

Governor's 2015 Legislative Agenda

HB 1001—BUDGET BILL

- What it does:
 - Makes education a top priority. Among other things, it includes a charter capital grant, removes the dollar cap on vouchers, increases funding to support career and technical education, and increases the scholarship granting organization tax credit.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 68-29

SJR 19—BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

- What it does:
 - Provides that the total amount of expense appropriations enacted by the General Assembly for a budget period may not exceed the estimated revenue of the state during the budget period.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the Senate 47-3

HB 1009—FREEDOM TO TEACH ACT

- What it does:
 - Allows teachers, principals and superintendents the opportunity to create an innovative plan at the local level that will improve student outcomes and increase teacher pay, which if approved, will free them from burdensome regulations.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 95-2

HB 1145—CIVIL IMMUNITY FOR VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (MEDICAL HEALTH SHIELD)

- What it does:
 - Provides immunity to licensed medical professionals who volunteer their services at no cost to the taxpayers or to those being served.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 91-0

HB 1182—FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY

- What it does:
 - Creates the Fire and Public Safety Training Academy under the Division of Fire and Building Safety of the Department of Homeland Security to provide firefighting and emergency services personnel with cost-effective, voluntary training opportunities.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 94-0

HB 1303—REGISTRY OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONS

- What it does:
 - Provides Indiana professions a voluntary alternative to licensing and another avenue for setting occupational standards.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 67-26

HB 1349—VARIOUS TAX MATTERS

- What it does:
 - Simplifies the Indiana tax code by reducing the number of tax credits, deductions and modifications and by closing loopholes, and reducing areas of potential litigation.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 68-26

HB 1403—REGIONAL CITIES

- What it does:
 - Creates a framework for regional cooperation to foster economic development, population centers, and job growth, and creates the Regional Cities fund to allow the state be to a financial partner with regions.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 85-8

HB 1609—STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- What it does:
 - Amends statute to allow the State Board of Education members to annually choose their own chairperson.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 58-40

HB 1638—SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION ZONES

- What it does:
 - Improve outcomes for students in failing schools more quickly by accelerating the turnaround timeline and providing schools with more flexibility.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the House 66-31

SB 412—INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- What it does:
 - Requires all utilities (i.e., investor-owned, municipally-owned, and cooperatively-owned) to submit an integrated resource plan to the IURC and requires investor-owned utilities to include energy efficiency goals as a part of that plan.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the Senate 42-8

SB 441—ELIMINATES CERTAIN TAX DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS

- What it does:
 - Simplifies the Indiana tax code by reducing the number of tax credits, deductions and modifications and by closing loopholes, and reducing areas of potential litigation.
- Status:
 - Passed out of the Senate 42-7