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- HB1001 STATE BUDGET (BROWN T) Budget bill.
Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Porter
- HB1002 ETHICS (BOSMA B) Reenacts the legislative ethics statute in a different Indiana Code location and makes the following changes: (1) Provides that an individual ("filer") filing a legislative statement of economic interests ("statement") must disclose the name of any business entity in which the filer, the filer's spouse, or the filer's unemancipated children own stock, stock options, or other interest having a fair market value of more than \$5,000. (Under current law, the threshold amount is \$10,000.) (2) Requires a filer to describe the nature of the business of each business entity reported on the filer's statement in such a way to make it clear to an individual of ordinary understanding the nature of the business entity. (3) Requires a filer to report the name of any person from which the filer derived 25% or more of the filer's income. (Under current law, a filer must report the name of such a person only if the filer receives 33% or more of the filer's income.) (4) Requires a filer to report the name of a lobbyist who is a close relative of the filer. (5) Requires a member of the general assembly, not later than January 20 of each year, to file an affidavit with any lobbyist who has provided more than 25% of the member's nonlegislative income during the previous year. (Under current law, the threshold is one-third of a member's nonlegislative income.) (6) Eliminates the requirement that a code of ethics be adopted each year by both the house and the senate. Provides that a code of ethics remains in effect until the code of ethics is amended by the house to which the code applies, notwithstanding the occurrence of an election for the house or the senate. (7) Requires the ethics committee of each house to provide for the review of each statement of economic interests. Provides that the ethics committee may require a filer to provide additional information about any matter reported or required to be reported in the filer's statement. (8) Requires the ethics rules to require each member to receive training in the ethics requirements of the ethics rules, the ethics statute, and any other relevant statutes. Provides that a member's failure to receive the training constitutes disorderly conduct under the Indiana Constitution. (9) Establishes the office of legislative ethics in the legislative services agency. (10) Eliminates the requirement that an individual registering as a lobbyist provide the individual's Social Security number and other information relating to the lobbyist's temporary residence in Marion County. (11) Eliminates the reporting of lobbying expenditures by legislative liaisons in the executive branch and for state educational institutions. (12) Requires state educational institutions to report certain expenses related to lobbying by their employees and related foundations. (13) Provides that post employment restrictions on employees of the executive branch may be waived only if certain requirements are met. (14) Makes changes to the restrictions on post employment activity of state officers, employees, and special state appointees. (15) Provides that a state officer, state employee, or special state appointee may not use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or equipment for purposes other than official state business unless the use is expressly permitted by a general written policy or regulation that has been approved by the state ethics commission. (16) Provides that a state officer, a state employee, or a special state appointee may not use state materials, funds, property, personnel, facilities, or equipment for a political purpose. Makes technical amendments to reflect the changes described. Repeals the existing legislative ethics statute.
Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Coauthored by Representatives Pelath, Steuerwald and Kersey
- HB1011 PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS (TORR J) Repeals: (1) provisions specifying that failure to comply with the laws concerning safety belt and child passenger restraint system use does not constitute fault or contributory negligence; and (2) a prohibition against the admission of evidence of failure to comply with the law concerning safety belt use in civil actions to mitigate damages.
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:30 AM, Room 156-D
- HB1015 BENEFIT CORPORATIONS (COX C) Allows a business entity to incorporate as a benefit corporation under Indiana law.
Current Status: 1/20/2015 - DeLaney added as coauthor
- HB1017 WEIGHT REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (CHERRY R) Defines: (1) "commercial motor vehicle", "gross combination weight rating", "gross combination weight", and "gross vehicle weight rating" for purposes of commercial motor vehicles to comply with federal standards; and (2) "gross vehicle weight" for purposes of commercial motor vehicles. Provides for an exception relating to overweight vehicles for certain vehicles transporting wood chips, bark, and sawdust. Makes technical corrections.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Representative Goodin added as coauthor

- HB1018 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (CHERRY R) Provides that if a redevelopment commission adopts a declaratory resolution or amendment after June 30, 2015, that establishes, renews, or expands an allocation provision or area, the base assessed value used to determine the amount of allocated tax proceeds for the redevelopment district must be increased each year so that the incremental assessed value is 50% of the incremental assessed value in the allocation area without the increase. Provides that for the allocation area in Marion County that is identified as the Consolidated Allocation Area, the expiration date for the allocation area is June 30, 2026, or the last date of any obligations that are outstanding on July 1, 2016, whichever is later.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1019 COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE (TORR J) Repeals the common construction wage statute. Repeals related statutes superseded by the repeal of the common construction wage statute. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1021 LIMIT ON MINE SUBSIDENCE INSURANCE COVERAGE (BACON R) Raises the maximum amount of mine subsidence insurance coverage that may be reinsured (and thus the maximum amount of mine subsidence coverage that is available) from \$200,000 per structure to \$500,000 per structure.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Third reading passed;
- HB1024 ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND (FRYE R) Requires that agricultural land must be assessed using the soil productivity factors used in 2011 for assessment dates occurring after December 31, 2014, unless and until new soil productivity factors are approved in a statute enacted by the general assembly. Removes obsolete references to the 2012 through 2014 assessment dates. (Current law provides for the use of the 2011 soil productivity factors through the 2014 assessment date and requires the use of new soil productivity factors beginning with the 2015 assessment date.)
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1026 SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CARRYOUT (EBERHART S) Provides that a holder of an alcoholic beverage permit who is authorized by law to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout may sell alcoholic beverages for carryout on Sunday.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Austin
- HB1030 SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR DRAINAGE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (GUTWEIN D) Provides that a component of a drainage water management system intended for use on agricultural land used for crop production is exempt from sales tax if the person acquiring the component is engaged in the business of agriculture.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1043 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CAPS (TORR J) Increases the medical malpractice cap from \$1,250,000 to \$1,650,000 for claims arising after June 30, 2015. Increases the maximum amount of liability for a health care provider or a health care provider's insurer from \$250,000 to \$300,000.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Judiciary
- HB1048 CREDIT SCORING (LEHMAN M) Generally prohibits an insurer from considering credit information in connection with the renewal of a personal insurance policy. Provides that: (1) if an insurer uses a credit report or insurance score to re-underwrite or re-rate a personal insurance policy at the request of the insured or the insured's agent at annual renewal; and (2) if the result is that the insured is eligible to be placed in a less favorably priced tier; the insurer is required to maintain the insured in the insured's current tier. Removes a disclosure exemption.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Insurance
- HB1051 PROHIBITION ON LABOR PEACE AGREEMENTS (OBER D) Provides that a statute or rule of the state, or an ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision, may not: (1) impose a contract, zoning, permitting, licensing, or other condition that requires an employer, multiemployer association, or employee to waive rights under the federal National Labor Relations Act; or (2) require an employer or multiemployer association to accept or otherwise agree to a provision that is a mandatory or nonmandatory subject of collective bargaining under federal labor law. Provides for injunctive relief.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Morris

- HB1052 COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE (OBER D) Changes the composition of a committee that determines a scale of wages for a public work project. Changes from three months to 12 months the period during which the scale may be used. Provides that after December 31, 2015, the common construction wage law does not apply to a project in which the actual construction costs are less than \$1,000,000. (Under current law, this figure is \$350,000.) Makes technical changes.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1055 PRICES CHARGED TO RETAILERS BY SUPPLIERS (SOLIDAY E) Provides that a supplier commits an unconscionable act that is treated the same as a deceptive act under the deceptive consumer sales law if the supplier refuses to sell to a retailer with which the supplier has done business within the previous two years a good that is a food or beverage product at the same price that the supplier sells the good to any other retailer. Establishes exceptions. Provides that certain deceptive consumer sales provisions do not apply to the unconscionable act. Requires a court to award to a retailer the difference between the higher price at which the goods were sold to the retailer and the lower price at which the goods were sold to another retailer if a court finds a supplier has committed an unconscionable act. Requires a court to award to the attorney general on behalf of the state, if the attorney general files an action to enjoin the unconscionable act, a civil penalty equal to two times the amount of the difference between the higher price at which the goods were sold to a retailer and the lower price at which the goods were sold to another retailer.
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Representatives Steuerwald and DeLaney added as coauthor
- HB1061 INTERIM STUDY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS (MILLER D) Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on environmental affairs or another appropriate study committee for study during the 2015 legislative interim the topic of establishing a private property rights protection act in Indiana based on the Florida "Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act".
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - reassigned to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures
- HB1063 DENTAL AND OPTOMETRY SERVICE COVERAGE (BACON R) Prohibits dental and vision insurers and health maintenance organizations from requiring dentists and optometrists to accept certain payments unless the health care services are covered services. Prohibits dentists and optometrists from charging for noncovered services an amount that exceeds the usual and customary charges for the services.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Insurance
- HB1064 SEWER FEES INCURRED BY TENANTS (BACON R) Provides that municipal sewage user fees are payable by the person who occupies the real property against which the fees are assessed. Provides that a lien does not attach for user fees assessed against real property occupied by someone other than the owner.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Smith V
- HB1066 WORK SHARING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OBER D) Establishes a work sharing unemployment insurance program. Requires an employer that wishes to participate in the work sharing unemployment insurance program to submit a work sharing plan for approval by the commissioner of the department of workforce development. Establishes the work sharing benefit as equal to an affected employee's unemployment benefit reduced by a percentage that is equivalent to the number of hours by which an affected employee's normal weekly work hours are reduced divided by the employer's number of normal weekly work hours.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Coauthored by Representatives Carbaugh and Macer
- HB1083 WORK SHARING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (MACER K) Establishes a work sharing unemployment insurance program. Requires an employer to submit a work sharing plan for approval by the commissioner of the department of workforce development. Establishes the work sharing benefit as equal to an employee's unemployment benefit reduced by a percentage that is equivalent to the number of hours by which the employee's normal weekly work hours are reduced.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1089 TAX CREDITS FOR HIRING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS (HALE C) Provides a tax credit against state tax liability for a small business that hires an eligible individual as a full-time employee in Indiana. Defines an "eligible individual" as a veteran, an individual who is at least 50 years of age, an individual with a physical or developmental disability, or an individual who has been totally unemployed for each of the 26 weeks preceding the hiring date. Specifies that the amount of the credit for hiring an eligible individual is the lesser of: (1) the amount of the unreimbursed training expenses incurred by the taxpayer in hiring the eligible individual; or (2) \$1,000.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

- HB1094 MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAXES (FRYE R) Provides that biodiesel fuel that is manufactured in Indiana and shipped out of state is exempt from the special fuel tax and motor carrier fuel tax. (Under current law, a refund must be claimed.) Specifies that the motor carrier fuel surcharge tax must be paid on all motor fuel and at the same time the gasoline or special fuel tax is paid instead of being paid on only taxable motor fuel using a quarterly return. Provides for a refund for taxes paid on motor fuel used in vehicles exempt from the surcharge tax.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1097 LARGE SCALE DISCHARGES INTO STATE WATERS (AYLESWORTH M) Makes it a Class C infraction for a person to discharge more than 20 million gallons of water per day into any waters of the state without the approval of the director of the department of natural resources.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to House Natural Resources
- HB1101 BROADBAND READY COMMUNITIES (KOCH E) Establishes the broadband ready communities development center (center) within the Indiana economic development corporation to facilitate certain communications projects. Provides that the center may designate a unit of local government as a broadband ready community if the unit establishes a procedure to review applications and issue permits for the communications projects.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - House Bills on Second Reading
- HB1102 PATENT PROTECTION (KOCH E) Prohibits a person from asserting a claim of patent infringement in bad faith. Provides that a court may, upon motion, require a person to post a bond if the target establishes a reasonable likelihood that the person has made an assertion of patent infringement in bad faith. Establishes remedies, damages, and civil penalties.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Representative VanNatter added as coauthor
- HB1121 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS (DVORAK R) Requires an electricity supplier to supply a certain percentage of its total electricity supply from renewable energy resources. Establishes the renewable energy resources fund to receive penalties paid by electricity suppliers that fail to supply electricity from renewable energy resources. Continuously appropriates money in the fund. Requires the utility regulatory commission to adopt guidelines to assist electricity suppliers that participated in the CEPS program in complying with the new renewable energy standards. Repeals IC 8-1-37 (voluntary clean energy portfolio standard (CEPS) program).
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
- HB1122 PERSONAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES (DVORAK R) Provides that certain employees of certain employers are entitled to take: (1) 24 hours of paid leave; and (2) 16 hours of unpaid leave; in a 12 month period.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1124 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (SAUNDERS T) Requires the Indiana board of tax review to adopt rules applicable to all county boards of tax appeals (county boards) that govern which records of the county boards are confidential and exempt from disclosure under the public records law. Requires the Indiana board of tax review to base the rules on the Indiana Supreme Court Rules governing public access to court records.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Davisson
- HB1125 LAND CLASSIFICATION FOR TAX PURPOSES (CHERRY R) Specifies the criteria for classifying land as agricultural land for property tax assessment purposes. Provides that certain undeveloped lands must be assessed as agricultural land regardless of the motives of the owner at the time the owner acquired the land, the zoning designation of the land, or whether the owner uses the land for growing crops or raising livestock or is otherwise engaged in the business of farming. Requires assessing officials to review for compliance with the new criteria the assessments of lands that had been classified as excess residential property for the 2005 through 2015 assessment dates and to reclassify as agricultural land as necessary for the 2016 assessment date. Authorizes refunds for excessive tax payments attributable to the reclassification of land during that period. Provides that the limitations on contracts for the discovery of undervalued or omitted property apply to a contract concerning the reclassification of parcels, including the prohibition on contracts paid on a percentage basis.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Schaibley added as coauthor
- HB1135 LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES (PRYOR C) Provides that an individual who has a principal place of employment or business in a county other than the individual's county of residence shall pay a county adjusted gross income tax, county option income tax, or county economic development income tax imposed by the county where the individual maintains the principal place of employment or business at a rate that is one-half of

the sum of the tax rates imposed on residents of the county under those taxes. Provides a credit against any tax liability imposed by the individual's county of residence equal to the amount of the tax paid to the county where the individual has the individual's principal place of employment or business.

Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

- HB1142 TAX ISSUES (KOCH E) Specifies that the legislative services agency (rather than the commission on state tax and financing policy or its successor committee, under current law) shall before October 1 of each year conduct the review, analysis, and evaluation of all tax incentives under House Enrolled Act 1020-2014, according to a schedule developed by the legislative services agency. Requires the legislative services agency to submit the results of the review, analysis, and evaluation to the legislative council and the interim study committee on fiscal policy. Requires the interim study committee on fiscal policy to hold an annual public hearing after September 30 and before November 1 of each year at which: (1) the legislative services agency presents its review, analysis, and evaluation of tax incentives; and (2) the interim study committee receives information concerning tax incentives. Requires the interim study committee on fiscal policy to submit to the legislative council any recommendations made by the interim study committee that are related to the legislative services agency's review, analysis, and evaluation of tax incentives prepared under this section. Requires the legislative services agency to provide information to be used by the general assembly to make certain determinations regarding tax incentives. (Current law requires the legislative services agency to make these determinations.) Requires the legislative services agency to prepare and publish a tax expenditure report before November 1 of each even numbered year. Specifies the required elements of the tax expenditure report. Repeals the home insulation deduction and the solar powered roof vent and fan deduction.
- Current Status:** 1/8/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1151 COMPENSABLE HOURS OF WORK (MOSELEY C) Requires an employer subject to Indiana's minimum wage law to pay an employee for all compensable hours of work, which includes time an employee spends immediately before or after a work shift performing activities that are integral and indispensable to the employee's principal work activities or that are required as a condition of employment.
- Current Status:** 1/8/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1153 HIGH PRESSURE BOILER OPERATORS (MOSELEY C) Establishes certification requirements for high pressure boiler operators. Requires that a high pressure boiler operator must hold a license issued by the National Institute for the Uniform Licensing of Power Engineers.
- Current Status:** 1/12/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions
- HB1154 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WIND TURBINES (MOSELEY C) Establishes the Hoosier heritage innovative industry loan fund. Authorizes interest free loans, reduced income tax rates, and enhanced economic development for a growing economy (EDGE) tax credits to encourage the manufacturing of wind turbine components in Indiana using steel produced in the United States. Transfers \$1,000,000 from the Indiana twenty-first century research and technology fund to the Hoosier heritage innovative industry loan fund.
- Current Status:** 1/12/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1159 VOLUNTARY VETERANS' PREFERENCE EMPLOYMENT POLICY (JUDY C) Provides for a voluntary veterans' preference policy for hiring, promoting, or retaining a veteran in private employment.
- Current Status:** 1/26/2015 - House Bills on Second Reading
- HB1179 LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES (KARICKHOFF M) Provides that an individual who has a principal place of employment or business in a county other than the individual's county of residence shall pay a county adjusted gross income tax, county option income tax, or county economic development income tax imposed by the county where the individual maintains the principal place of employment or business at a rate that is one-fourth of the sum of certain tax rates imposed on residents of the county under those taxes. Excludes certain county adjusted gross income tax rates, county option income tax rates, and county economic development income tax rates for capital improvements from the calculation of the tax rate imposed on the nonresident individual. Provides a credit against any tax liability imposed by the individual's county of residence equal to the amount of the tax paid to the county where the individual has the individual's principal place of employment or business.
- Current Status:** 1/22/2015 - Representative Pryor added as coauthor
- HB1185 SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MICROBEADS (BAUER B) Defines "synthetic plastic microbeads" as solid plastic particles that are: (1) less than five millimeters in their largest dimension; (2) not biodegradable; and (3) intentionally added to a personal care product that is used to exfoliate or cleanse and subsequently is rinsed off the human body or a part of the human body. Provides that: (1) after December 31, 2017, a person may not manufacture for sale a personal care product, except for an over the counter drug, that contains synthetic plastic

microbeads; (2) after December 31, 2018, a person may not accept for sale a personal care product, except for an over the counter drug, that contains synthetic plastic microbeads; (3) after December 31, 2018, a person may not manufacture for sale an over the counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads; and (4) after December 31, 2019, a person may not accept for sale an over the counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads. Provides that a person who violates these prohibitions commits: (1) a Class B infraction; or (2) a Class A infraction if the person has a prior unrelated judgment for a violation.

Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Representative Pierce added as coauthor

HB1186 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (LEONARD D) Provides that any part of an unemployment insurance surcharge not used to pay interest on the advances made to the state from the federal unemployment trust fund must be credited against the total amount of benefits charged to the state's unemployment insurance trust fund before determining each employer's share of those benefits. Removes language that requires the extra surcharge amount be credited to each employer's experience account in proportion to the amount of the surcharge the employer paid. Removes language establishing a six year limitations period for the repayment of unemployment benefit overpayments received because of knowingly making a false statement or representation of a material fact or knowingly failing to disclose a material fact. Removes language establishing a three year limitations period for the repayment or unemployment benefit overpayments received because of a failure to report wages or the receipt of deductible income during a week in which benefits were received. Establishes a procedure for the department of workforce development (department) to require the employer to withhold amounts from the earnings of an individual for whom a benefit overpayment is established and to pay those amounts to the department to satisfy the overpayment, subject to the limitations that apply to garnishments. Provides that an individual may object to the withholding and request an administrative review of the department's action, including a hearing by an administrative law judge. Requires as a condition precedent to the payment of benefits in a year immediately following a year in which benefits were paid or following a period of disqualification for failure to apply for or accept suitable work that an individual: (1) perform insured work; (2) earn remuneration in employment in at least each of eight weeks; and (3) earn remuneration at least equal to the product of the individual's weekly benefit amount multiplied by eight. Provides that, if an employer does not have a rule regarding attendance, an individual's unsatisfactory attendance is just cause for discharge, if good cause for the absences or tardiness is not established. (Currently, the individual must show good cause for the absences or tardiness.) Establishes that a crime committed using the Internet or another computer network may be prosecuted in any county: (1) from which or to which access to the Internet or another computer network was made; or (2) in which a computer, computer data, computer software, or computer network used to access the Internet or another computer network is located.

Current Status: 1/27/2015 - House Employment, Labor and Pensions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 8:30 AM, Rm. 156-A

HB1189 PROPERTY TAXES (SMITH V) Permits the department of local government finance, with the approval of the attorney general, to waive all or part of the property taxes imposed on property owned by a: (1) nonprofit corporation organized for educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; or (2) nonprofit entity, other than a corporation, that is organized as a church or religious entity. Provides that certain requirements must be met before a taxpayer's property tax liability may be waived.

Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Truitt

HB1200 STATE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES (ARNOLD L) Requires the state to make payments in lieu of property taxes (PILOT) for qualified parcels in counties in which not less than 15% of all land in the county is: (1) owned or leased by the state; and (2) subject to an exemption from property taxes. Defines a "qualified parcel" as a parcel that is: (1) owned or leased by the state; (2) subject to an exemption from property taxes; and (3) located in a county to which the act applies. Provides that a county containing qualified parcels is entitled to receive PILOTs from the state. Provides that for purposes of calculating a PILOT, each acre of the qualified parcel is considered to have an assessed value of one-fourth of the statewide agricultural land base rate value. Annually appropriates from the state general fund the amount necessary to pay the required PILOTs.

Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1234 PROPERTY TAX STUDY (DELANEY E) Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on fiscal policy the task of studying the impact on the finances of political subdivisions in Indiana of: (1) levy limits; (2) recent trends in assessed valuation; and (3) circuit breaker property tax credits.

Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures

HB1239 MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY LIENS (GIAQUINTA P) Provides that rates and charges of a municipally owned water utility constitute a lien against property served by the utility. Provides that the method for attachment and enforcement of municipal water utility liens is the same as the method for municipal wastewater

utility liens.

Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Local Government

- HB1251 TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING NEW EMPLOYEES (MOED J) Provides a credit against state tax liability to a small business for hiring a sufficient number of new employees after December 31, 2014, and before January 1, 2018: (1) who are receiving unemployment benefits or have exhausted their unemployment benefits; or (2) who are former members of the armed services of the United States or the National Guard.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1259 EMPLOYER WELLNESS TAX CREDIT (SHACKLEFORD R) Restores the income tax credit for small employers who provide a qualified wellness program for their employees for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015. Provides that the credit may not be awarded for costs incurred after December 31, 2019. Provides that an unused credit for costs incurred after December 31, 2015, and before January 1, 2020, may be carried forward to the taxpayer's succeeding six taxable years. Provides that the statute expires in 2025 rather than in 2020.
Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Porter added as coauthor
- HB1266 DRAINAGE BOARD ASSESSMENTS (SMITH M) Specifies that for periodic payments of drainage assessments first certified after June 30, 2015, the interest rate is equal to the prime rate plus one percentage point (rather than 10%, under current law).
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Local Government
- HB1271 SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LABELS (KARICKHOFF M) Provides a sales tax exemption for labels and signs that are required to be affixed to or displayed with the other tangible personal property for the purpose of complying with any state or federal statute, regulation, or standard.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1273 MARION COUNTY PSDA (HUSTON T) Provides that authority for the 10% rate for the Marion County admissions tax is extended through 2045 (rather than through February of 2023). Extends the period in current law under which the Marion County admissions tax applies to all events at a covered facility (rather than applying only to professional sporting events). Provides that the Marion County professional sports development area (PSDA) may be changed to include the site or future site of a facility or complex of facilities that includes a multipurpose stadium. Allows an additional \$5,000,000 of state revenue to be captured each year, for 30 years, from the area added to the PSDA to include a multipurpose stadium. Provides, however, that this amount of additional state revenue that may be captured is reduced each year by the amount of admissions tax revenue received from events held at the facility or complex of facilities that includes a multipurpose stadium.
Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Ober, Kirchofer, and Moed added as coauthor
- HB1279 HERO PLAN (LEHMAN M) Establishes the Hoosier Employee Retirement Option plan (plan) to encourage Indiana residents to increase their rate of saving and to build assets for the use of participants and their survivors and beneficiaries after a participant's retirement. Establishes a plan board (board) with nine members: the treasurer of state, the auditor of state, the director of the office of management and budget, the commissioner of the department of labor, and five members appointed by the governor. Provides that the appointed board members serve four year terms and that the treasurer is the board chair. Requires the board to provide oversight for the plan, which is administered, operated, and managed by one or more investment managers, private financial institutions, or other financial and services providers selected by the board through a competitive bidding process. Requires the board to annually prepare and adopt a written statement of investment policy. Requires the board to submit an annual report to the governor and the general assembly concerning the operating and financial performance of the plan. Provides that the plan be audited annually by the state board of accounts, and may be audited by a certified public accountant, if the board determines it advisable. Establishes a plan administrative fund to pay any administrative expenses incurred in developing, implementing, and operating the plan. Requires that the plan be maintained as individual retirement accounts with contributions made by payroll deduction and be offered to employees who elect to enroll by employers that voluntarily choose to participate and do not offer any other kind of retirement plan. Provides that the state, the board, and participating employers are not fiduciaries for the plan and that the plan is not a debt, liability, or obligation of the state. Requires the board, before the plan takes effect, to oversee the design and dissemination to all employers eligible to participate in the plan information about the plan. Provides that the board maintain an Internet web site to assist employers in identifying private sector providers of available pension and retirement plans, if providers express interest in and provide the funding for the Internet web site.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Employment, Labor and Pensions

- HB1291 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE EXCISE SURTAX (PRICE J) Deletes the requirement in current law that a county may only impose the motor vehicle license excise surtax at the same rate or amount on each motor vehicle. Authorizes counties to: (1) impose the surtax at the same rate or amount on each motor vehicle; (2) impose the surtax at one or more different rates based on weight classifications of the vehicles; or (3) impose the surtax at one or more different rates based on the class of vehicle (passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trucks with a declared gross weight that does not exceed 11,000 pounds, and motor driven cycles).
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1297 NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT (TORR J) Provides for an Indiana new markets tax credit against state taxes for investments in qualified community development entities that is similar to the federal new markets tax credit. Provides that the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) may not approve more than \$80,000,000 of qualified equity investments each state fiscal year. Requires the IEDC to submit an annual report on the Indiana new markets tax credit to the budget committee.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1317 PROHIBITION ON TAXATION OF INTERNET ACCESS (KOCH E) Provides that neither the state nor a political subdivision may impose, assess, collect, or attempt to collect a tax on Internet access or the use of Internet access.
Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Hale added as coauthor
- HB1320 GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTED GENERATION (KOCH E) Provides that the utility regulatory commission (IURC) may authorize an electricity supplier to establish certain tariffs, rates and charges, and credits with respect to the acquisition of electricity from a customer that uses distributed generation. Establishes consumer protections for customers using distributed generation. Requires electricity suppliers and customers that use distributed generation to comply with applicable safety, performance, reliability and interconnection rules and standards. Provides that a local ordinance, resolution, or order involving distributed generation equipment must: (1) reasonably accommodate the facility; and (2) represent the minimum regulation practicable to accomplish a legitimate governmental purpose.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Representative Frye added as coauthor
- HB1324 AGRICULTURAL LAND ASSESSMENTS (BROWN T) Provides that for purposes of the March 1, 2015, assessment date, the statewide agricultural land base rate value per acre used to determine the value of agricultural land is \$2,050 per acre (the base rate used for the 2014 assessment date). Provides that after 2015, the growth in adjusted assessed value is either 2%, 5%, or 8% depending on conservation practices. Beginning with the 2016 assessment year, requires the department of local government finance to certify the various rates that may apply. Provides that a taxpayer that wishes to receive the benefit of having conservation tillage or cover crops must file a request with the county assessor's office.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1328 LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY (SLAGER H) Provides that if: (1) a person intends to acquire a lien on real property after June 30, 2015; and (2) there is no requirement under any other state law that the person or another person must notify the owner of the real property of the person's intention to acquire the lien; the person who wishes to acquire the lien must file a sworn statement and notice of the person's intention to acquire the lien in the county recorder's office of the county in which the real property is located. Requires the county recorder to: (1) record a copy of the statement and notice of intention in the appropriate record book of the county recorder's office; (2) send by first class mail a copy of the statement and notice of intention to the owner of the real property; and (3) collect a fee of \$2 from the person who filed the statement and notice of intention for each statement and notice of intention that is sent by first class mail.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Judiciary
- HB1334 TRANSBORDER GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (STEMLER S) Establishes the Indiana-Kentucky transborder groundwater authority (authority). Requires the authority to study ownership rights in the groundwater resources shared by Indiana and Kentucky and to explore the desirability of entering into an interstate compact with Kentucky concerning the use of the groundwater underlying southern Indiana and northern Kentucky. Authorizes a county that borders the Ohio River or that borders another county that borders the Ohio River to elect to participate in the authority. Provides for the authority to include elected officials from municipal and county government in the participating counties, county health officers of the participating counties, a member of the board of the soil and water conservation district of a participating county, and the director of the department of natural resources. Authorizes the authority to invite government officials from Kentucky to attend the authority's meetings and advise the authority. Authorizes the authority to receive grants and appropriations from governmental and private sources. Provides that participating counties may appropriate money for the

authority's budget. Requires the state board of accounts to prescribe the methods and forms for keeping and to periodically audit the accounts, records, and books of the authority. Provides that the authority expires July 1, 2020.

Current Status: 1/15/2015 - Goodin added as coauthor

HB1347 DEFINITION OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (LEONARD D) Eliminates the adjustment based on the federal deduction for amounts spent on certain depreciable property under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code in the definition of "adjusted gross income" for purposes of the Indiana adjusted gross income tax and the financial institutions tax. Eliminates the add back of the federal deduction for domestic production activities under Section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code in the definition of "adjusted gross income" for purposes of the Indiana adjusted gross income tax and the financial institutions tax.

Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1349 VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (HUSTON T) Eliminates the double direct test for the gross retail tax exemption for various transactions involving various types of tangible personal property. Specifies that the exemption applies if the tangible personal property is acquired for direct use or consumption in the production of tangible personal property when the person acquiring the property is occupationally engaged in the business of producing tangible personal property. Eliminates various adjustments to income for purposes of determining Indiana adjusted gross income. Eliminates various income tax exemptions, deductions, and credits. Provides that business income is all income apportionable to the state under the Constitution of the United States. Eliminates the taxation of income that is attributed to a state that does not have an income tax (the "throwback rule"). Adopts the sourcing of income using market based sourcing. Broadens the addback to Indiana adjusted gross income related to intercompany interest expenses. Uses the most recent Internal Revenue Code for determining the earned income tax credit. Provides for a tax amnesty program. Makes technical corrections and conforming amendments.

Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1350 ENVIRONMENTAL VARIANCES AND OTHER MATTERS (WOLKINS D) Makes the following changes concerning variances from environmental rules: (1) If a variance would be in effect for more than one year: (A) the application for the variance must include a demonstration of how the applicant would come into compliance with the rule within the period for which the variance would be in effect; and (B) the variance, if granted, must include a schedule requiring the person to come into compliance with the rule within the period for which the variance will be in effect, and the variance may be revoked for failure to comply with the compliance schedule. (2) Eliminates the renewal of variances, except for variances from certain water quality standards. Authorizes the department of environmental management (department) to require the submission of information or documents electronically. Requires the department to offer certification examinations for certain water treatment plant operator and water distribution system operator certifications at least once per year. Authorizes the commissioner of the department to authorize independent third parties to administer additional certification examinations. Allows the commissioner to provide certain notices to persons by a means other than by mail. Provides that the offsite location of compensatory mitigation required of a person proposing a wetland activity in a state regulated wetland may be within a designated service area established in an approved in lieu fee mitigation program. Provides for solid waste disposal fees and state solid waste management fees to be remitted to the department on a quarterly basis and for hazardous waste disposal fees to be paid to the department on or before March 1 of the year following the year in which they accrue. Eliminates the requirement that a manufacturer of video display devices report annually to the department the total weight of video display devices sold to households.

Current Status: 1/21/2015 - House Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:30 AM, Rm. 156-C

HB1351 RESTRICTIONS ON RULEMAKING (WOLKINS D) Voids state administrative rules, guidelines, and other policies or standards that are not specifically authorized by state statute or do not implement a federal requirement. Establishes the office of regulatory accountability in the legislative services agency to review administrative rules for compliance with regulatory goals specified by the general assembly.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Government and Regulatory Reform

HB1355 LOCAL SERVICE FEES ON TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY (SAUNDERS T) Allows a county fiscal body to impose a local service fee on tax exempt property within the county (other than a building used for religious worship and the parcel of land on which such a building is located). Provides that after June 30, 2016, a municipal fiscal body may impose a local service fee on such tax exempt property within the municipality if the county fiscal body has not imposed a local service fee. Provides that the fiscal body of a county or municipality imposing a local service fee shall determine the amount of the fee to be imposed. Authorizes a fiscal body to exercise reasonable discretion in adopting different schedules of local service fee rates or making classifications in schedules of local

service fee rates, based on variations in the costs of furnishing basic and essential government services, including capital expenditures required. Provides that the revenue from a local service fee shall be distributed to the county, the municipality (if any), and the township in which the tax exempt property is located. Specifies that the revenue shall be distributed proportionally based on the county's, the municipality's, and the township's tax rate. Specifies that the revenue from a local service fee may be used for any legal or corporate purpose of the county, municipality, or township to which the revenue is distributed.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1382

EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (RIECKEN G) Provides that materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are schedule III controlled substances that may be dispensed only by prescription. Repeals: (1) the law concerning the sale of drugs that contain ephedrine and pseudoephedrine without a prescription; and (2) provisions related to that law.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Public Health

HB1388

PROPERTY TAX MATTERS (LEONARD D) Specifies that if a taxpayer files an amended personal property tax return for a year: (1) before July 16 of that year, the taxpayer shall pay the taxes payable in the immediately succeeding year based on the assessed value reported on the amended return; or (2) after July 15 of that year, the taxpayer shall pay the taxes payable in the immediately succeeding year based on the assessed value reported on the original personal property tax return. Requires a public utility company to file its property tax return with the department of local government finance (DLGF) on or before April 1 (rather than March 1, under current law). Provides that on or before July 1 of each year, for years ending before January 1, 2017, and on or before June 15, for years beginning after December 31, 2016, (rather than June 1 under current law), the DLGF shall certify to the county assessor and the county auditor of each county the distributable property assessed values that the DLGF determines are distributable to the taxing districts of the county. Repeals a provision: (1) specifying that a property tax exemption for a particular assessment date must be based on the property's eligibility for the exemption on that assessment date; and (2) specifying that an act occurring after the assessment date does not affect the eligibility of the property for an exemption for that assessment date. Deletes a provision in current law requiring a county auditor to cancel a standard deduction for a homestead under certain circumstances in which: (1) the taxpayer acquires an interest in or contracts to purchase a second homestead after the assessment date; and (2) on the assessment date, the property on which that second homestead is located was vacant land or the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the second homestead was not completed. Deletes provisions requiring the DLGF to adopt rules for the administration of certain property tax deductions and exemptions. Requires a public library that is governed by an appointed board to obtain, from the appropriate county, city, or town fiscal body, binding approval of the public library's budget and tax levies. (Under current law, this binding approval is required only if the public library's budget increases by more than the assessed value growth quotient.) Specifies that the statute governing homeowners associations established after June 30, 2009, applies only to homeowners associations authorized to impose mandatory dues on their members.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1391

CREDIT FOR INCOME TAXES PAID TO ANOTHER STATE (FINE B) Provides that the maximum income tax credit that an Indiana resident may take for income taxes paid to another state includes the Indiana local option income tax rate in addition to the Indiana state adjusted gross income tax rate (applies when the state of employment does not have a reciprocity agreement with Indiana).

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1399

SALES TAX ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (HARMAN T) Provides that the purchase of a recreational vehicle or cargo trailer that is transported out of Indiana for registration and use in another state or country is exempt from the state gross retail tax regardless of whether the destination state or country provides a similar exemption for Indiana residents.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Coauthored by Representatives Miller D and Wesco

HB1409

UNSAFE USED TIRES (FORESTAL D) Defines "unsafe used tire" as a used: (1) passenger tire; or (2) light truck tire; that has one or more specified nonconformities. Prohibits a supplier from: (1) selling or offering to sell an unsafe used tire to a customer in Indiana; or (2) installing or offering to install an unsafe used tire on a motor vehicle. Provides that a person who knowingly violates these provisions is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development

- HB1426 IURC FINING AUTHORITY (DVORAK R) Allows the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 on a public utility providing energy services if the public utility violates or fails to comply with any: (1) utility law; or (2) rate or service requirement imposed by the IURC. Allows the IURC to impose an additional penalty of up to \$10,000 if the violation or failure to comply demonstrates a willful disregard by the public utility of the public utility's duty to remedy the violation or a willful failure to comply. Specifies that a suit to recover or collect a forfeiture or penalty imposed by the IURC must be brought by the IURC or, at the IURC's option, by the attorney general. Provides that if the IURC acts independently of the attorney general to recover or collect a forfeiture or penalty, the IURC may, subject to the approval of the governor and the budget agency, contract with outside counsel to prosecute the suit or assist the IURC in prosecuting the suit.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
- HB1427 DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS (DVORAK R) Requires the utility regulatory commission to: (1) enforce an existing; or (2) issue a new; order concerning energy efficiency and demand side management programs. Requires that industrial customers of an electricity supplier that previously opted out of participating in the electricity supplier's energy efficiency programs must: (1) resume participating in the program; or (2) begin participating in a subsequent program.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
- HB1440 ASSESSMENT OF COMMON AREAS FOR TAX PURPOSES (DEVON D) Provides that a common area may not be subjected to a property tax liability in excess of one dollar for any assessment date. Defines "common area" as a parcel of land in a residential development that: (1) is legally reserved for the exclusive use and enjoyment of all lot owners; (2) is owned by the developer, or each lot owner, or a person or entity that holds title to the land for the benefit of the lot owners; and (3) cannot be transferred for value to another party without the approval of the lot owners. Provides that the owner may file a notice of review before the county board of tax appeals concerning a determination not to assess property as a common area. Provides that an owner who is the prevailing party in an action challenging a determination not to assess the property as a common area may recover reasonable attorney's fees from the opposing party.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means
- HB1448 MENTAL HEALTH DRUGS AND COVERAGE (DAVISSON S) Includes inpatient substance abuse detoxification services as a Medicaid service. Prohibits the office of Medicaid policy and planning from requiring prior authorization for a drug that is a nonaddictive medication assistance treatment drug being prescribed for the treatment of substance abuse.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Coauthored by Representatives Clere and Brown C
- HB1451 COVERAGE OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES (DAVISSON S) Includes, within the health care consent law, telemedicine services. Provides for coverage of telemedicine services under a policy of accident and sickness insurance and a health maintenance organization contract.
Current Status: 1/21/2015 - House Public Health, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 3:30 PM, House Chamber
- HB1460 GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD (KERSEY C) Provides that, beginning July 1, 2016, any food that is offered for retail sale is misbranded, for purposes of the law prohibiting the misbranding of food, if the food was or may have been entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering and this is not disclosed in a certain manner. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2016, there may be no statement or implication on a label, on a sign in the retail establishment, or in any advertising or promotional materials that a food is "natural", "naturally made", "naturally grown", or "all natural" if the food is genetically engineered or a processed food. Exempts certain foods from these provisions. Requires the state department of health to administer and enforce these provisions. Makes the violation of a prohibition a Class A infraction. Authorizes the state department of health or any person to bring a civil action to enjoin a violation.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Agriculture and Rural Development
- HB1465 INTERN ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CARBAUGH M) Provides that "employment", for purposes of unemployment benefits, does not include service by an individual during an internship with a duration of not more than 90 days.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Coauthored by Representatives Ober and Morris
- HB1469 WAGE PAYMENT AND WAGE ASSIGNMENT (OBER D) Provides that an employer who fails to make timely payment of wages to an employee may, in addition to the wages due, pay liquidated damages, court costs, and a reasonable fee for the employee's attorney. Provides that an employee may assign wages for: (1) the purchase, rental, or use of uniforms or equipment necessary to fulfill the duties of employment; (2) reimbursement for

education or employee skills training; (3) an advance for payroll or vacation pay; and (4) meals eaten by the employee at a location provided by the employer.

Current Status: 1/26/2015 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:30 AM, Rm. 156-D

HB1470 INCOME APPORTIONMENT FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES (OBER D) Eliminates the throwback rule that is used in determining income subject to taxation by Indiana.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Leonard

HB1472 VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (NEGELE S) Codifies the attorney-client and deliberative process privileges. Specifies that the definition of "storage" for purposes of the use tax does not include temporary storage of property for not more than 60 days for the purpose of the subsequent use of the property solely outside Indiana. Removes the 36 month rolling time limit on filing refund claims for exempt utility purchases exempt from sales and use tax. Amends the sales tax exemption for medical equipment, supplies, and devices to: (1) restate the application of the sales tax exemption for medical equipment, supplies, and devices; and (2) provide a sales tax exemption for food, food ingredients, and dietary supplements that are sold by a licensed practitioner or pharmacist. Amends the sales tax exemption for drugs, insulin, oxygen, blood, or blood plasma to restate the application of the sales tax exemption. Repeals the sales tax exemption for food and food ingredients prescribed as medically necessary by a physician. Amends the definition of "research and development activities" for purposes of the sales tax exemption for research and development equipment and property. Provides guidance on when a retail merchant's certificate may be revoked. Specifies that the federal research and development credit used for purposes of calculation of the Indiana research expense income tax credit is the same as the federal research and development credit allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. Provides that "base amount" and "qualified research expense", for purposes of the state research expense income tax credit, have the same meaning as those terms are defined under the Internal Revenue Code. Updates references to the Internal Revenue Code. Removes outdated references to earned income tax advance payments. Requires an employer to file annual withholding tax reports (Form WH-3) not later than 31 days after the end of the calendar year. Provides that, if a person is allowed an extension of time by the Internal Revenue Service to file a federal income tax return, the corresponding due dates for the person's Indiana income tax returns are automatically extended for the same period as the federal extension. Provides that a tax judgment may be released and a tax warrant expunged if the commissioner of the department of state revenue determines that the release of the tax judgment and the expungement of the tax warrant are in the best interest of the state. (Under current law, the release of a tax judgment and expungement of a tax warrant are authorized only if the department determines that the filing of the tax warrant was in error.) Aligns the administrative procedures for protesting refund denials and proposed assessments. Changes the tax court's standard of review of department of state revenue decisions. Permits the department of state revenue to deny an application for a motor carrier in certain situations. Provides that the department of state revenue may charge a fee to a vehicle owner for collecting the wheel tax. Specifies that the fees collected must be deposited in the motor carrier regulation fund. Eliminates the ability to purchase cigarette tax stamps using a letter of credit. Removes the exception from posting a bond or letter of credit for a distributor that has at least five consecutive years of good credit standing with the state.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1474 ACCESS TO PERSONAL INTERNET ACCOUNTS (AUSTIN T) Provides that an employer may not request an employee or applicant for employment to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose access information that allows access to or observation of the employee's or applicant's personal Internet account. Provides that an educational institution may not request a student or prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose access information that allows access to or observation of the student's or prospective student's personal Internet account. Provides that an employer may not discharge, discipline, fail to hire, or otherwise penalize an employee or applicant for employment because of a failure to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the employee's or applicant's personal Internet account. Provides that an educational institution may not expel, discipline, fail to admit, or otherwise penalize a student or prospective student because of a failure to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the student's or prospective student's personal Internet account. Provides exemptions for: (1) electronic communications devices, accounts, and services provided by or paid for by an employer or educational institution; (2) the unauthorized transfer of an employer's proprietary or confidential information or financial data; or (3) information that can be obtained without access information or is available from public sources. Makes violations a Class B misdemeanor.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Lucas

HB1476 COUNTY OPTION PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT FEE (KARICKHOFF M) Permits a county council or county income tax council to establish an annual property tax replacement fee on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions or property tax credits that reduce the annual property tax liability on the parcel to less than

\$100. Provides that the minimum annual amount due in property taxes and the property tax replacement fee per parcel is \$100 in an adopting county. Changes the county option amount from \$25 to \$100 for requiring the payment of property taxes and the property tax replacement fee, if any, in one installment.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1479 APPLICATION OF FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (HARMAN T) Prohibits certain state actions related to enforcement or implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Requires the attorney general to file a civil action for injunctive relief in certain circumstances. Requires a tax deduction for taxpayers paying a penalty in relation to PPACA. Repeals a provision concerning application for a state innovation waiver under PPACA.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Coauthored by Representatives Nisly and Smaltz

HB1484 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEES AND FUNDS (THOMPSON J) Provides that the maximum property tax rates for county cumulative capital development funds, municipal cumulative capital development funds, and fire protection territory equipment replacement funds will no longer be adjusted each year to account for the change in assessed value that results from a reassessment or the annual adjustment of assessed values. Requires a person issued a tax deed or a sheriff's deed to file the deed for recording not more than 10 days after the date the county auditor or the sheriff issues the tax deed. Requires a county recorder to collect a recording fee set by county ordinance of at least \$5 but not more than \$150 for each tax deed or sheriff's deed that is not timely filed. Provides that the county recorder may not collect a fee for a deed that is timely filed by the sheriff. Allows a city or town with a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least one ordinance violation in a circuit or superior court of the county to collect a share of the semiannual distribution of certain court fees. (Current law requires a city or town to prosecute at least 50% of the city's or town's ordinance violations in the circuit or superior court to receive a share of the semiannual distribution of court fees.)

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1485 LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES (THOMPSON J) Replaces the county adjusted gross income tax, the county option income tax, and the county economic development income tax with a local income tax. Provides for the introduction of legislation in the 2016 legislative session to make related amendments to implement the local income tax.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Ways and Means

HB1487 MEDICAL MARIJUANA (ERRINGTON S) Defines "qualifying patient" and permits a qualifying patient to use medical cannabis under certain circumstances. Requires the state department of health to adopt rules before July 1, 2016, concerning the use, distribution, cultivation, production, and testing of medical cannabis. Provides immunity for physicians who recommend the medical use of cannabis. Makes conforming amendments.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to House Rules and Legislative Procedures

HB1601 VARIOUS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS (SMALTZ B) Reorganizes and recodifies the duties and programs of the department of workforce development (department). Allows the division of family resources and the department to enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning administering federal work requirements for public welfare programs. Permits the Indiana career council to meet only at the call of the chair rather than monthly. Repeals obsolete, expired, and superseded provisions. Updates cross-references and makes conforming and technical changes.

Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development

HB1603 PROPERTY TAX APPEALS (SMALTZ B) Provides that when a deadline imposed upon a political subdivision, the department of local government finance, or the Indiana board in the property tax statutes is not a business day, the last day for the political subdivision, the department of local government finance, or the Indiana board to take the action required is the first business day after the stated deadline. Extends the deadline for filing a notice of review when a notice of assessment is not provided from the later of May 10 or 45 days after the date of the tax statement to the later of May 10 or 60 days after the date of the tax statement. Provides that affected taxing units are entitled to a quarterly status report concerning property tax appeals and are permitted to participate in each stage of an appeal. Specifies that disputed assessed value under appeal is subtracted from the net assessed value of a taxing district. Requires a county treasurer to establish a separate account known as the property tax assessment appeals account to hold certain disputed property tax receipts. Provides that money in the account may be used only to pay a county assessor's appeal expenses and property tax refunds. Expands the Indiana board of tax review from three to nine members. Divides Indiana into three districts each served by a three member panel of the Indiana board of tax review.

Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Price

- HB1605 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SMALTZ B) Permits the Indiana economic development corporation to award an EDGE+ bonus to taxpayers who are subject to the federal medical device excise tax and create or retain jobs in Indiana. Provides that the EDGE+ bonus law does not apply after the date on which the federal medical device excise tax is repealed or expires under the Internal Revenue Code.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Referred to House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development
- HB1620 PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT FEE (RHOADS R) Establishes an annual property tax replacement fee on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions or property tax credits that reduce the annual property tax liability on the parcel to less than \$100. Provides that the minimum annual amount due in property taxes and the property tax replacement fee per parcel is \$100. Changes from \$25 to \$100 the amount for requiring the payment of property taxes and the property tax replacement fee in one installment. Eliminates the \$5 minimum property tax statement processing fee.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Coauthored by Representative Karickhoff
- SB11 ESTIMATED UTILITY BILLS (STEELE B) Establishes requirements for estimated bills issued by a utility to an Indiana customer for retail: (1) electric; (2) gas; (3) water; or (4) wastewater; utility service.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- SB14 LOCAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CONTRACTS (RANDOLPH L) Local air pollution control agency contracts. Authorizes a county, city, or town to establish or designate an agency to act for the county, city, or town as a local air pollution control agency. Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental management to enter into a contract with a county, city, or town air pollution control agency that is willing to enter into the contract. Provides that a contract between the department and a county, city, or town air pollution control agency must: (1) require the department to advise, cooperate with, and provide technical assistance to the air pollution control agency; (2) authorize the air pollution control agency to undertake air pollution control activities on behalf of the department or in enforcement of ordinances of the county, city, or town; and (3) provide for the payment of fair monetary compensation for the air pollution control activities performed by the air pollution control agency. Requires that the compensation paid to the air pollution control agency be at least sufficient to cover the agency's staffing and operating costs and that the rate of compensation be adjusted each year according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
- SB15 USE OF CONSUMER REPORTS FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES (RANDOLPH L) Use of consumer reports for employment purposes. Prohibits an employer from using a consumer report for employment purposes unless certain conditions apply. Allows a consumer to bring a civil action against an employer for a violation of this provision. Provides that if the attorney general has reason to believe that an employer has violated the provision, the attorney general may bring one or both of the following: (1) An action to enjoin the violation. (2) An action to recover damages sustained by Indiana residents as a result of the violation. Makes it: (1) a Class B infraction for a knowing or intentional violation of the provision; or (2) a Class A infraction if an employer has a prior unrelated judgment for a violation of the provision.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor
- SB19 PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE CLAIM PAYMENT (RANDOLPH L) Property and casualty insurance claim payment. Prohibits an insurer from denying coverage for damage to an insured individual under a property and casualty insurance policy if the damage was caused by the intentional acts of another insured individual and the original insured individual was unaware of the intentional acts.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions
- SB23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY (RANDOLPH L) Economic development incentive accountability. Renames the annual "economic incentives and compliance report" in current law to the "job creation incentives and compliance report" (report). Adds various job and employee definitions to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) laws. Requires an incentive recipient to submit an annual compliance report on the number of jobs created or retained, employee pay, and various other information concerning the use of the incentives, and requires the IEDC to compile this information and include it in the IEDC's annual report. Provides that information submitted in an incentive recipient's annual compliance report and other information maintained by the IEDC is publicly available in accordance with the open records law. Repeals and relocates several definitions without change to maintain alphabetical order.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy

- SB26 COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS (MILLER P) Requires that, beginning January 1, 2016, certain state employee health plans, policies of accident and sickness insurance, and health maintenance organization contracts must cover refills of prescription eye drops under specified conditions. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services).
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB27 RAILROAD OBSTRUCTIONS AT GRADE CROSSINGS (KRUSE D) Imposes civil penalties on railroad corporations for obstructions of grade crossings that exceed 10 minutes. Provides that the civil penalties are in addition to any judgments for infractions.
Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Senators Rogers, and Mrvan added as coauthors
- SB33 WORKER'S COMPENSATION (BOOTS P) Adds an ambulatory outpatient surgical center to the definition of "medical service facility" under the worker's compensation law. Provides that payment for an implant to an ambulatory outpatient surgical center that is not otherwise reimbursed for the implant is equal to 125% of the implant's cost as evidenced by the invoice amount.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB38 APPLICATION OF FOREIGN LAW (STEELE B) Provides that a court may not apply, enforce, or grant comity, res judicata, claim preclusion, or issue preclusion to a foreign law, ruling, or judgment if doing so would violate the fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Indiana. Provides that a provision in a contract or agreement: (1) that provides for the choice of foreign laws in its interpretation; or (2) that provides for the choice of venue or forum; and that would result in a violation of a fundamental liberty, right, or privilege guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Indiana is void and unenforceable. Prohibits a court from granting certain motions if the transfer is likely to affect the constitutional rights of the nonmoving party. Provides that a court may not require or authorize any court to: (1) adjudicate or prohibit a religious organization from adjudicating ecclesiastical matters; or (2) determine or interpret the doctrine of a religious organization.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB41 MINIMUM WAGE (TALLIAN K) Increases the state minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor
- SB42 ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY INCOME TAXES (KRUSE D) Provides that for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, a county imposing a county income tax (rather than the department of state revenue) has the authority and responsibility for the administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax. Requires taxpayers to file county income tax returns with the county treasurer of the county that imposed the tax. Requires taxpayers to pay county income tax to the county treasurer of the county that imposed the tax. Provides that withholdings of county income taxes shall be remitted to the county treasurer of the county that imposed the tax. Repeals provisions related to: (1) the state collection of county income taxes; and (2) the calculation and distribution by the state of certified distributions of county income taxes. Specifies that certain provisions related to the department of state revenue's administration of state taxes also apply to a county administering a county income tax. Provides that on February 1, 2016, and on November 1, 2016, the auditor of state shall transfer to each county 95% of the balance on those dates of county income tax collections held by the state. Specifies that: (1) the balances remaining after making those transfers shall be used by the state to pay any refunds of county taxes for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2016; and (2) on January 1, 2019, any remaining balances shall be transferred to the county. Makes technical corrections.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB44 FAIR PAY IN EMPLOYMENT (BREAUX J) Provides that: (1) it is an unlawful employment practice to pay wages that discriminate based on sex, race, or national origin for the same or equivalent jobs; and (2) the civil rights commission has jurisdiction for investigation and resolution of complaints of these employment actions.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor
- SB52 STATE RESPONSE TO FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES (BUCK J) Establishes the federal natural resource policy account for influencing, litigating, or mitigating federal natural resource policy decisions. Specifies the permitted uses of the account. Requires annual reporting on the use of the account. Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the account.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

- SB55 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTIONS (STEELE B) Permits a patient to bring an action against a health care provider without submitting the complaint to the medical review board if the amount of the claim is not more than \$ 50,000. (Under current law, a patient may bring a direct action only if the amount is not more than \$15,000.)
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB60 GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD (KRUSE D) Provides that, beginning July 1, 2016, any food that is offered for retail sale is misbranded if it is not disclosed that the food is or may have been entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2016, a food that is genetically engineered or a processed food may not state or imply that the food is natural. Establishes exceptions to the disclosure requirements and prohibition on stating a food is natural. Requires the state department of health (state department) to administer and enforce the disclosure and labeling requirements. Allows the state department to adopt rules. Establishes a Class A infraction for violations. Allows the state department or a person to seek an injunction for a violation.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Agriculture
- SB100 HOMELAND SECURITY CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS (BUCK J) Authorizes the executive director of the department of homeland security to issue a cease and desist order when a political subdivision is taking an action that: (1) constitutes a violation of any state or federal statute or local ordinance, any state administrative rule or federal regulation, or any contract provision or condition of the receipt of any form of federal governmental assistance; and (2) creates an immediate risk that the state will lose grant funds under the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) mitigation grant program or that property owners in any part of Indiana will become ineligible to purchase insurance through the federal flood insurance program. Allows the order to be issued on an expedited basis. Provides that the order may be issued against and be binding upon the political subdivision, the executive of the political subdivision, the members of the executive, and a contractor or subcontractor. Provides that the attorney general may enforce the order by bringing an action in circuit or superior court. Provides for the imposition of a monetary penalty against a political subdivision that violates an order, and makes a violation of the order by an executive of a political subdivision or a contractor or subcontractor a Class A infraction.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Representative Beumer added as cosponsor
- SB105 EXPUNGEMENT (STEELE B) Provides that expungement provisions concerning an arrest that does not lead to a conviction also apply to criminal charges or juvenile allegations that do not lead to a conviction. Provides that a person who files for the expungement of an arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile allegation that did not lead to a conviction is not required to pay a filing fee. Specifies that a person who files a petition for expungement may not be required to pay a filing fee. Removes a requirement that bureau of motor vehicles records must be certified.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary
- SB107 IMMUNITY FOR NOT PROHIBITING FIREARMS (STEELE B) Provides that a person who does not prohibit: (1) an individual from possessing a firearm on the person's property; or (2) the person's employees from possessing a firearm while the employees are acting within the scope of their employment; is immune from civil liability with respect to any claim based on the person's failure to adopt such a policy.
Current Status: 1/7/2015 - Senator Tomes added as second author
- SB111 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERPAYMENTS (TALLIAN K) Requires the department of workforce development (department) to waive repayment of unemployment benefit overpayments made: (1) during the pendency of an appeal under which the individual is determined to be ineligible for benefits; or (2) because of an error by the department. Waives liability for repayment of unemployment benefits that were paid after July 1, 2011, to an individual who was not entitled to receive the benefits solely because of changes to the unemployment insurance law made by HEA 1450-2011 (P.L.2-2011).
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor
- SB116 PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS (KRUSE D) Requires a county auditor to pay a property tax refund on February 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the refund is allowed. Requires the county auditor to provide notice to the fiscal officer of each taxing unit that will be affected by a refund that the refund will be paid in the following calendar year. Removes obsolete provisions and gender specific terms from the property tax refund law.
Current Status: 1/21/2015 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 1:30 PM, Rm. 130

- SB118 PROPERTY TAX APPEALS (KRUSE D) Requires the county assessor, with regard to each notice filed of a property tax assessment appeal of commercial or industrial property, to do the following: (1) Make a list of affected taxing units and information about the taxpayer and the property's assessed value. (2) Make the information available for the inspection of the fiscal officer of each of the affected taxing units.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading
- SB125 PROPERTY OR CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE OF INNOCENT COINSURED (CRIDER M) Prohibits certain actions by a property or casualty insurer with respect to an innocent coinsured, including denying payment on a claim and refusing to issue or renew a policy.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 130
- SB133 PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND EMPLOYMENT (RANDOLPH L) Provides that: (1) an individual is not subject to disqualification from eligibility for unemployment benefits because of discharge from the individual's employment due to circumstances directly related to the individual's filing of a petition for a protective order; and (2) an employer may not terminate an employee or discriminate against an employee with respect to compensation, benefits, or terms and conditions of employment based on the filing by the employee of a petition for a protective order, whether or not the order has been issued.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor
- SB140 TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS (RANDOLPH L) Provides a nonrefundable tax credit to a small business for employing an individual who is receiving unemployment benefits or returning from military service (qualified new employee). Provides that the small business must employ a greater number of full-time employees in Indiana in the taxable year than the small business employed in Indiana, on average, in the small business's base employment period (generally January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014). Provides that the employee must be hired full time. Provides that the credit applies only to taxable years beginning in 2015 through 2017. Provides that the credit is \$3,000 per qualified new employee, not to exceed \$100,000 per small business. Provides that the small business may carry any excess credit over to not more than three subsequent taxable years. Provides that the small business forfeits 50% of the amount of the tax credits attributable to the employment of a qualified new employee, if within 18 months after the qualified new employee was initially hired: (1) the qualified new employee is terminated, laid off, or otherwise reclassified to a position that is not a full-time employment position with the small business; or (2) the position created for the qualified new employee is eliminated.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB162 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY (MRVAN F) Adds various job and employee definitions to the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) laws. Requires that all records related to taxpayer funded economic development incentives must be disclosed under the open records law. Requires that the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report must be published on the Indiana transparency portal Internet web site. Requires the IEDC and the department of state revenue to compile information on all job creation incentives granted, including the total amount of uncollected or diverted state tax revenues resulting from each incentive, and requires that this information must be included as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires the IEDC to recapture job creation incentives from a recipient that: (1) fails to make the level of capital investment; (2) fails to create or retain the promised number of jobs; or (3) pays less in wages; than specified in an incentive agreement. Requires the IEDC to compile information on all recapture activities and incentives recouped from unfulfilled commitments and to include the information as part of the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Requires incentive recipients to prepare an annual compliance report on the number of jobs created or retained, employee pay, and various other information concerning the use of the incentives, and requires the IEDC to compile this information and include it in the IEDC's annual job creation incentives and compliance report. Repeals and replaces the definition of "job creation incentive" without change to maintain alphabetical order.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB163 IMPROPER WORKER CLASSIFICATION (MRVAN F) Authorizes the department of state revenue, the department of labor, the worker's compensation board, and the department of workforce development to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of records and to question witnesses under oath when conducting an investigation of any suspected improper worker classification by a construction contractor. Allows the worker's compensation board to issue a stop work order as an additional remedy against an employer that does not have the required insurance and has not furnished satisfactory proof of self-insurance. Provides that service of a stop work order on a work site is effective as to the employer's operations on that work site, and that service of a stop work order on an employer is effective as to all of the employer's work sites where the

employer has not complied with the insurance or self-insurance requirements. Provides a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day an employer violates a stop work order.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor

- SB172 UNIFORM VOIDABLE TRANSACTIONS ACT (BRAY R) Enacts the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, governing the ability of a creditor to nullify certain transfers made by a debtor.
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Senate Civil Law, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 1:30 PM, 431
- SB177 WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS (MERRITT J) For public utilities providing water or wastewater service, provides that the utility regulatory commission (IURC) may not approve a public utility's petition to allow the adjustment of the public utility's basic rates and charges to provide for recovery of infrastructure improvement costs to the extent that approving the petition would produce total adjustment revenues exceeding 10% (versus 5% under current law) of the public utility's base revenue level approved by the IURC in the public utility's most recent general rate proceeding. Specifies the applicability of this amendment to a public utility that has an adjustment amount in effect at the time of enactment of this amendment. Makes a technical change.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
- SB178 NUCLEAR ENERGY PROJECTS (MERRITT J) Provides that projects involving the construction of nuclear energy production or generating facilities qualify for the financial incentives available for clean energy projects. (Current law provides that only projects involving the life cycle management of such facilities qualify for the incentives.) For purposes of the statute governing the incentives, amends the definition of: (1) "nuclear energy production or generating facility" to include a facility constructed in Indiana after June 30, 2015; and (2) "qualified utility system expenses" to specify that the term includes preconstruction costs and applies to a new energy production or generating facility or a new nuclear energy production or generating facility.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- SB181 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERPAYMENTS (LANANE T) Requires the department of workforce development to waive repayment of unemployment benefit overpayments made because of an error by the department.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor
- SB198 REPEAL COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE STATUTE (YODER C) Repeals the common construction wage statute. Repeals related statutes superseded by the repeal of the common construction wage statute. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor
- SB206 NONCONTRACTED PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL COVERAGE (LEISING J) Provides for referral of an insured to a pediatric hospital that has not entered into a participating provider agreement with an insurer. Specifies requirements for applicability and payment. Makes a conforming amendment.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Health and Provider Services
- SB207 AGGREGATE PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (MILLER P) Exempts the purchase of prescription drugs dispensed from an onsite clinic from inclusion in the program for aggregate purchasing of prescription drugs by the state personnel department and state educational institutions.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB241 COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL (SMITH J) Replaces the county income tax council with the county council, or city-county council in the case of Marion County, for purposes of the county option income tax, the county economic development income tax, the county motor vehicle excise surtax, and the county wheel tax.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB242 MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE FRAUD (YOUNG R) Defines "nonqualified individual" as a person who is not eligible to receive a Social Security number or federal identification number. Provides that a nonqualified individual who establishes a business entity for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of title for a vehicle commits title application fraud, a Level 6 felony. Specifies that a person who establishes a business entity for the purpose of obtaining a federal identification number to enable a nonqualified individual to obtain a certificate of title commits assisting title application fraud, a Level 6 felony.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Corrections & Criminal Law

- SB244 LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD PROGRAM (BREAUX J) Requires the state department of health to seek authorization from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer and enforce, in Indiana, the EPA's program to address lead-based paint hazards created by renovation, repair, and painting activities that disturb lead-based paint in certain housing structures and facilities.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
- SB246 PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (LEISING J) Makes the following changes to the statute concerning voluntary pipeline construction guidelines for pipeline companies proposing to construct an interstate pipeline in Indiana: (1) Specifies that certain duties in administering the statute are the responsibility of the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) instead of the IURC's pipeline safety division. (2) Requires pipeline companies to notify the IURC within a specified time before proposing to construct a pipeline in Indiana. (3) Requires the pipeline's notice to the IURC to include the proposed route of the pipeline and the designation of at least one project coordinator who will communicate with the IURC about the proposed project. (4) Sets forth the duties of a pipeline company's project coordinator. Amends applicable eminent domain statutes to provide that a pipeline company may not appropriate and condemn lands or easements in lands until the company complies with the statute concerning voluntary pipeline construction guidelines.
Current Status: 1/6/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- SB258 TAX DEDUCTION FOR OHIO RIVER BRIDGE TOLLS (GROOMS R) Provides an income tax deduction to qualified individuals who pay tolls to cross certain Ohio River bridges. Provides that a qualified individual is an individual who resides in Clark County or Floyd County and incurs at least \$100 in non-reimbursed toll expenses to cross the Ohio River bridges in Clark County or Floyd County. Provides that the amount of the tax deduction may not exceed the lesser of: (1) the amount of non-reimbursed tolls paid by the qualified individual during the taxable year; or (2) \$500.
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Senator Smith added as second author
- SB260 SMALL EMPLOYER WELLNESS PROGRAM TAX CREDITS (GROOMS R) Extends the income tax credit for small employers that provide a qualified wellness program for their employees. Provides that the credit may be claimed for costs incurred in 2012 through 2015. (Current law provides that costs incurred after 2011 are not eligible for the credit.) Allows the credit to be carried forward through 2019.
Current Status: 1/7/2015 - Referred to Family & Children Services
- SB284 MEDICAL MARIJUANA (TALLIAN K) Establishes a medical marijuana program and permits caregivers and patients who have received a physician recommendation to possess a certain quantity of marijuana for treatment. Creates the department of marijuana enforcement (DOME) to oversee the program, and creates the DOME advisory committee to review the effectiveness of the program and to consider recommendations from DOME. Authorizes DOME to grant research licenses to research facilities with a physical presence in Indiana. Repeals the controlled substance excise tax and the marijuana eradication program. Makes conforming amendments.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Health and Provider Services
- SB287 EXPUNGEMENT (YOUNG R) Provides that expungement provisions concerning an arrest that does not lead to a conviction also apply to criminal charges or juvenile delinquency allegations that do not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication. Provides that a person who files for the expungement of an arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation that did not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication is not required to pay a filing fee. Specifies that a person who files a petition for expungement is not required to pay a filing fee. Removes a requirement that the petitioner submit bureau of motor vehicles records. Requires that additional identifying information must be included in a petition for expungement and order granting an expungement. Specifies the procedure for expunging pre-1977 convictions. Specifies that the restoration of civil rights due to expunging a conviction does not affect the right to possess a firearm under federal law.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Senate Corrections & Criminal Law
- SB290 EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (GLICK S) Provides that materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are schedule III controlled substances that may be dispensed only by prescription. Repeals: (1) the law allowing the dispensing of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine without a prescription subject to certain restrictions; and (2) provisions related to that law.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Senate Corrections & Criminal Law

- SB294 LEGEND DRUG INVESTIGATIONS (MILLER P) Provides that certain laws concerning obtaining a legend drug or the validity of a prescription or drug order do not apply to actions of a person, practitioner, or pharmaceutical manufacturer performed in an investigation of a pharmaceutical manufacturer's legend drug that is suspected of being counterfeited, adulterated, or misbranded. Prohibits a person from owning or operating a store, facility, or other place of business in Indiana where: (1) prescriptions are accepted to be filled; or (2) prescription drugs or devices are ordered, offered or advertised for sale, or paid for; unless the person has a pharmacy permit. Excludes mail order and Internet based pharmacies to the extent that they are allowed to operate under state law.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Health and Provider Services
- SB295 DEDUCTION FOR SMALL BUSINESS INVESTOR INCOME (BUCK J) Provides an individual income tax deduction for small business investor income received from Indiana small businesses. Specifies that the amount of the deduction is equal to 50% of the total amount of small business investor income received in the taxable year by the individual, but not to exceed \$62,500 (in the case of an individual who files a single return) or \$125,000 (in the case of spouses who file a joint return). Provides that an individual may receive such a deduction for small business investor income from a particular Indiana small business for not more than 10 years.
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB303 LARGE SCALE DISCHARGES INTO STATE WATERS (NIEMEYER R) Makes it a Class C infraction for a person to discharge more than 20 million gallons of water per day into any waters of the state without the approval of the director of the department of natural resources.
Current Status: 1/7/2015 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs
- SB309 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS (CRIDER M) Provides that after May 12, 2015, a municipality that: (1) owns and operates an electric utility; and (2) annexes an area beyond the assigned service area of its municipally owned electric utility; may not petition the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to change the assigned service area of the municipally owned electric utility to include the annexed area according to certain procedures permitted under current law. Provides that the prohibition does not affect a petition that is: (1) filed with the IURC before May 13, 2015, according to the procedures permitted under current law; and (2) pending before the commission on May 13, 2015.
Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Senators Ford, and Yoder added as coauthors
- SB311 RECOVERY OF REMEDIAL ACTION OVERSIGHT COSTS (CHARBONNEAU E) Amends the definitions of the terms "remedial action", "removal", and "response" to provide that those definitions apply to the law concerning releases of petroleum. Provides that an agreement that the commissioner of the department of environmental management enters into with a potentially responsible person concerning removal and remedial action at a contaminated site may allow the commissioner to obtain reimbursement of oversight costs incurred by the department in reviewing the removal and remedial action undertaken by the potentially responsible person.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Representative Wolkins added as cosponsor
- SB312 TANK REGISTRATION AND WATER THREAT MINIMIZATION (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires the owner of an above ground storage tank that has a capacity of at least 200 gallons and that is used to contain any liquid other than drinking water or residential heating fuel to register the tank with the department of environmental management (department). Requires the person responsible for the operation of a public water system that uses surface water as a source of drinking water to develop and maintain a surface water threat minimization and response plan. Specifies certain contents that a surface water threat minimization and response plan must include and requires that the plan be submitted to and approved by the commissioner of the department. Provides for the adoption of rules by the environmental rules board.
Current Status: 1/13/2015 - Senator Stoops added as coauthor
- SB319 DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES (HEAD R) Requires the department of state revenue to track the amount of county income tax that is received from employers for county taxpayers through withholding for which an income tax return has not been filed. Provides for distributions to counties of income tax withholdings received that are not associated with an individual income tax return by the deadline for claiming a refund (two years).
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB332 WAGE ASSIGNMENTS (BOOTS P) Allows a wage assignment for the purchase price of goods and food offered by an employer and sold to the employee for the employee's benefit, use, or consumption.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

- SB348 ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES (YODER C) Imposes an annual fee on advanced technology vehicles. Deposits the fees in the motor vehicle highway account.
Current Status: 1/27/2015 - Senate Homeland Security & Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:00 AM, Rm. 233
- SB360 IURC APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS (MESSMER M) Requires the Indiana finance authority (authority) to submit the following to the utility regulatory commission (commission) for approval: (1) A contract for the purchase of substitute natural gas (purchase contract). (2) An amendment to a purchase contract. (Current law requires the authority to submit the following to the commission for approval: (1) A purchase contract submitted before January 1, 2012, for approval and amendments. (2) A purchase contract entered into after December 31, 2012. (3) Amendments made at any time to any purchase contract. (4) Any other agreements between the authority and a producer of substitute natural gas.)
Current Status: 1/8/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- SB365 ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS (WALTZ B) Defines "electronic document" and provides that an electronic document may be searched, seized, or intercepted only if it is particularly described in a warrant.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Senator Bray removed as second author
- SB366 INSURANCE AND FIREARMS (WALTZ B) Prohibits a personal lines property or casualty insurer from taking certain actions in connection with the ownership, possession, or use of a firearm by an insurance applicant, insured, or household member.
Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 130
- SB372 STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR HOMESTEADS (MILLER P) Provides that after December 31, 2015, if more than one individual or entity qualifies property as a homestead for an assessment date, only one standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead may be applied for the assessment date.
Current Status: 1/27/2015 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 431
- SB374 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT DATE TRAILER (HEAD R) Corrects references to the property tax assessment date to make the law consistent with the change of the assessment date from March 1 to January 1. Makes corresponding changes in certain filing dates.
Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Third Reading
- SB376 LAND RECLASSIFICATION (DELPH M) Provides that if a taxpayer's land is classified as agricultural land at the time of the taxpayer's acquisition of the land, the land is presumed to be agricultural land as long as the taxpayer uses the land in the same manner as the person from whom the taxpayer acquired the land. Provides that agricultural land may not be reclassified as excess residential land without notice and, upon the request of a taxpayer, provides a hearing before the county property tax assessment board of appeals.
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- SB378 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS (STOOPS M) Requires an electricity supplier to supply a certain percentage of its total electricity supply from renewable energy resources. Establishes the renewable energy resources fund to receive penalties paid by electricity suppliers that fail to supply electricity from renewable energy resources. Continuously appropriates money in the fund. Requires the utility regulatory commission to adopt guidelines to assist electricity suppliers that participated in the CEPS program in complying with the new renewable energy standards. Repeals IC 8-1-37 (voluntary clean energy portfolio standard (CEPS) program).
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- SB382 STATEWIDE 911 SYSTEM (HERSHMAN B) Repeals a provision that: (1) required the budget committee to conduct a review of the statewide 911 system for years 2013 and 2014; and (2) provided for the July 1, 2015, expiration of the statewide 911 fee if the budget committee did not recommend continuation of the fee.
Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB387 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PTABOAS (HERSHMAN B) Provides that a taxpayer waives the right to obtain a review of a county property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) action or decision concerning the taxpayer's notice for review, if the taxpayer or taxpayer's representative fails to appear at the PTABOA hearing on the notice for review. Requires each PTABOA to submit an annual report of the notices for review filed with the PTABOA in the preceding year. Requires that the report must include the following: (1) The total

number of notices for review filed with the PTABOA. (2) The number of notices for review that were resolved by a preliminary informal meeting. (3) The number of notices for review in which a hearing was conducted by the PTABOA. (4) The number of written decisions issued by the PTABOA. (5) The number of decisions pending with the PTABOA. Requires that the report must be submitted to the department of local government finance, the Indiana board of tax review, and the legislative services agency.

Current Status: 1/27/2015 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 431

SB405 ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND (LEISING J) Provides that the soil productivity factors used for the March 1, 2011, assessment of agricultural land must be used for assessment dates occurring after March 1, 2014. Specifies the manner in which the department of local government finance (DLGF) shall adopt rules to provide a method for determining the true tax value of agricultural land. Provides that the method in effect for the 2014 assessment date must be used until superseded by a method provided in rules adopted by the DLGF. Provides that the rules do not apply to a particular assessment date unless the rules take effect at least 120 days before that assessment date. Requires 180 days notice and allows a hearing before the county property tax assessment board of appeals before removing a parcel from the agricultural land assessment method. Provides that if the assessing official proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the parcel is not eligible for assessment as agricultural land, the property tax assessment board of appeals shall approve the removal of the parcel from the agricultural land assessment method. Provides that for purposes of the 2015 assessment date, the statewide agricultural land base rate value per acre used to determine the value of agricultural land is \$2,050.

Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Senator Raatz added as third author

SB412 DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT (MERRITT J) Requires a public utility to submit an integrated resource plan to the utility regulatory commission (IURC). Requires certain electric utilities to submit an energy efficiency plan to the IURC at least one time every three years. Provides that the IURC may allow an electric utility to recover certain energy efficiency program costs through a periodic rate adjustment mechanism. Provides that the IURC may not require a third party administrator to implement an energy efficiency program or plan.

Current Status: 1/22/2015 - Senate Utilities, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 233

SB413 DISCLOSURES OF SECURITY BREACHES (MERRITT J) Makes the following changes to the statute concerning the breach of the security of data that includes the personal information of Indiana residents and that is collected and maintained by a person other than a state agency or the judicial or legislative department of state government: (1) Specifies that the statute is not limited to breaches of computerized data. (2) Repeals the definition of a term ("doing business in Indiana") that is not used in the statute. (3) Replaces the term "data base owner" with "data owner". (4) Defines the term "data collector" as a person that: (A) is not a data owner; and (B) collects, maintains, disseminates, or handles data that includes personal information. (5) Defines the term "data user" as a data owner or a data collector. (6) Requires a data user to post certain information concerning the data user's privacy practices on the data user's Internet web site. (7) Increases the amount of the civil penalty that a court may impose in an action by the attorney general to enforce the provisions concerning the safeguarding of data if the court finds that a violation: (A) was done knowingly; or (B) contributed to a breach of the security of data that includes the personal information of Indiana residents. (8) Sets forth certain information that a data owner must include in a disclosure of a security breach. (9) Specifies the applicability of different enforcement procedures available to the attorney general under the statute.

Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Senator Ford added as second author

SB416 EMPLOYEE'S RIGHT TO SCHEDULED EMPLOYMENT (TALLIAN K) Requires an employer to post a schedule of hours and days to be worked by certain employees not less than seven days prior to the first day that the employee is scheduled to work during that pay period. Requires an employer to pay an employee for not less than 1/2 of the unworked hours, as scheduled, if: (1) the employee is sent home or released from employment early on a scheduled day of employment; or (2) a scheduled shift of employment is terminated. Provides that an employer that fails to post a schedule or pay an employee for the unworked hours is liable to the employee for the amount of the unpaid wages and for an equal additional amount as liquidated damages.

Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor

SB417 INDIANA HEALTH EXCHANGE (TALLIAN K) Establishes the Indiana health exchange. Requires the commissioner of the department of insurance to design, implement, and administer the Indiana health exchange in accordance with federal law. Specifies certain exchange related requirements, including financial requirements and health plan certification requirements.

Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Appropriations

- SB423 PROPERTY TAX ISSUES (KENLEY L) Provides that a multiple county property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA) is created in each Indiana congressional district that includes a county with a population of 75,000 or less. Retains a PTABOA in each county with a population of more than 75,000. Provides that a multiple county PTABOA consists of three members appointed by the governor, not more than two of whom may be from the same political party. Requires the governor to set the compensation of the members of a multiple county PTABOA. Provides that the members of a multiple county PTABOA are paid by the state. Requires the auditor's office for the county with the greatest population in a multiple county PTABOA to provide administrative support to the board. Provides that the county council of each county within a multiple county PTABOA may submit recommendations to the governor for appointments to the board. Provides that, following a petition for review contesting the assessed value of tangible property, a taxpayer and a township or county official may enter into an agreement in which both parties agree to stipulate to the assessed value of the tangible property as determined by an independent appraisal. Provides certain provisions that must be included in an agreement, including provisions for selecting an independent appraiser. Requires a PTABOA, upon receipt of an agreement of the parties and an independent appraisal, to enter a stipulated determination of the assessed value of the tangible property in dispute equal to the value as determined by the independent appraisal. Provides that a PTABOA's entry of a stipulated determination may be appealed directly to the Indiana tax court, and not the Indiana board of tax appeals. Requires each PTABOA to submit an annual report of the notices for review filed with the PTABOA in the preceding year. Requires that the report must include the following: (1) The total number of notices for review filed with the PTABOA. (2) The notices for review that were resolved by a preliminary informal meeting. (3) The notices for review in which a hearing was conducted by the PTABOA. (4) The number of written decisions issued by the PTABOA. (5) The number of notices of review pending with the PTABOA. Requires that the report must be submitted to the department of local government finance, the Indiana board of tax review, and the legislative services agency. Requires the Indiana judicial center to review the workload and backlog of cases in the Indiana tax court for calendar year 2016 and submit a report of the center's findings, analysis, and recommendations (if recommendations are made) to the legislative council before December 1, 2016. Makes conforming amendments.
- Current Status:* 1/27/2015 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 431
- SB426 COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR QUALIFICATIONS (HOUCHIN E) Removes assessor-appraiser certification requirements for candidates for the office of county assessor from the election law. Repeals similar requirements in the election law for township assessors. Provides that to be eligible to serve as a county assessor or township assessor, a person must have attained the certification of a level two assessor-appraiser under IC 6-1.1-35.5 before taking office. Provides that a county assessor or township assessor must attain the certification of a level three assessor-appraiser not more than one year after taking office. Specifies that after June 30, 2016, an employee of the county assessor or township assessor who performs real property assessing duties must have attained the certification of a level three assessor-appraiser. Specifies that after June 30, 2016, the county or township fiscal body shall authorize the employment of at least one deputy or employee who has attained certification of a level three assessor-appraiser if the county assessor or township assessor has not attained the level three certification.
- Current Status:* 1/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Local Government
- SB427 DISTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INCOME TAX REVENUE (NIEMEYER R) Provides for mandatory distributions of public safety local option income tax (LOIT) revenue to the eligible civil taxing units of an adopting county, which includes the adopting county, the cities and towns of the adopting county, and other civil taxing units of the adopting county that provide fire protection or emergency medical services. Eliminates an obsolete petition procedure in current law that applies to fire departments, volunteer fire departments, and emergency medical services providers in unincorporated areas of an adopting county that seek a discretionary distribution of public safety LOIT revenue.
- Current Status:* 1/12/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB428 SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY LEVY; LAKE COUNTY (NIEMEYER R) Provides that the supplemental county property tax levy in Lake County that is distributed to school corporations in Lake County expires on July 1, 2018. Provides that a school corporation that receives a share of the supplemental county property tax levy in Lake County may not use the money for debt service or to pay for a capital project.
- Current Status:* 1/12/2015 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- SB432 DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES BASED ON TAX LEVIES (NIEMEYER R) Provides that after 2015 if a distribution of excise taxes or local option income taxes to a taxing unit is based on the amount of a taxing unit's property tax levy, the calculation of the distribution is to be based on the amount of the taxing unit's property tax levy after subtracting any circuit breaker property tax credits that are provided to taxpayers of the taxing unit for property located in the taxing unit.

SB436 STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION (HERSHMAN B) Provides that if a taxpayer has personal property subject to assessment in more than one township in a county or has personal property that is subject to assessment and that is located in two or more taxing districts within the same township, the taxpayer shall file a single tax return with the county assessor. Provides a property tax exemption for taxpayers with less than \$20,000 of total business personal property in a county. Removes the requirement in current law that such an exemption is effective in a county only if adopted by the county income tax council. Provides that the 30% valuation floor does not apply to Pool 3 equipment and Pool 4 equipment for property tax assessment purposes. Specifies that the minimum valuation of Pool 3 equipment in a single taxing district is 25% of the adjusted cost of all the taxpayer's Pool 3 equipment in the taxing district. Specifies that the minimum valuation of Pool 4 equipment in a single taxing district is 15% of the adjusted cost of all the taxpayer's Pool 4 equipment in the taxing district. Provides that the soil productivity factors used for the March 1, 2011, assessment of agricultural land must be used for the March 1, 2015, assessment date. Specifies that new soil productivity factors shall be used for assessment dates occurring after March 1, 2015. Provides that for purposes of the March 1, 2015, assessment date, the statewide agricultural land base rate value per acre used to determine the value of agricultural land is \$2,050 per acre (the base rate used for the 2014 assessment date). Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the issue of alternative means of agricultural land assessment. Specifies that for purposes of property tax assessment, certain land is considered to be devoted to agricultural use. Removes the provision specifying that the statute governing the assessment of agricultural land does not apply to land purchased for residential uses. Provides that on the form forwarded by the assessor to the county auditor and the property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) after a preliminary informal meeting with a taxpayer, the assessor must attest that the assessor described to the taxpayer the taxpayer's right to a review of the issues by the county board and the taxpayer's right to appeal to the Indiana board of tax review and to the Indiana tax court. Specifies that in the case of a change occurring after February 28, 2015, in the classification of real property, the assessor has the burden of proving that the change is correct in any review or appeal heard by the county board and in any appeals taken to the Indiana board of tax review or to the Indiana tax court. Increases the maximum amount of tax increment that may be captured by a certified technology park, in the case of a certified technology park that is operating jointly by multiple redevelopment commissions. Does the following in the case of a certified technology park that is operating jointly by multiple redevelopment commissions: (1) Increases the total maximum amount of tax increment that may be captured by the certified technology park. (2) Authorizes a party to the agreement to allocate a part of the maximum amount that may be deposited in the party's incremental tax financing fund to one or more other parties to the agreement.

Current Status: 1/12/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy

SB438 STATE AND LOCAL TAX ISSUES (HERSHMAN B) Codifies the attorney-client and deliberative process privileges. Specifies that the definition of "storage" for purposes of the use tax does not include temporary storage of property for not more than 60 days for the purpose of the subsequent use of the property solely outside Indiana. Removes the 36 month rolling time limit on filing refund claims for utility purchases exempt from sales and use tax. Amends the sales tax exemption for medical equipment, supplies, and devices to: (1) restate the application of the sales tax exemption for medical equipment, supplies, and devices; and (2) provide a sales tax exemption for food, food ingredients, and dietary supplements that are sold by a licensed practitioner or pharmacist. Amends the sales tax exemption for drugs, insulin, oxygen, blood, or blood plasma to restate the application of the sales tax exemption. Repeals the sales tax exemption for food and food ingredients prescribed as medically necessary by a physician. Amends the definition of "research and development activities" for purposes of the sales tax exemption for research and development equipment and property. Eliminates the double direct test currently applied in the sales tax exemption for recycling machinery, tools, and equipment. Provides guidance on when a retail merchant's certificate may be revoked. Establishes standards governing the date by which a taxpayer must notify the department of state revenue of a modification of a taxpayer's federal income tax return or tax liability for a taxable year. Requires an employer to file annual withholding tax reports (Form WH-3) not later than 31 days after the end of the calendar year. Removes the two-year time limitation for refund of employment tax withholdings. Provides that "base amount" and "qualified research expense" for purposes of the state research expense credit have the same meaning as those terms are defined under the Internal Revenue Code. Specifies that the federal research and development credit used for purposes of calculation of the Indiana research expense credit is the same as the federal research and development credit allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. Specifies that federal earned income tax credit used for purposes of calculating the Indiana earned income tax credit is the same as the federal earned income tax credit allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. Removes outdated references to earned income tax advance payments. Amends the special fuel tax law to specify that the tax applies to biodiesel produced at a biodiesel manufacturing plant located in Indiana. Defines "biodiesel manufacturing plant" as a facility or operation located in Indiana that manufactures or produces biodiesel. Eliminates the ability to purchase cigarette tax stamps using a letter of credit. Permits the department of state revenue to deny an application for a motor carrier in certain situations. Provides that, if a person is allowed an extension of time by the Internal Revenue Service to file a federal income tax return, the corresponding due

dates for the person's Indiana income tax returns are automatically extended for the same period as the federal extension. Provides that a tax judgment may be released and a tax warrant expunged if the commissioner of the department of state revenue determines that the release of the tax judgment and the expungement of the tax warrant are in the best interest of the state. Aligns the administrative procedures for protesting refund denials and proposed assessments. Provides that the interest required to be paid on an overpayment of tax begins to accrue: (1) on the date the tax was due; or (2) the date the tax was paid; whichever is later. Provides that the interest rate that applies to an excess tax payment is the same as the interest rate established by the commissioner of the department of state revenue for failure to file a return. Provides that, in the case of a refund claim exceeding \$10,000, the interest rate that applies to an excess tax payment is the same as the interest rate as computed on the return of state investments. Provides that fees paid for the registration of commercial motor vehicles and collected by the department of state revenue must be deposited in the motor carrier regulation fund. Amends the definition of "captive insurer" for insurance regulation and taxation purposes. Provides that the department of state revenue may charge a fee to a vehicle owner for collecting the wheel tax. Specifies that the fees collected must be deposited in the motor carrier regulation fund. Changes the tax court's standard of review of department of state revenue decisions. Makes technical corrections and conforming amendments.

Current Status: 1/27/2015 - Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 431

- SB440 ASSESSED VALUE GROWTH QUOTIENT FOR TAX PURPOSES (HERSHMAN B) Provides that a county based assessed value growth quotient may be determined for each civil taxing unit. Provides that the assessed value growth quotient for a civil taxing unit is the lesser of: (1) the quotient determined using a six year average of statewide income growth (as current law provides); or (2) the quotient determined using a six year average of assessed value growth in the county in which the particular civil taxing unit is located. Makes conforming changes.
- Current Status:** 1/12/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB441 ELIMINATES CERTAIN TAX DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS (HERSHMAN B) Eliminates the World War I veteran property tax deduction for property taxes imposed for an assessment date after 2015. Eliminates the enterprise zone investment deduction for qualified investments made after May 1, 2016. Eliminates the double direct test for the gross retail tax exemption for various transactions involving various types of tangible personal property. Specifies that the exemption applies if the tangible personal property is acquired for direct use or consumption in the production of tangible personal property when the person acquiring the property is occupationally engaged in the business of producing tangible personal property. Eliminates various add backs for purposes of determining Indiana adjusted gross income. Provides that business income is all income apportionable to the state under the Constitution of the United States. Eliminates various income tax deductions and exemptions. Broadens the add back to Indiana adjusted gross income related to intercompany interest expenses. Eliminates various income tax credits. Provides for a tax amnesty program. Makes technical corrections and conforming amendments.
- Current Status:** 1/12/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB445 EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (STEELE B) Provides that materials, compounds, mixtures, or preparations that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are schedule IV controlled substances that may be dispensed only by prescription, except for a product that is determined by the Indiana board of pharmacy to be an extraction resistant or conversion resistant form of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. Requires the superintendent of the state police to submit a report by July 1, 2017, regarding the impact of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine as a schedule IV controlled substance. Provides that this bill is effective from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2018.
- Current Status:** 1/15/2015 - Senator Head added as third author
- SB456 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (BOOTS P) Provides that any part of an unemployment insurance surcharge not used to pay interest on the advances made to the state from the federal unemployment trust fund must be credited against the total amount of benefits charged to the state's unemployment insurance trust fund before determining each employer's share of those benefits. Removes language that requires the extra surcharge amount be credited to each employer's experience account in proportion to the amount of the surcharge the employer paid. Removes language establishing certain limitation periods for the repayment of unemployment benefit overpayments. Repeals a provision allowing an extended repayment period for benefit overpayments in certain circumstances. Requires as a condition precedent to the payment of benefits in a year immediately following a year in which benefits were paid or following a period of disqualification for failure to apply for or accept suitable work that an individual: (1) perform insured work; (2) earn remuneration in employment in at least each of eight weeks; and (3) earn remuneration at least equal to the product of the individual's weekly benefit amount multiplied by eight. Provides that, if an employer does not have a rule regarding attendance, an individual's unsatisfactory attendance is just cause for discharge, if good cause for the absences or tardiness is not

established. (Currently, the individual must show good cause for the absences or tardiness.) Establishes that a crime committed using the Internet or another computer network may be prosecuted in any county: (1) from which or to which access to the Internet or another computer network was made; or (2) in which a computer, computer data, computer software, or computer network used to access the Internet or another computer network is located.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor

SB461 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MATTERS (MILLER P) Specifies that hospital discharge information filed with the state department of health (state department) is confidential except under specified circumstances. Further specifies the circumstances for the review of the death of a child by a local child fatality review team. Allows a local child fatality review team to review the near fatality or serious injury of a child. Adds hepatitis A to the list of school children immunizations. Requires the state department, before November 30 of each year, to publish a two year immunization calendar. Provides information to parents of grade 6 students concerning the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. (Current language provides this information only to parents of female grade 6 students.) Requires the state department to provide the department of education with immunization materials and requires the materials to be distributed to students' parents and guardians. Requires a health care provider who administers an immunization to enter the information into the state immunization registry. Requires a school corporation to ensure that immunization information is complete in the state immunization registry not later than the first Friday in February. Specifies that onsite sewage systems of private homes built by the individual are required to comply with state laws and rules.

Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB462 ADVERTISING BY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS (MILLER P) Specifies certain information to be included beginning January 1, 2016, in health care advertisements by a health care practitioner. Sets forth requirements that must be met in order for a physician to use the term "board certified".

Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Bills on Second Reading

SB467 ADMISSIBILITY OF APPRAISAL REPORTS (SCHNEIDER S) Provides that the Indiana board of tax review shall admit into evidence an appraisal report prepared by an appraiser, unless the appraisal report is ruled inadmissible on grounds other than hearsay.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy

SB468 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT (SCHNEIDER S) Provides that an assessor has the burden of proving that an increase in an assessment is correct, in any review or appeal before the county property tax assessment board of appeals and in any appeals taken to the Indiana board of tax review, the Indiana tax court, or the Indiana supreme court, regardless of the amount of the increase in the assessed value of the property. (Current law provides that the assessor has this burden of proof if the assessment increases by more than 5% over the assessment for the prior year.) Provides that an assessor who changes the classification of real property for assessment purposes has the burden of proving that the new classification is correct in any review or appeal before the county property tax assessment board of appeals and in any appeals taken to the Indiana board of tax review, the Indiana tax court, or the Indiana supreme court. Specifies that in any review or appeal before the county property tax assessment board of appeals and in any appeals taken to the Indiana board of tax review, the Indiana tax court, or the Indiana supreme court, a county assessor or township assessor may not contract with or otherwise use an appraiser or other contractor to evaluate the disputed assessment or make a recommendation or determination concerning the disputed assessment, unless the taxpayer bringing the review has also contracted with or is otherwise using an independent appraiser or other contractor for such a purpose.

Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy

SB473 VOLUNTARY MONITORING OF WATER RESOURCES (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires the department of natural resources (department) to establish a program under which volunteers may monitor the water resource (which, as defined in IC 14-25-7, includes both ground water and surface water) and provide monitoring data to the natural resources commission and the department. Provides that the department shall: (1) train the volunteers participating in the program in the proper collection and transmission of data; (2) determine the location and ensure the adequacy of the monitoring wells used in the program; and (3) conduct water resource monitoring independent of the program to verify the quality of the data derived from the program. Requires the department, in selecting the areas in which volunteers will monitor the water resource through the program, to give priority to areas in which temporary failures of nonsignificant ground water withdrawal facilities have been confirmed and areas in which the potential exists for ground water withdrawals to exceed the natural replenishment of the aquifer.

Current Status: 1/26/2015 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:00 AM, Rm. 233

- SB474 ANALYSIS OF WATER UTILITY PLANNING AND NEEDS (CHARBONNEAU E) Requires the Indiana finance authority (authority) to prepare an analysis of the planning and long range needs of: (1) the water utilities serving the 15 most populous cities in Indiana; and (2) five other water utilities selected by the authority from among the water utilities having less than \$500,000 in annual gross revenue. Authorizes the authority to contract with professionals or with a state educational institution for the performance of some or all of the authority's duties relating to the analysis. Requires the authority to complete the analysis and submit it to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2015. For calendar year 2015, relieves the utility regulatory commission of the duty to submit an annual report concerning water utilities to the legislative council and the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications.
- Current Status:** 1/26/2015 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:00 AM, Rm. 233
- SB479 EVALUATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (BROWN L) Requires the environmental rules board (board) to adopt rules establishing objective criteria for the evaluation of solid waste management districts and to set quantitative standards by which the numerical score of a district for each criterion may be determined to be "acceptable" or "unacceptable". Allows the board, by placing districts into separate categories for purposes of evaluation, to adjust for factors favoring or inhibiting success in promoting recycling, such as the population and population density of a district, the relative cost of disposing of solid waste in a district, and the distance from a district to establishments that purchase recycled materials. Requires the board to set an overall quantitative standard and to give each district an overall assessment of "acceptable" or "unacceptable" based on the district's numerical scores for all objective criteria. Provides that: (1) if a single county solid waste management district receives one overall assessment of "unacceptable", the board of the district may propose to the county council that the district be dissolved; (2) if a single county solid waste management district receives two consecutive overall assessments of "unacceptable", the county council may dissolve the district; and (3) if a joint solid waste management district receives one overall assessment of "unacceptable", the county council of any county that is a member of the joint district may elect to withdraw from the district. Allows a county, after dissolving its single county solid waste management district or withdrawing from a joint solid waste management district, to no longer be designated as a single county solid waste management district or be a member of a joint solid waste management district.
- Current Status:** 2/2/2015 - Senate Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:00 AM, Rm. 233
- SB487 BUSINESS AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS (GLICK S) Makes changes to business and other association laws concerning the following: (1) Filing fees for agricultural cooperative associations. (2) Requirements regarding filings and fees for certain filings with the office of the secretary of state. (3) Delivering of documents by the office of the secretary of state. (4) Meetings of shareholders of corporations, including notice requirements. (5) Merger of a parent corporation with a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent corporation. (6) Administrative dissolutions. (7) Reporting requirements. (8) Correcting documents filed with the office of the secretary of state. Repeals provisions concerning the registration of the name of a foreign corporation, foreign limited liability partnership, foreign limited partnership, foreign nonprofit corporation, or foreign limited liability company. Makes a technical correction.
- Current Status:** 1/14/2015 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Technology
- SB488 TAXATION OF SPECIAL FUEL (WALKER G) Eliminates the sales tax on the sale of special fuel. Increases the motor carrier fuel surcharge tax on special fuel from \$0.11 to \$0.14 per gallon. Adjusts the allocation of revenue from the surcharge tax so that the new revenue is deposited in the state highway fund and the motor vehicle highway account.
- Current Status:** 1/14/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB493 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TRANSFERS (KENLEY L) Provides that in the case of a tax increment financing allocation area established or reestablished after June 30, 2015, the governing body of a school corporation containing territory within the allocation area may, before August 1 of each year, adopt a resolution providing that property taxes must be transferred by the redevelopment commission to the school corporation in the following calendar year. Specifies that the amount of property taxes that must be transferred by the redevelopment commission to the school corporation in that year is equal to a percentage determined by the school corporation multiplied by the part of the property tax proceeds that are otherwise payable to the redevelopment commission and that are attributable to the school corporation's property tax rate for its transportation fund and the school corporation's property tax rate for its school bus replacement fund. Provides that money received by a school corporation from such a transfer must be deposited in the school corporation's transportation fund and the school corporation's school bus replacement fund.
- Current Status:** 1/14/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy

- SB496 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (BREAUX J) Provides that a primary care physician who is eligible for student loan forgiveness under the primary care physician loan forgiveness program may have student loans forgiven up to an amount of \$25,000 each year the primary care physician's practice provides service primarily in a rural area.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Health and Provider Services
- SB503 NET METERING FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS (MESSMER M) Requires the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to adopt, not later than August 1, 2015, emergency rules amending the IURC's net metering and interconnection rules for electric utilities. Provides that the amended rules must do the following: (1) Require a municipally owned electric utility under the IURC's jurisdiction to: (A) offer a net metering program to all customers classes; and (B) allow all customer classes to interconnect a customer-generator facility with a distribution facility of the utility. (2) Allow: (A) a municipally owned utility not under the IURC's jurisdiction; or (B) a rural electric membership cooperative; to offer a net metering program to one or more customer classes and allow one or more customer classes to interconnect a customer-generator facility with a distribution facility of the utility or cooperative.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities
- SB506 FLEET VEHICLE REGISTRATION (YODER C) Establishes the fleet registration program (program) for Indiana residents who own or lease at least 10 motor vehicles or trailers. Provides that the bureau of motor vehicles shall administer the program.
Current Status: 1/27/2015 - Senate Homeland Security & Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 10:00 AM, Rm. 233
- SB517 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN MARION COUNTY (YOUNG R) Requires the Indianapolis metropolitan development commission to establish a new base assessed value beginning in 2017 for purposes of determining the incremental tax revenue for the Marion County airport economic development area. Specifies that the base assessed value must be set at the amount that will limit the incremental revenue to 150% of the debt service of the bonds denominated as series 2007 and 2007A as of January 1, 2015. (The base assessed value is used in determining revenue for other taxing units.)
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- SB525 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT (ZAKAS J) Provides the following if the application of an annual adjustment factor derived by an assessing official would result in an increase of more than 10% in the assessed value of one or more homesteads: (1) The assessing official shall submit certain information to the division of data analysis (division) of the department of local government finance. (2) The division shall review the information submitted and make a determination of whether the annual adjustment factor was correctly calculated or is otherwise inappropriate. (3) If the division determines that the annual adjustment factor to be applied to the homestead was incorrectly calculated or otherwise needs to be adjusted, the division shall certify to the assessing official the information and instructions necessary for the assessing official to correct the annual adjustment factor.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Senate Appropriations
- SB531 VARIOUS TAX SALE MATTERS (HEAD R) Makes numerous changes to the tax sale statute, including the following: (1) Provides that a purchaser of real property by an installment land contract may request notice of the tax sale list. (2) Modifies the provision allowing a county executive to transfer a tax sale property to a nonprofit entity. (3) Provides that a county treasurer may use money held on a person's behalf in the tax sale surplus fund to pay property taxes and special assessments that become due during the tax sale redemption period. (4) Provides that a court may consider a petition for a tax deed without conducting a hearing if there are not any written objections filed. Provides that a political subdivision may conduct an electronic auction of surplus real property held by the political subdivision. Repeals the following: (1) A provision authorizing a county to adopt an ordinance allowing a county auditor to accept a bid that is less than the minimum bid normally required by the tax sale statute. (2) A provision requiring the state board of accounts to specify a form of tax deed to use when a grantee other than a purchaser takes the tax deed. (3) Several provisions that specify what action to take if the tax deed is ineffectual to convey title to tax sale property. (4) A provision specifying how a grantee of a tax deed recovers money owed to the grantee in the context of an action to quiet title filed by the grantee. (5) A provision requiring that the county auditor collect a recording fee from a grantee of a tax deed and have the tax deed recorded. (6) An obsolete provision that allowed a county to adopt an ordinance requiring the county treasurer to waive certain penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes. Makes conforming changes.
Current Status: 1/28/2015 - Senate Local Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); Time & Location: 1:30 PM, Rm. 130

- SB534 PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (GROOMS R) Requires the Indiana board of pharmacy or any licensing board, commission, or agency that controls, authorizes, or oversees controlled substance registrations to adopt rules, including emergency rules, for prescribing opioid controlled substances for pain management treatment. Provides that if the rules have not been adopted by January 1, 2016, the Indiana board of pharmacy shall adopt the rules. Provides that a practitioner who submits a controlled substances registration application shall acknowledge that the practitioner has read the applicable rules for prescribing opioid controlled substances for pain management treatment. Makes a technical correction.
Current Status: 1/28/2015 - Senate Health and Provider Services, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);
Time & Location: 9:00 AM, Rm. 431
- SB542 MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR DIALYSIS TREATMENT (BREAUX J) Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a Medicaid state plan amendment or demonstration waiver to provide kidney dialysis treatment for undocumented immigrants who have been diagnosed with end stage renal disease.
Current Status: 1/14/2015 - Referred to Health and Provider Services
- SB555 HERO PLAN (WALKER G) Establishes the Hoosier Employee Retirement Option plan (plan) to encourage Indiana residents to increase their rate of saving and to build assets for the use of participants and their survivors and beneficiaries after a participant's retirement. Establishes a plan board (board) with nine members: the treasurer of state, the auditor of state, the director of the office of management and budget, the commissioner of the department of labor, and five members appointed by the governor. Provides that the appointed board members serve four year terms and that the treasurer is the board chair. Requires the board to provide oversight for the plan, which is administered, operated, and managed by one or more investment managers, private financial institutions, or other financial and services providers selected by the board through a competitive bidding process. Requires the board to annually prepare and adopt a written statement of investment policy. Requires the board to submit an annual report to the governor and the general assembly concerning the operating and financial performance of the plan. Provides that the plan be audited annually by the state board of accounts, and may be audited by a certified public accountant, if the board determines it advisable. Establishes a plan administrative fund to pay any administrative expenses incurred in developing, implementing, and operating the plan. Requires that the plan be maintained as individual retirement accounts with contributions made by payroll deduction and be offered to employees who elect to enroll by employers that voluntarily choose to participate and do not offer any other kind of retirement plan. Provides that the state, the board, and participating employers are not fiduciaries for the plan and that the plan is not a debt, liability, or obligation of the state. Requires the board, before the plan takes effect, to oversee the design and dissemination to all employers eligible to participate in the plan information about the plan. Provides that the board maintain an Internet web site to assist employers in identifying private sector providers of available pension and retirement plans, if providers express interest in and provide the funding for the Internet web site.
Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Referred to Pensions and Labor
- SB558 LAND CLASSIFICATION FOR TAX PURPOSES (DELPH M) Specifies the criteria for classifying land as agricultural land for property tax assessment purposes. Provides that certain undeveloped lands must be assessed as agricultural land regardless of the motives of the owner at the time the owner acquired the land, the zoning designation of the land, or whether the owner uses the land for growing crops or raising livestock or is otherwise engaged in the business of farming. Requires assessing officials to review for compliance with the new criteria the assessments of lands that had been classified as excess residential property for the 2005 through 2015 assessment dates and to reclassify as agricultural land as necessary for the 2016 assessment date. Authorizes refunds for excessive tax payments attributable to the reclassification of land during that period. Provides that the limitations on contracts for the discovery of undervalued or omitted property apply to a contract concerning the reclassification of parcels, including the prohibition on contracts paid on a percentage basis.
Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy
- SB560 PROPERTY TAXES AND SALES AND USE TAXES (YOUNG R) Eliminates property taxes on primary residences (homesteads) and business personal property. Decreases the state sales and use tax rate from 7% to 5.5%. Provides that the sales and use tax applies to transactions involving services, except for legal services, health or mental health services (including insurance premiums for policies covering these services), and services provided for charitable tax exempt purposes. Deposits the increased sales and use tax revenue in the state general fund. Provides an annual state distribution to offset the property tax elimination for homesteads and business personal property based on the amount of property taxes that otherwise would be due on these homesteads and business personal property. Prohibits changes in homestead and business personal property tax deductions, credits, and abatements that were in effect December 31, 2014. Increases the maximum renter's deduction for income tax purposes from \$3,000 to \$8,000 per taxable year. Makes conforming changes. Makes technical corrections. Makes an ongoing appropriation.

Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Referred to Tax and Fiscal Policy

SB563 OPEN-MARKET PACE PROGRAMS (STOOPS M) Authorizes the legislative body of a local governmental unit to designate an area as a clean energy improvement financing district and authorize financing of certain qualified clean energy improvements, including reduced water consumption and waste water discharges, through assessments. Requires the utility regulatory commission to adopt rules to establish technical guidelines to assist local governmental units in administering a district's program.

Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Referred to Senate Environmental Affairs

SB569 THE RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND SAFE POWER ACT (SCHNEIDER S) Provides that, in response to the federal Environmental Protection Agency Clean Power Plan regulatory activity: (1) the governor and attorney general shall take appropriate steps to protect the state's sovereignty and police power authority in light of the designed federalism under the federal Clean Air Act; (2) the department of environmental management may examine the implications of preparing and implementing proposed regulations, but may not prepare or implement a state implementation plan until completion of judicial review concerning the legality of regulations under the federal Clean Air Act for existing power plants has been fully resolved at law; (3) the utility regulatory commission may not allow electric generating units to be retired prior to their engineering lifetime if the unit is necessary to maintain the grid reliability specified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in its reliability standards. Requires electric generating units in existence on July 1, 2015, be operated in accordance with their design parameters and in a manner that ensures operation consonant with the initial design life of the unit at the time of its utility regulatory commission approval, and may not allow electric generating units to be retired prior to their engineering lifetime unless the owners of the units have fully recouped the cost of construction and financing, the replacement generation results in lower costs to consumers, and there is sufficient replacement capacity to meet dispatchable capacity of the unit to be retired.

Current Status: 1/20/2015 - Referred to Senate Utilities