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- HB1033 RESIDENCY OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS** (FRYE R) Revises residency requirements for members of police and fire departments to require that members: (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.
Current Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
- 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.) Increases the penalty for obstruction of traffic under certain circumstances.
Current Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
- HB1118 MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS AND SAFETY PLANS** (SCHAIBLEY D) Specifies that an individualized mental health safety plan includes information concerning a patient's physical health. Allows a mobile integrated healthcare program or a mental health community paramedicine program to provide certain services to help facilitate the patient's safe transition back into the community upon disclosure of a patient's individualized mental health safety plan. Allows a representative of a mobile integrated healthcare program or a representative of a mental health community paramedicine program to 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: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
- 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 an emergency medical services station is immune from civil liability for an act or omission relating to the operation of the newborn safety device.
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- HB1270 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY** (FRYE R) 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. Provides that schools with one or more employees shall create an emergency operations plan regarding unplanned fire alarm activations. Defines "school based enterprise". Provides that an applicable high school shall comply with all rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission applicable to the primary use of the building.



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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.

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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. Adds probation and community corrections officers to the list of employees eligible for a line of duty death benefit. Repeals a provision that provides a presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty to an employee if the employee receives a vaccine or other preventative measure as required by the employer or the employee's physician provides written notice that the vaccine or other preventative measure would pose a significant risk to the employee's health.

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SB396 1977 PENSION AND DISABILITY FUND (BOOTS P) Amends the definition of "salary of a first class patrolman or first class firefighter" for the purpose of benefits paid from and contributions made to the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (fund). Establishes certain requirements if an employer certifies a new salary under IC 36-8-8-6.5. Changes the maximum age for an applicant to a police department from 35 to 39 years of age. Requires an employer that participates in the fund and provides longevity increases to pay an amount greater than or equal to the longevity increase paid in the previous year. Requires employers to provide reports or records requested by the system board, and permits the system board to fine the employer for each day that reports or records are late. Provides that an alleged failure of an employer to make required payments to the 1977 fund may be examined by the state board of accounts or by the Indiana public retirement system. Requires employers to submit, both annually and at the request of the system board, the salary of a first class patrolman or firefighter.

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HB1002 **CIVIL IMMUNITY RELATED TO COVID-19** (TORR J) . IC 16-31-6-1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY1, 2021]:Sec. 1.(a) A certified emergency medical responder, a certified emergency medical technician, a certified advanced emergency medical technician, or a licensed paramedic who provides emergency medical services 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. If the certified emergency medical technician services provider is not liable for an act or omission, no other person incurs liability by reason of an agency relationship with the certified emergency medical technician services provider

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HB1118 **Mobile Integrated Healthcare Programs and Safety Plans** (SCHAIBLEY) . 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.

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