each school year in which school employee participation in a school employee organization currently serving as the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit does not represent a majority of the school employees within the unit, the board shall notify the school employees of the bargaining unit of their right to: (1) representation; and (2) the ability to

change their exclusive representative. Urges the general assembly to assign certain issues relating to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act to the education interim study committee.

2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 232: yeas 32, nays 18

**SB412 529 Education Savings Plan Matters** (KOCH E) Prohibits, unless otherwise provided under federal law, money in a 529 education savings account from being considered as a resource or asset in determining an applicant's or recipient's eligibility for: (1) certain public assistance programs; or (2) scholarships, grants, or awards administered by the commission for higher education.

2/6/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 70: yeas 47, nays 0

**SB435 Mental Health Education and Screenings** (MRVAN F) Requires a school corporation's health education curriculum to include mental health wellness education. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may provide mental health screenings to students if the written consent of the student's parent or guardian is received. Requires the department of education to provide a school corporation with resources regarding mental health wellness upon request by the school corporation.

2/27/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 207: yeas 26, nays 23

**SB475 Developmental Delay** (MELTON E) Requires the state board of education to amend its rule establishing developmental delay as a disability category to provide that, beginning July 1, 2018, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and less than nine years of age. (Currently, developmental delay is a disability category solely for students who are at least three years of age and not more than five years of age.) Adds developmental delay as a category for mild and moderate disabilities for purposes of determining special education grant amounts.

2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 182: yeas 49, nays 0

**SB504 Programs and Services for Charter Schools** (LEISING J) Requires that educational service centers provide services to a participating charter school upon the request of the charter school. (This is in addition to current law that requires educational service centers to provide services to a participating school corporation upon request of the school corporation.) Allows charter schools individually, in collaboration with other school corporations, charter schools, or both school corporations and charter schools, and through the educational services centers, to undertake action to reduce noninstructional expenditures and allocate the resulting savings to student instruction and learning. Makes conforming changes to include charter schools in the actions that may be undertaken.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 167: yeas 47, nays 1

## HEALTH

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**HB1069 Immunizations for Higher Education Students** (BACON R) Adds meningitis to the required immunizations a student matriculating to a residential campus of a state educational institution must be immunized against. Specifies that the immunizations must be conducted in accordance with specified federal recommendations. Adds an expiration date to the law requiring a state educational institution to disseminate information concerning the meningococcal disease and immunization and deletes a reference to that requirement. Provides that the new immunization requirements do not take effect until the first academic term following July 1, 2018.

1/31/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 35: yeas 93, nays 3

**HB1148 Cannabidiol** (FRIEND W) Defines "cannabidiol", and provides an affirmative defense to possession of cannabidiol if the person or the person's child has been diagnosed with certain medical conditions, the cannabidiol contains not more than 0.3% THC and at least 10% cannabidiol, and other specified conditions are met.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 173: yeas 98, nays 0

**HB1278 Cervical Cancer Prevention** (NEGELE S) Requires the state department of health (department) to develop a strategic plan to identify and significantly reduce morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer. Requires the department to collaborate with the family and social services administration and certain cancer facilities. Allows the department to establish workgroups. Establishes requirements for the department in developing the strategic plan. Requires that a report on the strategic plan and recommendations on goal implementation and schedule compliance must be delivered to the governor and general assembly before December 31, 2018.

1/30/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 30: yeas 100, nays 0

**HB1336 Department of Health Matters** (KIRCHHOFFER C) Repeals the expiration provision for the office of minority health. Repeals the expiration provision of the birth problems registry. Provides that in cases in which food is believed to be adulterated or so misbranded as to be dangerous or fraudulent, the commissioner or the commissioner's agent may mark food to give notice that the food has been detained or embargoed for not more than 15 days. (Current law allows the food to be detained or embargoed for five

days.) Provides that if an individual files a complaint under certain food safety laws concerning an issue related to food safety or a food borne illness, certain personal information of the individual is confidential.

2/6/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 59: yeas 96, nays 0

**HB1438 Syringe Exchange Programs** (KIRCHHOFER C) Allows a county or municipality to approve the operation of a syringe exchange program (program). Allows a program to be renewed for not longer than two years. Requires a program to keep a sufficient quantity of an overdose intervention drug in stock to administer when needed. Requires the state health commissioner to receive written notice when a program is renewed, expired, or terminated or if the qualified entity operating the program changes. Extends the law concerning programs until July 1, 2021. (Current law expires July 1, 2019.)

1/31/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 38: yeas 72, nays 26

**HB1578 Tobacco Use** (KIRCHHOFER C) Repeals employment protections for individuals who smoke cigarettes or use other tobacco products.

2/27/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 244: yeas 54, nays 38

**SB1 E-Liquids** (HEAD R) Removes date restrictions in the e-liquids statutes. Removes the following requirements for an initial e-liquids manufacturing permit: (1) Construction and operation plans for manufacturing facilities. (2) Service agreements. (3) Security firm specifications. (4) Projected e-liquid production outputs. (5) Manufacturing process verifications. (6) Consent for the alcohol and tobacco commission (ATC) to conduct inspections. (7) Any other information required by the ATC. Requires a manufacturer to verify that it complies with manufacturing practices and ingredient listing requirements required by federal law. Removes the following renewal application requirements: (1) E-liquids production outputs. (2) Security certifications. (3) Consent for the ATC to conduct inspections. (4) Any other information required by the ATC. Requires a manufacturer to: (1) ensure that an e-liquid does not become adulterated; and (2) comply with registration requirements required by federal law. Removes language concerning security protocol confidentiality. Removes specific requirements concerning remotely monitored security systems. Removes the following requirements regarding a manufacturer: (1) Keeping sample bottles from each batch of e-liquids produced. (2) Ensuring that e-liquid ingredients are stored in a secure area. (3) Ensuring that authorized personnel only have certain secured access. Provides that the ATC shall cover the cost of criminal history background checks. Removes e-liquid ingredient restrictions. Requires a manufacturer to submit a list of ingredients used in the manufacturer's e-liquid production to the ATC. Adds to the definition of "e-liquid" that an e-liquid is a substance that contains nicotine. Provides that an electronic cigarette uses a sealed nonrefillable cartridge containing not more than 5 milliliters of a liquid. Provides that a retailer who fails to verify the age of a person less than 27 years of age and sells the person e-liquids commits a Class C infraction. Provides that the federal Food and Drug Administration has sole jurisdiction to enforce a manufacturer to comply with certain federal laws. Provides that e-liquid manufacturer permit fees be deposited in the enforcement and administration fund of the alcohol and tobacco commission. Provides that e-liquids manufactured by an e-liquids manufacturer approved by the alcohol and tobacco commission prior to July 1, 2017, may be distributed and sold for retail until the expiration date of the e-liquids. Provides that rules relating to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of e-liquids are void.

2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 212: yeas 49, nays 1

**SB15 Cannabidiol for the Treatment of Epilepsy** (TOMES J) Defines cannabidiol and establishes a cannabidiol registry for certain physicians, nurses, individuals, and caregivers for the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of a person with intractable epilepsy. Establishes a pilot study registry for physicians who want to study the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of intractable epilepsy. Requires the state department of health (state department) to develop and maintain both registries. Provides civil, criminal, and administrative immunity for physicians and nurses in the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of intractable epilepsy if certain requirements are met. Exempts physicians, caregivers, nurses and individuals from criminal penalties for possession or use of cannabidiol under certain conditions. Permits a pharmacy to dispense cannabidiol subject to specific requirements. Encourages state educational institutions to research the use of cannabidiol in the treatment of other intractable diseases.

2/14/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 108: yeas 38, nays 12

**SB175 Health Care Consent** (LEISING J) Provides that an adult grandchild may consent to health care for an individual incapable of consenting if a health care representative has not been appointed, is not reasonably available, declines to act, or is unknown to the health care provider. Provides that a grandparent may consent to health care for a grandchild incapable of consenting if a health care representative has not been appointed, is not reasonably available, declines to act, or is unknown to the health care provider. Provides that a grandparent also may consent to health care for a minor grandchild if a guardian or other representative, or a parent, an individual in loco parentis, or an adult sibling is not reasonably available, declines to act, or is unknown to the health care provider. Requires the health care provider make a reasonable attempt to determine whether a minor has a parent, an individual in loco parentis, or an adult sibling who is able to consent to the minor's treatment prior to seeking consent from the grandparent.

2/02/2017 Third reading: passed; Roll Call 55: yeas 44, nays 1

**SB277 Healthy Food Initiative Program** (HEAD R) Establishes the healthy food initiative program (program) to be administered by the Indiana housing and community development authority (authority) to assist new businesses, existing businesses, and other legal entities to offer fresh or unprocessed foods within an underserved geographic area. Defines "underserved geographic area". Requires the authority to establish: (1) criteria for awarding grants and making loans under the program; and (2) terms and conditions for recipients of the grants and loans. Specifies the permissible uses of grants and loans. Establishes the healthy food initiative fund for purposes of awarding grants and loans under the program. Requires the authority to establish criteria for the evaluation of the health impact of the program and to evaluate the grants and loans awarded under the program according to the criteria. Requires an annual report. Specifies that the law establishing the program expires July 1, 2021.  
2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 179: yeas 42, nays 7

## HUMAN SERVICES

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**HB1102 Task Force to Assess Services** (CLERE E) Establishes a task force for assessment of services and supports for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Specifies the composition, duties, and governance structure of the task force.  
1/24/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 18: yeas 90, nays 0

**HB1391 Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing** (FRIZZELL D) Provides that the exception for government employees who practice social work and clinical social work without the requirement of a license includes subcontractors who are contracted by the department of child services. Specifies the accreditation that a subcontractor who is contracted by the department of child services must have in order to qualify for an exception to the requirement to be licensed to practice social work or clinical social work. Creates a bachelor's degree social worker license. Provides that individuals who pursue a social work license with a bachelor's degree may apply under existing requirements and use clinical social work experience hours until July 1, 2019. Provides that any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker accumulates do not expire and may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work experience requirements. Requires the behavioral health and human services licensing board to issue a license to a social worker or clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, licensed addiction counselor, or licensed clinical addiction counselor who: (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction; (2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested; (3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and (4) pays a fee.  
2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 178: yeas 95, nays 0

**HB1471 IN211 Program** (SIEGRIST S) Transfers from the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to the housing and community development authority (authority) the responsibility for administering the statute concerning the administration of the 211 dialing code used to provide access to human services information and referrals. For purposes of the statute, expands the definition of "human services" to include assistance concerning: (1) emotional and physical abuse (including sexual assault); (2) specified public health issues; (3) food programs and nutrition education; (4) safe and affordable housing; (5) occupational and vocational training; and (6) reentry programs for persons leaving certain facilities. Caps the amount that may be disbursed from the 211 services account each state fiscal year at \$60,000. Allows the 211 services account to be augmented from the state general fund. Removes the requirement that the expenses of administering the account be paid from money in the account. Provides that money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. (Current law provides that money appropriated to the account by the general assembly and remaining in the account at the end of a state fiscal year reverts to the state general fund.)  
2/7/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 77: yeas 96, nays 0

**SB9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Drug Convictions** (MERRITT J) Removes 12 month limitation on certain individuals receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits. Specifies that, beginning January 1, 2018, Indiana elects to opt out of the federal law prohibiting individuals convicted of certain drug offenses from receiving SNAP assistance if the individual meets specified conditions.  
2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 214: yeas 34, nays 16

**SB59 Reciprocity in Professional Licensing** (HEAD R) Establishes requirements to obtain reciprocity for an out-of-state individual seeking licensing in Indiana for the following professions: (1) Social worker or clinical social worker. (2) Marriage and family therapist. (3) Mental health counselor. (4) Addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor. (5) Psychologist. (6) Bachelor's degree social worker.  
02/16/2017 Third reading: passed; Roll Call 127: yeas 48, nays 0

**SB154 Asset Limitation for Snap Eligibility** (MERRITT J) Requires the division of family resources to: (1) beginning January 1, 2018, implement within the federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) an expanded eligibility category and specifies a countable asset limitation for resources of \$10,000 in determining an individual's SNAP eligibility; and (2) notify the United States Department of Agriculture of the implementation of expanded categorical eligibility under SNAP. Specifies certain resources assets

that may not be counted as an asset for purposes of SNAP eligibility. Requires the division to require a SNAP applicant to only attest that the individual's resources do not exceed \$10,000 in determining an individual's SNAP eligibility.

2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 216: yeas 34, nays 16

## MENTAL HEALTH

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**HB1006 Mental Health Matters** (KIRCHHOFER C) Authorizes the division to operate a pilot program under which mental health and addiction forensic treatment services are provided to individuals who are charged with a misdemeanor offense. Requires the division of mental health and addiction (division) to report survey findings concerning the pilot to the justice reinvestment advisory council. Adds an individual who is less than 18 years of age and is a defendant whose case is either waived from juvenile court to adult court or directly filed in adult court to the individuals who may be eligible for mental health and addiction forensic treatment services. Requires that information and training concerning child welfare substance abuse treatment services be provided to certain judges, department of child services employees, and public defenders. Requires the secretary of family and social services to provide that residential care and supported housing for chronic addiction that receive reimbursement when used as a recovery residence to be certified and meet standards determined by the division through administrative rules. Includes neonatal abstinence syndrome as a factor for a child to be determined a child in need of services. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on corrections and criminal code the topic of extending mental health and addiction forensic treatment services to individuals in the criminal justice system: (1) who: (A) are charged with a misdemeanor offense; or (B) have a prior misdemeanor conviction; and (2) who have been placed in or are eligible for placement in a pretrial services program, a community corrections program, a prosecuting attorney's diversion program, or jail.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 164: yeas 96, nays 0

**SB242 Indiana Housing First Program** (MERRITT J) Establishes the Indiana housing first program (program) to provide housing and support services for eligible persons that have: (1) a serious and persistent mental illness; (2) a chronic chemical addiction; or (3) serious and persistent mental illness with a co-occurring chronic chemical addiction. Requires the housing and community development authority (authority) to administer the program. Requires the authority to establish, not later than January 1, 2018, policies and procedures to implement and administer the program. Provides that the policies and procedures must ensure the program does the following along with other requirements: (1) Includes partnerships with private and public entities to provide support services and a continuum of care for program participants. (2) Provide for program rental assistance for use in dedicated supportive housing units and in existing market units in the community. (3) Include a plan for the: (A) initial leasing of; and (B) management of rental assistance for; supportive housing developed under the program. Provides that in establishing the required policies and procedures, the authority may collaborate with or seek guidance from: (1) other appropriate state agencies; (2) officials in other states or municipalities that have implemented housing first programs; and (3) other specified public or private entities. Establishes the Indiana housing first account within the state general fund to provide funds to provide housing and support services to eligible persons under the program. Allows the authority to adopt rules to establish the policies and procedures to implement and administer the program. Provides that the Indiana commission to combat drug abuse may award grants to the authority for the purposes of the program.

2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 221: yeas 47, nays 3

**SB496 Psychotropic Medication and the Commission to Combat Drug Abuse** (GROOMS R) Provides that the chairperson of the Indiana commission to combat drug abuse (commission) is a member appointed by the governor who is either the executive director for drug prevention, treatment, and enforcement or a member of the governor's staff. (Current law provides that the chairperson is a member of the governor's staff.) Specifies that the commission: (1) shall meet at the call of the chairperson, but at least four times in a calendar year; and (2) shall approve requests for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. Allows limitations to be placed on medication under the Medicaid program for children under the care and supervision of the department of child services (department). Does the following beginning January 1, 2018, subject to the approval of the commission: (1) Requires the department to: (A) determine the psychotropic medications for which the department's consent is required before administration to a child who is under the care and supervision of the department and in an out-of-home placement; and (B) if consent is required, consult with a licensed and board certified child and adolescent psychiatric consultant before consenting to a request to administer psychotropic medication to such a child. (2) Specifies goals for the review and recommendations regarding consent for administration of psychotropic medication. (3) Requires the department to develop a report to monitor prescriptions of psychotropic medication for children who are under the care and supervision of the department and in an out-of-home placement and to develop educational materials regarding psychotropic medication that may be prescribed to such children. (4) Requires residential child care entities licensed by the department to obtain, if consent is required, written instructions and consents before providing psychotropic medication to a child who is under the care and supervision of the department and in an out-of-home placement, and to maintain a record of information regarding the administration of psychotropic medication to such a child. Provides that a contract to review and provide recommendations concerning the request for a consent to administer psychotropic medication may not be for a total amount that exceeds \$2,500,000 for any two year period.

2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 166: yeas 41, nays 7

**SB506 Suicide Prevention Programming** (HEAD R) Requires the division of mental health and addiction to: (1) develop a statewide program for suicide prevention; and (2) employ a coordinator of the statewide program for suicide prevention. Requires the coordinator to study and determine: (1) the professions that should be required to receive training on suicide assessment, treatment, and management; and (2) the manner in which to fund the training. Requires the coordinator to report the determinations to the legislative council not later than December 31, 2017. Requires emergency medical services providers to complete an evidence based training program concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Requires a school corporation to adopt a policy addressing measures intended to increase child suicide awareness and sets forth requirements of policy. Requires approved postsecondary educational institutions to adopt a policy concerning suicide information and resources.  
2/23/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 183: yeas 49, nays 0

## OTHER

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**HB1080 Commission on Improving the Status of Children** (FRIZZELL D) Provides that the commission on improving the status of children (commission) may appoint an executive director. Provides that an executive director shall perform duties as assigned by the commission. Provides that the office of judicial administration shall pay the salary of the executive director.  
1/26/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 22: yeas 93, nays 0

**HB1084 Emergency Contact Data Base** (COOK A) Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) to create, maintain, and operate the Indiana emergency contact data base (data base). Requires a law enforcement officer to: (1) access the data base; and (2) attempt to contact emergency contact persons; within a reasonable amount of time after learning of death or serious bodily injury to an individual holding certain credentials issued by the bureau. Allows each credential holder to have not more than two emergency contact persons entered in the data base. Provides that information contained in the data base is confidential and exempt from disclosure or public inspection. Requires the data base to be operational and accessible to law enforcement officers not later than July 1, 2019.  
2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 169: yeas 93, nays 0

**HB1406 Manufacturing Methamphetamine** (WASHBURNE T) Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally manufactures or finances the manufacture of methamphetamine commits manufacturing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. Specifies circumstances under which the crime is a Level 3 or Level 2 felony.  
2/7/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 76: yeas 95, nays 0

**HB1513 Crimes Involving Adoption** (OLTHOFF J) Amends the criminal provision concerning unauthorized adoption advertising. Increases, from \$3,000 to \$4,000, the allowable payment for certain costs and expenses with respect to an adoption. Makes the following crimes a Level 6 felony (instead of a Class A misdemeanor): (1) Adoption deception. (2) Unauthorized adoption advertising.  
2/16/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 140: yeas 87, nays 0

**HB1516 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee** (OLTHOFF J) Removes the limit on the authority of a local domestic violence review team (local review team) to the review of fatalities when the person who commits the act of domestic violence resulting in death is charged with a criminal offense that results in a final judgment or is deceased. Specifies that local review teams may review near fatalities. Establishes the statewide domestic violence fatality review committee (committee). Imposes various duties upon the committee, including to: (1) assist local review teams; (2) assist in or conduct a review of a death or near fatality in possible domestic violence cases; (3) gather information; (4) submit reports; and (5) make recommendations concerning the prevention of domestic violence deaths. Provides that various records must be made available to the committee. Provides certain immunities concerning information provided to and discussions involving the committee. Provides that the Indiana criminal justice institute will administer the committees. Makes conforming changes to the local review team law.  
2/21/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 182: yeas 96, nays 0

**SB253 Study of Voluntary Paid Family and Medical Leave** (TALLIAN K) Urges the legislative council to assign the topic of establishing a voluntary paid family and medical leave program to the interim study committee on employment and labor or another appropriate study committee.  
2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 91: yeas 35, nays 14

**SB332 Adoption Matters** (ZAKAS J) Amends provisions regarding adoption notices. Provides that a consent to an adoption is not required from the biological father of a child born out of wedlock who was conceived as a result of a crime in any jurisdiction in which the elements of the crime are substantially similar to certain crimes under Indiana law. Amends provisions regarding: (1) when a putative father is not entitled to establish paternity; and (2) postadoption contact privileges. Prohibits any person from

challenging an adoption decree after the expiration period. Makes the following changes to the crime of profiting from an adoption: (1) Provides that the crime does not apply if the birth mother is not a resident of Indiana and the adoption takes place outside of Indiana. (2) Increases, from \$3,000 to \$4,000, the allowable payments for certain costs and expenses. Prohibits the state department of health from processing a birth certificate with respect to a record for adoption unless certain fees have been paid and the report summarizing the available medical, psychological, and educational records concerning the birth parents has been submitted to the state department of health.

2/14/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 116: yeas 47, nays 3

**SB358 Alcoholic Beverages** (ALTING R) Permits a minor to be on the premises of a farm winery if the minor is in the company of a parent, legal guardian or custodian, or family member who is at least 21 years of age. Allows a farm winery and a small brewer to employ a minor who is a family member in a capacity that does not involve the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages. Permits a person who is at least 18 years of age and less than 21 years of age to work as an assistant on a delivery truck if: (1) the person's duties are limited to handling alcoholic beverages in connection with loading and unloading; (2) the person acts under the supervision of a driver holding a salesman's permit; and (3) certain other conditions are met.

2/07/2017 Third reading: passed; Roll Call 81: yeas 39, nays 11

**SB404 Abortion, Child Abuse, and Human Trafficking** (HOUCHIN E) Defines "parent or legal guardian or custodian". Prohibits the state or an agency of the state from consenting to the abortion of a pregnant minor unless the life or health of the pregnant minor is endangered. Requires that certain information must be provided by the parent or legal guardian or custodian of an unemancipated pregnant minor when giving written consent for the unemancipated pregnant minor to have an abortion. Provides that a parent or legal guardian or custodian of a pregnant minor; (1) is a party with respect to a petition to waive the parental consent requirement; and (2) must be served notice at the time a petition to waive the parental consent requirement is filed. Establishes a timeline for filing the petition, and requires proof of service to be filed with the court before the court may rule on the petition. Specifies who may bring an action against a person who aids or assists a pregnant minor in obtaining an unlawful abortion, and who may be named as a defendant. Requires a physician who receives written consent for an unemancipated pregnant minor to have an abortion to execute an affidavit for inclusion in the unemancipated pregnant minor's medical record. Makes it a Level 6 felony for a person to falsely claim to be the parent or legal guardian or custodian of a pregnant minor with intent to circumvent parental notification requirements. Prohibits a person from aiding or assisting an unemancipated pregnant minor in obtaining an abortion under certain circumstances, and authorizes the award of civil damages for a violation. Authorizes certain persons to seek an injunction for certain acts that would aid or assist an unemancipated pregnant woman in obtaining an abortion without parental consent. Specifies reporting requirements and the consequences of failing to comply with reporting requirements. Permits suspension of a physician's license under certain circumstances. Provides that a health care practitioner is subject to disciplinary sanctions for failure to report suspected: (1) child abuse in accordance with the mandatory reporting requirements; or (2) human trafficking, if there is evidence that a patient is the victim of human trafficking and a practitioner with a similar background would believe that the patient is a victim of human trafficking. Permits the medical licensing board to revoke a physician's license if the physician: (1) fails to transmit a form regarding an abortion performed on a female who is less than 16 years of age; and (2) performs an abortion with the intent to avoid the requirements of state law.

2/28/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 231: yeas 36, nays 13

**SB424 Various Crimes** (YOUNG M) Provides that the crime of strangulation includes application of pressure to a victim's torso, and increases the penalty to a Level 5 felony if it is knowingly committed against a pregnant woman. Creates an enhancement to obstruction of justice if a person interferes with a witness during the investigation or pendency of a domestic violence or child abuse case. Increases the penalty for receiving stolen auto parts if the person has a prior conviction. Defines "drug related felony", and requires the division of state court administration to report certain drug related felonies to the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx) so that NPLEx can generate a stop sale alert to prevent individuals with drug related felonies from purchasing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. Provides that the offense of possession of a precursor by a methamphetamine offender (which prohibits the possession of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine without a prescription by persons convicted of certain offenses) applies to a person who has been convicted of a drug related felony. Makes cemetery mischief: (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the pecuniary loss is less than \$750; (2) a Level 6 felony if the pecuniary loss is at least \$750 but less than \$50,000; and (3) a Level 5 felony if the pecuniary loss is at least \$50,000.

2/13/2017 - Third reading passed; Roll Call 96: yeas 43, nays 6