

**HB1002** **CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19** (TORR J) Protects health care providers from professional discipline for certain acts or omissions arising from a disaster emergency unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. Provides that a health care provider is not protected from professional discipline for actions that are outside the skills, education, and training of the health care provider, unless certain circumstances apply. Specifies that orders and recommendations issued by local, state, and federal government agencies and officials during a state disaster emergency do not create new causes of action or new legal duties. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are presumed irrelevant to the issue of the existence of a duty or breach of a duty. Specifies that the orders and recommendations are inadmissible at trial to establish that a new cause of action has been created or proof of a duty or a breach of a duty. Prohibits filing a class action lawsuit against a defendant in a civil action allowed by the statute. Specifies that a governmental entity or employee is not liable if a loss results from an act or omission arising from COVID-19 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. Provides that a person is not liable to a claimant for loss, damage, injury, or death arising from COVID-19 unless the claimant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the person caused the loss, damage, injury, or death by an act or omission constituting gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional misrepresentation. Provides immunity from civil liability to certain persons, entities, and facilities providing health care and other services for certain acts or omissions related to the provision of health care services and other services during a state disaster emergency.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Judiciary

**HB1032** **NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES** (FRYE R) Provides for placement of a newborn safety device at any facility that is staffed by an emergency medical services provider on a 24 hour per day, seven day per week basis, provided the newborn safety device: (1) is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to staff; and (2) includes a dual alarm system that is connected to the facility and is tested at least one time per month to ensure the alarm system is in working order. Provides for placement of a newborn safety device at any fire department, including a volunteer fire department, that is located within the jurisdiction of a city or town law enforcement agency, provided the newborn safety device is equipped with an alert system that: (1) when the newborn safety device is opened, automatically connects to the 911 system and transmits a request for immediate dispatch of an emergency medical services provider to the location of the newborn safety device; and (2) is tested at least one time per month to ensure the alert system is in working order. Provides that a person who in good faith voluntarily leaves a child in a newborn safety device located at such a facility or fire station is not obligated to disclose the parent's name or the person's name. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 2/18/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**HB1033** **RESIDENCY OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS** (FRYE R) Removes the requirement that an individual residing in a county that is noncontiguous to a county in which a city is located live not more than 50 miles from a boundary of the city to be a member of that city's police or fire department.

**Current Status:** 2/18/2021 - Referred to Senate Homeland Security and Transportation

**HB1044**     **LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFIT** (ABBOTT D) Adds public safety telecommunicators and integrated public safety commission employees to the public safety personnel eligible for a special death benefit.

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**HB1051**     **LEVY CONTROLS** (THOMPSON J) Provides that for years after 2021 an assessed value growth quotient is determined individually for each taxing unit. Provides that the assessed value growth quotient for a taxing unit is determined by a formula that is based on: (1) the average growth in the taxing unit's net assessed value; and (2) the average circuit breaker losses experienced by a taxing unit. Eliminates Indiana nonfarm personal income as a factor in computing an assessed value growth quotient.

*Current Status:* 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1057**     **EMS IMMUNITY** (TORR J) Adds: (1) certified emergency medical responders; (2) certified advanced emergency medical technicians; and (3) licensed paramedics; to certain statutes concerning negligence and emergency medical services. Provides that a certified emergency medical technician who provides certain emergency medical services (EMS) to an emergency patient is not liable for an act or omission in providing those services unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides that a certified emergency medical responder who uses an automatic or a semiautomatic defibrillator on an emergency patient according to certain procedures is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions when rendering those services unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct. Provides that an act or omission of a licensed paramedic or a certified advanced emergency medical technician done or omitted in good faith while providing advanced life support to a patient or trauma victim does not impose liability upon the paramedic or advanced emergency medical technician, the authorizing physician, the hospital, or the officers, members of the staff, nurses, other employees of the hospital, or the local governmental unit unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct.

*Current Status:* 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1065**     **FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORIES** (MAYFIELD P) Provides that the procedure for adopting an ordinance or resolution to establish a fire protection territory (territory) applies to expanding an existing territory. Provides that an ordinance or resolution establishing or expanding a territory must include an agreement as to the disposition of the territory's property when a participating unit withdraws or the territory is dissolved. Specifies that with regard to an ordinance or resolution to establish or expand a territory, the unit must hold three separate public hearings to hear public comment regarding the proposed territory before adoption of the ordinance or resolution, with the last public hearing held not later than 10 days before the ordinance or resolution is adopted. Establishes residency requirements for members of a joint executive board of a territory.

*Current Status:* 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Local Government

**HB1078**     **PUBLIC SAFETY MATCHING GRANT FUND** (STEUERWALD G) Provides for the establishment of the Indiana public safety training matching fund for the purpose of encouraging private investment in first responder training and providing financial assistance to public safety training facilities in Indiana that provide first responder integrated, coordinated, and collaborative training to law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1080 LOCAL INCOME TAXES** (THOMPSON J) Phases in a new distribution formula for certain local income tax (LIT) revenue using a weighted combination of property tax levies and residential assessed value for taxing units receiving this LIT revenue. Phases in the weights over five years beginning in 2023. Amends provisions that provide for a distribution of LIT revenue to schools in counties that imposed a rate under the prior county adjusted gross income tax (CAGIT) before its repeal to apply to all schools in counties that impose a LIT under current law regardless of whether the county imposed a rate under the prior CAGIT.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1106 FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE LEVY** (OLTHOFF J) Authorizes the board of fire trustees (board) of a fire protection district (district) that consists of territory located in west Porter Township in Porter County to adopt a resolution providing that, in addition to any other powers and duties, the district shall establish, operate, and maintain emergency medical services within the territory of the fire protection district. Provides a procedure for the board to obtain an increase of the district's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for fire and emergency medical services if the board adopts such a resolution.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1114 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN ELEMENTS** (MILLER D) Prohibits a municipality from regulating design elements of residential structures. Specifies certain exclusions from this prohibition. Provides that any rule, ordinance, or other regulation that conflicts with the prohibition is void. Provides that a person aggrieved by a violation of the bill's provisions may file, in a court having jurisdiction, a petition to obtain an injunction against the violation.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1115 INTERFERING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY** (MILLER D) Provides that a person who enters a marked off area after having been denied entry by a firefighter commits interfering with public safety. (Under current law, the offense is committed only if the person is denied entry by an emergency medical services provider or a law enforcement officer.)

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate

**HB1118 MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS AND SAFETY PLANS** (SCHAIBLEY D) Provides that an individualized mental health safety plan includes information concerning a patient's physical health. Provides that an emergency medical services provider agency with an approved mobile integrated healthcare program shall be operated by a city, town, or township in accordance with the rules and under the guidance of the Indiana emergency medical services commission. Provides that upon disclosure of a patient's individualized mental health safety plan, a mobile integrated healthcare program or a mental health community paramedicine program may provide certain services to help facilitate the patient's safe transition back into the community. Provides that a representative of a mobile integrated healthcare program or a representative of a mental health community paramedicine program may request a patient's individualized mental

health safety plan from a psychiatric crisis center, psychiatric inpatient unit, or psychiatric residential treatment provider if certain conditions are met.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Health and Provider Services

**HB1129 PFAS IN PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS (DVORAK R)** Requires the state department of health (state department) to establish state maximum contaminant levels for PFAS in water provided by public water systems. Provides that maximum contaminant levels established by the state department: (1) must be protective of public health, including the health of vulnerable subpopulations; and (2) may not be less stringent than any maximum contaminant level or health advisory promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1136 PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM (CAMPBELL C)** Requires the department of workforce development to establish a paid family and medical leave program to provide payments for employees who take family and medical leave. Establishes the family and medical leave fund to be funded with appropriations from the general assembly and payroll contributions. Specifies requirements for administration of the paid family and medical leave program. Provides for the department of workforce development to approve an employer's use of a private plan to meet the paid family and medical leave program obligations.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1145 LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREWORKS (SCHAIBLEY D)** Changes: (1) the dates on which a county or municipal ordinance may limit or prohibit the use of fireworks in the county or municipality; and (2) the types of fireworks to which such an ordinance may apply.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1161 REGULATION OF FIREWORKS (MOED J)** Authorizes a county, city, or town to adopt an ordinance limiting or prohibiting the use of certain types of fireworks within the jurisdiction of the county, city, or town, with certain restrictions. Establishes dates on which a county, city, or town ordinance may not limit or prohibit the use of certain types of fireworks in the county, city, or town.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1180 PUBLIC RETIREMENT FUND INVESTMENTS (MORRISON A)** Requires the public retirement system to divest from businesses that engage in action or inaction to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial activity with companies invested in or assisting in the production of or manufacturing of certain carbon based or nuclear products. Provides for notice to businesses, reinvestment, and civil immunity. Requires certain reports to the legislative council. Makes a conforming amendment.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1187 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (CHERRY R)** Requires one member of a municipal or county redevelopment commission (commission) appointed by the executive of the municipality or county after December 31, 2021, to be an individual nominated by the

governing body of the school corporation within the territory. Effective January 1, 2022, eliminates the appointment of and term of office of a nonvoting adviser to the commission. Requires a redevelopment commission to provide notice of an annual meeting to the: (1) president of the governing body; and (2) superintendent; of each school corporation that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area established by the commission. Requires a redevelopment commission to provide notice of an adopted resolution that designates or amends an allocation area to the: (1) president of the governing body; and (2) superintendent; of each school corporation that is wholly or partly located within the allocation area established by the commission. Requires certain percentages of incremental revenue collected in an allocation area be distributed among taxing units wholly or partly located within the allocation area and provides a schedule for the percentage that must be distributed each year.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1190 OVERWEIGHT TRUCK PERMITS (PRESSEL J)** Removes the list of commodities and the specific weight limitations for certain commodities from the definition of "overweight divisible load". Provides that the Indiana department of transportation (department) may issue an overweight permit for transporting overweight vehicles and loads carrying resources on certain highways in the state highway system. Provides that the department shall recalculate and apply permit fees for annual and trip permits based on the 2014 Purdue Study, and shall consider the impact of overweight divisible loads on roads and highways. Provides that not more than 118,950 trip permits may be issued annually for applicants with a total equivalent single axle load calculation is more than 2.40 equivalent single axle load credit. Provides that if the number of permits issued comes close to the set limits, the department may give preference to those applicants that have obtained prior permits before January 1, 2021, for overweight divisible loads, not to exceed the number of permits previously issued to that applicant. Provides that the department may temporarily increase the number of overweight divisible load permits issued by order of the commissioner in response to an emergency or changes in market conditions. Provides that the department may limit the number of overweight divisible load permits issued to an individual applicant. Requires the department to adopt rules due to lack of transportation options for certain resources, supply chain interruptions, or supply dock backlogs. Provides that the department shall issue a report to the legislative council and the interim study committee on roads and transportation regarding the fee structure of overweight divisible load permits, and regarding the impact of overweight divisible loads on roads and highways by July 1, 2023. Requires, beginning July 1, 2022, annual reports from the department to the legislative council and the interim study committee on roads and transportation regarding market fluctuation in the number of overweight divisible load permits issued during the previous year. Requires, beginning July 1, 2022, annual reports from the Indiana state police department to the legislative council and the interim study committee on roads and transportation regarding the number of accidents involving applicants permitted for overweight divisible loads which should include the number of accidents resulting in property damage, and the number of accidents resulting in personal injury. Provides that a local authority may apply for grant permits for transporting overweight divisible loads on local streets under the control of the local authority. Makes conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate

**HB1201 EMERGENCY TRANSPORT OF INJURED OPERATIONAL CANINE (MCNAMARA W)** Provides that if there is not an individual requiring medical attention or transport, a paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician may

use emergency ambulance services to transport an operational canine injured in the line of duty to a veterinary hospital or clinic. Specifies the care that may be provided to the operational canine. Specifies who is responsible for the transportation and treatment cost of an injured operational canine. Provides that a paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician who in the performance of their duties and in good faith renders care or transportation to an injured operational canine is not liable: (1) for any act or omission when rendering the care or transportation; or (2) to the veterinary hospital or clinic for expenses incurred for emergency care provided to the injured operational canine. Requires that a written agreement concerning the transport and care of an operational canine must specify what services are covered under the agreement.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - Senate sponsor: Senator Crider

**HB1230** **SAFE HAVEN 911** (LAUER R) Provides that due to extenuating circumstances, if a child's parent or a person is unable to give up custody of a child under the procedure set forth in Indiana's safe haven law, the child's parent or the person may request that an emergency medical services provider (provider) take custody of the child by: (1) dialing the 911 emergency call number; and (2) staying with the child until a provider arrives to take custody of the child. Provides that the emergency medical dispatch agency or the provider shall inform the child's parent or the person giving up custody of the child of the ability to remain anonymous. Provides that a provider, shall, without a court order, take custody of a child who is, or who appears to be, not more than 30 days of age if the child is voluntarily left: (1) in a newborn safety device that is located at an emergency medical services station; or (2) with medical staff after delivery in a hospital or other medical facility when the child's parent notifies the medical staff that the parent is voluntarily relinquishing the child. Allows a child's parent to remain anonymous if the child is voluntarily relinquished in a hospital or other medical facility after delivery of the child. Provides that an emergency medical services station is immune from civil liability for an act or omission relating to the operation of the newborn safety device.

**Current Status:** 2/18/2021 - Referred to Senate Family and Children Services

**HB1265** **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY FUNDING** (ABBOTT D) Increases the insurance premiums tax from 1.3% to 1.35%. Transfers the money received from the increase in the tax to the law enforcement academy fund (fund). Amends the fund provisions to allow the law enforcement training board to use money in the fund for: (1) capital projects; (2) technology equipment and services; and (3) curriculum development; for a law enforcement academy (including the northwest Indiana law enforcement academy and the southwest Indiana law enforcement academy). Specifies that money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1270** **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY** (FRYE R) Amends the administrative orders and procedures act to allow for an initial notice of determination to be served by electronic mail or any other method approved by the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. (Under current law, the initial notice of determination may be served only by United States mail or personal service.) Repeals provisions concerning the division of planning and assessment, division of preparedness and training, division of emergency response and recovery, and division of fire and building safety (divisions). Assigns all duties of the divisions to the executive director of the department of homeland security (department) or the department generally. Establishes a fire chief executive training program (executive training program). Provides that after January 1, 2022, a newly appointed fire chief of a political subdivision must successfully complete the executive training program within one year of

appointment. Provides that a volunteer fire chief is not required to complete the executive training program. Provides that the department of homeland security may allow any of the following individuals to enroll in the executive training program if there is available space in the course: (1) A chief officer. (2) Management level personnel. (3) A volunteer fire chief. (4) A volunteer chief officer. (5) Volunteer management level personnel. Makes corresponding changes and technical corrections.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate

**HB1291 ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING DESIGN STANDARD (DVORAK R)** Requires the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt, by rule, the most recent edition or the 2013 edition of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 90.1 for Class 1 structures.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1296 STATE DISASTER EMERGENCIES (PRESCOTT J)** Provides that the renewal of the state of disaster emergency does not become effective unless it is approved by the general assembly. Provides that if the governor calls a special session for the purpose of renewing the state of disaster emergency, the: (1) governor shall notify the general assembly 10 days prior to the governor's intention to renew the state of disaster emergency; and (2) renewal shall be based on the same or substantially similar underlying set of facts as the original state of disaster emergency. Provides that the governor may not issue a new executive order to circumvent the renewal limitations in the case of a state of disaster emergency based on the same or substantially similar underlying set of facts as the original state of disaster emergency. Provides that any order, rule, or regulation limiting the operation of a business or industry shall be applied equally to all other businesses and industries. Provides, however, that the uniform treatment of all other businesses and industries does not apply to isolated events that include an act of God, such as a fire, an earthquake, a hurricane, a storm, or a similar natural disaster phenomenon. Makes conforming changes.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1320 FIREWORKS EXCISE TAX (ANDRADE M)** Establishes the COVID-19 fireworks public safety fee fund for the purpose of assisting certain public safety and medical personnel who have encountered direct hardship due to COVID-19. Raises the public safety fee on the retail sales of fireworks from 5% to 10%. Provides that 50% of the public safety fee is to be deposited in the state general fund and 50% of the public safety fee is to be deposited in the COVID-19 fireworks public safety fee fund.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1322 BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY CODES (HAMILTON C)** Requires the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt, by rule, and maintain: (1) the International Plumbing Code of the International Code Council; (2) the International Building Code of the International Code Council; (3) the International Mechanical Code of the International Code Council; (4) the International Fuel Gas Code of the International Code Council; (5) the International Fire Code of the International Code Council; (6) the International Energy Conservation Code of the International Code Council; (7) NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association; and (8) NFPA 72, the National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code of the National Fire Protection Association.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1327 PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING (ELLINGTON J)** Provides that if, absent a legitimate fiscal reason, the fiscal body of a governmental unit adopts an ordinance or undertakes any other measure that would reduce the annual budget amount for an upcoming fiscal year of the governmental unit's police department to an amount lower than the police department's annual budget amount for the prior fiscal year, the budget amount for the police department for the prior fiscal year will be the budget amount for the police department for the upcoming fiscal year. Provides that if, absent a legitimate fiscal reason, the fiscal body of a governmental unit adopts an ordinance or undertakes any other measure that would reduce the number of budgeted police officer positions, or that would shift any budgeted police officer positions to non-policing positions, for an upcoming fiscal year that would cause the number of budgeted police officer positions for the upcoming fiscal year to be lower than the number of budgeted police officer positions for the prior fiscal year, the number of budgeted police officer positions for the prior fiscal year will be the number of budgeted police officer positions for the upcoming fiscal year. Provides that if a governmental unit demonstrates a legitimate fiscal reason for a reduction in the police department's budget amount or a reduction in the number of budgeted police officer positions from the prior fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year, the percentage of the reduction in the police department's budget amount may not exceed the percentage of any reduction in the budget amount for any other department within the governmental unit. Provides that if a governmental unit cannot demonstrate that its police department properly responded to 911 emergency calls during a fiscal year, the governmental unit may be subject to having a portion of its annual levy for the subsequent fiscal year transferred to another governmental unit.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1346 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS AT LEAST 78 YEARS OF AGE (COOK A)** Provides a tax exemption from adjusted gross income for an individual who is at least 78 years of age and has served in the military during a time of war.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1353 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR RELIGIOUS USE (SPEEDY M)** Provides that when an exempt property owned by a church or religious society is transferred to another church or religious society to be used for the same exempt purpose, the transferee church or religious society is not required to file an exemption application with the county assessor. Provides that if the property remains eligible for the exemption, the exempt status carries over to the transferee church or religious society. Provides that the county assessor has the burden of proving that the transferred property no longer qualifies for the exemption after the transfer.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy

**HB1354 EMERGENCY POWERS (SPEEDY M)** Provides that in the event of a disaster emergency, an emergency order issued by a state agency must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Entitles a person to relief if a court determines that the person seeking judicial relief has been prejudiced by an agency action issued during a disaster emergency that has not been: (1) applied equally to a similarly situated person; and (2) narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Provides that the orders, rules, and regulations made, amended, or rescinded by the



governor must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Requires any state or local agency, including the state department of health and local boards of health, to only impose a restriction that is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Provides that any order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster emergency must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety interest. Provides that: (1) the initial state of disaster emergency may not continue longer than 30 days following the initial date of the declaration; and (2) a state of disaster emergency may not be renewed or extended by the governor without the approval of the general assembly. Provides that if the governor calls a special session, the special session shall be limited only to consideration of the purpose for which the initial state of disaster emergency was declared.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1372** **EMERGENCY TRANSPORT** (BARRETT B) Provides that a political subdivision employing a police officer who transports an individual may bill the individual or the individual's responsible party for the transportation. Requires the collected funds to be deposited in the political subdivision's general fund.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2021 - Referred to Senate

**HB1422** **PROPERTY TAX INCREASE LIMITS** (SMALTZ B) Provides that for each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2021, an annual adjustment of the assessed value of certain real property must not exceed the lesser of: (1) an amount equal to the percentage change in the consumer price index for the prior calendar year; or (2) an amount equal to 3% over the assessed value of the real property for the prior tax year. Provides that the limitation does not apply if the assessment is based on substantial renovations or new improvements, a change of ownership, or uses that were not considered in the assessment for the prior tax year. Provides that the assessed value of substantial renovations or new improvements to a property as the result of a disaster may not increase the assessed value of the property, with certain restrictions. Provides that if a taxpayer presents an appraisal to the county property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) that is prepared by a certified appraiser in compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, the appraisal is presumed to be correct. Provides that if the county board disagrees with the taxpayer's appraisal, the county board may seek review of the appraisal by a third party independent certified appraiser.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1425** **LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** (LYNESS R) Changes the emergency medical services civil liability standard to gross negligence. Provides emergency vehicle operators civil immunity for an act or omission committed by the operator while operating an emergency vehicle.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1446** **AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE AND FUND** (SLAGER H) Establishes the ambulance assessment fee (fee) and the ambulance assessment fee fund (fund). Provides that the office of Medicaid policy and planning (office) shall establish the fee based upon the best available data. Defines a "provider organization" for purposes of the fee. Requires a provider organization to be assessed the fee. Provides that the fund is established for the purpose of holding fees collected. Provides that the office shall administer the fund. Provides that amounts in the fund are to be expended for Medicaid payments to provider

organizations. Provides that the office shall make expenditures from the fund in a manner consistent with applicable federal law. Provides that the office shall establish and distribute a schedule of payment amounts in a manner that reduces the gap between Medicaid rates and average commercial rates. Provides that the office shall consult with the Indiana emergency medical services association in the development and implementation of the payments. Provides that the fee is in addition to, and does not replace, any state general fund appropriations to support provider organization reimbursements. Provides that the office shall not lower Medicaid rates for provider organizations as a result of the fee. Provides that the office may adopt rules.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1454 NONEMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE AND PHYSICIAN ORDER** (BAIRD B) Specifies that Medicaid may not deny payment for nonemergency advanced life support or basic life support ambulance services, when all policies and procedures have been followed, when rendered to a Medicaid recipient. Requires hospital boards to establish protocols concerning issuing orders for nonemergency transportation. Requires physicians to issue orders for nonemergency ambulance services and specifies contents of the order. Specifies individuals who are allowed to certify a physician's order for nonemergency ambulance transport. Requires ambulance service providers to submit certain cost data to the office of family and social services (office). Requires the office to submit a report with the cost data to the legislative council before December 1, 2021.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate

**HB1476 REORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPALITY AND TOWNSHIP** (ENGLEMAN K) Allows a municipality in a county (excluding Marion County) to reorganize with a township that has at least 70% of its population within the municipality, if: (1) the municipality adopts a reorganization plan; and (2) more than 50% of the sum of all voters in the municipality and the unincorporated area of the township approve the reorganization plan. Allows the reorganized political subdivision to provide township assistance within the former boundaries of the reorganizing township by contracting with nonprofit organizations.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1486 PUBLIC DEFENDER RETIREMENT FUND** (HEATON R) Establishes the public defender retirement fund. Makes conforming amendments.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1500 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE** (MILLER D) Provides that fiber optic cable is exempt from property taxation for an eligible business.

**Current Status:** 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1515 EXPOSURE RISK DISEASES** (JUDY C) Adds any variant of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), including coronavirus disease (COVID-19), to the list of diseases considered an exposure risk disease for purposes of emergency and public safety employee death and disability presumed in the line of duty.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to Senate

**HB1543**     **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS** (GOODRICH C) Provides that a grant may be awarded to a law enforcement agency for a law enforcement officer in an upper level position to: (1) attend a deescalation training course; and (2) establish a deescalation training program, based on the training received during the deescalation training course that is offered to law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement agency. Establishes the deescalation training fund. Increases the penalty for battery if it is committed against a public safety official because of the official's status or perceived status as a public safety official. Increases the penalty for aggravated battery and criminal recklessness if it is committed against: (1) a public safety official while the official is engaged in the official's official duties; or (2) a public safety official if the offense is committed because of the official's status or perceived status as a public safety official.

*Current Status:* 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1560**     **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS AND SOLAR POWER** (SPEEDY M) Provides that, subject to certain specified exceptions, a homeowners association may not: (1) prohibit the owner of a dwelling unit from installing a solar energy system; (2) impose unreasonable limitations on the owner's ability to install or use a solar energy system; or (3) require the removal of a solar energy system that has been installed. Provides, however, that a homeowners association may require preapproval by the homeowners association of the location of a solar energy system and of the manner in which the solar energy system is installed. Applies only to rules, covenants, declarations of restrictions, and other governing documents adopted or amended by a homeowners association after June 30, 2021.

*Current Status:* 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**HB1568**     **VETERAN AND MILITARY BENEFITS FOR PFAS EXPOSURE** (BAUER M) Establishes the PFAS chemical blood testing program under the Indiana department of veterans' affairs (department) for the purpose of blood testing: (1) veterans; (2) current members of the armed forces of the United States or of active or reserve components of the Indiana National Guard or Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) civilian personnel on certain military bases in Indiana; to determine whether there is a higher concentration of PFAS chemicals in the blood of those persons. Provides that not later than November 1 of each year, the Indiana veterans' affairs commission shall report to the legislative council on the results of the PFAS blood testing program with respect to the most recent state fiscal year.

*Current Status:* 2/22/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by House 3rd reading deadline (Rule 147.1)

**SB1**     **CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19** (MESSMER M) Provides civil tort immunity for damages arising from COVID-19 on the premises owned or operated by a person, on any premises on which the person or an employee or agent of the person provided property or services to the individual, or during an activity managed, organized, or sponsored by the person, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct (including fraud and intentionally tortious acts). Defines "COVID-19 protective product" and provides civil tort immunity for harm that results from the design, manufacture, labeling, sale, distribution, or donation of a COVID-19 protective product, except for an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct (including fraud and intentionally tortious acts). Prohibits class action suits.

*Current Status:* 2/18/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

- SB30**      **VARIOUS PROPERTY TAX MATTERS** (NIEMEYER R) Provides that an individual who is certified as a level one or level two assessor-appraiser may serve as a tax representative of a taxpayer before the county property tax assessment board of appeals, if authorized by the taxpayer on a form submitted with the taxpayer's notice to initiate an appeal. Provides that an individual who is certified as a level three assessor-appraiser may serve as a tax representative of a taxpayer before the county property tax assessment board of appeals or the Indiana board.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph
- SB42**      **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS** (BOHACEK M) Prohibits a county, city, town, or townships (unit) from reducing its annual public safety budget for the ensuing fiscal year by an amount that is more than the percentage by which the anticipated revenue for the ensuing budget year is less than the anticipated revenue in the current budget year. Provides that a unit may not transfer more than 5% of the funds appropriated to the public safety budget to a non-public safety purpose, unless the executive declares that an emergency exists and the transfer is necessary to protect the public health, welfare, or safety. Exempts public safety budget reductions that are the result of a reorganization of a unit under the government modernization act.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))
- SB56**      **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (BOHACEK M) Provides that school employers may bargain collectively with the exclusive representative (union) on teacher working and student learning conditions, including hours, class size, preparation periods, student discipline, and curricular matters. Provides that, if a school employer bargains teacher working and student learning conditions, the school employer shall adopt a resolution regarding the items bargained and, after ratification of a collective bargaining contract, submit the resolution to the Indiana education employment relations board.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))
- SB71**      **1977 FUND MEMBERSHIP** (NIEMEYER R) Increases to 46 years of age the maximum age limit at which an individual may initially become a police officer or firefighter member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund).  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))
- SB77**      **PEER SUPPORT SERVICES AND CISM SERVICES** (CRIDER M) Provides, with certain exceptions, that written or oral communications concerning the provision of peer support services and critical incident stress management services (CISM services) to a first responder are confidential and may not be disclosed without the first responder's consent. (Current law provides that communications concerning CISM services to an emergency responder are confidential.) Provides that a first responder's communication is not confidential and may be disclosed: (1) to prevent the first responder from committing a crime or fraud that the provider of CISM services or peer support services reasonably believes is likely to result in death, substantial bodily harm, or substantial economic injury to another; (2) if it conveys information regarding spousal abuse; (3) if the provider of CISM services or the peer support services was a witness or a party to the incident resulting in the provision of services to the first responder; or (4) if the first responder consents to disclosure. Provides that a person providing peer support services is not liable for damages for an act, error, or omission committed by the person in performing peer

support services unless the act, error, or omission constitutes wanton, willful, or intentional misconduct.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

**SB94**      **PENSION MATTERS** (BOOTS P) Provides that the Indiana public retirement system (INPRS) shall pay the governors' retirement and surviving spouse pensions from the public employees' retirement fund (PERF). (Current law makes the auditor of state responsible for the payments.) Modifies provisions related to the pension entitlement for the surviving spouse of a governor. Changes the definition of "retired participant" in the retirement medical benefits account statute. Eliminates the requirement that INPRS shall make an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the retiree health benefit trust fund at least every two years and instead requires INPRS each year to report the assets and liabilities of the retiree health benefit trust fund and make recommendations for employer contribution amounts. Provides that if an individual becomes a participant in the public employees' defined contribution plan with respect to the individual's service as a volunteer firefighter, the individual does not earn creditable service in the fund for service with a volunteer fire department. Provides that interest shall be credited to the account of each participant in the prosecuting attorneys' retirement fund at least annually. Specifies the repayment conditions that apply if a participant of the judges' retirement system or a fund member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund withdraws from the respective fund and again becomes a participant or member of the respective fund at a later date. For purposes of the PERF and state teachers' retirement fund: (1) Adds survivors and beneficiaries to provisions related to recouping, stopping, or terminating benefits; and (2) Provides that if an overpayment occurs, the board may not require a member, survivor, or beneficiary to pay more than 25% of their monthly benefit toward the overpayment. Provides that the budget agency may transfer appropriations from federal or dedicated funds to the retiree health benefit trust fund. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

**Current Status:** 1/28/2021 - added as second author Senator Kruse

**SB95**      **ANNEXATION** (BOOTS P) Provides, with certain exceptions, that the following apply to annexations for which an annexation ordinance is adopted after May 14, 2021: (1) A municipality initiating an annexation must file a petition with the court signed by: (A) at least 51% of the owners of land that is not exempt from property taxes in the annexation territory; or (B) the owners of more than 75% in assessed valuation of land that is not exempt from property taxes in the annexation territory. (2) If the petition filed by the municipality has enough signatures, the court must hold a hearing to review the annexation. (3) Adds provisions regarding the validity of a signature on an annexation petition. (4) Eliminates the remonstrance procedure for annexations and reimbursement of remonstrator's attorney's fees and costs. (5) Provides that remonstrance waivers are void for annexations for which the annexation ordinance is adopted after May 14, 2021. (6) Provides that a settlement agreement in lieu of annexation that is executed after May 14, 2021, is void. (7) Eliminates provisions regarding the contiguity of a public highway. Eliminates provisions that prohibit an annexation from taking effect in the year preceding the year that a federal decennial census is conducted.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - Referred to House

**SB99**      **PROPERTY TAXES** (SANDLIN J) Authorizes a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance to provide a credit against property tax liability for qualified individuals. Defines a "qualified individual" for purposes of the credit. Provides that the ordinance may designate: (1) all of

the territory of the county; or (2) one or more specific geographic territories within the county; as an area in which qualified individuals may apply for the credit. Provides that the credit amount is equal to the amount by which property taxes on the property increased by more than 2% from the prior year (excluding any property tax liability imposed in a voter approved referendum levy). Provides that the credit does not effect the allocation of taxes to a referendum fund. Requires a qualified individual who desires to claim the credit to file a certified statement with the county auditor. Provides that the county auditor shall apply the credit in succeeding years after the certified statement is filed unless the auditor determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the credit or the county fiscal body rescinds the ordinance. Provides a penalty for wrongly receiving the credit that is the same as the penalty for wrongly receiving the homestead standard deduction.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to House Ways and Means

**SB194**      **OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC** (BALDWIN S) Increases the penalty for obstruction of traffic under certain circumstances.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Tomes

**SB226**      **FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE INVESTIGATORS** (FORD J) Provides that a person employed as a fire marshal or fire investigator by a political subdivision is: (1) recognized as an Indiana first responder; (2) eligible for a line of duty death benefit from the state special death benefit fund; and (3) for purposes of disability benefit eligibility in the 1977 fund and 1937 fund, presumed to have incurred a disability in the line of duty if diagnosed with a disease related to exposure to a known carcinogen or an adverse substance or condition.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB232**      **EXPOSURE RISK DISEASES** (FORD J) Adds any variant of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), including coronavirus disease (COVID-19), to the list of diseases considered an exposure risk disease for purposes of emergency and public safety employee death and disability presumed in the line of duty for years ending before January 1, 2022. Provides that an employee diagnosed with any SARS, including COVID-19 in the line of duty before January 1, 2022, shall provide verification that the employee was exposed to another individual known to have any SARS, including COVID-19 in the line of duty as demonstrated to the employer through contact tracing. Provides that disability must be demonstrated through medical records and death must be caused by SARS, including COVID-19, as demonstrated on the death certificate to the employer before the benefit may be paid. Prohibits state employee benefit claims based on a health condition caused by COVID-19 contracted in the line of duty after 2021.

**Current Status:** 2/16/2021 - removed as coauthor Senator Kruse

**SB251**      **DEDUCTION OF DUES TO EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE** (BOOTS P) Provides that a school employee has the right to resign from, and end any financial obligation to, a school employee organization at any time. Provides that a school employee must annually authorize a pay deduction to a school employee organization. Provides that the attorney general, in consultation with the Indiana education employment relations board (board) shall prescribe an authorization for withholding form for use by a school employee to deduct dues from the pay of the school employee to the school employee organization. Adds certain requirements for information to be included on the form. Provides that after receiving the authorization for withholding form, the employer shall confirm the authorization by sending an electronic mail message to the school employee at the employee's school provided work electronic mail address and shall wait for confirmation of

the authorization before starting any deduction. Specifies the time frame for (1) ceasing withholding upon receipt of a request, and (2) providing notice to the school employee organization. Provides that a school employer shall annually provide, at a time it prescribes, written or electronic mail notification to its school employees of their right to cease payment of school employee organization dues and to withdraw from that organization. Specifies what the notification must include. Provides that the attorney general, in consultation with the board and the department of education, must annually provide notice to school employers of certain provisions.

**Current Status:** 2/18/2021 - Reread third time: passed; Roll Call 137: yeas 27, nays 22

**SB252 DEATH PENALTY (BOOTS P)** Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the topics of: (1) death sentences; (2) life imprisonment without the possibility of parole; and (3) circumstances justifying the imposition of: (A) a death sentence; or (B) life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

**Current Status:** 2/9/2021 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph

**SB279 DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES (NIEMEYER R)** Provides that, subject to the approval of a county adopting body, a fire protection district or a qualified fire protection territory may apply for distributions of tax revenue. Provides that a township that provides fire protection or emergency medical services (other than a township in Marion County) may apply to a county adopting body for a distribution of tax revenue for public safety purposes. Requires the adopting body to conduct a public hearing to review and approve the application. Specifies the method for determining the amount of the distribution to the qualified township.

**Current Status:** 2/9/2021 - Referred to House

**SB300 STATE DISASTER EMERGENCIES (HOUCHIN E)** Provides that the governor may not renew a disaster emergency more than once without authorization by the general assembly. Specifies that the general assembly may adopt a concurrent resolution to authorize the governor to extend a disaster emergency, and permits the general assembly to limit, restrict, or qualify the governor's power to issue certain orders. Provides that if the governor calls a special session to obtain authorization to extend a disaster emergency, the special session may only consider legislation directly concerned with the disaster emergency. Specifies that the violation of certain orders is not a criminal offense. Authorizes local health officers to close specific churches and schools under certain circumstances.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB307 PROPERTY TAX MATTERS (BUCHANAN B)** Provides that the true tax value of commercial real property used for retail purposes that is occupied by the original owner or by a tenant for which the improvement was built shall be determined by the cost approach for the first 10 years of occupancy of the property, less normal depreciation and normal obsolescence under the rules and guidelines of the department of local government finance. Provides that the taxpayer and the assessing official are required to participate in mandatory mediation of an appeal of an assessment of the commercial real property, instead of the preliminary informal meeting process under current law. Requires the county property tax assessment board of appeals (county board) to designate one member of the county board to serve as the mediator for the mediation conference, and specifies certain procedures that apply. Provides that, if a mandatory mediation conference is not held due to the failure of a party or the party's representative to appear, the county board's

determination of the assessment may not be appealed to the Indiana board of tax review by the party that failed to appear at the mediation conference. Provides that a taxpayer shall (not may) enter into a written agreement with a redevelopment commission in which the taxpayer waives review of any assessment of the taxpayer's property in an allocation area during the term of any bond or lease obligations that are payable from allocated property taxes, unless the redevelopment commission waives the requirement in writing. Provides that a county fiscal body may adopt an ordinance to provide that the county assessor be reimbursed for legal costs (in addition to other specified costs under current law) incurred by the county assessor in defending an appeal that is uncommon and infrequent in the normal course of defending appeals.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - DEAD BILL; Fails to advance by Senate 3rd reading deadline (Rule 79(a))

**SB409**

**VARIOUS TOWNSHIP MATTERS (NIEMEYER R)** Provides that a township trustee serves as a member of the township legislative body for purposes of casting a vote to break a tie, except for a tie on the adoption of an ordinance to increase the township executive's compensation. Makes changes to the information required to be submitted by a township in the township's annual report. Requires the township trustee to annually certify and note on the township budget submitted to the department that the township trustee has filed the township's uniform written standards for township assistance with the county board of commissioners. Allows a township trustee to be appointed as a director of a county building authority. Provides that a township is not required to publish the portion of its annual abstract of receipts and expenditures that provides statements of: (1) receipts, showing their source; and (2) expenditures, showing the combined gross payment, according to classification of expense, to each person. Provides that the abstract must state that a complete abstract containing the statements described in (1) and (2) is filed with and available for public inspection in the county auditor's office.

**Current Status:** 2/23/2021 - Referred to House