



February 28, 2020

Deadlines are approaching

This week was the committee report deadline, meaning all bills had to be heard and voted out of committee in order to continue in the legislative process.

Three of our bills passed out of committee and are moving along in the legislative process. Two of these bills have made it through the amending process, also known as second reading.

The second reading deadline is this upcoming Monday, followed by the third reading deadline — where the legislators have to vote on bills — is on Tuesday.

Bills to watch this week:

HB 1341- Students with Disabilities- Reps. Pfaff, Clere, Behning, Burton

Sponsored by Sens. Kruse, Jon Ford, Stoops, J.D. Ford, Raatz, Niezgodski, Rogers

Requires the State Advisory Council on the Education of Students with Disabilities to come up with a plan to reach out to students who left school from the year 2003 with an IEP and provide resources to them on how to obtain a diploma and skill up their talents for a better-paying job.

This bill is on second reading Monday in the Senate. To view the Senate in session, visit www.iga.in.gov.

HB 1176- First Steps- Reps. Clere, DeVon, Vermilion, Summers
Sponsored by Sens. Ruckelshaus, Grooms, Houchin, Breaux, J.D. Ford, Stoops

This bill updates the Interagency Coordinating Council to allow for a Vice Chair on the Council, language in statute to provide for habilitative and rehabilitative services and requires insurance providers upon new issuance of insurance cards to put on the card an indicator if the plan is self-insured or fully insured.

This bill has to be voted on by Tuesday to keep moving along in the process.

SB 346- Students with Disabilities- Sens. Houchin, Rogers, Kruse, Stoops, Freeman, Randolph, Bohacek, Messmer, Brown, Raatz
Sponsored by Reps. Behning, Burton, Clere, DeLaney

Requires accommodations laid out within a student's IEP to be used



Mark Your Calendars

- **March 2nd- Second Reading Deadline**
- **March 3rd- Third Reading Deadline**
- **March 11th- Anticipated Sine Die (Last day of session)**

within the statewide assessment, once the assessment has been split into reading and reading comprehension categories.

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Bill Status Update

HB 1001- School Accountability- Authored by Reps. DeVon, Carbaugh, Kirchhofer and Smith Sponsored by Sens. Raatz, Bray, Kruse and Rogers

This bill decouples school ratings from being connected to ILEARN test scores. This bill has been sent to the Senate Education Committee.

HB 1002- Teacher Evaluations- Reps. Cook, McNamara, Bartels, Smith Sponsored by Sen. Raatz

This decouples teacher evaluations from ILEARN test scores. This bill was passed out of the Senate Education Committee this week and awaits a full Senate vote this upcoming week.

HB 1003- Education Matters- Reps. Jordan, Thompson, Cook, DeLaney Sponsored by Sens. Raatz, Buchanan

Ensures that facility or provider in a facility within your insurance network may not charge more than allowed according to the rate allowed by the network plan. This bill passed out of Senate Appropriations this week and heads to the full Senate for a vote this upcoming week.

HB 1004- Balance Billing for Medical Care- Reps. Smaltz, Barrett, Lehman, Carbaugh Sponsored by Sens. Charbonneau, Bassler, Breaux

There is a lot in this bill about the trainings teachers have to go through. This bill passed out of the Senate Health Committee this week and now heads to the full Senate for a vote this upcoming week.

HB 1006- Regulation of tobacco products- Reps. Kirchhofer, Bosma, Huston, Huston, Bacon, Brown, Cherry, Aylesworth, Abbott, Baird, Barrett, Bartlett, Bauer, Campbell, Candelaria Reardon, Clere, Cook, Deal, Engleman, Errington, Frye, Karickhoff, Leonard, Manning, McNamara, Negele, Schaibley, Shackelford, Smith, Soliday, Vermilion, Zent, Ziemke

Sponsored by Sen. Charbonneau

Updates the state's legal age of purchasing tobacco products to 21 to be in parity with Federal regulations. It also updates the penalties to those selling to underage users to anyone being under the age of 21. This bill passed out of the Senate Health Committee this week and heads to the full Senate for a vote this upcoming week.

HB 1007- Fiscal Matters- Reps. Brown, Huston, Cherry Sponsored by Sens. Mishler, Holdman, Charbonneau

Adds standards to sports wagering, and provides cash funding to bonded projects to pay off the state's debt. These projects include various building projects at Indiana's high education facilities. This bill has been signed by the governor.

HB 1008- Occupational License Endorsement- Reps. Carbaugh, Morris, Wesco

Sponsored by Sens. Messmer, Busch

Allow for the licensure of a person with an out-of-state license if the person has established a residency in Indiana, passed an equivalent board certification exam, is in good standing, paid the fees and is practicing within the same field. **This bill passed out of the Senate Commerce and Technology Committee this week and heads to the full Senate for a vote this upcoming week.**

HB 1009- Welfare matters- Reps. Goodrich, Huston, DeVon, Pryor

Sponsored by Sen. Messmer, Jon Ford, Ruckelshaus, Breaux, J.D. Ford, Randolph, Alting, Spartz

Provides money earned by a child or a member of the child's family as a student participating in a paid internship, work-based learning or a postsecondary work experience be disregarded when determining eligibility for TANF, SNAP and Medicaid. **This bill passed out of the Senate unanimously without any amendments and heads to the Governor to become law or veto.**

HB 1042- Pharmacy Benefit Managers- Reps. Davisson, Karickhoff, Shackelford, Clere

Sponsored by Sens. Brown, Holdman, Charbonneau, Randolph

Requires Pharmacy Benefit Managers to obtain a license to practice from the Department of Insurance and gives the Department authority over Pharmacy Benefit Managers. This bill is awaiting a vote by the full Senate this upcoming week.

HB 1066- Education Matters- Reps. Thompson, Behning, Smith

Sponsored by Sen. Raatz

Among multiple other things in the bill, this would allow for a teacher at a school to offer a presentation to students on autism, behaviors of autism and how to interact with a child with autism. **This bill passed out of Senate Appropriations this week and heads to the full Senate for a vote this upcoming week.**

HB 1092- Medicaid Deadline- Rep. Ziemke

Sponsored by Sen. Charbonneau, Crider, Randolph

Requires by July 1, 2020, for FSSA to amend the state Medicaid plan to include certain reimbursements. **This bill is waiting for the House to concur to the amendments from the Senate or awaiting a conference committee assignment.**

HB 1093- Electronic document filing- Reps. Ziemke, Pressel, Miller, Austin

Sponsored by Sen. Perfect, Bassler, Randolph, Rogers

This bill would allow for a person to electronically file or submit a document to the state agency as an option to filing or submitting a document that is required by state statute rule. **This bill passed unanimously out of the Senate and heads back to the House with amendments.**

HB 1129- Infant Screening- Reps. Lauer, Barrett, Fleming, Gutwein

Sponsored by Sens. Brown, Walker, Bohacek, Tomes, Becker

Requires every infant to be screened for Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). This bill is headed to the governor for his signature or a veto.

HB 1153- Governor's Workforce Cabinet- Reps. Goodrich, Behning, Klinker, Lucas

Sponsored by Sen. Raatz, Kruse, Koch

The Governor's Workforce Cabinet would have to create a comprehensive strategic plan to ensure alignment of primary, secondary and post-secondary education systems with Indiana's workforce training programs and employer needs. **This bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and heads to the full Senate for a vote this upcoming week.**

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HB 1207- Reps. Davisson, Barrett

Sponsored by Sens. Grooms, Ruckelshaus, Rogers, Bohacek

State employee plan, health maintenance organizations, insurer or pharmacy benefit managers may not require a pharmacy or pharmacist to collect a higher copayment for a prescription drug than the health plan allows for them to obtain. **This bill passed out of the Senate Insurance Committee this week and is awaiting a vote by the Senate this upcoming week.**

HB 1283- Trauma response instruction for teachers- Reps. DeVon, McNamara, Thompson, Pfaff

Sponsored by Sens. Rogers, Raatz, Kruse, Donato, Melton

Applicants for a teacher's license must prove they have completed education and trauma training. The training program must instruct on recognition of social, emotional and behavioral reactions to trauma. **This bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee this week and is awaiting a vote in the Senate this upcoming week.**

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HB 1372- Insurance Matters- Reps. Carbaugh, Lehman, Austin

Sponsored by Sen. Bassler, Zay

An ambulance service provider transporting an individual to an in-network provider or from an in-network facility to another facility shall not charge more than allowed within the network plan. Allows electronic claims to be paid by an insurance provider. Also, allows for a person to not have to pay more for an out-of-network emergency visit if the same kind of visit is covered at an in-network facility. **This bill is awaiting a full vote by the Senate this upcoming week.**

SB 1- Tobacco and Vaping- Sens. Charbonneau, Bray, Ruckelshaus, Stoops, Mrvan, Randolph
Sponsored by Reps. Kirchhofer, Huston

Updates the state's legal age of purchasing tobacco products to 21 to be in parity with Federal regulations. It also updates the penalties to those selling to underage users to anyone being under the age of 21. **This bill passed out of the House Health Committee this week and awaits a full House vote this upcoming week.**

SB 2- School Accountability- Sens. Raatz, Bray, Kruse, Rogers, Melton, Doriot, Ruckelshaus
Sponsored- Rep. DeVon, Carbaugh, Kirchhofer, Smith

Decouples school ratings from being connected to ILEARN test scores. This bill has been signed into law by the governor.

SB 4- All Payers Claims Database- Sens. Charbonneau, Ruckelshaus, Melton, Stoops, Glick, Randolph
Sponsored- Reps. Schaibley, Kirchhofer

Establishes an All Payers Claims Database advisory committee to perform duties to assist the Department of Insurance with the creation and implementation of the database. Requires annual reporting from the Department to the governor, state budget agency and general assembly. **This bill passed out of the House Health Committee and awaits a vote by the House this upcoming week.**

SB 5- Health Provider Contracts- Sens. Charbonneau, Ruckelshaus, Stoops, Glick, Randolph
Sponsored- Reps. Schaibley, Barrett, Kirchhofer, Shackelford

Prohibits health provider contracts from prohibiting disclosures of health care service claims data to the employer providing the coverage. **This bill passed out of the House Health Committee this week and awaits a vote in the House.**

SB 21- Prescriptions by out-of-state physician assistants- Sens. Rogers, Grooms, Charbonneau, Brown, Leising, Becker, Busch, Mrvan, Niezgodski, Crider, Doriot, J.D. Ford, Mishler, Randolph
Sponsored- Reps. Davisson, Kirchhofer, Stutzman

Pharmacists have a duty to honor all prescriptions issued by an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant licensed under the laws from another state. **This bill passed out of the House Health Committee and awaits a vote in the House this upcoming week.**

SB 50- Various trust and probate issues- Sens. Freeman, Koch, Randolph
Sponsored- Rep. Torr

Makes technical corrections to trust and probate codes. **This bill passed unanimously out of the House and heads back to the Senate with amendments.**

SB 139- Adult Guardianship Services- Sens. Lanane, Becker, Koch, Stoops, Buck, Freeman, Rogers, Glick, Randolph, Kruse
Sponsored- Reps. Cook, Bauer, Hamilton

Combines the volunteer advocates for seniors program and the volunteer advocates for incapacitated adults programs into one program. Require a person-centered plan when submitting a progress report to the court. **This bill passed unanimously out of the House and heads to the governor.**

SB 238- Various human services matters- Sens. Brown, Gaskill

Sponsored- Rep. DeVon

Amends the definition of “early intervention services” to include additional services and qualified personnel for purposes of the First Steps program. Requires childcare ministries to have at least one individual who always maintains a CPR certification present that a child is in the care of the childcare ministry and requires employees and volunteers who are caregivers to maintain current first aid certification. **This bill passed out of the House unanimously and heads to the governor’s desk.**

SB 241- Pharmacy Benefit Managers regulation- Sens. Brown, Charbonneau, Merritt, Stoops, Tomes, Mishler, Ruckelshaus, Grooms, Taylor

Sponsored- Rep. Lehman, Davisson, Clere, Shackelford

Requires a Pharmacy Benefit Manager to obtain a license issued by the Department of Insurance and sets forth requirements of the Pharmacy Benefit Manager. **This bill passed out of the House Insurance Committee and heads to the full House for a vote.**

SB 243- Credentialing, billing and employment contracts- Sens. Brown, Charbonneau

Sponsored- Reps. Lehman, Morris, Schaibley

Requires a provider to include the service facility location in order to obtain Medicaid reimbursement from FSSA or the managed care organization. Specifies requirements for credentialing a provider for the Medicaid program, an accident and sickness insurance policy and a health maintenance organization contract. **This bill passed out of the House Insurance Committee and awaits a full vote from the House.**

SB 246- Mental Health Services- Sens. Crider, Merritt, Becker, Mrvan, Buck, Raatz, Rogers, J.D. Ford, Melton, Randolph, Stoops

Sponsored- Rep. Cook, Schaibley, Shackelford, Hatfield

Requires a school corporation to certify to the Department of Homeland Security that the school corporation has an understanding in place with a community mental health center or provider certified or licensed by the state to provide mental and behavioral health services to students before applying for a grant from the Indiana secured school fund. Provides that the community mental health center or provider may be employed by the school corporation. **This bill passed out of the House 96-1 and has been sent back to the Senate with amendments.**

SB 249- Exploitation of dependents and endangered adults- Sens. Young, Koch, J.D. Ford, Randolph, Becker, Leising, Crane

Sponsored- Rep. McNamara, Lehman, Speedy

Defines a “person in position of trust” and “self-dealing.” Provides that a person commits exploitation of a dependent or an endangered adult if the person recklessly uses or exerts control over the personal services or property of an endangered adult or dependent, a person in a position of trust commits exploitation, if the person recklessly engages in self-dealing with the property of the dependent or endangered adult. Increases the penalty if the person has a prior unrelated conviction. **This bill passed out of the House unanimously and heads to the governor’s desk.**

SB 267- 211 Services- Sens. Bohacek, Alting, Merritt, Ruckelshaus, J.D. Ford, Randolph

Sponsored- Reps. Pressel, Heine, Jackson

Transfers responsibility for the 211 human services information dialing code from the Indiana housing and community development authority to FSSA. **This bill passed out of the House Family, Children and Human Affairs Committee this week and heads to the full House for a vote.**

SB 273- Behavioral Health Commission- Sens. Crider, Ruckelshaus, Becker, Grooms, Randolph, Crane, J.D. Ford

Sponsored- Reps. Kirchhofer, Cherry, Hatfield, Goodin

Establishes the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission. **This bill passed the House 92-3 and heads back to the Senate with amendments.**

SB 289- Criminal history check of child service providers- Sens. Grooms, Walker, Houchin, Donato, Randolph, Kruse

Sponsored- Reps. Lindauer, Mayfield, Cook, DeVon

Provides that certain individuals can begin work at a child caring institution, group home or child placing agency if an in-state child protection index check; a national sex offender registry check; an in-state local law enforcement records check; and a fingerprint based check of national crime information databases; have been completed and an out-of-state child abuse registry check and out-of-state local law enforcement records check have been requested. **This bill passed out of the House Family, Children and Human Affairs Committee and is awaiting a vote in the full House.**

SB 295- Various Education Matters- Sens. Raatz, Crane, Zay, Randolph, Grooms

Sponsored Rep. Behning

Directs the State Board of Education to establish the Indiana Innovation Council and to define the membership and their various duties. **This bill passed out of the House Education Committee and heads to the full House for a vote.**

SB 346- Students with Disabilities- Sens. Houchin, Rogers, Kruse, Stoops, Freeman, Randolph, Bohacek, Messmer, Brown, Raatz

Sponsored Reps. Behning, Burton, Clere

Requires text-to-speech, screen reader and human reader accommodations laid out within a student's IEP be used on the statewide assessment once the assessment has been updated to have a reading and reading comprehension tests. **This bill passed out of the House Education Committee and awaits a full vote from the House.**

SB 395- Uniform Consumer Credit Code (UCC)- Sens. Bassler, Ruckelshaus

Sponsored- Rep. Burton

Changes the maximum authorized credit service charge from a blended rate based on the amount financed, to a maximum rate of 36% per year on the unpaid balance of the principal. **This bill passed out of the House Financial Institutions Committee and awaits a full vote from the House.**