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## 2023 Indiana General Assembly Final Report

<b>HB1001:</b> Budget Bill	Contains 9.08 million for regional firefighter training and 200k funding for PFAS testing in HB1219.
Author: Representative Thompson	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1016:</b> Police and fire merit systems.	Allows a fire protection district or fire protection territory to establish a merit system. Must have at least twelve (12) full-time paid members and provides service to geographic area that has a resident population of at least twenty thousand (20,000). Provides that unless a resolution ordinance to establish a merit system is rejected not later than December 31, 2024, a merit system is established on January 1, 2025, for eligible (1) city and town police and fire departments and township fire departments; and (2) fire protections districts and fire protections territories. Provides that the merit system may be dissolved after January 1, 2025. Requires a unit, district or territory to vote to either retain or dissolve the merit system after January 1, 2029, and before January 31, 2029 repeals a provision containing definitions and moves the definitions to another location.
Author: Representative Pressel	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1025:</b> Firefighter discipline.	Provides that a fire department of a fire protection district or fire protection territory is subject to certain disciplinary and due process requirements.
Author: Representative Torr	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1055:</b> Public safety matters	Provides that a member of a city police or fire department is not subject to residency requirements. Eliminates a provision that provides that a city with a population of less than 7,500 may adopt an ordinance that requires a member of a city police or fire department to reside within the county in which the city is located. Provides that members of the police and fire departments of a town or special service district are not subject to residency requirements but must: (1) have adequate means of transportation into the jurisdiction served by the member's department; and (2) maintain telephone service to communicate with the department.
Representative Frye	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>



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<b>HB1173:</b> Battery storage facilities	Contains language for firefighter training and onsite visits. Adds NFPA 855 to Indiana code.
Author: Rep. Pressel	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1219:</b> PFAS biomonitoring pilot program	Establishes the PFAS biomonitoring pilot program (pilot program) under the department of homeland security (department) to collect and analyze blood samples of individuals who were previously, or are currently, firefighters: (1) for serum PFAS levels; and (2) to determine whether there may be corresponding health implications associated with elevated serum PFAS levels. Requires the department to consult the department of environmental management and the Indiana department of health regarding the pilot program. Provides that the department shall, to the extent possible, test 1,000 firefighters. Allows the department to work with a third party to administer the pilot program and to store data collected under the pilot program. Requires the department to submit ,not later than July 1, 2027, a report summarizing: (1) the results of the pilot program; and (2) recommendations of the department, the department of environmental management, and the Indiana department of health for decreasing serum PFAS levels and exposure to PFAS chemicals; to the governor and the legislative council. Establishes the PFAS biomonitoring pilot fund.
Author: Representative Bauer	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1207:</b> 911 fees	Authorizes the statewide 911 board to increase the following fees one time in the period beginning after April 30, 2023, and ending before July 1, 2026: (1) The enhanced prepaid wireless charge. (2) The statewide 911 fee. (Current law allows the board to adopt one time increases to each fee in the period that began after April 1, 2020, and ends before July 1, 2023.)
Author: Representative Karickhoff	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1321:</b> Training	Provides that full time firefighter's minimum training and annual training requirements must include mental health and wellness training. Requires certain persons who provide emergency medical services to obtain mental health and wellness training as a condition of licensure and certification.
Author: Rep. Garcia Wilburn	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>



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<b>HB1341:</b> PFAS-free firefighter gear	Provides that, after June 30, 2024, an Indiana fire department may not purchase firefighting gear unless it contains a permanently affixed label indicating whether or not the firefighting gear contains PFAS.
Author: Representative Olthoff	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1549:</b> 1977 pension and disability fund	1) Modifies the definition of "salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter" for the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (fund). Increases the fund's maximum annual cost of living adjustment from 3% to 5%. (2) technical corrections for twenty five (25) year longevity.
Author: Representative Judy	<b>Status: Dead Bill</b>

<b>HB1578:</b> Covered persons for restricted addresses	Provides that a regular, paid firefighter and a volunteer firefighter are "covered persons" under the statute that requires local government units that operate a public data base website containing the names and addresses of property owners to restrict disclosure to the general public of the covered person's home address. Removes an obsolete date reference.
Author: Rep. O'Brien	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>HB1583:</b> Health plans and ambulance service providers.	Amends the law requiring a health plan operator to fairly negotiate rates and terms with any ambulance service provider willing to become a participating provider with respect to the operator's health plan. Provides that, if negotiations between an ambulance service provider and a health plan operator that occur after June 30, 2022, do not result in the ambulance service provider becoming a participating provider with respect to the health plan, each party, beginning May 1, 2023, is required to provide to the department of insurance (department) a written notice: (1) reporting the unsuccessful conclusion of the negotiations; and (2) stating the points that were discussed in the negotiations but on which agreement was not reached. Requires the department, not later than May 1, 2024, to submit to the legislative council and the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health, and human services a report summarizing the written notices that the department has received from ambulance service providers and health plan operators.
Author: Rep. Heaton	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>SB43:</b> Residency of 911 operators addresses	Provides that a public safety agency may not establish or maintain residency requirements for a public safety tele communicator employed by a public safety agency.
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Author: Senator Sandlin	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>
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<b>SB185:</b> 1977 fund membership	(1) allows an airport authority to participate in the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. (2) Increases the maximum age for a firefighter to be appointed to a fire department and become a member of the 1977 fund from 35 years of age to 39 years of age. (3) Adds language from HB1549 to fix the technical corrections on twenty five (25) year longevity.
Author: Sen. Baldwin	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>SB277:</b> Fire inspections	Allows non fire department employees to do fire inspections if they are certified to do inspections, requires new construction after June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2023 of animal care or boarding to have fire alarms.
Author: Senator Freeman	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>SB316:</b> Computer aided emergency dispatch systems.	Provides that the statewide 911 board (board) may conduct a feasibility study on potential ways in which the computer aided dispatch (CAD) systems used by public safety answering points (PSAPs) in Indiana could be made interoperable to facilitate the standard dispatch of EMS resources based on using the EMS resource that represents the closest and most appropriate EMS resource to respond to an emergency. Provides that the board may submit a report on the study to the following not later than July 1, 2024: (1) The executive director of the legislative services agency to distribute to members of the general assembly. (2) The department of homeland security. (3) The integrated public safety commission. (4) The Indiana department of health. Sets forth information that may be included in the report.
Author: Senator Walker	<b>Status: Signed into law.</b>

<b>SB138:</b> Study of deferred retirement option plan	Urges the legislative council to assign to the pension management oversight study committee during the 2023 interim the task of studying whether to extend the maximum time frame to remain in the deferred retirement option plan from three years to five years for a member of the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan, 1925 fund, 1937 fund, 1953fund, or 1977 fund.
Author: Senator Sandlin	<b>Status: Will go to a summer study hearing</b>

<b>SB175:</b> 1977 pension and disability fund	Urges the legislative council to assign certain topics concerning the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund to an appropriate interim study committee for study during the 2023 interim. To review, (1) minimum age
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	and years to retire. (2) Increase the monthly benefit. (3) Consider vesting to Ten (10) years of service.
Author: Senator Walker	<b>Status: Will go to a summer study hearing</b>

<b>SB406:</b> Public safety employees	Modifies the computation of the monthly benefit amount for a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who retires or receives actuarially reduced benefits after June 30, 2023. Retire at the top three (3) years.
Author: Senator Dermulc	<b>Status: Will go to a summer study hearing</b>