

# #GovAgenda

## 2015

Governor Pence's 2015 legislative successes

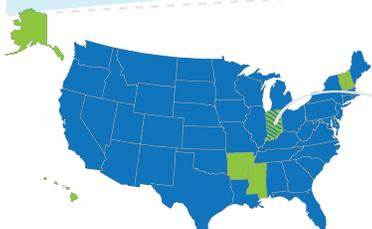
### THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017 BUDGET IS:

**Honestly balanced:** Annual surplus in excess of \$150 million over the biennium

**Holds the line on spending:** Annual appropriations growth averaged 1.9% (annual inflation over last 10 years = 2.06%)

**Maintain reserves:** Reserves will average 11.7% of spending over the biennium

**No new debt:** \$11.6 million reduction in debt levels



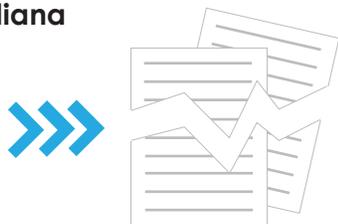
42 other states have a balanced budget amendment in their constitution

SJR 19

Passed **Balanced Budget Amendment** to ensure fiscal discipline for future generations

Simplifies the **tax code & incentivizes investment in Indiana**

Reduces the paperwork burden for Hoosiers



SEA 441

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[in.gov/gov](http://in.gov/gov) or  
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HEA 1303  
Provided highly-skilled professionals a

## VOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE TO LICENSING

### REGIONAL CITIES

Enables regions to work together to **attract talent and investment**



HEA 1403

HEA 1638  
**Accelerated state intervention timeline** for failing schools from

# six to four years

SEA 1  
Allows State Board of Education (SBOE) to **choose their own chairperson**

Joined **48 other states** where the State Superintendent of Public Instruction does not automatically serve as SBOE chair

HEA 1009  
**Allows more flexibility and innovation** at the local level in public schools



**INNOVATION PLANS**

lead to

**Increased teacher pay & improved student outcomes**

HEA 1182

+ Gives ←  
**56,180**

first responders access to **quality, voluntary training** opportunities

HEA 1145



Makes it easier for medical professionals to **volunteer and serve Hoosiers in need**

SEA 412

Requires electric utilities file **energy efficiency plans** with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

**USING LESS ELECTRICITY** = **MORE \$\$ FOR HOOSIERS**

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# HEA 1001

Highlights of Indiana's  
2016-2017 biennial budget

"In short, I believe the coming legislative session should be an education session."

- Governor Pence, December 4, 2014

**PRE-K PILOT**  
**\$20 MILLION**

▶ **400+ STUDENTS ENROLLED; 142 PROVIDERS**

**K-12 SCHOOLS**  
**\$16 BILLION**

▶ **AN INCREASE OF \$480 MILLION, MAKES IT 52% OF THE TOTAL BUDGET**

**CHARTER SCHOOLS (\$500/STUDENT)**  
**\$20 MILLION; \$50 MILLION IN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOANS**

▶ **1ST-EVER FACILITIES FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
**\$48.6 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING**

▶ **52% OF INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN ONE OR MORE CTE CLASS**

**TEACHER PERFORMANCE GRANTS**  
**\$70 MILLION**

▶ **IN DEC. 2014, GOV. PENCE AWARDED \$30 MILLION IN \$\$ FROM FY15 BUDGET**

**ADULT HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**\$66.3 MILLION**

▶ **INCREASED \$21.8M FROM LAST BUDGET TO HELP HOOSIERS ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS**

**SUPPORTS CHOICE**

**\$7.5M**   **\$8.5M**   **\$9.5M**  
CURRENT   FY2016   FY2017

▶ **RAISES CAP ON SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORG. TAX CREDIT**

**ELIMINATES VOUCHER CAP** ▶ **PREVIOUSLY \$4,800**

## **REGIONAL CITIES \$84 million**

To bolster regional collaboration and increase economic development

## **MAJOR MOVES 2020 \$200 million**

Highway construction and expansion

## **BICENTENNIAL \$50 million**

State Archives building, inn at Potato Creek State Park (at no cost to taxpayers)

## **SECRETARY OF STATE'S ONE-STOP INITIATIVE \$9.1 million**

Creates one-stop-shop for businesses

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION \$5 million in new funding (\$12 million total)**

New funding for domestic violence prevention and treatment

## **INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION \$13.5 million**

Infant mortality prevention funding through data-driven programming

## **IU MEDICAL SCHOOL \$25 million**

New funding for a medical school in Evansville

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Doubled in funding (\$2.8 million total)**

Serving those who have served

## **STATE ADOPTION SUBSIDY \$22 million**

Supporting Hoosier adoptive families

## **NEW DCS CASEWORKERS \$15 million**

In addition to current funding for DCS

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