

- HB1001 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY; COVID-19 IMMUNIZATIONS** (LEHMAN M) Defines "Indiana governmental entity" and specifies that an Indiana governmental entity (current law refers to a state or local unit) may not issue or require an immunization passport. Provides that an individual is not disqualified from unemployment benefits if the individual has complied with the requirements for seeking an exemption from an employer's COVID-19 immunization requirements and was discharged from employment for failing or refusing to receive an immunization against COVID-19. Provides that an employer may not impose a requirement that employees receive an immunization against COVID-19 unless the employer provides individual exemptions that allow an employee to opt out of the requirement on the basis of medical reasons, religious reasons, or immunity from COVID-19 acquired from a prior infection with COVID-19.
Current Status: 3/3/2022 - Signed by the Governor
- HB1002 VARIOUS TAX MATTERS** (BROWN T) All language to phase out the business personal property tax was removed from the bill. This means Local units of Government will not see a loss in revenue because of this bill.
Current Status: 3/9/2022 – Passed House and Senate
- HB1112 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES** (SLAGER H) Requires, beginning July 1, 2023, the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) and a managed care organization to reimburse under Medicaid an emergency medical services provider organization that is a Medicaid provider at a rate comparable to the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for the service.
Current Status: 3/8/2022 – Passed the House and Senate
- HB1246 FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORIES AND LOCAL INCOME TAXATION** (LEHE D) Provides that a fire protection territory that experiences more than 6% population growth during a 10 year period may increase its maximum property tax levy for 2023 or any year thereafter by an amount based on the population growth that exceeds 6%. Provides, however, that the fire protection territory may not increase the tax levy based on the population growth by a total rate of more than 0.15 per \$100 of the net assessed value of the fire protection territory area within a 10 year period. Allows a total tax rate levied upon the formation of a fire protection territory established after December 31, 2022, to be implemented over a number of years, not exceeding five, and subject to review and approval by the department of local government finance. Provides that a participating unit's proceeds of property taxes imposed to meet the participating unit's obligations to a fire protection territory are exempt from areas needing redevelopment, redevelopment project areas, urban renewal project areas, economic development areas, or economic development districts established after December 31, 2021. Provides that, in the case of counties that provide emergency medical services for all local units in the county and pay 100% of the costs to provide those services, the fiscal body of the county may adopt an ordinance to impose a local income tax (LIT) rate for emergency medical services in the county. Provides that the tax rate may not exceed 0.2%. Provides that the LIT revenue shall be distributed directly to the county before the remainder of the expenditure rate revenue is distributed and must be deposited in a dedicated fund to be used only for paying for operating costs incurred by the county for emergency medical services that are provided throughout the county. Provides that the tax rate may not be in effect for more than 25 years.

Current Status: 3/7/2022 – Passed the House and Senate

HB1314 PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS (BARRETT B) This is IDHS agency bill that made many changes to Indiana law for both fire and EMS. But main change that we were following is it changes how much money from fireworks fees goes towards firefighter training each year. This money is what funds the State district training centers. The estimate shows that this should increase from 2 million each year to 3.5 million each year.

Current Status: 3/8/2022 – Passed the House and Senate

SB76 MEET AND CONFER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (BOOTS P) Allows an employer or an exclusive recognized representative of full-time employees of a police or fire department (exclusive representative) to request, in specified circumstances, an advisory opinion from the commissioner of labor (commissioner). Specifies a process by which an employer or exclusive representative may appeal in certain instances to the commissioner to request mediation and conciliation.

Current Status: 3/7/2022 - Signed by the Governor

SB78 1977 PENSION AND DISABILITY FUND (BOOTS P) Provides that after July 1, 2022, if the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (system board) determines that a new police officer or firefighter in the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) should be a member of the 1977 fund, the system board shall require the employer to transfer the member into the 1977 fund and contribute the amount that the system board determines is necessary to fund fully the member's service credit in the 1977 fund for all service earned as a police officer or firefighter in PERF. Provides that a police officer or firefighter who is an active member of the 1977 fund with an employer that participates in the 1977 fund, separates from that employer, and more than 180 days after the date of the separation becomes employed as a full-time police officer or firefighter with the same or a second employer that participates in the 1977 fund, is a member of the 1977 fund without meeting the age limitations under certain circumstances.

Current Status: 3/1/2022 – Passed the House and Senate

SB79 1977 PENSION AND DISABILITY FUND (BOOTS P) Establishes the 1977 fund defined contribution plan (plan). Provides that current employees may make contributions to the plan. Specifies rules and requirements for the plan concerning items that include member elections, member contributions, vesting, rollover distributions, and withdrawal of funds. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

Current Status: 2/28/2022 - DEAD BILL; We asked the author to kill this bill because the startup costs to get this program started was going to be very high and members using this would have to pay enormous fees. We are working with the State Auditor on letting our members join a plan under their office that will be more beneficial to our members.