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](http://www.iga.in.gov).

**HB 1176- First Steps- Reps. Clere, DeVon, Vermillion, 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 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
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 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.

Sponsored by Sen. Charbonneau
Updates the state’s legal age of purchasing tobacco products to 21 to be in parody 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.

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, Shackleford, 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 a 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.

HB 1176- First Steps- Reps. Clere, DeVon, Vermillion, Summers  
Sponsored by Sens. Ruckelshaus, Grooms, Houchin, Breaux  
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 passed out of the Senate Family and Children Committee this week and is awaiting a vote in the Senate this upcoming week.

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.

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 2000 with an IEP and provide resources to them on how to obtain a diploma and skill up their talents for a better-paying jobs. This bill passed unanimously out of the Senate Education Committee and awaits a Senate vote this upcoming week.

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 parody 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, Shackleford
Prohibits health provider contracts from prohibiting disclosers 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, Shackleford  
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, Shackleford, 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.