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- HB1001** **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 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, an agreement to submit to testing for the presence of COVID-19, or immunity from COVID-19 acquired from a prior infection with COVID-19.
Status: Passed
- HB1002** **VARIOUS TAX MATTERS (BROWN T)** This is the only bill remaining that attempts to partially reduce the business personal property tax. HB 1002 proposes a tax credit on various state taxes to offset what business pay on equipment hitting the 30% depreciation floor. However, by coupling this move with a provision that eliminates the 30% floor entirely for new equipment purchases, the negative financial hit to local units of government is inevitable.
Current Status: Passed
- HB1246** **FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORIES AND LOCAL INCOME TAXATION (LEHE D)** Provides a process for fire protection territories to appeal to the DLGF for a levy increase due to exceptional growth inside the territory and removes the property tax proceeds for fire protection territories from TIFs.
Current Status: Passed
- HB1276** **PFAS CHEMICAL BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM (BAUER M)** Establishes the PFAS chemical blood testing program under the department of health (department) for the purpose of blood testing certain individuals for a higher concentration of PFAS chemicals to study the health effects of a higher concentration of PFAS chemicals in an individual's blood. Provides that not later than November 1 of each year, the department shall report to the legislative council on the results of the PFAS blood testing program for the previous state fiscal year.
Current Status: Dead
- HB1314** **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (BARRETT B)** This is IDHS agency bill, it addresses 26 different code sites in Indiana law. These changes range from updating EMS laws to adding the State Fire Marshall's investigators to the presumptions laws and changing the formula for the fireworks fees.
Current Status: Passed
- 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. Makes technical corrections and a conforming amendment.
Current Status: Passed

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. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

Status: Passed

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.)

Status: Dead

SB120 **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: Dead

SB158 **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS (CRIDER M)** Provides that each unit shall establish certain basic training requirements and continuing education requirements for public safety telecommunicators. Provides that costs associated with basic training requirements are considered operating expenses of the statewide 911 system. Permits a public safety agency to seek reimbursement from the board for certain training expenses. Requires PSAP's to annually report continuing education requirements for public safety telecommunicators to the board.

Current Status: Passed

EMS BILLS

HB1112 **MEDICAID EMS REIMBURSEMENT RATES (Slager, H)** - Requires, beginning July 1, 2023, the office of the secretary of family and social services 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.

Status: Passed

SB247 **REPORT ON 911 AND REGIONALIZED TRAUMA SYSTEMS (Walker, K)** - Requires the department of homeland security, the state department of health, the integrated public safety commission, and the statewide 911 board to make recommendations before November 1, 2022, to the general assembly regarding: (1) improving emergency medical services response through increased interoperability of the 911 system; and (2) the effectiveness of regionalized trauma systems and the systems' impact on patient care.

Current Status: Passed